



# LaFayette

## Community Newsletter

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## From the Supervisor: 2017 Budget

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As anticipated, the 2017 budget has been a significant challenge.

The tax cap as mandated by New York State is just about a half of one percent (.067). If we exceed the tax cap all taxpayers within LaFayette will not receive their tax rebate checks. This has forced us to make some of the following budget cuts, none of them was easy but all are necessary.

**The Town Newsletter** We will transition from 6 editions to 4 editions, based on a seasonal model ; Spring-Summer – Fall-Winter.

**Elimination of Conferences and travel expenses:** All conferences and travel lines were eliminated unless legally mandated for certification or licensing.

**Departmental budgets:** The Highway Department did allot of work to reduce their annual budget by **10%**. The Fire Department and Library came in at zero percent increase.

**Health care costs:** A significant contributor to our budget deficit is our employee health care costs. In the last 18 months medical claims



have spiked \$ 134,000 thousand s dollars over budget. For 2017 the employee contribution rate will change from 1% to 5 % making it a 95% taxpayer funded benefit as stated below:

Monthly Rates: (Based on Current 2016 rates as we do not have the new insurance rates for 2017 rates yet).

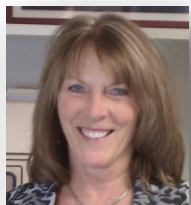
	Taxpayer Funded	Employee Funded
Single: \$	571.90	\$27.78
Family: \$	1,482.00	\$72.00

**Employee wages:** All employees received zero or a maximum increase of .0067. Town Supervisor and Deputy Supervisor took a 10% pay decrease.

We spent long hours going through every line item to shave off \$50.00 or \$100.00 anything to help achieve our budget goal . We were also able to avoid job eliminations and any reduction in community services. We have achieved our goal, and are proud to present a 2017 Town budget that will be under the tax cap. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 677-3674.

—Andy Ohstrom

# From the Town Clerk



In the November Newsletter, I always like to recognize our service men and women, past and present and future. Thank you to **"OUR HEROS"**, everyday but especially on November 11<sup>th</sup>, **VETERANS DAY**.

I like to reflect on how fortunate most of us are and the many things in life we are thankful for. We wish everyone a **HAPPY and BLESSED THANKSGIVING** on November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016

This year I would like to raise awareness about **"DONATE LIFE"**. You've probably been hearing more talk about live kidney donors. Upstate's Chief of Transplant Services, Rainer Gruessner, MD, states that "Altruistic Donation is one of the most worthy causes an individual can be involved in". "It's really a gift of life"



You may recall hearing about my niece, Victoria Fitzpatrick who earlier this year, received a desperately needed kidney from a Live Donor, a perfect stranger, an unbelievably selfless and giving mother of six, named Jody Adams. Jody was made aware of Tori's

need for a kidney by my sister, Janet's Facebook post. That posting inspired her to donate her spare kidney to Tori, a brand new mother, because she just couldn't imagine Tori's baby growing up without his Mommy. Both Tori and her generous "live donor", Jody, are doing great. Our family, especially "Carter" (Tori's almost 1 year old) and her fiancé, Danny are so very thankful and forever indebted to Jody Adams for giving her spare kidney to Tori. Dr. Gruessner, referred to Jody as a "hero" and we couldn't agree more. On September 20th, 2016, a person who tested on Tori's behalf; a young women, a wife, and mother of three, graciously donated her spare kidney to a complete stranger in order to give them the "gift of life". LaFayette has been touched twice with regard to Altruistic donation. I am so proud to tell you that other donor I'm referring to is also a LaFayette resident, Kelly Maurer Maher. Kelly selflessly gave her spare kidney to a very fortunate and blessed stranger, whom she will be meeting in the near future for the first time. Kelly said that she is so glad that even though she wasn't a match for Tori, she continued to pursue becoming a live donor. Kelly said that this was the most humbling thing she could ever do in her life. Basically, she saved a life. God Bless you Kelly, Jody and any and every live donor and all who have chosen to donate their organs

by simply checking the organ donor option when renewing your driver's license.

So while honoring our Veteran heroes and being thankful for the freedoms we enjoy every day because of their sacrifices; and while enjoying special time with family and friends on Thanksgiving; kindly consider being a HERO like Jody Adams and Kelly Maher. You too can give someone **"the gift of life"**.

