



Newsletter

VILLAGE OF LANSING *Incorporated 1974*

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

Planning Board Meetings: 2nd Monday and last Tuesday, 7:30 PM

Board of Zoning Appeal Meeting: 3rd Tuesday as needed; 7:30 PM

Comments from the Mayor

Fall is here and we are busy trying to finish all the road repairs, trail repairs, etc. that have been delayed due to the very wet summer that we have had. We will also be doing some minor paving of North Triphammer Road to get us through the winter. The other rite of Fall is the brush pick-up by our Village crew. The dates of the pick-up and the guidelines appear later in the Newsletter and I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity.

The construction of the Kline Road Bypass Sewer Line in the Village of Cayuga Heights will begin in the near future. We will finance this construction project and then recover the Bond Act portion after the Town of Lansing has completed their process of setting up a sewer district. When this construction is complete by the end of October, there will be no more restrictions on available sewer units for the Village of Lansing. We will of course continue our aggressive pursuit of identifying and repairing leakage into our sewer collector system to limit the load on the sewage treatment plants.

The reconstruction of North Triphammer Road has begun. Suit-Kote Corporation was the successful low bidder, New York State Department of Transportation has approved the bid package and we have issued the notice to proceed to the contractor. During the Fall, we plan to complete as much of the utility movement and water and sewer line relocation as possible. When this is finished, the disturbed parts of the roadway, along with parts of the roadway that are in danger of failing, will be paved to get us through the winter. In many ways, the delays that we had from expanding the project have been a blessing given the wet summer that we have had. Hopefully, we will have a normal summer next year when the major construction takes place.

Enjoy the great fall weather that we have been having of late and I look forward to a mild winter.

Donald Hartill
Mayor

PLANNING BOARD NEWS

During the summer months, the business of the Planning Board focused on the processing of Special Permits, updating parts of the Village's Comprehensive Plan and completing the review of the Millcroft, Spitsberg and Cardamone Subdivisions.

Two of the approved Special Permits were for home occupations, a daycare facility at 95 Graham Road and a Bed and Breakfast at 1481 East Shore Drive. The home owner at 10 Pembroke Lane was granted permission to construct a circular driveway on his premises. The three remaining permits included a new 22,000 sf building on the northwest corner of Warren and Uptown Roads for the Arleo Eye Institute, a 2,700 sf addition to the office building at 767 Warren Road and the construction of a 3,600 sf Temple at the northwest corner of Burdick Hill and North Triphammer Roads for the Congregation Tikkun v'Or.

Groundbreaking for the Millcroft Subdivision on Bush Lane took place this summer. Both the Spitsberg and Cardamone Subdivisions have received conditional final approvals and a signature on the final plat is imminent.

Last Fall, the Planning Board began the task of updating the information in the first six chapters of the Comprehensive Plan which are an analysis of the Village's population, facilities and resources. New information from the 2000 Census as well as some changes that have occurred in areas in the Village, such as traffic, housing and resources have been incorporated. The updating task should be completed by the end of this year.

The Planning Board meets at 7:30 PM twice a month and the public is welcome to attend.

Ned Hickey
Planning Board Chairman

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

PYRAMID MALL

Border's Appreciation Discount

January - December 31, 2004

Save 20-25% for your business! Save 20% on any business-related purchase up to \$1000. Save 25% on any business-related purchases of \$1000 or more.

Special Discounts for purchase of Borders gift certificates!

"Stars of Hope" Regal Foundation/Regal Cinemas

June - December 31, 2004

The Regal Foundation's major fundraising campaign. Donate \$1 and join the other stars who contribute to the Regal Foundation supporting national and local organizations. Organizations wishing to request a donation from the Regal Foundation should visit www.REGmovies.com to access the charitable contribution guidelines and required forms.

Happy Halloween Mallwide Trick-or-Treating

Oct. 31

3:30-5:00 PM

America Recycles Day

Nov. 13

9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Informational tables, displays, contests and activities for children.

Bargain Hunter Heroes Night

Nov. 21

6:00-9:00 PM

Purchase your tickets early to take advantage of after hour discounts at participating Mall stores. All ticket proceeds to benefit the Red Cross disaster relief fund.

