

# Newsletter

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## **VILLAGE OF LANSING** *Incorporated 1974*

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## **OCTOBER 2006**

Board of Trustees' Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 7:30 PM

Planning Board Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday and last Tuesday, 7:30 PM

Board of Zoning Appeal Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday as needed; 7:30 PM

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### **COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR**

We are nearing the end of the North Triphammer Road reconstruction project. The final paving will be finished by mid-October and most of the landscaping along with the new street lighting will be complete by the end of October. The only remaining work will be the completion of the four stone walls, similar to the one at Graham Road, at the Mall entrances and the establishment of the grass between the roadway and the sidewalks. We are planning a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of the project sometime during the first week of November.

I would personally like to thank all of our residents and visitors to the Village for their patience and cooperation during this two season long construction project. It has been trying at times but there is no other way of doing the necessary excavation work to provide the strong base for a roadway that has to support the traffic level of North Triphammer Road. The old road was basically a country road that had been paved many years ago and had very poor base materials that had to be removed and replaced with much stronger materials along with the installation of proper drainage structures.

Our contractor for the project, Suit-Kote, has done an outstanding job of maintaining traffic flow during the project. Denny Bilodeau, the on-site project manager and Joe Delany, project manager from the main office, deserve special recognition for their consistent very pleasant manner in dealing with problems as they came along and resolving them quickly. It has been a real pleasure for me to work with them. Byron Hall, our on-site construction engineer along with Rich Bauer, our project manager from Fisher Associates, have also done outstanding jobs. As we enjoy the fruits of their efforts in the years to come with the new North Triphammer Road, we also need to remember the hard work of all the people who made this project a reality. Thank you.

The other activity that is making progress is the inter-municipal sewer initiative. The Town of Lansing is holding public informational meetings about this 18 M\$ project that will provide municipal sewer service to areas in the southern part of the Town. It is an expensive project and the Town is working hard to secure additional outside funding to reduce the costs to the users of the system. The Village is involved because the projected one million gallon per day transmission line runs through the Village to get to the Cayuga Heights

Treatment Plant. The outcome of the discussions between the Village and the Town was an agreement that the best route through the Village was along the east side of Cayuga Heights Road from Route 34 to Cedar Lane and then down the existing Village sewer line to the treatment plant. To accommodate the increased flow, the line would have to be replaced with a larger diameter line (24 inch) as part of the project. The estimated cost of the portion of the transmission

line that would be in the Village is around 3 M\$. Because the Village would be able to use part of the capacity of the line, the Village has drafted a proposed memorandum of understanding for our local share of the cost of the line that amounts to 61 K\$. This would serve all current residents along the route along with those on Oakcrest Road and the projected growth for 20 years from the Environmental Impact Statement for the project. The Village has already paid for the Kline Road bypass which is covered under the Bond Act Funding for the Town of Lansing project and so the 61 K\$ is less than the Town will have to pay the Village once the project is underway. To be able to connect into the system, the Village will place a gravity sewer line in the same excavation as the forced main from the Town for a small additional cost. Because of the topography, it will also require a small pump station in the region of the sharp bend in Cayuga Heights Road just north of Cedar Lane. Additional small pump stations will be required at the ends of Twin Glens Road and Hampton Hill Lane.

The Town hopes to make its final decision for going ahead with their sewer project by the end of next spring. The project will almost certainly go to referendum in the Town. Only those Town residents who are in the service area will be permitted to vote in the referendum. Villagers will not be permitted to vote in the referendum.

Finally, it is fall and the annual brush pickup by the Town crews, assisted by our own DPW, will be during the last week of October. Let's all hope for a safe and pleasant winter.

Donald Hartill  
Mayor

### **LANSING STAR**

The Lansing Star covers both the Town and Village of Lansing, but with limited staff, we sometimes miss items. We love to get tips about things going on in the Village, kids and adults that are involved in unusual activities, or who have done something outstanding.

Stories can be about something Lansing kids are doing in the schools or scouting, clubs or sports teams. They can be about an adult with an interesting hobby, professional achievement, or accomplishment. They can be about business in Lansing or not-for-profit activities.