For more information: [www.donatelife/net](http://www.donatelife/net) or

[www.upstate.edu/hospital/patients/donate-life.php](http://www.upstate.edu/hospital/patients/donate-life.php)

**ELECTION DAY – NOVEMBER 8<sup>th</sup> – VOTING HOURS** are

6:00 AM – 9:00 PM I have heard a lot of people saying

that they aren't going to vote because they are not happy with the candidates, but I hope you do try to figure out who will do the best job for our nation. I believe it is your privilege and duty to make sure we elect the best people to run our government for



our future and the future of our children!!!! If you have any questions about this year's candidates, registration, times or locations to vote, please contact the Onondaga County Board of Elections at 425-3322 or email [ongov.net](mailto:ongov.net). Don't forget to vote on November 8<sup>th</sup>!!!!

**RABIES CLINIC-December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 10:00AM-12:00PM** at the SPCA, 5878 East Malloy Road, Mattydale. New York State Public Health Law requires that all puppies and kittens get their first rabies shot at three months of age. They also need to get a booster shot at one year old and then again every three years. Ferrets must get a shot every year.

**TOWN BOARD MEETINGS** – Town Board Monthly Meeting and Public Hearing to adopt the Budget for 2017: Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM (Vouchers at 6:00 PM). This meeting is instead of the regularly scheduled meeting of Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, which is Election Day. The December Town Board meeting will be held Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:00 PM (Vouchers at 6:00 PM).

**WINTER'S COMING** – *Be prepared and please drive safe!*

Time is flying, it feels like 2016 just started and seems impossible that it is already time to wish HAPPY HOLIDAYS, with a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR to you and the ones you love. We hope that "2017" is a very good year for everyone, especially those who are struggling in anyway.

—Jackie Roorda





## From The Highway Department



Hello Residents! It's hard to believe that our summer is over. Like you, I'm still in denial....As we look towards the winter months, it's not too early to begin thinking about preparing our vehicles for the winter months. Check wiper blades—tires—antifreeze and be prepared in the event of an emergency.

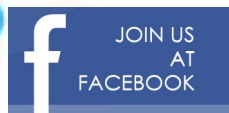
### Winter Car Checklist

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Snow Chains/Tires | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spare Tire        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shovel        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ski box/rack      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Towel         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ice scraper       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Snack Bars    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blanket           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spare Clothes     |   |

Effective November 1 thru April 1 -

- No parking on State-County and Town Roads
- No plowing across State-County and Town Roads
- Check the height of your mailbox (45" from ground to allow plow wings to get under them).

Remember: Plowing speeds cannot exceed 30 MPH! At the highway department, we work hard to keep the roads clear and safe! Please be patient....Have a warm and safe holiday season with family and friends—God Bless.



—John Greeley  
Highway Superintendent  
[www.TownofLaFayette.com](http://www.TownofLaFayette.com)

## From LaFayette Outreach

Preparation for the Holidays begins right after Apple Fest. We provide a traditional Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner for our families. Christmas gifts are also distributed to senior clients and children 17 and under. Family gifts are provided to all families. Look for the Christmas Angels.

Food \$en\$e is a monthly Food Bank program that offers a pre selected package of food for \$20.50. Order forms can be found at the LaFayette library, post office, and bank as well as Outreach. Orders can be placed and picked up at LaFayette Outreach. Call Outreach for further information. There are no income requirements. We welcome inquires and questions. Contact us at:  
677-5221

Hours Tues 9:30-12 noon

Thurs 1st and 3rd only 5-6:30PM



## Court Corner

Winter weather will be upon us before we know it. Please be mindful of the weather



when driving as the road conditions can change quickly. We all want to be safe and get to our destination safely.

We now have a web page under the Town of LaFayette, select the court department and our question and answer tab which may answer a lot of your questions. Please check it out!

<http://www.townoflafayette.com/court.html>

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 will not be in session on 11/23/16, 12/21/16 & 12/28/16. The office will also be closed on 11/23/16 & 11/24/16 for Thanksgiving and on 12/26/16 for Christmas. Court nights are every Wednesday starting at 6:00pm

Evictions are also on Wednesday at 5:30. Please call court to schedule.

District Attorney nights are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month starting at 5:30pm. After we schedule your appointment, a confirmation letter will be sent to you.

