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### LaFayette's Mid Summer Update: Focusing on the Hamlet



ver the past twelve months I've written to you on ideas and initiatives to revitalize our Hamlet.

My focus is very specific; What can we do as a Town Board to assist in addressing the situation of the former LaFayette Hotel and now the vacant former Town Highway Department building.

During the May Town Board meeting, I spoke to the Board and brought a proposal to them that the Town should seriously consider purchasing the building and the property adjacent to the building that currently is an open space with a fence around it. The intent is to take control of the two properties and then to demolish the building.

The question then is: what would you do with this open space that anchors the southeast area of our Four Corners?

I've enlisted the assistance of Deputy Supervisor, Andy Ohstrom, Mrs. Jeannie Gleisner and Mr. Dennis Earle to build a vision of the Four Corners that will be presented to you in the near future. Mrs. Gleisner is the Chairwoman of the Town's Environmental Advisory Board and also works for the Onondaga County Regional Planning and Development Board: she brings a tremendous amount of professional experience and insight to this effort. Mr. Earle teaches architecture at Syracuse University and brings a keen insight into historical architecture.

Our goal is to bring a vision to you that would replace the hotel building and the vacant lot with an attractive site that would bring to life our Town's history and to provide space for use by you. I've been given ideas from many of you such as a gazebo with green space, a town digital sign for town events, more parking, and many more ideas on attractive landscaping concepts.



#### From the Supervisor....cont'd

I would hope to bring a step-by-step plan to the Town Board during the August Town Board meeting that would lay out a plan to purchase the sites, demolish the building, and to replace the vacant area with an attractive and purposeful site. I invite you to attend.

What is the future of the former highway building? You may have followed the updates over the past few months and those ideas have included selling it, demolishing it, or the Town retaining it for other uses.

I've had the opportunity to discuss with four different business owners that had expressed an interest in purchasing the property and to place a business in the building. Of the four, one has shown the desire to locate their business within this property and it would be a good fit for the surrounding neighbors. We are in discussions at this time and await a formal proposal that would come before the Town Board and to you, our residents.

One question that may arise is: what is the condition of the building and why was a new highway building deemed necessary?

The old highway building does have need of repair; internally and externally. If the building is sold to a new business, appropriate repairs would be made and an attractive exterior would be added.

You may remember that the Town has outgrown the old building with the number of pieces of equipment that we now own and operate. The repairs that were needed were deemed to not be cost effective when you considered the cost of them, the need to "cover" 100% of our equipment, and the need to store our aggregates for road repair.

I ask that you attend the Town Board meetings and to become engaged on this effort. We need your thoughts and ideas...We are a Community that has a Great Heritage and now it's time to build upon it with a Vision that we can carry forward with Pride.

> -Bill McConnell **Town Superintendent**



#### **LaFayette Business Network**

n our last published newsletter we spoke of LCOMMUNITY and what a great community LaFayette is as evidenced by the June benefits held for Tori Fitzpatrick and Michelle Russo, two residents going through some tough times. This community knows when to come together and give back. This is why the Town of LaFayette would like to promote our own. LaFayette is growing. We have several new businesses, Ichor Therapeutics. Byrne Dairy, and more to come. What better way to give back than to promote our own local LaFayette entrepreneurs.

We want to have a place where we can promote businesses within the town. There are so many local businesses that I know of that are not currently

called out on our existing Chamber of Commerce webpage. We want to change that. We want a place where town residents can go to find someone to fix their roof, someone to landscape their yard, someone to fix their plumbing, somewhere to grab a bite to eat, etc. We have so much local talent and services.

The current Chamber of Commerce listing on the town website is about to get a facelift. Don't miss this opportunity to promote your business and what you have to offer our local residents. Special deals announcements will be gladly accepted and posted. Look for details in the next newsletter and start thinking about listing in the LaFayette Business Network.

#### From the Town Clerk



#### HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!!!!!!

Once again, a wonderful Memorial Day Parade was held. Great job by the Parade Committee, Bruce Stagg, the VFW Members, Ladies Auxiliary,

and the School Band, those who entered floats, the organizations and participants and spectators. If you weren't able to attend the ceremony at the LaFayette Cemetery, I'd like to share one of the presenters' speeches that impressed so many of us.

"When asked to prepare some words for this morning, I could not help but think, "I'm not sure I belong up here". I am not a soldier, sailor, airmen, or marine. I am not a fireman, policeman, or first responder. I am simply a man who counts himself lucky and truly grateful for the life god has given me. A life that enjoys the rights and freedoms that our constitution and our country created. Rights that are provided and protected by our servicemen and women, and our first responders. And that's when it hit me....

I owe all those people. I owe a debt that cannot be settled. I cannot repay the servicemen who have fallen for the life they gave up. I cannot replace their youth or innocence, lost when they marched off to war. I cannot fix the broken bodies of those who were wounded physically, or those who were wounded mentally from the horrors they have experienced. Nothing I can do will fix or replace those things. But there is one ideal that I believe as their fellow American, is both necessary, and that can continue to grow the values they upheld.....to pay it forward ...with Service.