The Star accepts stories from volunteer writers of all ages, as long as they are in news story form. Announcements may be published for a small charge, and events may be placed in the Star Events Calendar for free. Some basic guidelines for volunteer writers are posted at [www.lansingstar.com/news](http://www.lansingstar.com/news). They outline what may be accepted for publication as a news story, free calendar listing, paid advertisement or paid announcement.

If you have a tip or want to write a story about activity in the Village or by Village residents, e-mail [editor@lansingstar.com](mailto:editor@lansingstar.com).

As always, you can read the Lansing Star for free at [www.lansingstar.com](http://www.lansingstar.com).

Dan Veaner  
Editor

### **COUNTY BUDGET**

Any report from the County at this time of year has to focus on the Tompkins County budget for 2007 – a work in progress.

For the first time in my memory, a County Administrator has presented us with a tentative budget that he is not recommending. This came about as a result of the fact that the County legislature at a meeting this past spring set a “goal” of a 0% tax-rate increase for 2007. In August all our departments and the agencies we contract with submitted their 2007 budget “requests” (needs) to the County Administrator, Steve Whicher, and thereafter he did his usual thorough review of them, which includes close scrutiny of programs, staffing, revenues, and expenses. He then told the Legislature that the results of his review, combined with results of the last several years of cuts, led him to a budget that would

require a tax increase – that he could not get to 0% without doing real harm. I was one of several legislators who recognized that 0% was a just a target to aim for, not an absolute, but several other, louder voices insisted on 0% and carried the day. Mr. Whicher went back to work and produced a 0% increase tentative budget that he cannot, in good conscience, recommend because of the consequences it would have if implemented. I agree with him.

For only an approximate 2.75% tax-rate increase – less than inflation – we could spare department and agency staff the angst of not knowing if their jobs and programs will survive, and we could avoid the predictable and “unintended” consequences these unwise cuts will have on county residents.

The Legislature has so far had four 4-hour “information” meetings at which we received presentations about the original budget requests and the impacts of the “non-recommended” cuts. We also had a public budget forum at which, for the first time I can remember, none of the several dozen persons spoke in favor of cutting taxes and all speakers asked us to restore cuts, with some saying they would accept an increase in taxes to keep so many services intact. Now we have just had the second of several scheduled 4-hour “voting” meetings, at which some restoration has taken place.

This is not a fun time of year for us, but there is really nothing we do that is more important than figuring out how best to direct the use of public monies.

Dooley Kiefer

District 10

## **TOMPKINS COUNTY SOLID WASTE DIVISION**

### *Celebrate America Recycles Day*

On November 4<sup>th</sup>, you can be a part of a nationwide effort to increase awareness of the benefits of recycling and waste reduction. Located at the Pyramid Mall from 11:00AM to 4:00PM, there will be activities, contests and entertainment for all ages. Come, bring the family and help Tompkins County Solid Waste Division celebrate America Recycles Day.

### *Finger Lakes Buy Green Website Launched*

A partnership between Tompkins County Solid Waste Management Division and Sustainable Tompkins has created a new website to support “green purchasing”. *Finger Lakes Buy Green* is the first regional source of useful information to help businesses and residents make informed choices about buying products that are made with recycled content or have less toxic, environmentally beneficial attributes. Visit the website at [www.fingerlakesbuygreen.org](http://www.fingerlakesbuygreen.org) to learn where you can buy green products locally.

### *Household Hazardous Waste Collection at the D.E.P.O.T.*

The next household hazardous waste collection day at the D.E.P.O.T. (160 Commercial Ave. next to the Recycling and Solid Waste Center) will be on Saturday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:00AM to 2:00PM.

To participate you must have a valid solid waste permit on your vehicle and you must call 273-4496 to pre-register for the collection day.

