



L^oFayette

Community Newsletter

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From the Town Supervisor:

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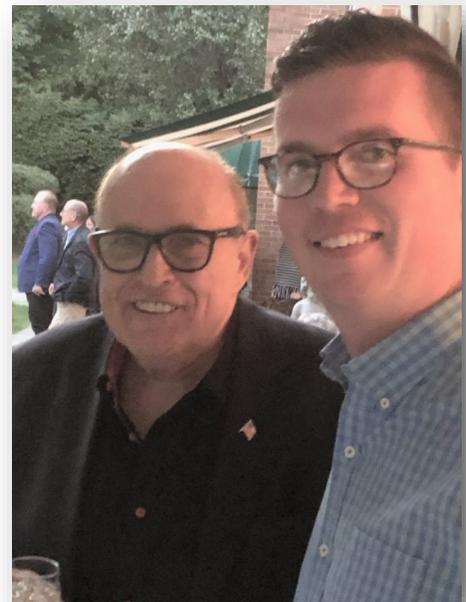
“Is anyone else ready to start 2021 a couple of months early? This has been a rough year for so many and hopefully you have been able to make the best of it. I know I am quite proud of our town employees who never slowed down and all gave extra through these strange times to make sure we met the needs of our residents. Our town clerk, Jackie Roorda and Deputy Clerk Kristin Colburn, set tremendous examples by being the only town clerk’s office that stayed open through all of this. As always, our Highway Department was second to none.

In terms of important news, at the time of this writing, we are hoping to have positive news in regards to our ongoing negotiations with Honeywell. We are currently getting to work on the town budget using a 0% growth baseline to keep your taxes as low as possible as so many are dealing with so much. In addition, we are doing all we can with our non-profits to make sure we can keep them afloat in these trying financial times.

As I write this, the date is September 11, 2020, I think about what happened 19 years ago, who we lost, and how our country was so deeply damaged. I lost my cousin, Jeffrey Olsen, a firefighter at Ten House who courageously rushed in

and perished carrying an older woman down the stairs in the hopes of getting to safety. But I also think about the aftermath, a country who wanted to come together across any divide to work together as Americans. This week I had the opportunity to speak with a leader that certainly helped my family through all of this and I got to talk to Mayor Giuliani about what it is to come together as a people united. In about a month we go to the ballot box, regardless of results, we as a town and as a country should come back together, united.”

—Danny Fitzpatrick



From the Town Clerk



Fall 2020 is here and we are hoping that everyone is doing well, despite COVID-19.

“2020” has been a trying year. Seems like everyone keeps saying, “I can’t wait till it’s over!” As

difficult as it has been with missed weddings, graduations, family reunions, birthday parties, vacation plans, unemployment and especially inability to visit loved ones, etc., I feel having good health is such a tremendous blessing that should never be taken for granted. Our Prayers go out to each and every one affected or who has been fighting for their lives due to COVID-19, especially Adeline Fagan (LaFayette graduate and in her second year of medical residency in Texas) contracted this while taking care of her patients.

Therefore, we are prematurely wishing you a safe and **Happy Halloween**, a **very Happy Thanksgiving** with lots to be thankful for, and **Merry Christmas**. We are praying that **“2021” is a much better year for everyone & hopefully the craziness going on in the world is over !!!!!**



Don't forget to exercise your right and privilege to vote.

ELECTION DAY – November 3rd, 2020 – Polls are open 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

2020 Early Voting Communication Plan

For the 2020 November general election, any registered voter can vote in person before Election Day during the period of October 24, 2020 – November 1, 2020.

Onondaga County Voters can vote at any of the 6 Early Voting Sites in Onondaga County, no matter where they reside: LaFayette is lucky enough to be chosen as one of the sites. You can contact the Onondaga County Board of Elections at 315-435-8683 or www.onvote.net or the State Board of Elections at 518-474-1953 or www.elections.ny.gov.

Onondaga County Early Voting Polling Hours LAFAYETTE FIRE STATION #1 (rear entrance) 2444 Route 11 South, LaFayette NY 13084

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2020: 10:00AM TO 3:00PM
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2020: 10:00AM TO 3:00PM
MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2020: 10:00AM TO 3:00PM
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2020: 12:00PM TO 8:00PM
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2020: 12:00PM TO 8:00PM
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2020: 7:00AM TO 3:00PM
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2020: 7:00 AM TO 3:00PM
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2020: 9:00AM TO 2:00PM
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020: 9:00AM TO 2:00PM

Voter registration forms are available at the Town Clerk’s office, the Post Office and online at www.ongov.net/elections or call the Board of Election (315) 435-3322 with any questions. If you wish to vote in the upcoming election, you must mail or deliver this form to the Onondaga County Board of Elections no later than 25 days before the election in which you want to vote. This means for the November 3rd general election, the deadline is October 27, 2020. If mailing, the registration form it must be postmarked by that date.