District Attorney requests can be mailed to:



**LaFayette Town Court**  
PO Box 135  
LaFayette, NY 13084

*When you come to court you are  
expected to be dressed in  
presentable attire.  
Remove your hats.  
Turn your cell phones off.  
A sign in desk with instructions is  
located upon entry into the court*

**DID YOU KNOW:** Only the court determines the fines, so that is why they are not printed on your ticket. There are guilty and not guilty sections on the ticket to fill out and mail in to us. If you fill out the guilty portion the file will be given to the judge to decide on the fine and a fine notice will be mailed to you. If you fill out the not guilty portion you need to mail in your ticket with your current drivers abstract and a letter as to why you are pleading not guilty. You will be notified by mail of the District Attorneys recommendation. You can obtain your drivers abstract from the Department of Motor Vehicles either on line or in person.

—Carleen, Debbie & Katey



### ELECTION NIGHT ROAST BEEF DINNER

Columbian Presbyterian  
Church

Tuesday, November 6 4-7 pm in the Session Building

Hot and juicy roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, crispy coleslaw, our famous applesauce, dinner rolls, beverages and an amazing selection of pies (of course everything is homemade).

Adults \$10, Children (6-12) \$5, Children 5 and younger eat free



### VETERANS DAY DINNER

LaFayette VFW  
Friday, November  
11 4:00 pm until  
gone

Menu: Roast pork, mashed potatoes, dressing, squash, desserts, coffee and juice

Cost: \$10 adults, \$9 Seniors, \$7 12 and under, 5 and under free

*All Veterans with I.D. dine for free*

# LaFayette Public Library

**E**lection Day Bake Sale: We are having our annual bake sale on Election Day. Stop by before or after you vote. Have some free coffee and some homemade baked goods. If you would like to donate some baked goods to our fundraiser please sign up at the library or call 677-3782 during library hours.

**Barnes & Noble Fundraiser:** We are doing another fundraiser for our children's area redo at Barnes and Noble. The kickoff event is on Saturday, November 26 in the morning (time TBD) at the Barnes & Noble in Dewitt. Starting that day through Friday December 2, the LaFayette Public Library will get a percentage of any purchases made during that time, whether it's in store or online. We will be getting a code that you give at checkout (again live or online) to indicate that you're participating in our fundraiser. We will be sending out a flyer with the code and be handing it out at the store (we don't have it as of the time of this writing).

Imagination Lab is back!

Here is the schedule for November and December:

November 2<sup>nd</sup> – Pumpkin STEM  
 November 9<sup>th</sup> – Lego free play  
 November 16<sup>th</sup> – Turkey Coloring Sheets  
 November 23<sup>rd</sup> – No Imagination Lab (Thanksgiving Eve)  
 November 30<sup>th</sup> – Straw rockets  
 December 7<sup>th</sup> – DIY Ornaments  
 December 14<sup>th</sup> – Snowflake Geboards  
 December 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> – no Imagination Lab

And so is Teen Book Club!

Here is the schedule through January:

*The Forgetting* by Sharon Cameron – 11/15  
*Noggin* by John Corey Whaley – 12 -6  
*\*The Crowns Game* by Eveyln Skye and  
*Everything, Everything* by Nicola Yoon –  
 1/10/2017

\*Note: Due to the winter break, both books will be discussed on the same date. The time span between the December and January meeting is 5 weeks.

Just a reminder about our Tuesday Teas which are every month on the third Tuesdays of each month 2-4 p.m. People bring everything from knitting to coloring books or just bring yourself. The next one is November 15, 2:00 p.m..



We have a new website – same address but totally redone: [www.lafayettelibrary.org](http://www.lafayettelibrary.org). Check it out! Also you can follow us on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/lafayettelibrary/>

and the Twitter handle: @<https://twitter.com/LaFayettePubLib>


In addition to the student art that we have on display the LaFayette Library is looking to celebrate the artists in our community. We would like to display your pieces of art around the Library. Bring your art (paintings, drawing, pottery, etc.) to the library with a name plate. This is an ongoing display. Come visit the library to see the talent of others in the community. At present, we have original watercolors by James W. Powley, Jr.