Santa's Arrival

Nov. 26

10:00 AM

Extended Holiday Hours begin, check with your favorite stores for their hours.

Francine Tidd
Marketing Assistant

TOMPKINS COUNTY SOLID WASTE DIVISION

Tompkins County Solid Waste Management Division staff are developing a program to help Tompkins County businesses reduce their solid waste costs by increasing recycling and waste reduction opportunities. We hope to put this program in action in 2005. These efforts have been very successful in many communities nationwide.

If you are interested in being one of the first businesses in Tompkins County to participate, please give Keith Kreider or myself a call at 273-6632.

Linnett Short
Solid Waste Division

COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD SEEK NEW MEMBERS

Residents of Tompkins County are invited to apply for membership on two advisory boards that provide input to the Tompkins County Legislature on environmental matters. The Environmental Management Council (EMC) and the Water Resources Council (WRC) have vacancies for terms beginning January 1, 2005.

The **EMC** has six at-large seats that are open to county residents as well as vacancies for appointed representatives from the following municipalities: City of Ithaca, Town of Enfield, Town of Ithaca, Town of Lansing, Village of Freeville, Village of Lansing, and the Village of Trumansburg. The EMC has been Tompkins County government's official citizen advisory board on local environmental matters since 1971, and is one of the oldest EMCs in the state. The EMC has won numerous awards from the New York State Association of Environmental Management Councils, including the 2000 Best Project/Plan Award for the *Unique Natural Areas Inventory of Tompkins County, 2000*.

The **WRC** has vacancies for representatives of the general public (at-large seats), economic development interests, municipal governments, recreational interests, and water purveyors. Activities of the WRC include implementing a program to assess significant groundwater resources in Tompkins County; providing assistance with new federal stormwater regulations; re-evaluating County water resources programs to ensure holistic watershed-based approaches; and developing partnerships with local, region, and state agencies and organizations to foster more productive management of local water resources.

Membership in these organizations is a great opportunity for citizens to provide input into the decisions that are made

about our local environment. For more information about the EMC and/or the WRC, or to receive an application form, please contact the Tompkins County Planning Department at 274-5560, or pick up an application at 121 East Court Street, Ithaca, NY. Applications are also available online at: <http://www.tompkins-co.org/bor/advisory/application.html>. Deadline for receipt of applications is October 29, 2004.

Kathy Wilsea
Tompkins County Planning Dept.

IT IS TIME TO VOTE!

Here at the board, we are dedicated to ensuring that you can cast your vote with as little effort as possible. We have many services available to voters including on-line information. Will you be traveling during the election? Would you like to know what races are up this year? Are you or a family member currently serving our country overseas? You may obtain all this information online at <http://www.votetompkins.com/>.

Our office will be extending hours the last two weeks preceding the General Election. Each Saturday, we will be open from 9:00 AM to noon and during the week we will post any late night hours on our web site.

When you are gearing up for the election, please take time to check our office for a sample ballot. This has instructions on how to use the voting machine and it reflects exactly what will be posted inside the machine when you cast your vote. You may obtain a sample ballot at our office 3 weeks prior to election. Voting will be extremely busy and the three-minute limit in the voting machine will be enforced to move the line quickly at the polling sites. Sample ballots are also available at each polling site and you should review them before entering the machine. There will be at least one proposition on the ballot this year regarding Off-Track Betting, and possibly others may be on by the end of the month.

Anyone absent from the county on Election Day may obtain an absentee ballot by mail up until a week before the election. You may still cast your ballot in person up until November 1st. All valid absentee ballots are counted after Election Day and certified with the machine results to the state within 25 days.

As always, we are here to help, so please do not hesitate to call our office at 274-5521. And, remember to cast your vote in November! Every vote counts.

Elizabeth Cree
Board of Elections

LEARNING WEB'S YOUTH PROGRAMS

Attention parents of middle and high school students! Is your child looking to do something fun, meaningful and different this school year? 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 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 will be offered to Dewitt students and will meet Tuesdays after school at Dewitt from October 12 to December 14. This spring, the VCSP will be offered to Boynton students and will meet once a week, after school at Boynton, from early March to mid-May. Examples of past VCSP projects include: 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, engineering, cosmetology, auto repair, law, plant science, child care, and more.