Linnett Short

Communication/Administrative Coordinator

## **STREET TREE PLANTING PROGRAM**

The Street Tree Planting Program seeks to encourage the planting of shade trees along Village streets. The Village offers to reimburse homeowners 75% of the cost of a tree, up to a maximum of \$75 per tree. To qualify, please follow these procedures:

- Make application to enter the tree planting program before the tree is purchased. Applications may be picked up at the Village Office or by calling the Village Office (257-0424) and requesting an application be mailed to you.
- The location for the planted tree must be mutually agreed upon by the property owner and a representative of the Village prior to planting.
- Reimbursement shall take place upon presentation of a receipt from a recognized nursery and approval of the planted tree by a Village representative.

Carol Willard

Clerk, part-time

## **YMCA**

*The YMCA enters a new era!*

The Ithaca YMCA is proud to announce its participation in Activate America. An innovative public health initiative, YMCA Activate America is helping to make a healthy living a reality in communities across the county.

Over the past 20 years, unhealthy behaviors, including physical inactivity and unhealthy eating, have led to an epidemic of obesity and related chronic disease in the United States. Today, obesity is associated with a series of chronic health conditions – including Type 2 diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, stroke, breast cancer, colon cancer, gallbladder disease, arthritis, sleep disturbances and breathing problems – putting the United States in the middle of a serious health crisis and reducing the quality of life of millions of Americans. As an Activate America YMCA, the YMCA of Ithaca and Tompkins County is committed to enhancing our service and support to the kids, adults, and families in Tompkins County.

In addition to supporting the people of Tompkins County in their journey to create and sustain a healthy lifestyle, as an Activate America YMCA, the Ithaca YMCA is committed to being an integral part of efforts to make long-lasting changes that support healthy living. The Ithaca YMCA is also committed to collaborating with other community partners to magnify its impact.

*New Cardio Equipment and Technology Improvements are Here!*

This fall, the YMCA will introduce a web-based membership access program that will improve communication, recordkeeping, facility controls, and program registrations. New key tags will replace the existing YMCA membership cards and the new internet access will enable the Y to expand programs and services.

Additionally, the entire second floor fitness area has rubber mat flooring installed and the cardio area includes 18 new treadmills and ellipticals with individual cable TV screens. Our goal is to assist you in meeting your health and fitness targets with quality equipment and knowledgeable staff. The fitness area is among the finest in the area.

Frank Towner

Associate Executive Director

## **WATER BILL PAYMENTS**

In the Village we have many people that go away for extended periods of time. If you will be gone during a time when your water/sewer bill is due, it is possible to pay the bill in advance to avoid a late penalty. Water and sewer bills come out quarterly at the beginning of January, April, July and October. They are then due by the 20<sup>th</sup> of that month.

Advanced payments can be sent to the Village Office. Please include your account number. The only problem that we may run into is that Bolton Points policy reads that if you do not read your meter for 3 consecutive quarters they will shut the water off. However, Bolton Point can send your meter reading card to a different person and address at your request. To do this, call Judy at 277-0660.

Jodi Dake

Clerk/Treasurer

## **LANSING OLDER ADULT PROGRAM (LOAP)**

*LOAP appoints new van dispatcher*

Lansing Older Adult Program (LOAP) is proud to announce the appointment of Floyd Wilson as van dispatcher for the Town of Lansing senior van. Floyd is retired from the Town of Lansing Highway Department. All van transportation needs will be directed through Floyd.

LOAP also continues with its Fall programs. The Decorative Art Class begins again on Monday afternoons from 2:00-3:30PM in Woodsedge Community Room. The class will be working on a waterfall scene on canvas. LOAP also offers ceramic classes twice a month on Friday afternoons. The senior exercise class with Marcia Larsen is held on Monday and Thursday mornings at Woodsedge. We invite Lansing seniors to take this opportunity to participate in our programs. If you have any questions regarding any of our programs or services, please contact Pam, the Office Manager at Woodsedge at 533-4792.

Marilyn Paradise  
LOAP Consultant

### **PLANNING BOARD NEWS**

The Planning Board approved one new Special Permit during this past summer. This permit was for a second office building of 8,147sf on the same lot on North Triphammer Road where the new building for the Cardiology Associates is being built. Rob Colbert, Greenstate Properties, has not provided any information as to when construction will begin.

