



LaFayette

Community Newsletter

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From the Deputy Town Supervisor Community Survey Coming—Crossroads Building

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The Town Board of LaFayette is conducting a survey of Town residents that asks for



Take our survey.

their input on the options of what to do with the Crossroads Building, the vacant historic building located on the southeast corner of US Routes 11 and 20. Responses to the survey will be used by the Town Board as it considers which of these options to pursue:

1. Demolish the building and construct a lawn or park – to be owned and maintained by the Town
2. Rehabilitate the building into a restaurant and inn – to be owned and operated by a private developer

The survey will be mailed to each street address within the Town of LaFayette in November. Adult residents can respond to the survey online or drop them off to the Town Offices. The mailer will provide details about the two options and how residents can respond.

The survey is a follow-up to a community survey conducted in May 2022, and is different in that:

1. The Town was awarded \$1.9M in state grants that can be used for rehabilitation
2. The Town is expecting to be awarded another County grant of \$0.5M, for a total of \$0.8M that can be used on either park or rehabilitation
3. The Town now knows the demolition and park construction will not cost Town property taxpayers, and the cost to maintain the park going forward
4. The Town now knows that building rehabilitation is technically and financially feasible
5. The Town now has a willing developer to negotiate an agreement to purchase the properties, rehabilitate and operate the building
6. The Town now has an estimate of how much new revenue the rehabilitated building will create from the sale of the property and from annual Town and school taxes

Please respond to the survey. Our Town Councilors want to know what its fellow residents think about this important and highly visible decision. —Mark Distler

From the Town Supervisor

Next on Deck! Thank you Mark for the LaFayette Hotel Survey update on page 1! I ask all of us to respond to this simple survey and I hope that the Town receives an 80% or greater response rate on this. The Town Board has spent more than a year of effort and decision making to get to this point.



Many thanks are owed with the project, particularly to Mark Distler and Jeanie Gleisner Earle for their inspiring leadership and their Herculean effort to acquire the grant funding.

I'll add a couple more updates on active Town projects.

LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY CENTER

The basement floor has been completely renovated by Harmatuk Construction & Concrete with stone and a new cement floor over the open soil areas. This will abate the moisture from the open-soil floor that has caused the buckling of the hard wood floor on the main level over the years. The main floor will be replaced by a new wood floor beginning in mid-October and it will be completed by November 6th. The Center will be reopened at that time for use. Please contact our Town Clerk's office to schedule your use of the center. One very fortuitous update – ***The Town received a \$100,000 grant from the Onondaga County Office for the Aging that has been earmarked for the make-over of the Center's kitchen area! The Town applied for the grant earlier in the year and Thank You to County Legislator Dave Knapp for his support at the County level!***



Rest room renovations, a new heat and air conditioning system and the refurbishment of the front porch entrance will be underway over time and are on-going. Let me take a moment to salute the late Greg Scammell (former Town Supervisor) for the work he accomplished over 25 years ago to



secure grants and to keep this historic building safe, attractive, and functional! We are building upon his legacy to keep this Center "alive and well" for Community use!

STAFFORD WALKING TRAIL

The reseal was completed in May of 2023 by Brush It Driveway Sealing.

TOWN OFFICE BUILDING

Amidon Construction LLC has replaced the East and North side of our building with new siding during August.



THE CARDIFF WATER DISTRICT



B&L Engineering completed a water survey that covered the LaFayette Hamlet area north to the Onondaga County Water

Authority (OCWA) water tank on Sentinel Heights Road and also the Cardiff Hamlet Water District area. This was a dual-fold purpose with the intent to survey the residents on their need for a public water system, particularly the twenty eight users of the Tookes Spring in the Hamlet of Cardiff.

Survey Results:

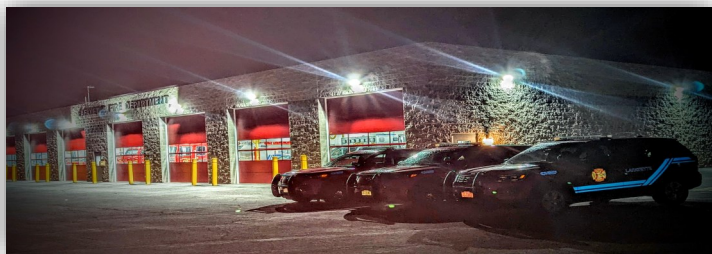
- ◆ 16% have run out of water, 5% have suffered water contamination, 42% had bad tasting or undrinkable water, 52% concerned about fire protection.
- ◆ 64% of the homes that were surveyed were in favor of public water, 31% were not in favor, 5% were unsure.
- ◆ 49% were in favor of public water with a fee of approximately \$85 per month, 44% were not in favor, 6% were unsure.