Service to our community, Service to our youth, Service to our elderly, Service to the poor, Service to our neighbors in times of need. What I'd like to say to you today is that there is an action you can take to honor those that have fallen- by getting involved in some sort of volunteer service. I don't care if it's through church, through school, the fire department, through clubs like the Community Council, Boosters, Optimists, Odd Fellows or whoever. It could be as simple as shoveling the

snow, or mowing the lawn for a neighbor who needs a helping hand this week. Don't wait for the next guy in line to do it. Don't think "someone else" will do it. Don't think "ehh, it's not for me". The opportunities to serve your community, your country, and your fellow Americans are everywhere.

Use those opportunities as a way to honor and repay, our veterans, servicemen, and first responders who gave so much, and in some cases who gave everything... for America to exist. I read a quote once that said:

The legacy of heroes is the memory of a great name, and the inheritance of a great example-

#### Their service may be our greatest example.

In closing, I'd ask that **we all** try to use selfless-community –service, as an opportunity to exercise the best parts, of what being an American can mean, and to celebrate what was given to us by those who we remember today. Thank you,

That speaker is the president of our LaFayette Optimists Club, and a lifelong resident of LaFayette and my son, Jim McElhannon. Please consider his suggestions for helping this LaFayette Community.

#### **Rabies Shot Clinics**

- ◆ Thursday, July 9, 4:00 6:00 pm @ Onondaga
   Nation Fire Dept., Rt 11A, Nedrow
- ◆ Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 7:00 pm @ Village of Minoa DPW, 100 Kalin Drive, Minoa
- ◆ Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-7:00 pm @ St. Lucy's Church, 432 Gifford Street, Syracuse

#### **DEC Licenses**

Hunting Licenses will be on sale starting in August, kindly keep in mind that DMP permits are on a lottery basis and not first come, first serve basis. In other words you don't have any better chance if you come the first day. Also as a warning the new

#### From the Town Clerk cont'd

system is much slower so please be prepared to spend a little more time getting your licenses. You may go to the DEC website with any questions you may have.

As we celebrate our Freedom on Independence Day, we can't help but reflect and be thankful for all our past, present and future military men and women for all their sacrifices and devotion to the United States of America and for fighting for the freedom we enjoy every day. Thank you, thank you, all of you.

Get involved, help your neighbor, help your Town, have a great summer and think about how you can help *Revitalize LaFayette*.



—Jackie Roorda

#### Vinegar Hill Sports Park

mazing! Since our last article the old box was demolished and removed. A completely new and improved box has been built.

How did this happen? ..... A true community effort.

A big thank you to the following organizations and individuals that made this miracle happen:

<u>The LaFayette Optimist's</u> - The Optimist's **donated all the materials,** led the design, planning and construction process, and had **over 30 members** involved in demolition and construction. A special thanks to Optimist member Jerry Marzo for his leadership, dedication, and countless hours he has spent on this project.

<u>The Town Highway Department</u> - Provided heavy equipment support for demolition and overall site work improvement.

<u>Jerry Sanders</u> (Optimist Member ) donated a giant dump trailer for the disposal of demolition materials. Jerry also supplied a power man lift to secure the new top rail structure.

<u>Community Volunteers</u>: A great bunch of community members (Coaches, Players,

retirees, Neighbors, Former Players and LCC Members) donated their time, effort, expertise, equipment, and spirit. Thank you to LCC for donating worker t-shirts.

Other projects at VHSP that have been completed: New park entrance including; fencing, landscaping, and driveway improvements. Painting of the pavilion, storage shed, and bathroom doors. New signage, new picnic tables, and still more to come.

A Sincere Thank You to all that have contributed to the success of this project.

—Andy Ohstrom



New signage custom designed and built by Town Board Member, Andy Ohstrom along with picnic tables, and a platform for a scoring table for the new lacrosse box

#### From The Highway Department



reetings LaFayette residents, Summer is here and your Highway guys are out working on roads and mowing roadsides. Brush pickup extended longer than

expected due to the large amounts of brush. We thank you for your patience as the guys scrambled between Storms – Earth Days and Town Clean – up days to get it all picked up.

Town Clean – up days was a huge success again! Thank you to everyone who brought E-waste to the clean – up days. Here at the Highway, we believe recycling is very important. Residents brought in 22,519 pounds of computers, TV's, etc. this year! You also recycled 96 lbs. of household batteries. The next scheduled event for "E" waste will be Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm at the new Highway garage. (2849 Route 11 North) Please have ID ready. Enjoy a summer filled with BBQ's – camping and lots of family activities.

Lastly, thank you to everyone who attended the festivities at the dedication of the new Highway



Garage. The benefits of having this new facility and state of the art equipment were evident to everyone who attended. What a great improvement to our town infrastructure.

The benefits will last for years to come.