ABSENTEE VOTE – All voters can now select “Temporary Illness” as a reason to request an absentee ballot because of COVID-19. The easiest way to apply is via online portal at onvote.net or apply by phone (315-435-VOTE) or fax (315-435-8451), email (absentee@ongov.net), or mail to Onondaga County Board of Elections, 1000 Erie Blvd. West, Syracuse, NY 13204.

The deadline for absentee ballot applications is October 27, 2020, but the Postal Service recommends that you apply no later than October 19, 2020 in order to process your application and receive your absentee ballot in time for Election Day.

You must be 18 years old by the date of the general, primary or other election in which you want to vote. If you move, but remain in the same county, send your change of address to the Board of Elections so that your records may be updated. If you have not notified the board of your change

From the Town Clerk cont'd...

of address, you may vote on a paper ballot (everyone votes on a paper ballot these days) and have your records updated at that time.



2020 Polling Places

District(s)	
1, 2	LaFayette Fire Station #1 2444 US Route 11, South LaFayette
3, 5	LaFayette Commons Office Bldg. 2577 US Route 11 North, LaFayette
4, Onon-5	Southwood Fire Department 4581 Grace Place, Jamesville

Upstate University Hospital's Mammography Van to visit Town of Lafayette Offices on October 26, 2020

Upstate University Hospital Mammography Van will visit Town of Lafayette Offices at 2577 U.S. Route 11 in Lafayette, on October 26, 2020. The screenings will be available between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. for women who have scheduled an appointment.

To schedule an appointment for a mammogram with the van, women should call 315-464-2582.

Appointments can also be requested online at: <http://www.upstate.edu/mobile-mammography/>

To be eligible for a mammogram on the van, women should be 40 years and older; not have had a mammogram in the past 12 months; and not be experiencing breast problems.

The van, funded by a New York State Department of Health grant, is part of Gov. Cuomo's "Get Screened, No Excuses" Breast Cancer Initiative, which is aimed at getting rid of obstacles to breast cancer screening for women in New York. The average rate for screening mammography in New

York is 81 percent. The governor's initiative is to increase screening rates by 10 percent over the next five years.

The mammography van spans 45-feet and is equipped with a state-of-the-art 3D digital mammogram system, private exam and dressing room and a waiting room. Breast cancer is one of the most common cancers in women, affecting one in 8 women. It's also one of the most treatable cancers when detected early. Mammograms—x-rays of the breasts—are the most effective screening procedure for the early signs of breast cancer.

For info, contact: Wendy Hunt at 315-492-3353.



From the Town Clerk cont'd...

SERVICES PROVIDED AT YOUR TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

During Covid, we request that you handle any business possible by mail/email, utilize out drop-box at the front stoop or call for an appointment (315) 677-3674.

- Dog licensing which is required by Town Law and NYS Ag & Markets
- Marriage Licenses & Transcripts (applications can be found on the town website. (please call for an appointment)
- Passport Processing (again please call for an appointment)
- Hunting & Fishing Licenses and Duck Stamps may be purchased as well
- Handicap Permits
- Notary Public Services (Free of Charge)
- Facility Rentals (Stafford Park Pavilions & Community Center)

And many other things... feel free to give us a call @ 315-677-3674 or email @ townclerk@townoflafayette.com. We will be more than happy to assist in any way that we can!!

Many of the forms: marriage license, dog license, passport forms, handicap permit applications, building permits, etc.... can be found on the town website: www.townoflafayette.com

DOG LICENSING - The fees are \$8.00 for Spay/Neutered dogs and \$20.00 for Unspayed/Unneutered dogs. Licenses may be obtained for 1, 2, or 3 years depending on the expiration of the rabies vaccines. You may pay with check or cash, via mail or in person. Forms for new licenses may be downloaded from our website. It is **New York State Law** that all dogs must be licensed in the municipality which they reside. Please contact Dog Control Officers; Ken Johnson (315) 263-1000; Deputy Dog Control Officer Laura Holt (315) 696-6468 for any stray/lost dogs.