Most important to note, the Town now has eight years remaining on our OCWA agreement to operate, support, and maintain the current Cardiff Water District that currently draws over **6,400 gallons of water per day from the spring!** The Town's goal is to provide this district with a public water system to replace Tookes Springs as the main supplier of water to the residents within this District. Although the water supply from the springs is treated, its ability to supply water over time (meaning how many more years) is unknown by the experts who have studied the state of this water source. We will keep you posted on this as updates are provided.

From the Town Supervisor cont'd...

The Cardiff Water Project is a priority issue for the Town. I met with Congressman Brandon Williams in August to discuss the need for Federal assistance. He was very interested in working to fulfill the needs of our residents!



THE LAFAYETTE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The LFD has done a great job in refurbishing the fire station! I was invited for a walk-through in July and I was very impressed with the work that was completed. Jay Erickson (LFD President) and Ashlie Carrier (LFD Ambulance & Treasurer) then briefed the Town Board and those present during the August Town Board meeting on the improvements. These improvements were included in the Town's 2023 annual budget. Great job by all!

SOTS TRASH SERVICE

The SOTS contract was put out for bid for renewal during the spring of 2023 and was awarded in September 2023. The three-year contract was awarded to Dependable Disposal, our current service provider.

Includes the Towns of LaFayette, Tully, Fabius, and Pompey and our trash pickup will continue seamlessly without any interruption to our current service.

The good news is that our current annual home service rate of \$350 to pick up and dispose of your trash and recyclables will not increase over the next year. I had also requested that a smaller (65 gallon)

blue trash bin be provided at a lower annual cost for those residents who do not need the larger (95 gallon) trash container. Unfortunately, this option was not included in the bid, thus, there is not an opportunity to lower your cost if you are a low volume trash consumer.

However, you may still call Dependable Disposal and request the smaller "Blue Bin" if you prefer it in lieu of the larger bin. You may arrange this by calling Dependable at 315-472-7455. Leave your name and address if you cannot connect with an employee. The replacement bins will be delivered on a Friday of the week that you call in.

Your current annual cost should remain stable for the next 18-24 months. What drives our cost up? The 'over-the-road cost' such as fuel cost – this is the primary trigger for any cost increase to the consumer. Next comes operations and maintenance cost, insurance, wages, all the tangibles that it takes to provide you with your trash service.

I receive many calls from our residents regarding our trash service. I will remain aggressive in bringing your concerns up to the SOTS Committee to investigate possible solutions. This committee consists of the Supervisors for each of the Towns that are members of the SOTS service.

Please give me a call if you have any trash issues that you need assistance with.



2024 BUDGET TIME

Feel free to stop in and listen to the discussions from the Town Board!

Thank you for your time reading this and please contact me with any ideas for improvement within our Town functions!

—Bill McConnell

A message from County Legislator Dave Knapp



I am excited to announce that I have secured a \$100,000 grant to be used for improvements to our Town Community Center. Specifically, the funds will be used to replace the floor on the main level, redesign the kitchen with new appliances and fixtures and several other minor improvements. A special thanks to County Executive Ryan McMahon for his help in securing this grant.



From the Town Clerk

My first official newsletter as your town clerk, and I will be completely honest it is a little bit daunting. I hope that the transition for you, our residents, is as seamless as it possibly can be and we promise to do our best to serve you.

Did you know that hunting licenses are currently on sale?? They will be available August 1, 2023 – October 1, 2023 during regular Town Clerk hours. Did you also know that if you purchase a lifetime license, that includes big & small game, fishing & turkey, for your child or grandchild before their 5th birthday it is only \$380... it could be a great holiday gift.

PROVIDED AT YOUR TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

- ◆ 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
- ◆ Routine Passport Processing (again please call for an appointment)
- ◆ Hunting & Fishing Licenses
- ◆ Handicap Permits, be sure to have a form completed by your physician
- ◆ Notary Public Services (Free of Charge for Residents)
- ◆ 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 Or deputytownclerk@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.

RABIES SHOT CLINICS/ONONDAGA COUNTY

HEALTH - Rabies clinics are available by appointment at: www.ongov.net/health/env Appointments are recommended and a voluntary donation per family is greatly appreciated. They are also available for a minimal fee at Tractor Supply 315-432-1640 or Country Max 315-656-7698.