The Colonial Veterinary Hospital received final approval for the Special Permit, previously submitted, requesting expansion of their existing facility from 3,830sf to 18,255sf. The Colonial Vet Hospital also received approval of a minor subdivision for a small parcel on the south side of St. Josephs Lane into two parcels, one of which is to be dedicated to the Village as open space and the remainder to be consolidated with the existing property of the hospital.

In May 2006, the Dart Estate received approval of a major subdivision which divided the lands of the estate into three parcels which were distributed among the three heirs of the estate. These lands are those directly north of the homes along the north side of Dart Drive and those undeveloped lands south and west of the homes along the south side of Dart Drive. Currently the Planning Board has received a preliminary discussion document for these aforementioned undeveloped lands along the south side of Dart Drive which would create approximately eight building lots. This proposal also includes the creation of two building lots along the north west side of Dart Drive east of the Graham Road intersection. The Planning Board will seek to obtain recreation land as these parcels are submitted for subdivision. These recreation lands may be used to add trails to the Greenway system, create a neighborhood park or be retained as open space. These recreation lands would be intended to serve the residents of the Dart Drive/Graham Road/Wood Thrush Hollow Road neighborhoods but would also be available to any Village resident. Village residents who have an interest or recommendation regarding the future use of these proposed recreation areas should e-mail the Village Clerk at ([clerk@vlansing.org](mailto:clerk@vlansing.org)).

Ned Hickey  
Planning Board Chairman

### **VILLAGE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

#### *Fall Brush Pick-Up*

The Town of Lansing Highway Department will be providing a fall brush and limb pick-up on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Residents are asked to leave all materials near the roadside by 6:00 A.M. *Monday* morning. To assist the work crews, all limbs and brush (up to 5 inches in diameter) should be piled with the cut ends facing the same direction. The limbs should be no longer than 5 or 6 feet in length. Also, the piles should not be tied but should be left loose. It also helps if thorny materials are separated from the rest.

Each household is limited to approximately one pick-up size load. Excessive amounts will not be picked up and will become the responsibility of the homeowner to see they are removed. Leaves and trash bags will not be picked up.

#### *Christmas Tree Pick-Up*

Christmas trees will be picked up the week of January 8<sup>th</sup>. All Christmas trees must be near the roadside by 7:00AM Monday morning as the Highway Department makes the pick-up collection around the Village streets and roads.

John Courtney  
Supt. of Public Works

#### **OFFICE FOR THE AGING**

On Monday October 23rd, the Tompkins County Office for the Aging will be holding its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Citizens' Fair at Titus Towers, 800 South Plain Street. We invite Tompkins County seniors to join us for this day of food, education, and most of all, fun!

From 9-9:45AM there will be a Public Hearing on the Office for the Aging Annual Plan. From 10-10:45AM there will be a choice of workshops to include Brain Aerobics, Common Eye Conditions Among Older Adults, Dealing with Conflict, Common Sleep Disorders, Singing for all Ages, and The Medicare Prescription Drug Plan. There will also be ongoing offerings from 10AM-12PM by the Office for the Aging, the Finger Lakes Independence Center, the Health Planning Council, and Cayuga Medical Center. The morning sessions will be followed by a Foodnet lunch. Seating for the Senior Citizen's Fair is limited and reservations are required. Please contact the Office for the Aging at 274-5490 for a reservation.

Trina Schickel  
Aging Services Specialist

#### **ITHACA BREAST CANCER ALLIANCE (IBCA)**

*Join us for the IBCA Walkathon on October 28!*

The 13th Annual Walkathon of the Ithaca Breast Cancer Alliance will be held Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Festive pre-walk activities, including a new children's tent, will take place on the Ithaca Commons from 10:00AM until 1:00PM. The theme of this year's event is "Access to Care" to highlight that too many people have difficulty obtaining the care that they so vitally need. Please show your support by joining us and our master of ceremonies, Geoff Dunn of Cayuga Radio Group.

