

LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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Spring 2016

Welcome to the first issue of Lafayette Township's newsletter! We hope that you find all of the information helpful. If you should need further information, please visit our website at www.lafayettetwp.org.

To start, the Township needs help in naming our newsletter. All Lafayette Township residents are encouraged to submit their ideas to the Municipal Clerk, AnnaRose Fedish, at lafayetteclk@embarqmail.com.

LAFAYETTE DAY - Saturday, June 4th 11:00am-4:00pm

A fun filled day of activities and games is planned for the 2nd annual "Lafayette Day" which will be held on Saturday, June 4th from 11:00am-4:00pm. Rain date will be Sunday, June 5th.

Some of the activities will be: Snake Oil Willie Band, Miss Lafayette contest, bounce house, pie tasting and cake decorating contests, scavenger hunt for all ages, car and truck show at Lafayette Auto Parts, & so much more. The Lafayette Recreation Commission will be holding a "movie night" at dusk. Vendors (Lafayette residents/businesses & non-Lafayette residents/businesses) are being sought. More information can be found on the Township's website.

Volunteers are needed to make Lafayette Day a success. Adults and children from 6th grade and up are encouraged to help. If interested, contact Stephanie at landuse@lafayettetwp.org or 973-383-1817 x11.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

For a seasonal cost of \$25.00, you can have a plot in Lafayette's community garden. It is located at Lafayette Park and is completely fenced in, with a lockable gate. The plot is a 6'x10' prepared, raised planting bed. Water and a composting area are available. Information is on the Township's website.

RECREATION COMMISSION

The Township Recreation Commission is planning the following activities:

Fishing contest – Saturday, May 21st; registration at 12:30pm & the contest starts at 1:30pm. Children up to age 15.

Trophies for 1st place in each age group: 5 & under, 6-10 & 11-15.

Lafayette Day Movie Night Under the Stars for all ages, Saturday, June 4th at dusk, weather permitting.

2016 Swimming Season – Pond will open on or about June 25th

Summer Recreation Program – July 11th-August 5th, 9:00am-1:00pm, ages 5-12. Crafts, swimming, trips & more.

Contact Rachel Start at lafayettesummerrec@yahoo.com with questions.

Summer Movie Night Under the Stars for All Ages - Date to be Determined (check website)

Park Pavilion - Reserve and Gather at the Park Pavilion for a fee of \$75.00.

Please call Municipal Clerk if interested.

Please visit the Township's website for further information/updates. www.lafayettetwp.org

LAFAYETTE CENTER PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

Designer Handbag Bingo – Friday, April 8th at Lafayette Firehouse. Doors open 6:00pm & games begin 7:00pm.

Litter Weekend – April 23rd & 24th Giveaways, hot dogs & soda Saturday, April 23rd, 9:00am-2:00pm. at the Ludlum/Mabee House.

Miss Lafayette Pageant – June 4th, Lafayette Day. Contact Joan Smith 973-875-1447 for information.

Visit the Preservation's website for further information - www.lafayettepreservation.org

LAFAYETTE SENIOR'S CLUB

The Lafayette Seniors meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month at the municipal building at 1:00pm. 55+ are welcome. Contact Claire Pettenger for more information. 973-919-4169

LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP PTO

Casino Night – Friday, April 15th at 7:00pm. at Skylands Stadium

Tiger Chase 5K/10K Run - Saturday, May 21st

For further information - lafayettetigerspto@gmail.com

LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves and tell you a little bit about our organization:

The Lafayette Township Volunteer Fire Department was formed on February 19th, 1929, after a tragic fire had destroyed three homes near the center of town. In March a delegation of the newly formed Fire Department appeared before the town council that consisted of Frank Jones, Frank Hopkins, and William E. Plotts asking for approval of the name "Lafayette Township Fire Department".

We still provide fire protection to the township; but the scope of our services has expanded to include motor vehicle accidents and public assist calls. Basically that means that whenever a resident or someone travelling through Lafayette requires our assistance we are there to help.

We do this rain or shine, day or night with a department consisting of 19 on call members. This means that when you call 9-1-1 we get paged by dispatch and leave our jobs, homes and families to help our friends, neighbors and complete strangers. Don't think that we're complaining. We do it because we care.

If you would like to volunteer or have any questions or concerns for the Lafayette Fire Department please feel free to contact us at 973-383-0661. Also, remember to like us on Facebook at Lafayette Township Volunteer Fire Department to keep up with our future events, fundraisers and other info. We look forward to sharing more information with you in the future.

LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP EMS

Your friends and neighbors on the Lafayette Twp. EMS Squad would like to give a BIG thank you to all of the residents who contributed to our fund drive letter. Your generous donations allow us to serve you better and stay safe when trouble strikes.

As some examples of the things that your donations help to fund, we recently started carrying Narcan on our ambulances in the event that we need to counteract an opiate drug overdose. Most of our members have received additional training so that we can use CPAP devices that we carry on the ambulance to help people with severe breathing problems. We purchased additional reflective vests to help keep us safe (and OSHA compliant) at

accident scenes. We, also, plan on holding additional training classes to better serve you and to help our members keep their EMT certifications current.

Stop by and visit us at Lafayette Day. We will be doing blood pressure screenings and conducting five minute “hands-only” CPR classes to help you be prepared for emergencies.

If you have trees or bushes that are close to your driveway or that overhang your driveway, please consider cutting them back so that we can reach your house without damaging the ambulance. Your car may be able to get through with no problem, but the ambulance is much bigger; and we don’t want to be delayed in getting you the help that you need when you call 9-1-1.

Finally, but not by any means least, the Squad’s roster has been growing in the last couple of years. We have added three Cadet members (Cadets are aged 16 or 17), two of whom have since become Full members when they turned 18. Three of our members have earned their EMT certificates; and two more are currently enrolled in the EMT class. This, of course, is in addition to the many long-time members of the Squad.

We thank you all for your continued support & invite you to visit us on-line at www.litems.org.

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (OSAC)

Lafayette’s Open Space Advisory Committee has been busy over the last couple of years preserving property in the Township and are pleased to advise that Lafayette has acquired a tract comprised of approximately 50 acres on Warbasse Junction Road formally owned by the Lawler family and another tract off Lantz Road comprising approximately 73 acres formally owned by Emery and Lillian Castimore and their daughter, Candice Moose. The tract located off Statesville Quarry Road was targeted for preservation as it falls within the Township’s Ridgeline Protection Overlay Zone. The tract boasts healthy mature forested lands for passive recreation with the remaining 11 acres consisting of a cornfield that will be leased to farmers. This property was acquired using both the Township’s local Open Space Trust Fund and state Green Acres Planning Incentive Grant Funding awarded to Lafayette.

The first direct acquisition project for Lafayette, the purchase of the former Lawler property, will serve the long term recreation needs of Lafayette residents. There is potential for developing a portion of the property as athletic fields and walking paths. This tract is suitable for recreation opportunity due to its close proximity to the existing trail systems and other preserved property owned by the State. The OSAC is currently considering seeking federal grant funding for the Warbasse Junction Road property to support parking and trail construction at the site.

The OSAC meets in the municipal building the fourth Tuesday of each month and is currently seeking one resident to fill a three year term to serve on the Committee. Please contact the Municipal Clerk if interested.

Municipal Office Hours - 9:00am-3:00pm, Monday through Friday
973-383-1817 - 973-383-0566 (fax)

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Township Committeemen: Alan Henderson, Mayor

Gregory Corcoran, Deputy Mayor

John D'Angeli

Richard Bruning

Richard Hughes

AnnaRose Fedish, RMC/CMR - Municipal Clerk/Registrar

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