—John Greeley Highway Superintendent www.TownofLaFayette.com

#### From The Parks Department

### TIME TO GET FIT LAFAYETTE

utdoor Fitness Equipment coming soon! We are pleased to announce that the town is installing an outdoor exercise circuit at Stafford Park. Watch for it this summer and use it as soon as it's in! The funding came from Community Development. But thank the town highway crew for their hard work in preparing the site, pouring the pad and installing the equipment.

It will be located on the peaceful swath of grass



next to the creek, in the lower park. Park in the lot by the tennis courts, cross the wooden bridge and turn right! Or use it as you pass by while doing your laps on the walking path. Geared for all ages/ levels; teen and older. Use your smartphone for interactive assistance. This is the system to look forward to:

ENERGI® Prime Complete 5-Station System The complete ENERGI Prime fitness system, featuring all 5 stations with 120 exercises and a welcome sign. Complete with a free programming guide that includes lesson plans for middle and high schools. Great for all adults!



#### **LaFayette Community Day**

# **SUNITY SDAY O 2015**

## Thanks for a Successful Community Day

n May 30<sup>th</sup>, the Town of LaFayette celebrated its 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Day at Stafford Park. In seven years, this

was the first time we had to deal with weather problems. The rain held off until later and everyone had a great day. We finally got the fireworks off after the rain moved out. This year, there seemed to be some confusion as to who puts on Community Day so I thought I would explain how it works so that some of the groups in town can get the recognition they deserve.

Community Day has been organized by the same small committee for all seven years: Paul Ellis, Dave Knapp, Dan Meldrim, Andy Ohstrom, Dave Prince and Adrian Shute. It was started as a way to bring the community together and allow people in town to get to know the volunteer organizations. Any organization can participate; the only rule is that nothing is sold for profit at Community Day.

Every year, Community Day is capped off by a fireworks display provided by the LaFayette Optimist Club. Maybe it's because of how close we are to the show, but most people I have talked to are continually surprised at what a great display we are able to provide for such a small event.

The Town of LaFayette supports Community Day each year by providing much of the food. Hoffman hot dogs and Terrell's buns and chips are provided by these companies at a reduced cost and are cooked by Andy Ohstrom and our town librarian, Scott Kushner. Drinks were donated by Empire Freight Logistics and Nice N' Easy. Ice Cream was donated by Byrne Dairy and Shute's Water Systems. LaFayette Community Council provided the popcorn and sno-cone machines that were operated by volunteers from the Toolon Tigers.

LaFayette Community Council organizes and provides many of the activities during the day, including the Duck Race, bounce house, Frisbee golf, hula hoop competition and 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade baseball game (which LaFayette won over Tully by a score of 4 to 2 – it never gets old). All of these events take a lot of work, most of which was done this year by LCC representatives Julie Clark, Dave Prince, Robin O'Kane and Ellen Tapley. Also sponsoring events this year was the Grimshaw Association of Parents and Staff, or GAPS.

The LaFayette Volunteer Fire Department sets up their pumps for the pushball event every year. Kids love the chance to work one of the hoses, especially on a day as hot as we had this year. Not everyone may know, however, that the Fire Department also provides its ambulance and personnel for emergencies at the park and supervises (and provides the wood for) the watch fire later in the evening.

The LaFayette Community Band, LaFayette VFW, and LaFayette Boy Scout Troop 100 team up every year for music and the flag retirement ceremony. After seven years, this is still a great focal point for the day. Music this year was also provided by the LaFayette High School Jazz Band and by local band Boots n' Shorts featuring LaFayette High School math teacher Mr. Morel.

LaFayette Apple Festival provides picnic tables, trash cans and supplies each year as well as funding for the music. This year we also had several businesses contribute to support Community Day: Byrne Dairy, Beak & Skiff, LaFayette McDonalds, Empire Freight Logistics, LaFayette Veterinary Clinic, LaFayette Kennels, Carol Watson Greenhouse, Lafayette Inn and Shute's Water Systems.

As this event has gotten bigger, sometimes schedules get a little off, or we run out of something at the event. This is even more likely to happen when the weather adds more challenges the way it did this year. I would ask people to keep in mind that this event is provided completely free of charge to town residents and is run entirely by volunteers. This year, as in the previous six years, my family and I had a wonderful time at Community Day. I want to thank everyone for the hard work and support that went into making this day so great.

#### From The LaFayette Optimists

ell the Lafayette Optimists have been very busy. With the help of the Community Council and some fantastic volunteers the Lafayette Beach Lacrosse Box was torn down and then in subsequent short order completely rebuilt. This is a testament to the hard work of the Optimists and others in the community that will stand for decades.

We also hosted the fishing Derby in May which was well attended with over 100 young people and their families fishing for many prizes. Free hot dogs were devoured in vast quantities.

Next on the Optimist schedule was the bike rodeo and the community days which occurred at the end of May. The bike rodeo is all about fun and safety. The Optimist's sponsor the fireworks at the community days as well. If you've been to the community days you know how great our fireworks display is.