EARLY VOTING INFORMATION



LAFAYETTE FIRE STATION #1 (Rear Entrance) 2444 Route 11 South, LaFayette NY 13084

2023 EARLY VOTING DATES & TIMES FOR THE NOVEMBER 7, 2023 GENERAL ELECTION AT THE ABOVE LOCATION

Saturday, Oct 28	9:00 am—5:00 pm
Sunday, Oct 29	9:00 am—5:00 pm
Monday, Oct 30	10:00 am—6:00 pm
Tuesday, Oct 31	10:00 am—6:00 pm
Wednesday, Nov 1	12:00 pm—8:00 pm
Thursday, Nov 2	12:00 pm—8:00 pm
Friday, Nov 3	10:00 am—6:00 pm
Saturday, Nov 4	9:00 am—5:00 pm
Sunday Nov 5	9:00 am—5:00 pm

You can find out more about early voting by contacting the Onondaga County Board of Elections at 315-435-8683 or the State Board of Elections at 518-474-1953 or www.elections.ny.gov

Garbage/recycling schedule: If you have lost your calendar that Dependable Disposal gave you with regard to garbage/recycling days, please call (315) 472-7455 and press option #4 for a new calendar. Any issues, questions or concerns with trash pick-up should be directed to Dependable Disposal as well.

From the Town Clerk cont'd...

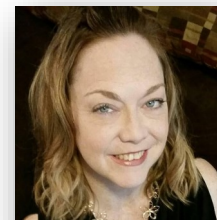
Don't forget to visit the 50th **LaFayette Apple Festival on October 7th and 8th, 2023**. We are all looking forward to a huge success for all the community groups who work so hard all weekend in order to raise funds for their organizations. Not only are you going to have a great time, great food, and great rides, you can check out all the tents full of crafts and support many of LaFayette's Organizations while doing so.

*On behalf of all of us in the Town Hall, the Town Board, etc. we wish you and your family a Happy Halloween, Blessed **Thanksgiving**, and Don't forget about **LaFayette's Annual Christmas Tree lighting on Sunday, December 3rd, 2023** in the Post Office parking lot.*

*We hope you have a **Merry Christmas**. We also hope "**2024**" blesses you, your family and friends with good health, wealth, prosperity and lots to laugh about. As always, we pray for all our service men and women and thank them for all the freedoms we enjoy every day, especially during the holidays because of their sacrifice.*

—Tonya Farewell, Deputy Town Clerk

—Kristin Colburn, Town Clerk



Court Corner

New York State Unified Court System has a website for court related help. Visit www.nycourthelp.gov

Our hours are as follows:

- Mon-Thurs 9:30—5:00 pm
- Closed for lunch 12:30-1:30 daily
- Closed on Fridays

The court is closed Monday, 10/9, Wednesday 11/22, Thursday, 11/23 and Monday 12/25/2023. There will no court night on Wednesday 12/20 and Wednesday 12/27/2023

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

- Court nights are every Wednesday starting at 6:00 pm
- Evictions are also on Wednesday at 5:30. Please call court to schedule.
- Tickets can be mailed to the court address with the plea section filled out and signed.



LaFayette Town Court
P.O. Box 135
LaFayette, NY 13084

School is back in



session!! Motorists please be aware of school children and buses. Slow down, please use caution and pay attention!!

State law states that

traffic from either direction approaching a stopped school bus with flashing red lights must stop before reaching the bus. Drivers should stop their vehicles at least 20 feet from the bus. You must stop whether you are approaching a bus from the front or from the rear, even on divided or multi-lane highways. Do not ever pass a school bus on the right. Fines start at a minimum of \$250 to a maximum of \$400, plus state surcharges and 5 points on your license for a first offense.

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



From the Highway Department



As we head into the fall and winter months, I would like to thank all our residents for their patience while our Highway employees completed work on our town roads this summer. It has been a year with lots of challenges but our employees were able to overcome the challenges set before them. We were able to complete 100% of our road work in the Cardiff area this season as well as a few other roads throughout the town. Our department will continue with ditching, shouldering, mowing and completing some small projects on our town roads as weather permits. Our fall brush pick-up is complete for this year and Free Mulch will be available until mid-October.

Residents, please take note: For all future brush pick-ups, your brush piles need to be stacked along the edge of the road and no longer than 8'. This service is intended for a fallen tree limb and minor tree trimming **"NOT"** major tree removal and property clearing. If you have a tree removed by a contractor, that contractor is responsible for removal of the debris. We also do not pick-up grass clippings and leaves. Please visit OCRRA at <https://ocrra.org/locations/compost-locations/#acceptable> to see what's acceptable at their locations.

GREAT NEWS RESIDENTS OF LAFAYETTE



I started applying for the "Bridge NY & Culvert Grant" in 2019 when I was the Deputy Highway Superintendent with the help of Mark Chambers, C&S Engineers. I have been applying every year for 2 bridge grants (Clark Hollow Road and Walberger Road) and 2 culvert grants (Cascade Road and McClary Road). After 4 long years of applying. I am pleased to announce that, the Town of LaFayette has finally received a Bridge NY Grant for replacement of "Clark Hollow Bridge over Cascade Creek". It has been approved for funding through the 2022 BRIDGE NY Program in the amount of \$1,719,358.00. I will be meeting in the weeks to come with Mark Chambers and Jim Craig of C&S Engineers to see what our next steps are moving forward.