Volunteers are needed to help with the Walkathon. Please call IBCA at 277-0960 or e-mail to [info@ibca.net](mailto:info@ibca.net). We'd love to have you!

Bob Ritter  
Associate Director

#### **LANSING COMMUNITY LIBRARY CENTER (LCLC)**

The Lansing Community Library Center (LCLC) is temporarily closed for renovation. We are putting on an addition, which will consist of a children's reading room, computer area and a better circulation and book processing area. There will also be a wheelchair lift for easier handicap access.

The summer reading program was a tremendous success with 123 registered children reading 1500 books. Although we are closed, patrons can still return books to the library and use LCLC to return books to the public library downtown. Our anticipated re-opening is November. Please watch the newspaper and other media for more information as the construction project nears completion.

When we reopen we will continue with our regular business hours:

Monday 3-8PM

Tuesday 9AM-12PM, 6-8PM

Wednesday 9AM-12PM, 3-8PM

Thursday 6-8PM

Friday 9AM-12PM Story hour 2 year olds 10-10:20AM, 3 years and older 10:30-11AM

Saturday 9AM-1PM

Sunday: closed

For more information call the library at 533-4939.

Bobbi Wasenko

LCLC

### **LANSING RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

The following adult recreation programs are ongoing:

*Men's Basketball* – Mondays began Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> 7:30-9:30PM

*Women's Basketball* – Thursdays beginning Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> 7:30-9:30PM

*COED Volleyball* – Tuesdays began Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> 7:30-9:30PM

*Women's Volleyball* – Wednesdays began Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> 7:30-9:30PM

*Senior Open Swim* – began early October

*Yoga* – began Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> 5:30-6:45PM

Adults are welcome to join at any time. The registration form must be completed and the fee must be paid prior to participating.

Additional fall youth programming, with starting dates, include:

*Bowling* after school at the Bowl-O-Drome – beginning Oct. 26th

*Gymnastics* – at Finger Lakes Gymnastics Academy – beginning Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>

*Youth Basketball* for boys & girls – December TBA

*Skiing* at Greek Peak – January 8th

*Skating* – January TBA

Specific program information, along with time, dates, location and fee are included on each individual program registration form. Youth program forms may be found at the Recreation office, Town Hall foyer and on-line at:

[www.recreation.lansing.ny.us](http://www.recreation.lansing.ny.us)

Please feel free to give us a call at 533-7388, with any questions you may have regarding our Parks or Recreation programs.

Thank you for your continued support of our programs.

Patrick Tyrell

Recreation Supervisor

### **TAXES**

Residents in the Village of Lansing may be eligible to obtain a reduction in their taxes. Seniors may apply for either the

Senior Citizen exemption if the household income is less than \$34,400 or the Disability Exemption which does not contain income guidelines. If you are interested in either of these and feel you may qualify, contact the Assessment Department at 274-5517 for more information. Both forms are due by March 1<sup>st</sup>. These forms may be downloaded at [www.tompkins-co.org/assessment/forms/download.html](http://www.tompkins-co.org/assessment/forms/download.html).

Another partial tax exemption is the New York State Tax Relief (STAR) program. The basic STAR is not based on income and all residential property owners qualify for a reduction in school taxes if this is their primary residence. For those with household incomes under \$67,850 there is also an enhanced STAR exemption. Owners of qualifying property must file an application which is due by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Again this form can be downloaded. Further details can be obtained by calling 274-5517.  
Carol Willard  
Clerk, part-time

### **NORTHEAST SENIORS UNIT**

The Northeast Seniors enjoyed six months of fine meals and programs and have now started our 2006-07 meeting schedule. Our first meeting was held in September.