DOG IDENTIFICATION – I strongly suggest that you put your contact information such as your phone number on your pets. If your dog gets found after hours or on

weekends, the dog control officer will contact you directly and avoid your dog going to the SPCA and a \$150.00 fine. Most pet stores sell tags that you can engrave what you choose for your pet.

RABIES SHOT CLINIC/ONONDAGA COUNTY HEALTH

- **Thursday, October 8 5:00—7:00 pm**
- **Environmental Health Field Office
4170 New York 31
Clay, NY 13041**
- **Drive thru event—Registration is required**
<https://apps.health.ny.gov/doh2/applinks/cdmspr/2/counties?DateID=51>

Garbage/recycling schedule:

Your pick-up weeks for your recyclables will continue with the same every other week pick-up going into 2021. Dependable Disposal will have address specific calendars available by the end of December, that can be downloaded at <http://dependable-disposal.com/sots/>, or call (315) 472-7455 and press option #4 for a new calendar.



Don't forget about LaFayette's Annual Christmas Tree lighting on Sunday, December 6th, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. in the Post Office parking lot.

*We hope you have a **Merry Christmas** and are hopeful that "2021" blesses you and all those you love with good health. When you've got your health you've got it all, the rest will follow. We thank our service men and women, law enforcement, educators, medical providers, political leaders (whoever they are after Nov. 3rd), etc.*

Please Be Grateful, Be Honest, Dream Big, Be Simple, Be You, Stay Humble, Give Thanks, Laugh, Love and Always Be Kind!!!

*God Bless
—Jackie Bush Roorda*

From the Highway Department



Hello LaFayette Residents -

The summer of 2020 greeted us with a tremendous amount of challenges...I commend all of the families that balanced work with teaching through these unprecedented times!

The Highway department continued to offer various services to our residents which included a record amount of roadside brush picked up and a record amount of "E" waste recycled! The mountain of brush has been ground up and will be available in the spring for free to all the residents, however, due to the challenges of COVID – 19 and budget constraints, the Highway will not be having a fall brush pick-up this year. Put your brush aside until spring and the Highway will be by to pick it up. If you have the means to do so, you can also drop it off at the Groth Road transfer site by making arrangements with the Highway Department by calling 315-677-9535

Lets talk about Pedestrian safety: The LaFayette Central school District will be running buses at a "normal" schedule (subject to change). There may still be a lot of uncertainty in regards to reopening school. Please use extreme caution while driving through School zones...



Enjoy the beautiful foliage this fall, enjoy a bon fire, pick apples and appreciate all that this Town has to offer. Take care of your neighbor and be kind to everyone.



Lastly, it is with excitement and some sadness that I announce my retirement in the next few months. It has been my complete honor to serve all of you. I will miss the kindness , the notes and especially the cookies and goodies! My wife and I will be moving to Florida and maintaining a residency there. My Deputy Steve Robson will be taking over and I

have confidence he will continue to serve all residents with professionalism!



God Bless all - John Greeley

Court Corner

As of September 9, 2020 the LaFayette Town Court will be open Monday thru Thursday 9:00AM to 5:00 PM, and court night will be every Wednesday from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. All safety protocols for COVID will be in place and all visitors will be COVID screened before entering Court.

For now, there are no DA nights scheduled. To communicate with the DA, please go to their website da.ongov.net and click on Traffic Ticket? What Do I Do Now? Please call the Court if you have any questions @ 315-677-9350 ext 0.

Court will be closed on October 12, November 11, 25,26, December 24, January 1, 2021.

We 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!

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

Phone: (315)677-9350

Fax number: (315)677-4622



**Honorable Maureen Perrin and
Honorable Adrian Shute
Carleen, Katey & JoAnne**

Employee Highlight

Spotlight on Kitty Rienhardt!

Twenty Five Years Serving the Town of LaFayette!

Kitty will be the first to tell you that “I’m originally a Valley Girl” but found her home to be LaFayette!

She grew up on the “southside of Syracuse” and attended Clary School on Salina Street and then graduated from Corcoran in 1972. Just as many other young ladies, back in-the-day and still do, Kitty worked at Green Hills Farms. As destiny would have it, not only did she enjoy her job but she also met her future husband, Bob, working at the “Farm” too!

Kitty and Bob married and then moved to LaFayette in 1988 where they have lived on McConnell Road for the past 32 years. Kitty and Bob have two children, Heidi (LCS Class of ‘97) and Brandon (LCS Class of 2000).