Residents, please place your trash cans roadside so they are not in the road as portrayed below during the winter months. Lastly, enjoy the fall months, stay safe and don't forget about the **LaFayette Apple Festival** and remember to appreciate all of those volunteers that make it an amazing event! Please never hesitate to contact us at 315-677-9535 if you have any questions. **-Steve Robson Highway Superintendent**



LaFayette Highway Department

Left to Right Joe Ambrose, Luke Greczyn, Tom Kurtz, Mike Stiner, Joe Nolan, Don Skinner, Deputy, Steve Robson, Supervisor and Bill Sutton



From LaFayette Outreach

LaFayette Outreach, a United Way agency, provides a wide variety of social services to the LaFayette community and School District, the Onondaga Nation, and the southern part of Onondaga County. LaFayette Outreach is located at the Church of the Nativity about a mile east of LaFayette's Town Center on US Route 20. **Hours are:** Tuesdays 9:30am to 12noon, 1st and 3rd Thursdays 5:00pm to 6:30pm. Other times may also be arranged by calling the Outreach office. Volunteers are always welcome and needed.

The following services are offered or supported by Outreach:

- ◆ Food Pantry
- ◆ Seasonal Aid Programs
- ◆ Referral to Onondaga County agencies
- ◆ Meals-on-Wheels-315-637-5446
- ◆ Women-Infant-Children (WIC)-315-435-3304
- ◆ Friends in Service Here (FISH)-315-696-8659
- ◆ Food \$en\$e-315-696-5092



FOOD
pantry

Meals
on
Wheels

wic WOMEN, INFANTS,
& CHILDREN

FOOD \$en\$e
a monthly food co-op for everyone

For information about any of these programs contact the **LaFayette Outreach Office at (315) 677- 5221**

50th Annual Apple Fest



Please come out and enjoy the food, rides, crafts, entertainment and support all our local non-profits.

- Saturday, October 7— 9:00 am—6:00 pm
- Saturday/Sunday, Oct 7-8 Pancake Breakfast—7:00 am
- Saturday, October 7—at dusk 50th Anniversary Fireworks
- Sunday, October 8— 9:00 am—5:00 pm

Happy Anniversary



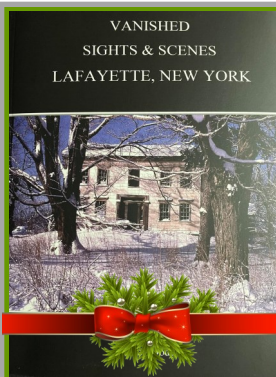
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FISH is a volunteer organization that provides transportation to medical appointments for individuals unable

to drive themselves, or unable to arrange other transportation. The program is primarily sponsored by PEACE, Inc. It currently serves those residing in the towns of Fabius-Pompey, LaFayette and Tully. Drivers and dispatchers are needed in all 3 communities. The FISH program is a free service. All drivers and dispatchers are volunteers.

Please spread the word that more drivers, and dispatchers are needed. If you can spare one partial day a month (or more) to help out your neighbors, call Barb at (315) 696-8203.

-Kay Butkus



Merry Christmas!

Roy Dodge's latest book of LaFayette pictures, Vanished Sights and Scenes, is available at the Town Clerk's office. Still in stock are the four earlier books: The Conklin Mills and Falls, Views and Vistas of Onativia, Cardiff and its Environs and Historic Photos of a Four Cornered Hamlet. **All have been discounted to a price of \$20.00 and no tax.**



Recycling Rules in Onondaga County



CURBSIDE RECYCLING

PAPER

Newspapers, magazines, catalogs and softcover books

Keep loose, don't tie.

Papers and mail (including window envelopes)

Boxes: Cardboard, takeout pizza, pasta, cereal, etc.
Empty and flatten.

Cartons: Milk, juice, soup, etc. (plastic spouts = OK)
Empty, rinse & reattach cap.

PLASTIC

Bottles: Drinks, soap, shampoo, squeeze, and spray. (no bottles that held toxics)

Jars: Mayonnaise, sauce, nuts, jelly, etc.

Jugs (items with a handle): Milk, orange juice, water, detergent, windshield fluid

Stackable tubs (dairy/dairy alternatives only): Butter, yogurt, cottage cheese, etc.
Empty, rinse & reattach lids.

METAL

Food and beverage cans
Empty, rinse and put lid inside can.

Aluminum foil and disposable aluminum pans and plates
Must be cleaned and wadded up.

GLASS

Food containers: Salsa, jam, sauce, and salad dressing, etc.

Beverage bottles (any color)
Empty, rinse, reattach cap.