Also by the time you're reading this the Optimists will have awarded two scholarships to graduating seniors from the Lafayette high school. These scholarships are awarded after consultation with the teaching and administrative staff and presented to outstanding students each year.

The Lafayette Optimists are also proud sponsors of the annual oratorical contest at the high school. Prizes are awarded to the first place boy and girl.. We, Optimists, feel that exposing kids to public speaking provides them an important opportunity for self development.



Now, coming up in August is the golf ball drop which is our fund raiser for the Community Day fireworks. If you see an Optimist please ask for a raffle ticket. The golf ball drop / raffle and the

booth at the apple fest are our only two fundraisers. The Optimists also put on the Halloween Party at Grimshaw which is always a huge hit with the kids and of course we have THE steak booth at the Lafayette Apple Festival. Our club believes in being active in the community ..not just writing checks to good causes. Not that there is anything wrong with that. We wrote a check to help pay for the beautifully renovated flag pole , flower box and Fallen Soldier box ..a project of a local Eagle Scout.

In closing I would like to examine another line from the Optimist Creed. .The second line of the Creed reads that "we promise ourselves to talk health happiness and prosperity to every person you meet". Notice that the line doesn't say to be healthy, be happy, and be prosperous...It says to TALK about health, happiness and prosperity and that's a very different. thing. Sure it's important to have your health etc. but it's even more important to be positive about what you do have...Why not focus on the positive, the good things about your health, talk about your successes, and stay positive in your interactions with other people.? Focus on the positive and positive things will happen to you. Two guys are making bricks....one guy is asked what he is doing ...". I am making bricks... all day long that's all I do...make bricks.. its boring and repetitious and I hate it!" The second guy is asked the same question...." I am making bricks...that will go into some building that will last for years and years and be a testimony to my work "Which one do you think is the Optimist? Until next time...stay Optimistic!

—Joe Barry



Vinegar Hill Sports Park Lacrosse Box



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#### **Optimist Golf Ball Drop and Tournament**



The LaFayette Optimist's appreciate your support and ask for your continued help. This year we spent over \$12,000 for materials and in a long laborious weekend with the help of a couple of professional carpenters and other local manpower, we removed and have completed a new lacrosse box at The Vinegar Hill Sports Park on Amidon Road.

You may have enjoyed the \$2500 worth of Fireworks Display at Community Days on May  $30^{th}$ , 2015 that we provide annually.

Other annual projects include our Fishing Derby, Halloween Party, American Flags in Town and in combination with the Town purchased the Other Flags seen hanging in the center of town, A Bike Rodeo & Safety Program, (2) \$1000 scholarships, A Dictionary Program for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at Grimshaw and Onondaga Nation School, Oratorical Contest. We also put Christmas decorations and supply Santa with candy at the tree lighting.

Don't forget we planned and developed most of Stafford Park and continue to spend money

on it to maintain it for the use of our residents and their families.

We work hard at this event and our Steak Sandwich booth at the Apple Fest. We stretch our dollar and with Optimist Labor we are able to do a great service to our community.

Golf Balls are \$10 each or 3 for \$25, balls can be purchased at the LaFayette Inn, Sweeties, Orchard Vali, Thor Lounge, Log Cabin Inn, Cindy's Olde Tyme Diner, or from any Optimist member. Feel Free to knock on Ron Bush's door – if he's home he will gladly take care of you. You can also pick up tickets in the M & T Bank Lobby and mail them in.

#### The Golf Tournament

To Enter a team is \$300 per team or \$280 if paid in full by August 1<sup>st</sup>. A great Orchard Vali meal will follow the tournament. Sign up and pay @ Orchard Vali or Contact Jim McElhannon @ 382-0805 / 677-9063 or Ron Bush @ 415-3508 / 677-9932.

Thank you in advance for your continued support!

—Ron Bush

#### ICHOR Therapeutics, Inc.

he next generation of disease fighting drugs may not come from large academic institutions and pharmaceutical giants, but from small start-up companies like LaFayette's own Ichor Therapeutics, which now occupies the former Hair Perfect salon on Route 11. One focus of the company is to develop new drug candidates to treat age-related macular degeneration, the leading cause of vision loss and blindness in patients over 50.

"Macular degeneration is thought to arise because molecular garbage called drusen accumulates in the eye," explains Kelsey Moody, Ichor's CEO. "In the same way environmental laboratories are engineering microorganisms to break down landfill junk or spilled oil, we are generating a portfolio of special proteins that will go into afflicted cells of the eye and clean up drusen." In addition to eye disease, the company also has an active cancer program, testing drug candidates to treat leukemia and mesothelioma.

Ichor is staffed by 6 scientists and is financially supported by private investors, several non-profit organizations, government grants, and research contracts. The company also provides unique educational opportunities for students in the community.

"To enable students who are passionate about biomedical research, we have partnered with Onondaga Community College to offer college-level research credit to any student who completes an internship at the company, including LaFayette high school students."