Interesting Fact on Kitty: she and her sister Gina are co-owners of Central City Supply. They have been in business for 24 years and still are going strong.

How did she become the Tax Collector? Mary Jo Kelly (Town Clerk) and Mary Doster (Town Assessor) “greatly encouraged” Kitty to fill this position knowing her work ethic and ability to work with People! Kitty always gives 100% of her time and effort.



Favorite part of the Job: I love the people who come in, particularly our Senior Citizens. “I’m a People Person, I was involved in all of my children’s school activities, and my job allows me to still be involved with our Community. “

Why did you and Bob pick LaFayette as your home? “It was a big adjustment from the Valley! We loved how quiet and peaceful it is here, we loved the people that we met, and the lifestyle afforded here”.



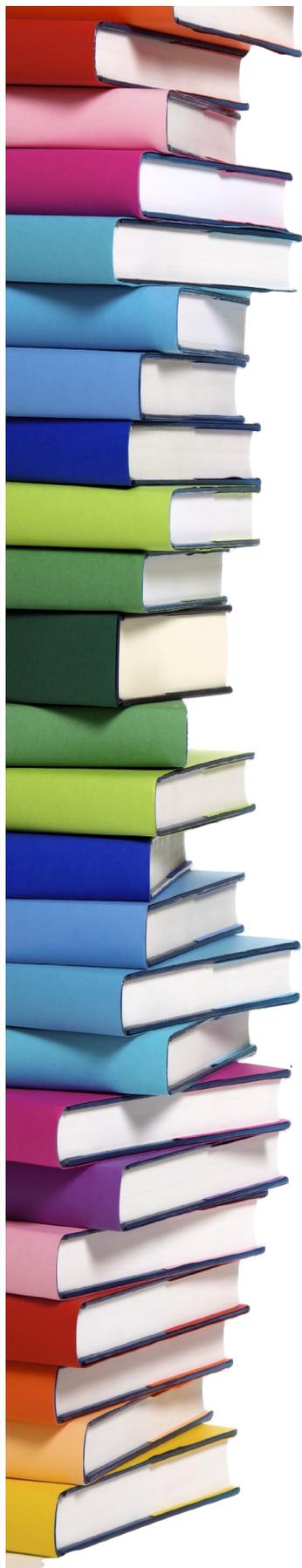
What do you love about your job: “I love numbers and working with them”! I love the challenge of figuring them all out. That’s why Mary Jo “begged” me to apply for this job. I had a great time working with Teresa Mech and then she moved on and it was a natural step for me to stay in it, I’m thankful for all I learned from Teresa, Mary Jo, and Mary Doster!

Thank you for your 25 years of Service to
LaFayette Kitty!

Please come in and say hello to Kitty when it is
safe to do so!

—Bill McConnell

From the LaFayette Public Library



So this has been one interesting Spring and Summer. We have all had to adjust to a different lifestyle. We managed to have some sort of summer reading program and we are grateful for the people who were able to provide programs virtually. It is our hope that by next summer we'll be able to do live programming!

As a reminder, you are still able to download materials and access the databases:

Databases: www.onlib.org > learn > online databases

Downloadable: www.onlib.org >find > ebooks & more. There is also information on our website – www.lafayettelibrary.org with the above links and more!

Since July 13 we “reopened” our doors by appointment. Here is how it works:

The LaFayette Public Library is now open for limited in house use. We discontinued curbside pickup on July 13 except by special request. **Please note: to maintain health protocols during the pandemic, no one will be allowed in the building without a face covering. We also ask that you sanitize your hands upon entering the library, with sanitizer we will provide. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping us safe and healthy.** **Returning items:*** (this process is the same as when we were closed) As things come into the library via the book-drop, they will be quarantined for 4 days before they are checked in. At that time, the check in date will be backdated to when they were put into the book-drop, so it looks they were returned on the drop off date. This way both the staff and the patrons can rest assured that the items that are being handled for check out or put into delivery to other libraries are safe from contamination.

Picking up items

We will maintain the 15 minutes intervals for patrons to come to get items, except instead of curbside pickup, you will schedule a time to come into the library to pick up items and browse. For now, we'll do 3 patrons per 15 minutes to better insure social distancing. This also includes other services like making copies, faxing, etc.

Pick up schedule (15 intervals)

Mon. & Tues: 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Thursday: 12 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Friday: 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

*PLEASE NOTE: we will continue to leave the book drop unlocked for drop off, and to quarantine the items for 4 days. Therefore, please return items in the book drop rather than handing them to staff or placing them on the counter. Thank you!