Do NOT put any recyclables in plastic or paper bags. Every item should be loose in the bin.



DROP OFF TO RECYCLE

Shredded paper
Details at OCRRA.org or put in the trash.

Plastic bags (clean and dry)
Recycle at large grocery and retail stores or put in the trash.

Electronics
Details: OCRRA.org/ewaste

Propane tanks
Details: OCRRA.org/propane-tanks

Batteries
Details: tinyurl.com/BatteryDrops

Light bulbs
Details: OCRRA.org/fluorescent-bulbs

Place LED & incandescent bulbs in the trash.



TRASH

Frozen food, takeout, soda and beer boxes

Egg cartons (any type)

Tissue paper and items with glitter or foil

Plates and cups

Tanglers (cords, hoses, ropes, chains, etc.)

Clamshells (berry, salad and bakery containers, etc.)

Disposable cups, plates and utensils

Containers that held toxics

Small appliances (toasters, vacuums, etc.)

Mixed material canisters (oatmeal, cocoa, peanuts, coffee, etc.)

Empty metal paint cans

Metals not listed above

Broken glass - properly secure to protect haulers

Drinking glasses and ceramic mugs

Ovenware and dishes

Windows, picture glass and mirrors

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, 315-677-7272. Messages will be retrieved at least three times per week and an LCC board member will return your call. Emails are also accepted at lcc@townoflafayette.com The mailing address is: LCC, PO Box 98, LaFayette, NY 13084. Follow us on Facebook.

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New Website coming soon!

Youth Programs:

Summer Sports:

Lacrosse: LCC would

like to thank all the volunteer coaches and assistants who made our summer lacrosse program a success. We couldn't do this without you!

Fall Sports: Soccer is underway for pre-K through 6th grade with over 100 participants. The soccer season will conclude mid-October. Thanks to our volunteer coaches and parent helpers, we couldn't get this season started without you.

Winter Sports: Wrestling, basketball and volleyball are planned for the winter season—stay tuned for registration details.

Adult Programs:

Basketball: Mondays starting September 18 from 7:00-9:00 PM at Grimshaw Elementary.

Volleyball: Begins Fridays in October. Watch the LCC website and social media for updates on Registration.

Volunteers needed!

Announcements:

Apple Festival: We need your help running the pizza booth at the Apple Festival; please consider putting in an hour or two to support our youth programs. Kids are welcome to help too. Please contact LCC via email or send a message if you are available to volunteer.

Other Programs:

Ski Program: We will hold two information and registration sign-up nights: Thursday, November 2nd from 6 pm- 7:30 pm and Thursday, November 9th from 6 pm – 7:30 pm at the Community Room in the Town Hall. Documents will be available for individuals/families to complete on those evenings. There will be no transportation provided for Friday night skiing. Participants under the age of 18 will need to have an adult on site.

If you are able to help with the LCC programs – **AND WE DO NEED YOUR HELP** -please contact LCC. We cannot offer these programs without volunteers who are willing to share their time and efforts as coaches. Thank you.

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.

—Hillary Bevens



The LaFayette Lacrosse Alumni Association is pleased to announce the 16th annual alumni event will return on Saturday, November 25, 2023 at 12pm. The game will be played at Tsha' Thoñ'nhes, the Onondaga Nation Fieldhouse. All alumni, family and friends are invited to come and celebrate the rich history that we have all shared together! Donations are welcome at any time and can be sent via Venmo @LaFayette-Lacrosse or by check made out to The LaFayette Lacrosse Association, PO Box 385, LaFayette, NY, 13084. Stay tuned for more details!

From the LaFayette Boy Scout Troop 100

This summer 12 Scouts enjoyed a week at summer camp in the Adirondacks while 3 from our Troop worked as Staff for six weeks! In August we held two high adventure canoeing and overnight back country hiking trips in the Adirondacks as well as our annual leisure paddle along Sandy Creek to Lake Ontario.

Our Troop is blessed with many Adult Leaders and Parents who have trained in Youth Protection, First Aid & Wilderness Survival. Keeping our youth safe while challenging their personal growth is a main tenant of the Scouting Program.

Annually, we spend nearly \$500 per Scout but only charge \$150! Fundraisers like the local bottle drive & AppleFest are huge for us. So are our donators like the recent estates of Greg Scammell and Betty Doolittle.

We are grateful for the support of our community and friends like Norman Hatt, who gifted us cold weather clothing, backpacks and fishing gear as well as Kim and Janet Conners and Dot/Jeff Booher for their canoe donations..

Our local Scouting Program is thriving and it is our pleasure in giving back with Service to our Churches, Parks, Fire Departments and Environmental organizations.