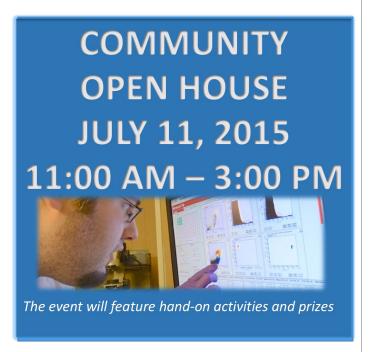
"During high school and college I did not have many opportunities to participate in research," noted Kelsey, who has established a robust internship program at Ichor. "To enable students who are passionate about biomedical research, we have partnered with Onondaga

Community College to offer college-level research credit to any student who completes an internship at the company, including LaFayette high school students."



Ichor Therapeutics will be hosting a community open house on July 11th, 2015, from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM. The event will feature hands-on activities and prizes. For more information about Ichor Therapeutics, please visit www.ichortherapeutics.com.

Kelsey Moody, MBA Ichor Therapeutics, Inc. 2603 US Route 11 LaFayette, NY 13084 (518)420-5004



#### **LaFayette Outdoors**

#### What's Up With The "Turkey" Moniker?

s I write these lines in late May, a beautiful spring has revitalized our countryside. It's the end of the turkey season without any luck for me. But, each year as I sit against the base of some large tree in full camouflage, hopefully rubbing my box call to lure in a gobbler, my thoughts drift invariably to a persistent question: Why am I hunting a turkey - a quintessential American bird? After all, Ben Franklin suggested unsuccessfully that this unique species be named our national bird. Well, I now have the answer – perhaps you've wondered too.

Our "turkey" started out as the wild bird we know, but domesticated in Mexico by the Aztecs. They prized the bird because it was easily handled in flocks, had grand feathers for head ornaments and most importantly – delicious meat served at their banquets and festivals. The mystery begins in 1519, when the ruthless Spanish conqueror Cortez arrived in Mexico, destroying the Aztec empire and as tribute, their king Montezuma gave him a horde of gold and 1500 of his "special birds" (turkeys) both dead and alive. When he returned to Spain his special birds were an immediate sensation but Spaniards were confused about what birds these were. A Spanish chronicler at the time described the Mexican birds as a "multitude of peacocks, both cocks and hens", reflecting the confusion about what they should be called, because domesticated jungle fowl from India (chickens), peacocks from India and guinea fowl from Africa were all well known. Indeed, today's scientific name Meleagris gallopavo with Greek and Latin

roots, means "guinea fowl chicken-peacock", covering all bases.

At the time, Ottoman Turks had conquered the Middle East and Arab marine traders swearing allegiance to the caliph were soon carrying Spain's new birds for sale all over the Mediterranean and Middle East. To Europeans, all these Arab traders were merchants from Turkey with "turkey goods" and "turkey birds" – the turkeys we know. Domesticated white turkeys were brought back to America by immigrants. However, if you travel, be prepared for more variations – in South East Asia, this bird is called the "Dutch Chicken", "French Chicken" or "Foreign Chicken" and if you should visit India, our bird is called the "Peru" in modern Hindi. Shucks, if only Ben Franklin had succeeded in making this our national bird, today it might be called the "Amerifowl", a much more appropriate moniker.



**Happy Independence Day!** 

—Rainer Brocke



Community Council advises an IPhone was found at the baseball fields/Optimist Park. The phone has a distinctive cover. Call 677-7272 to identify and claim.



#### Duck Race Winners – Community Day 2015

1<sup>st</sup> Place – James Turner 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Olivia Prince 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Amelia Evans Unlucky Duckling – Cara Meldrim

#### From the Community Council

uestions about recreational activities may be directed to Regina Reinschmidt, Recreation Coordinator at reglcc@dreamscape.com or 677-7272. Additional information, including current list of the LCC board members and contact info can be found at <a href="www.townoflafayette.com">www.townoflafayette.com</a>. Go to Department's (Dept.'s), select Community Council, then scroll down the left side to choose program. You may also pick up any current program registration form at the town office building. Enter front glass door, make a quick right and you will find a small table with LCC paperwork.

Be sure to check out the improvements at the beach! The newly named Vinegar Hill Sports Park is looking beautiful thanks to the Town Highway Department, the Optimist Club and many volunteers. Come and shoot hoops, play lacrosse, have a picnic, enjoy the peaceful setting. At the time of this writing, we are hoping the water will open for swimming July 6th but do not have a definite answer. Please check the website to find out if we are open.

#### Coming up....

13<sup>th</sup> Annual Ultimate Goal Soccer Camp Mon-Fri, mornings, July 27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>. Forms went home from Grimshaw and ONS. If you need one, visit website or stop by town offices (see above).

<u>Youth Tennis Camp</u> Mon-Thurs, July 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-6pm. Join Joe Fox for some tennis!