From the LaFayette Public Library cont'd...

Computer use: in house and wireless

You can schedule a time to use a computer at 1 hour intervals. We have six slots/hour for in house computers and 5 slots/hour (places to sit) for inside laptop use (wireless is still available outside the building 24/7). If no one is waiting for either a computer or laptop spot, your time can be extended

One hour intervals:

Monday & Tuesday – 10:15 – 5:15 (last slot 5:15-6:15)

Wednesday – 10:15 – 3:15 (last slot 3:15-4:15)

Thursday – 12:15 – 5:15 (last slot 5:15-6:15)

Friday 10:15 – 3:15 (last slot 3:15-4:15)

As many of you know, we got a grant to do a digitization project of the LaFayette Jr/Sr. yearbooks – years 1920 -2001. The project is complete and available at the following link:

<https://nyheritage.org/collections/lafayette-yearbooks>.

Don't have access to the internet at home? Reminding you that we now circulate 7 Chrome Books with a Verizon hotspot. They go out for 3 weeks. You can place holds, but no renewals. Note: we ask that you try to restrict these to one tech pack per family, as there are a lot of families sharing a limited amount of tech packs. We are told that the hotspots can handle multiple devices. They must be returned to the lending library and need to be checked in at the circulation desk. It must be verified that all parts are returned before the kit can be returned. Come take advantage of this. This is the courtesy of our county legislators (County Legislature Chair Dave Knapp and County

Executive Ryan McMahon in particular). Please thank them if you get a chance!

Reminder: the library has three Empire passes that allow access to any of the New York State parks, and two passes to the Onondaga county parks. The Empire passes and the Onondaga County park passes can be checked out for a three day loan period, only one per family at a time and no holds or renewals. These passes are good throughout the year. Enjoy!

We would like to thank you for your ongoing support when using Amazon Smile <https://smile.amazon.com/>, login as you normally would, and choose LaFayette Public Library for your charity of choice, and for every \$1000 spent Amazon donates \$5.00 back to the library – with no extra charge to you! Thanks!

We have an ongoing jigsaw puzzle exchange in the entryway to the library. Pick up a puzzle or two – leave a puzzle or two. The puzzles coming into the library have to be quarantined like anything else coming into the building. We appreciate your cooperation!

As long as there is a necessity for social distancing, we will not be doing any live programming. Therefore, our story hours have been postponed indefinitely. We continue to look into ways to offer some virtual programs. As mentioned above, there are still databases and downloadable materials available. Thanks for your patience!

—Scott Kushner

From the Southern Hills Garden Club

Monthly Meeting, October 20, 2020 at 7:00 pm with Lisa and Tim Ballantyne of Ballantyne Gardens presenting "Fall Back to Spring Ahead" has been cancelled.

Southern Hills Garden Club meets the third Tuesday of each month, February through November at the LaFayette Community Center, some meetings are offsite. Guests are welcome, and membership is open to anyone interested in Gardening, For information and to be sure there is not a cancellation (due to COVID 19), please contact Cathy Nagel at 315-677-9342 or email CEN42085@aol.com.

-Patty Kroneck



From the Community Council

Questions about recreational activities can be found 24/7 on the town's web site at the following link <https://www.townoflafayette.com/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. Emails are also accepted at lafayettecommunitycouncil@townoflafayette.com. The mailing address is: LCC, PO Box 98, LaFayette, NY 13084



Youth Programs:

Youth programs resumed on July 6 and were conducted following state guidelines for sports and

recreation activities. LCC offered the following sports in July and August:

Tee Ball for boys and girls in grades K&1 – Coached by Chris Baker and Angel Enigk

Baseball/softball for boys/girls grades 2 & 3 – Coached by Missy Hogan and DJ Mahar

Baseball/softball for boys/girls in grades 4-6 – Coached by Mike White, Travis Homer, and Wayne Brennan

Lacrosse for girls in grades K-6 – Coached by Julie Clarke and Terri Clarke

Lacrosse for boys in grades K- 6 – Coached by Todd Briggs, Nate Loughlin, and Pat Dwyer

Thank you to the coaches and everyone else that helped with these programs, including Glenn Christoffel and Kate Jugan.

Fall Sports – soccer is underway and will conclude mid-October

Winter Sports – We hope to be able to conduct our winter programs, including grades 2-4 basketball, girls' volleyball, grades 5 & 6 basketball (boys and girls) and wrestling. The ability to conduct these programs is dependent on state mandates, as well as whether and when we will be able to use school buildings.