We are a unit of Lifelong; (Tompkins County Senior Citizens Council) and have been in existence since 1988. We meet on the second Monday of the month at St. Catherine of Siena Hall at 302 St. Catherine Circle from 12 noon to 2PM for 10 months of the year. Our first meeting of the year started in September. We welcome seniors of the Village of Lansing, over the age of 60 to join the Northeast Seniors Unit. As a member, you will meet new people, enjoy a varied menu and share some time together in fellowship. We are non-denominational and are open to all residents of the community. Our program includes a dish to pass (as well as a catered Holiday luncheon in December and a free chicken barbeque in June) followed by a program or presentation of interest. The programs are varied. We have speakers presenting items of interest to seniors, travel videos and an occasional Bingo game. Our dish-to-pass luncheons are always good, delicious and varied. You will need to bring your own table service and a main dish, dessert or salad to pass. Our yearly dues are minimal: \$5.00 for individual and \$7.00 per couple. A monthly newsletter will notify you of the next month's activities.

It's a nice group and we'd be delighted to have you join us. Just come to the next meeting and we will sign you up. Questions? Call Al DiGiacomo, our Treasurer at 257-0271 or our President Bob Dyer at 257-0756.  
Al DiGiacomo  
Treasurer

### **TOMPKINS COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

#### **Natural Features and Working Landscapes**

The Tompkins County Planning Department will hold a series of public meetings to discuss stewardship of natural features, working landscapes, and outdoor recreation in Tompkins County. Six upcoming meetings will focus on the lakeshore, southern, and western portions of the County. They will be held at the following locations:

*Tuesday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> 7-8:30PM*  
Caroline Town Hall

*Thursday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> 7-8:30PM*  
Tompkins County Public Library, Borg Warner Room

*Wednesday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 7-8:30PM*

Danby Town Hall

*Thursday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> 7-8:30PM*

Newfield High School Cafeteria

*Thursday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> 7-8:30PM*

Lansing Town Hall

*Wednesday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> 7-8:30PM*

Trumansburg High School Cafeteria

These meetings support the implementation of the *Tompkins County Comprehensive Plan* Natural Features Focus Area Project, which calls for establishing a more strategic and coordinated approach to protecting the natural, economic, recreational, and aesthetic value of lands in the County. The meetings are designed to give the public an opportunity to learn about these resources, contribute local knowledge, and discuss management and conservation issues.

For more information, visit <http://www.tompkins-co.org/planning/NFFA/project.htm> or contact the Tompkins County Planning Department at 274-5560.

Kathy Wilsea

## **LIFELONG**

*Lifelong: Enhancing the Second Half*

Our tag line really says it all. Lifelong's mission is to enhance the second half of life for older adults in Tompkins County. We accomplish this in several ways. Each week at Lifelong, there are dozens of on-going activities. These include exercise classes, creative arts, dance classes, writing groups, a men's club, etc. Each year we plan about six day trips and a couple of overnight trips through New York State and New England.

Our Lifelong Learning program offers semester based courses and presentations. Each semester provides a host of new classes design to keep our minds sharp and engaged. Language classes include Spanish, French, German, and Italian. If you are just starting out on the computer, we've got lots of classes to help you get started. There are Art Appreciation Classes, Writing Classes, Current Events and more.

The Health Insurance Counseling program provides one-on-one counseling for seniors as they sign up for Medicare, choose a Medi-gap policy, or consider whether Long Term Care Insurance is right for them. In the past, twelve months we helped 1,154 seniors with their decision regarding Medicare Part D, the prescription drug coverage. Eight enrollment clinics are scheduled for this fall's annual enrollment period. Call us at 273-1511 for dates and times.

RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) not only helps to keep older adults active, it helps over 68 agencies where the volunteers work. Last year our volunteers donated 60,734 hours to the community. The Independent Sector, a national organization that monitors the not-for-profit sector, values those hours to be worth \$1,382,913. One of the programs RSVP runs is the Tax Counseling for the Elderly program. In 2006, we assisted over 1,100 seniors, persons with disabilities and people with low income with their taxes.

For more information about our programs and services visit our website at [www.tclifelong.org](http://www.tclifelong.org) or visit our new blog at [www.tclifelong.blogspot.com](http://www.tclifelong.blogspot.com). Visit Lifelong at 119 West Court Street in Ithaca and pick up a weekly calendar or a Lifelong Learning Catalog. You can also hear about upcoming programs and activities by tuning into WHCU – 870 AM every Saturday morning at 9:15AM.