Interested youth and parents should contact Sue at The Learning Web at 275-0122 or via email: sue@learning-web.org for more information.

Sue Schwartz
Youth Works Coordinator

SUPPORT GROUPS AND WORKSHOPS

The Tompkins County Office for the Aging has many caregiver support groups and workshops this Fall. If you are caring for a loved one, you are invited to attend any of the following to share ideas and support with other caregivers.

- Parkinson's Support Group
2:00-3:30 PM
Oct. 20, Nov. 17
- Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group
1:00-2:30 PM
Oct. 26, Nov. 23
- Stroke Support Group
1:00-2:30 PM
Oct. 20, Nov. 17
- Cancer Caregivers Support Group
Noon-1:30 PM
Nov. 3
- Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group
6:30-8:30 PM
Oct. 25, Nov. 22
- Caring for Aging Parents Workshop
7:00-8:30 PM
Oct. 21
- When the Diagnosis is Alzheimers: Communication Skills for Care Partners Workshop
Noon-1:30PM
Nov. 9

For additional information regarding any of the support groups or workshops, please call David Stoyell at 274-5492.

A WELCOME FROM NORTHEAST SENIORS UNIT

The Northeast Seniors unit is a unit of Lifelong; Tompkins County Senior Citizens Council and has been in existence since 1988. We meet the second Monday of the month at St. Catherine of Siena Parish Hall from noon to 2:00 PM for ten months of the year.

We issue a welcome to the citizens of the Village of Lansing over the age of 60 to become members of the Northeast Seniors Unit 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.

Some of the programs for the past year included: Hobbies, The Senior Chorus, The Tompkins County Beautification Program, Music Therapy, Alzheimer's, A Trip to the Past (a music video of the music of Benny Goodman) and Belly Dancing.

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 for 10 people.

Thanks to the support received from the Village of Lansing our yearly dues are minimal (\$5.00 for individual and \$7.00 per couple). It is a nice group and we would be delighted to have you join us. Just come to the meeting and we will sign you up.

A. DiGiacomo
Treasurer

TOWN OF LANSING RECREATION DEPT.

The following adult recreation programs will begin soon:

- Men's Basketball
- Women's Basketball
- COED Volleyball
- Women's Volleyball
- Senior Open Swim

Adults are welcome to join at any time.

Additional Fall Youth programming, with starting dates, include:

- Gymnastics – at Finger Lakes Gymnastics Academy – Nov. 5th
- Skiing at Greek Peak – January 3rd
Sign up before the Oct. deadline for discount prices.
Get your season passes through us!!
- Youth Basketball for boys & girls – November 13th
- Skating – January ?
- Bowling after school at the Bowl-O-Drome – November ?

Specific program information, along with time, dates, location and fees are included on each individual program registration form. Youth program forms will be distributed at school and may also be found at the Recreation Office, Town Hall foyer or at: <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.

Patrick Tyrrell
Steve Colt

LANSING COMMUNITY LIBRARY CENTER (LCLC)

The Lansing Community Library Center (LCLC) which is a reading room of the Tompkins County Public Library (TCPL) is now open six days a week. The hours of operation are:

Monday	3 - 8:00 PM
Tuesday	9:00 AM – noon
Wednesday	9:00 AM – noon
Thursday	6 - 8:00 PM
Friday	9:00 AM – noon
Saturday	9:00 AM – noon

The Center is open on Friday mornings for story hour which is held at 10:00 AM for 2 – 3 year olds and 10:30 AM for 4+ years.

As well as a rotating collection from the TCPL, the LCLC has a permanent collection of over 8000 items, which include fiction, non-fiction, large print books, picture books, easy readers and young adult literature. We offer books on tape and VHS videos, DVD, high-speed roadrunner service, a copy machine and reproducible income tax forms. We have current editions of college guides which can be checked out for a period of three days. We have courier service with the TCPL so you can reserve books from the TCPL with us and also use our center as a drop-off site for your TCPL book returns.

For more information regarding any of the services offered by the LCLC, please call 533-4939 during regular business hours. Individuals interested in volunteering should also call.