If you are interested and able to help with the basketball, volleyball, or wrestling programs – **AND WE DO NEED YOUR HELP** - please contact LCC at 677-7272.

We cannot offer these programs without volunteers who are willing to share their expertise as coaches. Thank you.

Ski Program: LCC's Friday night skiing will begin in January 2021. We will hold two information and

registration sign-up nights: Thursdays, October 29, and November 5, 6-8 p.m. at the Town Offices. **DEADLINE FOR FORMS AND PAYMENTS IS NOVEMBER 15.** Pricing information and forms are available on the Town's web site under the Community Council skiing tab.

Adult Programs:

Senior exercise, yoga and men's basketball remain on hold for the time being.

Announcements:

Updates on all LCC programs can be found on the Town's web site under the "Community Council" tab. Information is also posted on LCC's Facebook page and the Town's social media outlets (Twitter, Facebook). When possible, notices will also be provided through the LaFayette School District.

Community Council Board: All current members of the board of directors will be stepping down as of December 31, 2020 and need to be replaced. Please consider taking on one of these Board positions: President, Vice-president, Treasurer, or Secretary. Ideally, these positions need to be filled as soon as possible to assure a smooth transition – current board members will be available to direct the new board members through the end of the year. In addition, the recreation clerk will be available to the new Board to assure continuity of programs. If you have any questions about any of these positions, e.g., responsibilities, please contact a board member.

In addition, new members are needed; LCC needs new members so that we can continue our current programs, and your ideas and input so that we can expand the array of programs we offer.

—Dave Prince





Let's preserve our rural character
Learn more about
Conservation Subdivision Design Process at:

<https://snowfallatnight.wixsite.com/design/conservation-subdivision-design>



we're all in this
TOGETHER
... six feet apart



From the LaFayette Senior Citizens

Unfortunately, due to the Pandemic, all the activities and trips usually enjoyed by the LaFayette Senior Citizens have been put on "hold" until it is deemed safe to get together again. These are times like no other during our lifetime, and most of us are impatient to get back to whatever we can do to get past these restrictions that we have.



As soon as it is deemed safe, our callers will let everyone know when we will resume meeting. Until then, stay well, keep your Faith, and hopefully we can meet again soon.

—Rita Bush

Christmas Tree Lighting

Brought to you by:

Town of LaFayette

Town of LaFayette Fire Department

LaFayette Optimists

LaFayette Community Council

Michael Grimm

LaFayette High School Band/Choir

Sunday, December 6, 2020 4:30 pm

Christmas Carols, Refreshments

Visit from Santa on the Fire Truck



From the LaFayette Optimists

Greetings LaFayette Community!

I want to start with a big THANK YOU to the Community for supporting the Optimist Golf Ball Drop. We had a successful event with strong support that will allow us to fund our scholarships and event schedule. Please see the adjoining list of Ball Drop winners:

The Ball Drop capped off an enjoyable summer. Thanks to the Applefest for hosting 4th of July festivities so we were still able to enjoy Town FIREWORKS! Stafford Park was heavily used, while getting some needed upgrades. The flag display was expanded to include flags for each of our Military Service branches. The tennis courts have been resurfaced, buildings got fresh stain, and signs have been replaced.

The Optimist Club is looking for your feedback on Community Projects for us to support. Please use the Suggestion Box (and Donation Box!) at the Park Pavilion to share your thoughts with us. You can also post to the Optimist Facebook page, or reach out to a member to give us your ideas. One idea we have considered is a Dog Park area for our four-legged family members.



Looking forward, we will have our Halloween Party coming up on Friday 10/30. This year may look different depending on the safety guidelines at the time. We are working on alternative ways to hold the party if Grimshaw is not available. We will spread the word once the situation is clear.

After Thanksgiving we will be putting up the Christmas decorations and preparing for the Tree Lighting event.