**DONATIONS:** PLEASE, please, please, please call regarding donations before bringing them here. Once again we are pleading with the community to **NOT** leave donations outside when the library is closed or in the book drop. We reserve the right to decide whether or not we accept donations and what those are if we do. As much as we appreciate your generosity, this is **NOT** a recycling center!!! We appreciate your cooperation in this matter

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.

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 Kushner



**WEDNESDAY**

**10:30 AM– 11:30 AM**

**THURSDAY**



# From the Community Council

Questions about recreational activities can be found 24/7 on the town's web site at the following link [www.townoflafayette.com/lafayette-community-council.html](http://www.townoflafayette.com/lafayette-community-council.html), on the main navigation bar or by calling the Community Council phone, 677-7272. Messages will be retrieved twice per week and an LCC board member will return your call. You can speak to an LCC representative face to face during Town Hall Tuesdays every Tuesday from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Emails are also accepted at [lafayettecommunitycouncil@cnyemail.com](mailto:lafayettecommunitycouncil@cnyemail.com). The mailing address is: LCC, PO Box 98, LaFayette, NY



## Youth Sports: -

Soccer has wrapped up. Next up is basketball, volleyball and wrestling. Flyers will be coming

home from school with details for each respective sport.

If you are interested and able to help out with the basketball, volleyball or wrestling programs, please contact LCC at 677-7272. We cannot offer these programs without volunteers who are willing to share their expertise as coaches.

## Adult Exercise:

**Daytime/Senior Exercise:** Classes are held Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m., at the LaFayette Community Center. Current session runs through November 23 and will be followed by a mini-session, November 29-December 22. The cost for the regular session is \$35 and \$20 for the mini-session. Walk-in fee is \$4 per class.

**Yoga:** Classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45 p.m. at the Grimshaw Elementary School. The Fall Session began September 12 and runs through December 21. Costs for this session are \$45 if attending classes one night per week, and \$90 if attending classes two days per week. Walk in fee is \$4 per class.

**Zumba/Aerobics:** Classes are held Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Grimshaw Elementary School's cafeteria. The current session began September 12 and runs through January 25. Cost is \$55. Walk-in fee is \$4 per class.

**Tabata (interval training):** At this time, LCC is not able to provide this program as the instructor is no longer available to teach classes for us. We are actively seeking a replacement instructor. Updates will be published in upcoming newsletters and on the LCC tab of the Town's web site.

**Men's Basketball:** Monday evenings, October through March, 7-9 p.m. in the Grimshaw Elementary School gymnasium. Contact LCC for more details.

## Announcements:

**Apple Festival:** A great big **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped out with at the LCC pizza booth during the LaFayette Apple Festival. Also, thank you to everyone who patronized our booth. Profits from this endeavor help support LCC programs.

**Ski Club:** Apple Fest has passed and the beautiful fall colors will soon be replaced by bare trees and snow covered ski slopes. Details about the ski program are forthcoming. So that we don't miss updating you about ski-club sign up, feel free to call the LCC telephone number, 677-7272, and leave your name and contact information and LCC will make sure you receive notification about ski club.

**Christmas Tree Lighting:** LCC will again be providing cookies, hot cocoa and other refreshments at the tree lighting December 4. See you there.

## LCC Contact Information:

Many of you have heard of the African proverb, "It takes a village to raise a child." Just as important, it takes a Community to provide programs that give children an opportunity to grow to be healthy and well rounded individuals. The Community Council needs your help and input. Please consider becoming a member of LCC as a participant on its board or as a coach. The next LCC Board meetings will be held Thursday, November 3 at 7:00 PM @ the Town Offices. All are welcome to attend.



# From the LaFayette Optimists

We just finished up at the Lafayette Apple Festival and despite the weather we had a good turnout and sold a lot of steak sandwiches. Thanks to all for their support. This steak sandwich booth is our major fundraising device for the whole year and supports our scholarship fund, the bike derby, the oratory contest, and improvements at Spafford Park as well as the decorations and the Christmas Tree lights at the corner of routes 11 and 20. We had support at our booth from some of the High School students as well as some Big Picture students and it's always nice to see the young people as they interact with the customers and the Optimists. Our stand is always immaculate (which is important to a neat freak like me). Our service is fast and each steak sandwich is made to order and served hot and ready for BBQ sauce, Ketchup etc. if desired. You can get the cheesy stuff or marinara sauce on top at no extra charge.. What's not to like? Stop by our stand next year and see what I am talking about.