As our Slogan states: *Do A Good Turn Daily.*

—Christian Borchert



From the LaFayette Fire Department

Lots of hard work went in the renovation of LFD Station 1 into the 21st Century. There is a new kitchen, bunk room with 5 separate bedrooms and new public bathroom. Also the Onondaga County Fireman Association Training Trailer (pictured below) will be featured in future training sessions at LFD. With it various fire scenarios can be replicated providing “real feel” firefighting opportunities. Take a look at some of the improvements made in the following photos.

—Jay Erickson



From the LaFayette Library

Newsletter

Would you like to receive updates on what new items are available at your library? You can sign up for a weekly newsletter at

www.wowbrary.org. Enter your zip code, and select LaFayette

Public Library. Finish entering your email and submit. It's that easy! The newsletter will include not only print materials but digital items as well. You can select to only see print material, only digital materials, or both. Even better, you can put items of interest on hold straight from the newsletter. It's like coming into the library to look at the new books, but from the comfort of your couch.



Library Hours

Mondays	10:00 am—7:00 pm
Tuesdays	10:00 am—7:00 pm
Wednesdays	10:00 am—5:00 pm
Thursdays	10:00 am—7:00 pm
Fridays	10:00 am—5:00 pm
Saturdays	10:00 am—2:00 pm
Closed Saturdays during the summer July through Labor Day	

From the LaFayette Optimists

Greetings LaFayette Community!

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer. I would like to offer a big THANK YOU to the Community for supporting the Optimist Golf Ball Drop. We had a very successful event. And your continued support allow us to fund our scholarships and events. Please see the list of Ball Drop winners:



Pictured left to right: Top ticket seller, Ron Bush, Optimist Club, Danielle Conway 3rd place, Tory Heffron, 1st place and Bill Applegate, 2nd place

The Optimist Club is always looking for your feedback on Community Projects for us to support. Please use the Suggestion 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.

Looking forward, we will have our Halloween Party coming up October 27th. Please keep on eye on our Facebook page for further details. We are also looking

forward to seeing everyone at Applefest this October. Please stop by and say hello.

After Thanksgiving we will be putting up the Christmas decorations and preparing for the Tree Lighting event on December 3 at the Four Corners.

—David Coakley, Secretary

"Promise yourself to forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future." — from The Optimist Creed

2023 LaFayette Optimist Golf Ball Drop WINNERS

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| 1 st | Tory Heffron |
| 2 nd | Bill Applegate |
| 3 rd | Danielle Conway |
| 4 th | Jimmy Mac |
| 5 th | Joe Marzo |
| 6 th | Bre Nuttig |
| 7 th | Mark Distler |
| 8 th | Rachelle Acosta |
| 9 th | Jerry Case |
| 10 th | Paul Dwyer |

Notable LaFayette Person—Harrison Thomas Part 2

In the last Community Newsletter I talked about Harrison Thomas as the inventor of the Harrison Thomas Hay Binder. I had stated that the hay binder was manufactured by Adam Walburger of LaFayette. This was not the case. What was manufactured by Adam Walburger was the Harrison Thomas Hay Rack, another improvement of the hay racks that were in use. These hay racks had four wooden bows over the wheels of the hay wagon that were intended to keep loads of hay from slipping.

Harrison Thomas was innovative in other aspects of farm life. About 1880 he established a phosphate factory. For this he collected the carcasses of dead horses and his procedure was described in an essay written for the LaFayette Literary Society in 1881. "First the dead horse is skinned. The skin, if the mane and tail go with it, brings \$2.00. The hair of the mane are put through a certain process and we get it back in sofa cushions. The cartilage is boiled up and made into glue. The flesh is boiled, the fat skimmed off and sold separately. This we get back in soap. The hard bones of the horse's legs are used for the handles of knives, tooth brushes and other tools. The other bones and flesh are dissolved to an almost liquid form and mixed with plaster ashes to form the fertilizer phosphate. Honor and thanks to Mr. Thomas. His business affords a better illustration of life out of death than any other we know."

Unfortunately for Harrison his phosphate factory burned to the ground in March, 1883. He turned to the making of sauerkraut and the sale of butter. For this his son was on the road buying butter from local farm wives. This was brought home and placed in a wooden "butter worker" about fourteen feet long and six feet wide. Any rancid that appeared was worked out and the butter repacked in jars for sale in Syracuse. It was said that a thousand pounds of butter could be handled at one time.