"Promise yourself to look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true."

from The Optimist Creed

—Doug Kautz, Secretary

2020 LaFayette Optimist Golf Ball Drop WINNERS

- 1st Jill/Kelly Shute
- 2nd Bill Johnson
- 3rd Jeff G
- 4th Josh Amidon
- 5th Bob Mac
- 6th Tom Amidon
- 7th Melisa VanRipper
- 8th Pat Keller
- 9th Mark Chambers
- 10th Andy Porter



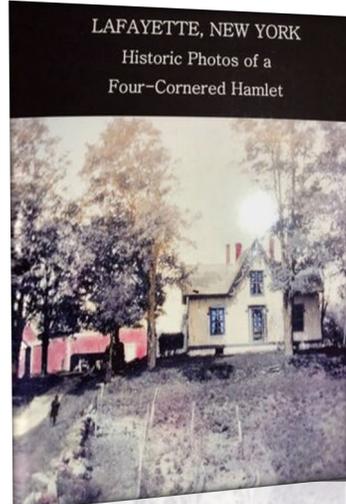
Roy Dodge and LaFayette History

“Reflections by Roy”

For one hundred years the town’s population had been declining and it did not regain its 1840 figure until the 1950’s. For a century there was only two groups of people living here: descendants of the old Yankee families who had settled in the early 19th century and the later Irish families. Both intermarried among themselves and almost all were farmers. At the end of World War II there were still 75 working farms in town.

I grew up in a household where the past was always a part of the present. My father’s farm had been in the family for over 130 years when I was born. Its memories were a part of daily life. I enjoyed hearing about “the old days” from my parents and grandmothers and other elderly people. I was especially close to Burdette and Elva Bush who lived on the next farm south of us and soon I was banging on their door to ask questions about “who was related to whom”. When I was fifteen I began making notes of conversations with them and my special friend, Miss Caroline Farrington, who lived in the house later the LaFayette Public Library.

It is important to become familiar with the collected and printed sources of local history. I first visited the Onondaga Historical Association November 25, 1960 and next year I will have been a member for sixty years. As a result I began collecting old LaFayette photographs to be copied there by Richard Wright. He made prints for me and for the OHA collection. Now I have about 1600 pictures gathered from many sources.



By the 1970s I wanted to compile a history of the town for the 150th

anniversary of its creating in 1975. I decided that I might as well have “the name as the game” and suggested that I be named the officially appointed “town historian”.

The job of town historian which I held for ten years (1974—1984) is charged with “collecting, preserving and interpreting” its history. I am proudest of the work I did with Eleanor Neuman, and later when I was Town Clerk (1977– 1981) to preserve the early town papers. They had first been examined by Newton King back in 1939. He had arranged for all of them from the first twenty-five years of the town’s organization to be placed at the OHA. The remainder were housed in a cement block “closet” in the town highway building. By 1975 they were in deplorable condition. Their story is a long and complicated one. But the summation is that I am the only person living or dead to have examined and counted all of them. There are 2300 at the OHA which were not made available to me until after the history was completed. And there are about 1300 which I placed in the Regional History Collection at Cornell University in 1980.

I am pleased that my life-long interest in the town’s history has led to the preservation of much that would otherwise have been lost. My deep concern at present, as I head toward the end of my life, is that the collection will be preserved. And just as important is finding someone to become familiar with it and the many people represented in it.

By Roy Dodge, September 2020

LaFayette, NY: Historic photos of a four-cornered hamlet is available at the Town Clerk’s office. It contains over two hundred photographs and more than twenty five other illustrations in 94 pages. The price is \$25.00.

It is the fourth in the series of old-time picture books from the collection of former town historian Roy Dodge. All four of Roy Dodge’s historical books can be purchased at the LaFayette Town Offices.

Church News

Onativia United Methodist Church

6257 Dodge Rd. (P.O. Box 316) LaFayette, NY 13084

Joint us for worship—Sunday mornings at 9:00

Celebrating 160 years of worship at the corner of Apulia and Dodge Road

Pastor: Shin, Se Gye

Email: pastorsegyeshin@gmail.com

Church email: onativiachurch@hotmail.com



Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world

Fish Dinners: Take out only in October & November—watch for posters and signboards for dates.

All COVID protocols will be followed—Masks required, social distancing and sanitizing!

Columbian Presbyterian Church



For a full schedule of upcoming events, find us on-line at
Columbianpresbyterianchurch.com or follow us on FACEBOOK
www.facebook.com/pages/LaFayette-Columbian-Presbyterian-Church

Pastor Shawn Reburn

Corner of Route 11 & Route 20
LaFayette, N.Y. 13084

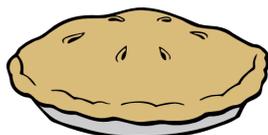
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Sunday Worship Service 10:00am
& streaming from our facebook page