The LaFayette Optimists Grimshaw Halloween Party will have taken place at the time of this publication. Complete with a haunted house, Halloween costume contests and more and the entire event is chaperoned by the Optimists. No one is getting high or getting down or getting one over at the Optimist events! Its an interesting dichotomy... everyone is either 5 feet tall or taller or 3 feet and under. Gets pretty loud in the school for this event. Kids in costumes shouting, shrieking and just having fun. Every child leaves with memories and a bag filled with treats.

Spafford Park looks great and if you haven't checked out the workout stations installed last year you should give it a look see. We manage the Park and are always working on ideas and ways to improve the Park. This fall we have put in a bunch of very nice new picnic tables and a couple of new benches for the walkways. A nice place for the kids to rest while the parents get another loop in.

Keep an eye out for our 3rd Annual Optimist 7-8th Grade Basketball Tournament in the coming months. This is another great event where all the kids seem to have a good time...its well run, and well attended. It's a safe and fun competition. We have



heretofore also collected for some local family in need at tournament time and will do so this time as well.

So the Optimists are keeping busy in our community. We believe in the youth of our community and are committed to making a difference in their lives.

Now to continue with revealing the inner secrets of the Optimist Creed which we recite at the end of every meeting...The very last line of the Creed is "To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble." What a great line! Be too

much ...be too strong, too noble, and too happy....You aren't born this way...you make yourself this way and it's a lifelong process which



unfortunately most people seem to have forgotten or don't understand how much control they actually have in their lives and their feelings. Many of us Optimists carry the Creed in our wallets on a little card...they say that motivation is like bathing...You really need to do it everyday to get consistent results. You can print the Creed from the Internet and post it for yourself somewhere where you will notice it...not just see it but notice it and reflect on it daily. Positive thoughts. Positive actions...positive outcomes. You don't have to be a



card carrying Optimist to try it yourself! I am optimistic you wont be disappointed.

—Joe Barry

# LaFayette Outdoors— Muskrat Bootlegging



**I**t must have been back in the early 70's. I was a youngster looking for ways to make enough money for all of my important necessities in life... important items such as comic books, NFL football trading cards and Bazooka bubble gum.

I thought about running a paper route until I filled in for a friend on vacation. He was in sunny Florida soaking up the warmth on the beach with his parents, while I was stuck in CNY chucking newspapers in weather only suitable for polar bears and penguins. It was the longest week of my young life. I thought, "There has to be a better way to make money."

The paper route week from hell finally ended and soon after I ran into our neighborhood outdoors-kid. We all looked up to Jim. He could hunt, fish and trap with the best of them. He would mesmerize us with his stories of his outdoor adventures. One day I overheard him talking to another kid claiming, "Yeah, I got 4 rats (muskrats) and a coon (raccoon)". Jim was boss. He even had his own cool slang for the critters he captured. Jim went on to say, "I got \$6.75 a piece for my rats and the big coon brought me \$25".

I thought to myself, "That has to be the coolest way a kid could possibly make money: getting paid to play in the outdoors, doing something that was totally fun and adventurous. I asked Jim what I needed to get started. He rattled off a bunch of trapping terms that sounded like Greek to me. "I would start with (5) 110 conibears, two or three 1.5's you know the ones with the extra spring hold gizmo on it ". I nodded as if I had a clue what he was talking about trying to hide the 'deer in a headlight' look that most likely took over my face. He continued, "Oh and you're gonna need some stretchers, wire and stakes. And don't forget a good knife, wire cutters and a backpack or basket. That should get you into the game."

I ran home and emptied my piggy bank and counted all the money I had. I was certain I didn't have enough to buy all the supplies I needed, but I figured I would buy what I could to get started and grow my arsenal as I made money from selling my catch. Jim helped me get started and showed me the different sets such as the log set and the hole set. I was eating it all up and started thinking I was a young Daniel "Craig" Boone.