Summer Basketball Thursdays at LaFayette Beach, now named Vinegar Hill Sports Park, Amidon Road. For boys and girls entering grades 5-8, pick up games. 6-7:30pm July and August. Headed up by Adrian Shute but we need some other parents to commit to being there. Call LCC at 677-7272

<u>Running Club</u> is being planned for this summer at the time of this news deadline. Flyers went home from school...if you didn't get one contact us. Join the fun and run this July. Stay in shape, and earn those feet.

Movie Night! Mark your calendars for movie night at VHSP (LaFayette Beach) Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 8:30pm. Come early to play basketball if you'd like. Fun, family event. And it's 80's night. In conjunction with National Recreation in Your Parks Month we will host this event with a 1980's theme...movie, music, big hair, be creative. Prizes! Flyers went home from Grimshaw or visit town website.

#### Adults...

Adult Tennis lessons LaFayettte Varsity coach Joe Fox will give adult instructions this summer. Call it a minicamp...or tennis intensive...but come and refresh your skills and learn some new ones. Beginner to Intermediates, Mon-Thurs, July 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 6:15-7:45pm. Cost is \$30. Forms available on website or at town office (see above).

<u>Zumba!</u> Free class, Wednesdays in August in the park, look for sign, 6:30-7:30pm

<u>Tabata</u> is off for the summer. See you in September. Note: We are revising the evening exercise offerings and fee options. Details to come in fall school and town news.

<u>Daytime/senior exercise</u> Summer location is at VFW. Still Tues-Wed-Thurs, 8:30-9:30am. Will end August 17<sup>th</sup> and resume September 8<sup>th</sup> back at Community Center. Call Kathy 677-9174 if you have questions on class. Walk-in \$4.

#### Thank you's....

Terrell's Potato Chips Special thanks to Jack and Brenda Terrell and family for once again donating items to the concession stand. Remember to support your local businesses by buying their products. Thank you Terrell's! Thanks to all of our coaches and sponsors This Apple Valley League baseball/softball season couldn't have happened without you. Thank you also to Tonya Farewell for being our regular concession stand opener again this season.

Team	Head Coach	Sponsor
Instructional T-ball	Glenn Christoffel	LCC
T-ball 1	Jason Newman	Empire Freight Logistics
T-ball 2	Scott Gates	LaFayette Veterinary Clinic
Rookies 1	Steve Borte	Ron Bush Oil
Rookies 2	John Sacks	B&B Lumber
Rookies 3	John Stanton	LaFayette Fire Dept.
T-shirts	Jessica Walker	McDonald's
Minors	Jamie Farewell, Bill Bergamo	ABS Sealing

Thank you to the many assistants to the teams above as well. Kiley Rooker, Kim Fabend, Melody-Anne Gaffield, Jim McElhannon, Jay Colburn, and Brandon MacIntyre. Thank you also to John Vossler for umpiring all of the T-shirt games! Thanks to all of the above for a great season.

#### **LaFayette Public Library**

e have been working very hard to improve the look and feel of the library, and have completed our "phase I" of that project. We have new media displays, new carpeting and a new facility for our computers. If you haven't already, please come and see what we've done. We would also like to apologize for any inconvenience we may have caused during the remodeling.

We have a new Youth Services
Coordinator to replace Kyra Nay
who has moved on to a full time
position in Ohio: Jaclyn Mathews.
She has taken over for Kyra
seamlessly and plans to continue
with the ever popular Imagination
Lab in September, as well as our
regular early literacy
programming and our Teen
programs. We welcome Jaclyn to
our LaFayette staff.

This summer we are hoping to do some programming in coordination with the LaFayette Big Picture school summer STEP program: TBD Here are the programs we do have lined up for the summer:

- David Moreland the Magician July 1 @ 10:30
- Zoo-to-You July23 @ 3:00 p.m.
- Hero Butterfly Migration July
   27 @ 1:30
- The M.O.S.T. July 28 @ 2:00
- Gravitational Bull: juggling, comedy, magic and more – August 12 @10:30
- Bubbleman: origin story with Doug Rougeux August 21@ 2:00 for the Summer Reading program grand finale!

Please come and join us!

A reminder that we have a children's computer that has over 60 educational programs on it. It is very popular and we encourage everyone to come and use it.

As always, we are constantly updating our collection, whether it is print, audio, or video. Come on in and "check out" the collection (pun intended).

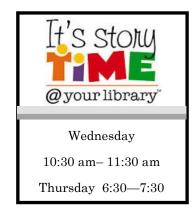
We have an ongoing teen book club that meets at 6:00 on Tuesdays. For further information please call the library 677-3782.

We continue to offer computer training for our patrons. This is a one on one session by appointment only. Please call 677-3782 and ask for Scott to make arrangements.

-Scott Kuschner

Connect with us at:

http://lafayettelibrary.org/





OUR NEW FURNITURE AND MEDIA DISPLAY UNIT

#### **LaFayette Gives Back**

#### A letter of thanks from Victoria Fitzpatrick



I wanted to thank all who put so much effort into and sacrificed so much of their time into making Turnout for Tori an incredible event.