Chicken Barbecue	Saturday, October 10	11:00 till gone
Cookie Café	Cancelled for 2020	
Trunk or Treat	Saturday, October 31 (in parking lot only)	5:00—6:30 pm
Election Night Roast Beef Dinner	Tuesday, November 3 (to go only)	4:00—7:00 pm
The Great \$5 Sweater PLUS Sale Vintage/new/ugly sweaters & sweatshirts, snow pants, suede & leather coats, wool coats, ski jackets, collegiate apparel, scarves & surprises	Saturday, November 14—Sunday November 15	Sat 10:00am-4:00pm Sun 1:00—4:00 pm



Crumb top and 2 crust Apple Pie Sale—pre-order @ 315-677-3293

Frozen unbaked pies will be ready at the end of September. Pre-order NOW for your holiday table and spring cabin-fever cravings.



"A Christ-Centered Family Church"

Robert Gates, Senior Pastor

Sunday Worship Schedule

9:30—10:30 am	Worship Service
10:45—11:45	Worship Service
6:00 pm	Ignite Prayer Ministry (1st & 3rd Sundays)

~ Bible Quizzing~

Bible Quizzing is for 3rd-12th grade students and practice is held on Thursday evenings, from 6:30-8:00 pm.

This year quizzers will be studying the Gospel of Matthew. For more information or to register please contact the church office at 315-677-9810.

If you would like further information concerning our church or its programs, please contact the church office at 315- 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, subscribe to our weekly email update, The Weekly Connection, and find out even more details about our various programs www.lafayettealliance.org



**LaFayette Alliance Church
Community Trunk or Treat
Saturday, October 31, 2020
5:00—8:00 pm**

**Games—Crafts—Candy—Fried Dough—Mini Midway
Revisit our Summer Trip to Mystery Island
Masks Required! - Info 315-492-8431**



**Come Celebrate Mass with Us
St. Joseph's Catholic Church of the Nativity**

6104 Route 20 East, Lafayette, New York 13084
Ph- 315-677-3439 / Website- www.stjosephslafayette.org

Sunday 9:00am with Rev. James H. Carey

Additional Mass Locations and Times:

Immaculate Conception (Pompey)	Sunday – 9:30 am
St. Leo's (Tully)	Saturday – 4:30 pm / Sunday – 8:00 am
St. Patrick's (Otisco)	Sunday – 9:00 am

****Notice: Regular Mass times are in place—St. Joseph's website will provide upcoming events or specialties****

SPECIAL NOTICE—ST JOSEPH'S "FAMOUS" APPLIE PIES FOR SALE

St. Joseph's will be selling their "FAMOUS" APPLE PIES at the church Oct. 10th & 11th from 10am to 4pm
Cost per pie will be \$12. Purchases can be made by cash or check with drive-thru services

You can also pre-order your pies (5 or more) via email- stjosephspies@gmail.com
or by phone at 315-677-3216 Please leave name, Ph# and qty to buy.

**Go to St. Joseph's website for Pre-registration to attend our mass
St. Joseph's website - www.stjosephslafayette.org
St. Joseph's Church looks forward in seeing our member's at Mass!**

Town of LaFayette
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Upcoming Events—Oct-Nov-Dec

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	ADD'L INFO
10-8-20	Drive Thru Rabies Clinic	Environmental Health Field Office 4170 New York 31 Clay, NY 13041	Registration required: https://apps.health.ny.gov/doh2/applinks/cdmspr/2/counties?DateID=51
10/13/20	Town Board Meeting	LaFayette Commons	6:30 pm
10/20/20	Chicken Barbecue	Columbian Presbyterian Church	11:00—gone
10/26/20	Mammography Screening	Town of LaFayette Offices	10:00 am—3:00 pm
10/30/20	Optimist Halloween Party	TBD	
10/31/20	Trunk or Treat	Columbian Presbyterian Church	5:00—6:30 pm
10/31/20	Trunk or Treat	LaFayette Alliance Church	5:00—8:00 pm
11/3/20	Election Day	Designated Polling Place	6:00 am—9:00 pm
11/3/20	Election night roast beef dinner	Columbian Presbyterian Church	4:00 –7:00 pm takeout only
11/10/20	Town Board Meeting	LaFayette Commons	6:30 pm
11/14/20	Great Sweater Plus Sales	Columbian Presbyterian Church	Sat 10:00 am—4:00 pm Sun 1:00—4:00 pm
12/6/20	Christmas Tree Lighting	Post Office Parking Lot	4:30 pm
12/8/20	Town Board Meeting	LaFayette Commons	6:30 pm

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