Looking to expand my trapping operation beyond the

local creek and woods, I asked my dad if he knew of anyone who had a muskrat problem. He asked around at work and struck muskrat gold. A

lady in his office, Corrine Kurgan told him, "Our backyard is infested with the little rodents and my husband Stanley would be ecstatic to reduce the vermin from our property." I ended up hitching a ride to the Kurgan residence where I met Stanley for the first time. Even as a kid I could recognize good character when I saw it and I saw plenty of it in Stan. He showed me the holes and mess the no good critters were making in his backyard and I showed him the traps that would put an end to it. Stanley learned to set the traps and before you know it he had a freezer full of frozen little rats! Imagine the surprise Corinne got each and every time she opened up her freezer to look inside only to have 'things' looking back at her! She took the situation into her own hands and brought the frozen creatures to my Dad's work and Dad brought them home to me to skin, dry out and sell. Needless to say, I was thrilled that I never had to chuck another newspaper again! I was completely content with my muskrat bootlegging operation...LaFayette style!!



## Trapping Facts:

There are more wild furbearers in the United States today than there was 100 years ago.

Government quotas and strict conservation practices keep wildlife, including furbearers, at optimum levels.

The fur is called a "pelt".

Pelts are most prime (at their thickest) late fall and early winter and prime pelts bring the most money.

There are no furbearing animals in the United States or Canada which are endangered or threatened by fur harvesting today.

Natural fur, used in coats and other garments, is a renewable resource.

Sound wildlife management programs ensure the necessary supply of natural wild fur for today's needs and those of tomorrow.

—Craig Giancola



# Apple Run 2016



Event	Place	Gender	Name	Time	Hometown
3.5 mile	1	M	CONNOR OAKMAN	18:58	LaFayette, NY
3.5 mile	5	F	KATIE MUTTER	23:34	Marcellus, NY
18K	1	M	JAMISON FREIE	1:17:03	Chittenango, NY
18K	7	F	EILEEN FERGUSON	1:20:07	Chittenango, NY



Katie Mutter (5) and Connor Oakman (1)  
Female & Male Lead—3.5 mile run



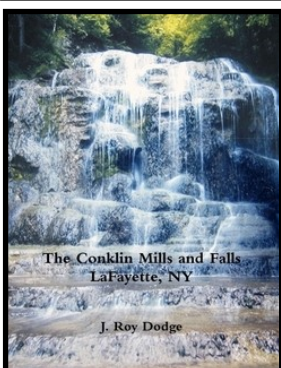
Jamison Freie (1) and Eileen Ferguson (7)  
Male & Female Lead—18K



Fun Run Winners



On your mark.....



Fifty five years ago this summer Town Historian Emeritus Roy Dodge began collecting old photographs of the Town of LaFayette. In 1979 many of them were used in his book Crossroads Town: A photo biography of the Town of LaFayette. In 1997, the Town Board had 77 prints made for framing and hung in the Town Hall. The collection has been organized by topic, individuals, the hamlets of Cardiff and LaFayette; the “forgotten places” such as Conklin’s Falls/Berwyn, Onativia and Collingwood.

Using some of these photographs Bill and Joanne Case of Apulia, NY have produced the first of what is hoped will be several books. It is The Conklin Mills and Falls: LaFayette, NY and is available at the Town Clerk’s office for \$20.00. You can also purchase online at: <http://www.lulu.com/shop/j-roy-dodge/the-conklin-mills-and-falls-lafayette-ny/paperback/product-22582693.html>

—J. Roy Dodge

# From LaFayette Boy scout Troop 100

Lafayette Boy Scout troop 100 keeps very busy, and this summer was no exception. Not limiting their experiences to the school year, the boys had several awesome opportunities this summer.

They started the season with swimming at the Valley Pool, a chance to build swimming skills and camaraderie.



Next up, was a weeklong camping adventure as only Boy scouts know how. At Massawepie Scout camp near Tupper Lake, the boys participated in workshops that included basket weaving, shooting sports, cycling and sailing, to name just a few. The troop earned the designation of Honor Troop for fulfilling the requirements of the week. Passing camp inspection, participating in Polar Bear plunges in the early morning and learning the history of the camp, were some of the requirements met.

Fishing at Labrador Pond was unsuccessful as far as catching anything more than waterlilies, however, it served as another great excuse to get together and learn something more from each other. Outdoor games at Stafford Park a few times, was another way to keep busy this summer. Who doesn't like to play outdoors in the cool of a summer evening?

A special hike up Mt. Marcy was accomplished by a group of the senior troop members. An impressive 5,000+ foot climb was met enthusiastically by the group. Only 45 more high peaks to go!