With your generous donations, I will be able to lighten some of the financial load my boyfriend an my family have been carrying for the last year. The love and support that has been shown to me by so many has made it easier to picture a brighter future. I wish I could find the words to express how grateful I am to all who came out on Saturday, June 6 and to all who donated raffle items, auction items, trips, time and effort to make my life a little easier. I am so fortunate to have my parents, family's, friends and community's support. Thank you again for everything!!!—Tori

#### LaFayette Athletic Booster Club Awards



The Annual LaFayette Athletic Booster Club Dinner was held June 10, 2015 at Orchard Vali Golf club.

Award Recipients for 2015 are as follows:
Coach of the Year—Karl Seeman
Fan of the Year—Jen Jackowski
Mark Lasky Award—Kim Agedal
Jim Munnell Award—Ryan Agedal
Gordon Ohstrom Award—Cassidy Doster and Chase
LaCava
Booster Award—Maggie Coulter & Carl Dickhut
Shannon Thomas Award—Kaylee Skeval
Mary Jo Kelly Award—Cassidy Doster and Chase LaCava

Legendary Lancer OCASIO HAZELTINE



#### LaFayette Seniors

LaFayette Seniors meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the LaFayette Fire Station at noon. If you are 55 years or older & would like to join us, please bring a dish to pass and your place setting. Coffee & tea are provided. Dues are \$5.00 for the year.

Cal Lynn Henderson at 677-5112 for more info and reservations for any of the following activities

#### **Senior Trips for 2015**



September 23—Wednesday—Erhards Banquet Center featuring..."Oldies & Motown". Get down and enjoy the fun, open bar, dancing and a full course sit down lunch with the Uptown Get downs

and their 5 piece band direct from Carnegie Hall in NY. Start a Conga line, have a twist contest, get your toes tapping and your head bobbin to the oldies and

the soul train music, disco, rock and a lot more. Join the fun and get ready to rock your socks off!!!

**Cost \$72** prepaid—includes your motor coach transportation and all the good stuff above.

**November 9-11**—Tuesday—Thursday, Lancaster, PA

right in the hear of Pennsylvania
Dutch country. Trip includes 2
nights lodging, 2 dinners, 2
breakfasts, American Music
Theater—The Christmas Show—
Millennium Theater—The Miracle of
Christmas, Kitchen Kettle Village,



Bigger Bargains

National Christmas Center, Rockvale Square Outlets and motor coach transportation.

Cost \$322 prepaid

—Lynn Henderson

### Columbian Presbyterian Church



Two more chances to enjoy Chicken BBQ's
Chicken ready at 11 am—usually sold out by 11:30am
Call ahead to reserve halves (\$6) and dinners (\$10)
315-677-3293

#### **Pastor Shawn Reyburn**

Corner of Route 11 & Route 20 LaFayette, N.Y. 13084 (315) 677-3293

Columbianpresbyterianchurch.com

cpresbyt@twcny.rr.com Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:00am 11:00 am Service & Sunday School resume Sept. 6th

#### <u>July</u>

- Men's Breakfast, Monday, July 6, 6:00 am in the Session Building
- Chicken BBQ, Saturday, July 18, 11:00 am in the Session Building
- Zack Thrasher Eagle Scout Court of Honor Ceremony and Reception, Sunday, July 19, 2:00 pm
- Deacon's Worship Service, Sunday, July 26, 10:00 am

#### August

- Men's Breakfast, Monday, August 3, 6:00 am in the Session Building
- LaFayette Community Band Concert to benefit LaFayette Outreach Tuesday, August 11 7:30 pm
- Chicken BBQ, Saturday, August 15, 11:00 am in the Session Building

#### **Memorial Day Benefit for LaFayette Outreach**

We would like to thank the entire Central New York Community for their generous support of our Memorial Day Benefit for LaFayette Outreach. The event was a great success! We were able to raise more money than ever for LaFayette Outreach at a time when food pantries are pinching pennies. The generosity of more than 100 businesses and individuals involved with the silent auction, and the 6 local greenhouses providing lovely plants, was truly extraordinary.

Pastor Shawn will be on study leave July 13-17 and on vacation July 20-27

#### **Court Corner**



e have a very busy court in our community with Carleen, Debbie, and Katey working hard for our Judge Maureen Perrin, and Judge Adrian Shute.

- Our hours are 9:30-12:30 & 1:30-5:00pm Monday-Thursday
- We are closed on Fridays
- Our phone number is (315)677-9350.
- Our fax number is (315)677-4622.
- Court nights are every Wednesday starting at 6:00pm
- Evictions are also on Wednesday at 5:30
- District Attorney nights are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month starting at 6:00pm. District Attorney requests can be sent to:

LaFayette Town Court PO box 135 LaFayette, NY 13084

Our summer dress code is in place until 9/30/15 which is:

- Business casual attire for attorneys
- Defendants should not wear shorts except knee high or longer
- No halter tops
- No sundresses or spaghetti straps
- No mini skirts
- No exposed midriffs
- No muscle shirts or tank tops

**DID YOU KNOW:** You may see a reduction in your car insurance bill if you take a defensive driving course online thru the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles? You can have up to 4 points removed from your license upon completion of the course.