The Depression of 1893-1896 finally killed Harrison's business ventures. He raised about fifty acres of potatoes but their price plummeted to ten cents a bushel. In January, 1898 a levy was made against his property. "It is more unfortunate,"

declared a newspaper correspondent, "as many farmers have drawn over twenty tons of cabbage to his kraut factory. It is a severe blow to him as he had already lost his hay and oats to fire." (LaFayette, N.Y.: A History-1975, pg. 225)

Added notes by Roy Dodge reveals the updated history of the Harrison Thomas farm. After Harrison Thomas and his family left LaFayette, the farm of 169 acres, along with 90 acres on the south side of Commune Road, was sold to Patrick Kennedy who arrived with his nine children. Patrick Kennedy sold the farm to Edward Naughton and Edward Naughton sold the farm to William Glasow Sr. from Wisconsin in 1921. Glasow raised potatoes and had a storage cellar on the north side of Commune Road. In 1923 Glasow sold ten acres to his son-in-law, Robert Putkammer, who built a house and later a small restaurant called "Willow Wild". Upon this site the Groth's built their True Value hardware store which opened in December 1974. Three other houses have been built on the former farm and a bowling alley now used for other purposes. In 1956-57 Route 81 cut across the property and about five acres are now included in Stafford Park as acquired by the Optimists. In 1975 the Willow Wood apartment



complex was begun and now the last piece of open land bears a sign "Coming Soon-Storage". The old Thomas farm house, built by Harrison's father Joseph about 1819, still stands. — **Rick Stout Historian**

I am pleased to add that after the last Community Newsletter, a Harrison Thomas Hay Binder has been graciously donated by Bud and Laurie Fisher from the collection of George and Bill Naughton of Naughton Road, LaFayette. It is now on display at The LaFayette Library for the month of October. Come and see the tool for which every farmer in the late 1800's and early 1900's owed their thanks to Harrison Thomas.



From LaFayette Senior Citizens

The LaFayette Senior Citizens' group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 12:00 noon in the LaFayette Fire Station, on Route #11 in LaFayette. (Please note that if school is cancelled due to inclement weather, the group will not meet).



This Summer LaFayette Seniors took several great trips: in June, we went to Ohio for some Island Hoppin' (who knew there were islands in Lake Erie?); in July, a trip to Niagara Falls;

and, in September, a cruise on the Hudson River. A lot of us joined the Tully Seniors in August for a trip to the REV Theater in Auburn for a performance of *Beautiful*, the Carole King Story.



At our August Meeting, we were entertained by William Locke who provided us with "Songs from our Yoot", a lot of nostalgia and sing-a-long material was very enjoyable!

There are still a couple trips in the works for the remainder of 2023:

LaFayette Trip

- 3-day Christmas in New York City trip, featuring Radio City Music Hall and a back door tour as well as a performance by the Rockettes; also, visit 9/11 Memorial; and, along the way, enjoy all the decorations NYC has to offer. November 27-29, \$619 per person, double occupancy. We're still looking for more travelers to help fill the bus and get into the Holiday Spirit!

For information on this trip, please contact Jennifer Hopper at 315-469-6592.



Tully Trip

- 2-day trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, to see performance of *Moses* at the Sight & Sound Theater, as well as shopping at Kitchen Kettle Village, and more. October 5-6, \$309 per person, double occupancy.



For information on this trip please contact Esther Hoose at 315-317-1618

Our LaFayette Seniors Group is always looking for new members If you are over 50 years of age, come and enjoy the companionship, have a delicious pot-luck lunch, and take part in the fun activities that are planned. To join, all you need to do is to bring a dish to pass, your own table service, and \$5 for dues for the year. Coffee and tea are provided. Anyone can join, whether you live in the immediate area, or not!

So, join us on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, see what the "Seniors" is all about, and hear about the trips that are planned for 2024! We also are hoping to have Roy Dodge, a prior Town Historian, share his knowledge of our community with us at a future meeting. Hope to see you at a meeting soon

—Rita Bush

LaFayette Rural Cemetery



We thank those who made contributions to the upkeep of the cemetery since the last newsletter. The donations help pay for mowing, maintenance, repairs and insurance for the cemetery grounds. Contributions can be made anytime to the LaFayette Rural Cemetery Association, and mailed to PO Box 94, LaFayette, NY 13084

As late fall and winter approach, if you or a family member have placed artificial flowers, flowerpots,

vases or flags on a grave, we would appreciate you picking them up before the first snow. During the winter season and spring thaws, many of these get blown around or broken.

In the April newsletter we hope to share some ideas the board is working on to make the cemetery more attractive. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to email us at:

LaFayetteRuralCemetery@gmail.com

We wish each of you a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas.

—Elizabeth Esmark, Secretary



**Christmas Tree
Lighting
Sunday,
December 3, 2023
Christmas Carols,
Refreshments, and a
visit from Santa**



REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED

LaFayette VFW

Saturday, November 11, 2023

4:00 pm till gone

Roast Pork, mashed potatoes,
squash, stuffing, rolls, dessert

Price: TBD

All Veterans with military id
dinner is on us

Southern Hills Garden Club



Southern Hills Garden Club meets the third Tuesday of each month, February through November at the LaFayette Firehouse, 2444 US Route 11, LaFayette. Meetings start at 7:00 pm. Offsite meetings typically have an earlier start time.