Bill Hawley

## NOTARY SERVICES

Notary public services are available free of charge to Village residents at the Village Office. Residents are asked to telephone the Village Office at 257-0424 to arrange a time for this service.

Carol Willard

Clerk, part-time

## LEARNING WEB'S YOUTH

Attention parents of middle and high school students! Is your child looking to do something fun and different this fall? Consider the Learning Web's Volunteer Community Service Project (VCSP), or Career Exploration Program. Funded by the Joint Youth Commission of Tompkins County, the VCSP is an award-winning program that offers middle-school-aged youth from the Town of Ithaca, Village of Cayuga Heights and the Village of Lansing the opportunity to do volunteer projects that benefit their community. The Learning Web's Career Exploration Program offers Tompkins County youth (ages 11-21) opportunities to gain hands-on experience in their career fields of interest.

This fall, the VCSP program is available to students at DeWitt but is currently filled. In the spring, the VCSP will be offered to Boynton students. Examples of past service projects include: organizing a benefit dinner for a national cancer organization, playing with animals at the SPCA, creating a Public Service Announcement for the Radio, leading games for the Fall Creek After School Carnival, baking and serving cookies at Loaves and Fishes, painting a porch at the Red Cross Homeless Shelter, clearing trails for the Finger Lakes Land Trust, holiday decorating at Oak Hill Manor, and more.

The Learning Web's Career Exploration Program includes job tours, job shadowing, and paid and unpaid apprenticeships under the one-to-one guidance of adult mentors. Through this program, youth gain practical work skills and experience, learn about adult roles and responsibilities, and clarify their goals for future careers and schooling. Apprentices generally meet with their work-site mentors after school, approximately 3-10 hours a week. Youth undertake apprenticeships, tours and job shadowing in areas such as veterinary medicine, computer programming, auto repair, engineering, cosmetology, law, plant science, child care, and more.

Interested youth and parents should contact Sue at the Learning Web at 275-0122 or via email at [sue@learning-web.org](mailto:sue@learning-web.org) for more information.

Sue Schwartz

Youth Works Coordinator

Learning Web participants Natalie Lamb, Alex Kochian and Kevin Nicholson display the invasive weeds they pulled up at the Finger Lakes Land Trust's Ellis Hollow Nature Preserve this summer. The three youth were part of a larger group that did service projects at a variety of places during The Learning Web's Summer Service Program.

## VILLAGE OFFICIALS

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Trustee	John O'Neill	266-7306
	<a href="mailto:johnoneillati@cs.com">johnoneillati@cs.com</a>	
Trustee	Lynn Leopold	273-3457
	<a href="mailto:LynnBird58@yahoo.com">LynnBird58@yahoo.com</a>	

## VILLAGE EMPLOYEES

Clerk/Treasurer	Jodi Dake	257-0424
Clerk, part-time	Carol Willard	257-0424
Code Enf./Zoning Officer	Ben Curtis	257-8363
Supt. Of Public Works	John Courtney	257-6280
Motor Equip. Operator	Rick Beckwith	257-6280
Ombudsperson	Carol Mallison	564-3396
Village Accountant	Ciaschi Dietershagen	
	Little & Mickelson	272-4444

Trustee	Franklin Moore 273-0966 <a href="mailto:FKM1@cornell.edu">FKM1@cornell.edu</a>	Dubow & Marcus 273-6841	Village Attorney	Barney Grossman
BZA Acting Chair	Mary Sirois		Village Engineers	TG Millers 272-6477
Planning Bd. Chairman	Edward Hickey 257-0865		Engineering Consultant	Brent Cross

**EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

John Courtney, Superintendent of Public Works  
6 AM – 4 PM, M-F (257-6280); Other times (849-4970)

**VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES**

Southern Cayuga Lake Intermunicipal Water Commission.....	Donald Hartill, H. Michael Newman
Tompkins County Board of Representatives, District 6.....	Michael Sigler
Tompkins County Board of Representatives, District 10.....	Dooley Kiefer
Tompkins County Environmental Management Council.....	John Dennis
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