THE NICE WEATHER IS HERE. PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE BY DRIVING RESPECTIVELY AND DON'T DRINK & DRIVE.

—Debbie Phinney

#### LAFAYETTE ALLIANCE CHURCH

#### **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

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WORSHIP SERVICES	SUNDAY	10:30—11:45 am
SUNDAY SCHOOL	SUNDAY	9:15—10:15 am
INTERACTIVE BIBLE STUDY	SUNDAY	6:00 PM
PRAYER MEETING	WEDNESDAY	7:00 PM

At LaFayette Alliance Church, we fellowship around the Person and work of Jesus Christ. Because of God's radical grace toward us in Jesus Christ we thoroughly enjoy worshiping with our brothers and sisters in Christ and sharing this Gospel in our neighborhood and around the world. Celebrating Christ's resurrection, we gather Sunday mornings to worship God through listening to His Word preached, singing, praying, giving, partaking in the Lord's Supper and witnessing believer's baptism. As part of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, we identify both nationally and globally with approximately 2000 other Alliance churches, each committed to spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. One way this partnership shows itself is through our annual spring and fall mission conference where we hear from missionaries serving all over the world. We care about you and your family! And we warmly welcome you to visit anytime!

#### A Christ-Centered Bible Teaching Church"

Robert Gates, Senior Pastor

Brian Mandigo, Associate Pastor of

Discipleship

David Booher, Youth Pastor

#### ~ Youth Ministry ~

This summer our teens have **FOUR BIG EVENTS** planned. We will meet at **Big Don's** June 14<sup>th</sup> 4-6:30pm (cost \$10). On June 28<sup>th</sup>, 6-7pm at LAC, we're having a **Senior Banquet** honoring our high school graduates. On July 19<sup>th</sup> we're having a **Lake Party** and August 16<sup>th</sup> we're having a **Pool Party** (*time and place TBA*). Also this summer Jr. High and Sr. High students will be attending Delta Lake Bible Camp (July 12th-25th). For more information on our youth ministry or any of our ministries please contact the church!

#### ~ Ecuador Trip ~

July 29<sup>th</sup> – August 8<sup>th</sup> a group of 12 people from our church will be traveling to Ecuador to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and partnering with an Ecuadorian missionary family serving a home for young women, providing children's ministries, and doing some construction work.

For Ch	nildren	For Youth	h	For .	Adults
ISunday School	Vacation Bible School	Sunday School	Bible Quizzing	Sunday School	Life Groups
Nursery	Bible Quizzing	Youth Group (7-12th gr)	Outreach Events	Bible Studies	Mission Trips
Children's Church	Awana (age 3-6th gr)	Youth Retreats	Girls Night	Discipleship	Men's Seminary
Summer Camp	leaster egg Hunt	Battalion (boys 7–12th gr)	Summer Camp	lRetreats	Women's' Bible Study

If you would like further information concerning our church or any of its programs, please contact the church office at 677-9810. We are located at the corner of Route 20 and LaFayette Road in LaFayette. The church is handicap accessible.

Check us out on the web! You can listen to Pastor Rob's messages, read our monthly newsletter, the Lamplighter and find out even more details about our various programs.

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Upcoming Events				
DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	ADD'L INFO	
July 9, 2015	Rabies Clinic	Onondaga Nation Fire Dept.	4:00—6:00 pm	
	Ichor Therapeutics Inc. Open			
July 11, 2015	House	2603 US Route 11	11:00am—3:00 PM	
July 13, 2015	Town Board Meeting	LaFayette Commons	6:30 pm	
	Columbian Presbyterian			
July 18, 2015	Chicken Barbecue	Session Bldg.	11:00 am—soldout	
		Vinegar Hill Sports Park—		
July 30, 2915	Movie Night—80's Theme	Amidon Rd.	8:30 pm	
		Village of Minoa DPW, 100 Kalin		
August 6, 2015	Rabies Clinic	Drive, Minoa	5:00—7:00 pm	
			8:00—9:00 am Registration	
	Optimist Golf Ball Drop and		9:00 am tee off	
August 8, 2015	Tournament	Orchard Vali Golf Course	3:00 pm Golf Ball Drop	
August 10, 2105	Town Board Meeting	LaFayette Commons	6:30 pm	
		St. Lucy's Church, 432 Gifford		
August 13, 2015	Rabies Clinic	Street, Syracuse	5:00—7:00 pm	
	Columbian Presbyterian			
August 15, 2015	Chicken Barbecue	Session Bldg.	11:00 am—soldout	

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