Bobbi Wasenko
LCLC

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 must be mutually agreed upon by the property owner and a representative of the Village before planting.
- Reimbursement shall take place upon presentation of a receipt from a recognized nursery and approval of the planted tree by a Village representative.
- Any one property owner will be eligible for reimbursement of up to two trees in any year.
- Applicants will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Carol Willard
Clerk, part-time

VILLAGE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Fall Brush Pick-Up

The Public Works Dept. will be providing a fall brush and limb pick-up the week of October 25th.

Residents are asked to leave all materials near the roadside by 7:00 AM *Monday* morning. To assist the work crews, all limbs and brush (up to five inches in diameter) should be piled with the cut ends facing the same direction. 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 amount 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 10th. All Christmas trees must be near the roadside by 7:00 AM Monday morning as the Highway Department makes the *last* pick-up collection around the Village streets and roads.

Snow Removal

In the Village of Lansing, it is illegal to be parked in the road right-of-way while snow removal operations are undergoing. It is also illegal to be parked in the right-of-way between the hours of 2-6 AM.

An effort to contact owners of parked vehicles will be made so that they can move them only as time permits. The other option is to have the vehicle towed at the owner's expense. The County Sheriff and State Police can also issue parking tickets.

Dennis Reinhart
Supt. of Public Works

NORTH TRIPHAMMER ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

On August 9th, 2004, The Village opened bids from contractors interested in constructing the North Triphammer Road Reconstruction project. The low bid was submitted by Suit-Kote Corporation. Suit-Kote is a well-known contractor within the transportation construction industry in the Southern Tier/Central New York area and has an extensive resume in the reconstruction of similar type and scale of projects like North Triphammer Road. Suit-Kote's bid was within the estimated budget for the project and after review of the bid package, the Village has proceeded to award Suit-Kote the project. Upon execution of the necessary agreements and receipt of insurance documents, the Village will issue a Notice to Proceed with construction to Suit-Kote. It is anticipated that the notice will be granted this fall. Initial project activities you will notice on the corridor this fall will include establishing material and equipment staging areas, some utility relocations and an overlay of the pavement to improve the road surface over the winter season. Construction will be suspended over the winter and will begin again in the spring of 2005. The major reconstruction of the roadway, installation of new drainage systems, sidewalks, trees and lighting will be accomplished in 2005. The project is scheduled to be completed by December 2005. Fisher Associates, the project designers, will be overseeing the construction of the project on the Village's behalf. Fisher Associates will have a person on-site at all times during the construction phase who will be accessible by phone or visitation to address any business owner or residents concerns or questions. Fisher Associate's field office will be located in temporary office space directly behind the Village Office at 2405 North Triphammer Road. A contact name and phone number will be publicized once the office has been established.

Rich Brauer

Consultant

SENIORS

The Lansing Older Adult Program (LOAP), as many of you know, is a community organization providing programs and services for *ALL* Lansing seniors. There are many opportunities for you to explore new talents and we welcome your participation. You can begin your day with Dolores Collins who leads exercise/stretch classes on Mondays and Fridays at 9:30 AM at Woodsedge. This Fall, we offer ceramic classes lead by Noni Krom meeting twice a month on the second and fourth Fridays from 2-4:00 PM at Woodsedge. You can also join the Decorative Art & Painting Classes with Elnora Hoaglin and Barbara Hylwa. Introduction to Computer classes will also be resuming. Call Woodsedge at 533-4792 for more details about the programs and services and be sure to get on the LOAP Newsletter mailing list.

Marilyn Paradise
LOAP Consultant

Ithaca Breast Cancer Alliance

The Ithaca Breast Cancer Alliance (IBCA) will hold its 11th Annual Walkathon on Saturday, October 30th beginning at noon on the Ithaca Commons. This year's rally will feature delicious food from local stores and restaurants and guest speakers from two Long Island breast cancer organizations. They will speak on the Walkathon's theme: "Breast Cancer and Environmental Toxins". Registration and pledge forms are available at local stores, agencies, schools and businesses. For more information, call IBCA at 277-0960 or go to their website at www.ibca.net.

Peggy McKee
Outreach & Events Coordinator