Guests are welcome and membership is open to anyone interested in gardening. For information regarding meetings or membership, please contact Cathy Nagel 315-677-9342 or Email CEN42085@aol.com

Tim and Lisa Ballantyne of Ballantyne Gardens will be guest speakers at the October Southern Hills Garden Club Monthly

Meeting, which will be held at 7:00 pm at the LaFayette Firehouse, 2444 US Route 11, LaFayette, NY 13084. Guests are welcome.

-Patty Kroneck



Sunday Services

LaFayette Alliance Church	10:30 am
Columbian Presbyterian Church	10:00 am
Onativia United Methodist Church	9:00 am
St. Joseph's Church of the Nativity	9:30 am



Church Events

LaFayette Alliance Church

Sunday School	Sundays	9:00—10:00 am
Coffee and Fellowship	Sundays	10:00—10:25am
Childrens Church Worship Service	Sundays	10:30 am
Ignite Prayer Ministry	1st & 3rd Sundays	6:00 pm
Summit Youth Group	Wednesday evenings	6:30
Bible Quizzing	Thursdays	6:00—8:00 pm
Trunk or Treat	October 28	5:30 pm
World of Life Olympians starting 10/4	1st and 3rd Wednesdays	6:30—8:00 pm
Thanksgiving Eve Service	November 22	7:00 pm
Clothing Giveaway	December 9	9:00 am—noon
Christmas Eve Service	December 24	6:00 pm

LaFayette Alliance Church
315-677-9810

www.lafayettealliance.org



FREE CLOTHING
giveaway

Columbian Presbyterian Church

Sweater Sale to benefit LaFayette Outreach	October 6 October 7 October 8	Friday, 6:00—8:00 pm Saturday, 10:00 am-3:00 pm Sunday, 12:00 pm—3:00 pm
Apple Pie Sales—frozen and unbaked	Starts September 25	
Chicken Barbecue (last one of season)	October 21, 2023	11:00—gone
Election Night Dinner (take out only)	November 7, 2023	4:00 pm—7:00 pm
Thanksgiving Eve Service— dinner prior	November 22, 2023	7:00 pm
Christmas Eve Service (two services)	December 24, 2023 Celebration of the Lord's table	4:00 pm w/children 7:00 pm

Columbian Presbyterian Church
315-677-3293

cpresbyt@twcny.rr.com

columbianpresbyterianchurch.com



St. Joseph's Church of the Nativity

Holy Hour	Wednesdays	6:30 pm
Faith Formation Classes	Start October 15	
St. Joseph's Childrens Shopping Mall	December 3	11:00 am
First reconciliation	December 9	
Christmas Mass Schedule	TBD Check website	

St. Joseph's Church of the Nativity
315-677-3439

www.stjosephslafayette.org

**Make sure to stop at St. Joseph's booth at the LaFayette Apple Fest
October 7 and 8 for Apple Pies and Apple Fritters
Thank you to all who assist with Apple Fest activities**



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Upcoming Events—OCTOBER—NOVEMBER—DECEMBER

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October 7	Apple Festival—Rowland Rd.	9:00 am—6:00 pm
October 8	Apple Festival—Rowland Rd.	9:00 am—5:00 pm
October 10	Town Board Meeting—LaFayette Town Hall	6:30 pm
October 17	Southern Hills Garden Club—Ballantyne Gardens—LaFayette Firehouse	7:00 pm
October 21	Chicken Barbecue—Columbian Presbyterian Church	11:00 am—gone
October 22	Pancake Breakfast—LaFayette VFW	8:00 am —12:00 pm
October 27	Optimist Halloween Party—Grimshaw Elementary	6:00 pm
October 28	Trunk or Treat—LaFayette Alliance Church	5:30 pm
November 7	Election Day—LaFayette Firehouse	6:00 am—9:00 pm
November 7	Election Night Dinner—Columbian Presbyterian Church	4:00 pm—7:00 pm
November 11	Veterans Day Dinner—LaFayette VFW	4:00 pm—gone
November 14	Town Board Meeting—LaFayette Town Hall	6:30 pm
November 25	Annual Lacrosse Alumni Event—Tsha' Thoñ'nhes Arena, Onondaga Nation	12:00 pm
November 26	Pancake Breakfast—LaFayette VFW	8:00 am—12:00 pm
December 3	Christmas Tree Lighting—Town Center	4:30 pm
December 9	Clothing Giveaway—LaFayette Alliance Church	9:00 am—noon
December 12	Town Board Meeting—LaFayette Town Hall	6:30 pm
December 17	Pancake Breakfast—Breakfast with Santa—LaFayette VFW	8:00 am—12:00 pm

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