The summer was rounded off with a somber flag ceremony in remembrance and honor of the anniversary of the tragic events of 9-11. Thanks to those who represented the troop at the park for this special memorial.



Troop 100 certainly has a busy schedule, year-round. If you know someone who might be interested in joining an active Boy Scout troop in LaFayette, come check it out on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM at the Presbyterian Church and learn what we have in store for this year! More information can be gained by contacting Kevin Gretskey, Scout Master [gretskeyk@aol.com](mailto:gretskeyk@aol.com) or Brian Kramak, Assistant Scout Master, [bkramak@gmail.com](mailto:bkramak@gmail.com).

—Jean Fetzko



## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

DECEMBER 4, 2016

4:45 PM

MAHER PLAZA

SPONSORED BY: LAFAYETTE FIRE DEPARTMENT, LAFAYETTE OPTIMISTS, LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY COUNCIL—MUSIC AND SONG FROM LHS BAND

CHRISTMAS CAROLS, VISIT BY SANTA, CANDY, HOT CHOCOLATE AND THE LIGHTING OF THE TOWN TREE



# LAFAYETTE ALLIANCE CHURCH

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### Effective Sunday, October 16th

8:00—9:00 am	Traditional Worship Service
9:00—9:30 am	Coffee and Fellowship
9:30—10:30 am	Sunday School for all ages
10:45 am— 12:00 pm	Blended Contemporary Worship Service
6:00 pm	Interactive Bible Study/Youth Group



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

Robert Gates, Senior Pastor

*Brian Mandigo, Associate Pastor of Discipleship*

*David Booher, Youth Pastor*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Griefshare	Sundays through December 11	5:30—7:00	13 week video based seminar and support group designed to help you through the grieving process
Holiday Service Schedule	Wednesday, November 23	7:00 pm	Thanksgiving Eve Service
Holiday Service Schedule	Wednesday, December 24	7:00 pm	Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

*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 for more info or sign up for weekly email updates: [www.lafayettealliance.org](http://www.lafayettealliance.org)*

## Columbian Presbyterian Church



### Pastor Shawn Reyburn

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Worship Service 11:00am



*For a full schedule of upcoming events, find us on-line at [Columbianpresbyterianchurch.com](http://Columbianpresbyterianchurch.com) or follow us on FACEBOOK*

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**Thank You for your support at Apple Fest & Trunk-or-Treat—It is a pleasure to serve our community!**



Deacon's Emergency Relief Fund Poinsettia Sale November 20—December 11

Clean your closets and bring your used clothing to our collection bin, where items are redistributed to those in need. This will give you space to make room for "other things" in time for Christmas!



Thanksgiving Eve Service	Wednesday, Nov 23 7:00—8:00 pm
Christmas Eve Service	Saturday, Dec 24 7:00—8:00 pm
Christmas Day Service	Sunday, Dec 25 11:00 am
New Year's Day Service	Sunday, January 1 11:00 am

God's Girlz is for girls in grades 3-7 for crafts, games, snacks and fun, with each week's theme a visit to another country. The Girlz will be creating a tree for the Everson Museum Festival of Trees and will make a field trip to the Festival during the week of Dec. 5-9.

For a complete listing of God's Girlz meetings and other church activities, please visit the Town of LaFayette Events calendar on the home page of the Town of LaFayette website [www.townoflafayette.com](http://www.townoflafayette.com)



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### Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	ADD'L INFO
November 8	Election Day	Designated Polling Place	6:00 am—9:00 pm
November 8	Election Day roast beef dinner	Columbian Presbyterian Church	4:00—7:00 pm
November 10	Town Board Meeting	LaFayette Commons	7:00—9:00 pm (vouchers @ 6:00)
November 11	Veterans Day Dinner	LaFayette VFW	4:00 pm
December 3	Rabies Clinic	SPCA Mattydale 5878 E. Molloy Rd.	10:00 am—12:00 pm
December 4	Christmas Tree Lighting	Maher Plaza	4:45 pm
December 10	Christmas Cookie Café	Columbian Presbyterian Church	9:30 am—12:00 pm
December 13	Town Board Meeting	Columbian Presbyterian Church	7:00—9:00 pm (vouchers @ 6:00)

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