



# ***Newsletter***

## ***March 2010***

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

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Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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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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Welcome to the Village of Lansing's electronic newsletter! The Village Newsletter is currently published twice a year in March and October. The newsletter will be available on the Village website at [www.vlansing.org](http://www.vlansing.org). If you haven't already done so, please sign up to receive notice of our publication by sending a blank message to [vlansing-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:vlansing-subscribe@yahoogroups.com). This automatically subscribes you. If you prefer to receive a paper copy just call the office and Jodi will be happy to add you to the mailing list.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR**

This winter the Village Department of Public Works staff has taken over the snow removal from the Village streets. In past years we have contracted with the Town of Lansing to do this at a favorable rate. That favorable rate was due to a tacit understanding that because Villagers pay one third of the cost for plowing the Town's roadways outside the Village through their Town taxes it was appropriate.

This year the Town insisted on full cost recovery and the cost would have gone from \$30,000 to \$75,500. John Courtney carried out a careful analysis of what it would cost for the Village to do the same job and came up with an estimate of \$55,000 including staff overtime. So far we are on track to actually do the job for less and from my personal observations in a better and timelier fashion. We are using less salt than in past years and that is better for the environment and saves money since salt costs \$45 per ton and we use around 1000 tons. During the past heavy snow storm early in the morning our heavy 10 wheel truck lost a hydraulic line for the lift of the front plow. Fortunately, Triphammer Road had been cleared and John was working in the Bush Lane area when the line failed. The other two trucks were clearing other parts of the Village. John managed by careful planning to at least clear the roads in the Northeast sector of Village enough for emergency vehicles to get through while trying to arrange for repairs. The Town was unable to provide assistance, but the Village of Cayuga Heights let John use their garage and provided assistance in carrying out the repair. THANK YOU Cayuga Heights!

We will be busy as soon as the weather warms and dries a bit repairing the usual winter damage to the roadways. Pot holes will continue to be patched as soon as we hear about them and more permanent repairs will be carried out as soon as the asphalt batch plants re-open in the spring. Crack sealing and shoulder repairs along with street sweeping and re-striping will be carried out as soon as weather permits. The other rite of spring is the annual brush pickup by Town of Lansing and Village crews. The dates of the pickup and the guidelines appear later in the newsletter and I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity.

We have completed the budget process for the coming fiscal year and have a proposed budget that will be presented at a public hearing scheduled for 7:35 pm on April 5<sup>th</sup>. The assessed value of the properties in the Village has increased by 2% compared to last year so with a tax rate of \$1.21, the same as last year, gives an increase of 2% in the tax levy. This is less than inflation (2.5% for the items we use) this past year and is significantly less than other taxing entities in the region and has been made possible through careful management. We expect that next year we will remain in this steady state with the tax levy increasing at roughly the rate of inflation since the costs of the Village's needed supplies increase with inflation just like those required by you and I. Over the years, the Village has systematically reduced its reliance on New York State financial aid so that budget issues in Albany have only minor effects on Village finances.

As you have probably read in the Ithaca Journal recently, the Village of Lansing is probably unique in region and probably in New York State and the Northeast in that our tax levy has decreased by 9% over the past six years. In the same six year period the Ithaca Journal reported in an earlier article that the local Towns had a tax levy increase of 40% compared to inflation of 15%. The Town of Lansing's current tax rate is \$1.72 per thousand for all Town residents including Village residents. How were we able to reduce our tax levy by 9% (24% inflation adjusted) over those six years? Because of the long time that it took to actually carry out the reconstruction of North Triphammer Road the Village was able to pay for our share of the reconstruction costs by having a slight increase in tax levy without having to borrow. The projection of the required funds was more than we actually needed so when the project costs were known we were able to reduce the tax levy to follow inflation. There were also other savings by doing things more efficiently and being diligent about equipment purchases, etc. It does require a certain amount of fiscal discipline to not keep the tax levies at the previous level and use the money for some new desirable but not necessary project or increase personnel to provide some new service that would be nice, but again not really needed. In reading the Wall Street Journal on the airplane coming back from Geneva today (March 17) there is an article about the states going to Washington for help with their budget gaps. Illinois is facing a 34% shortfall, California 12.5%, New Jersey 34%, California 12.5%, and New York 15%. It is comfortable to have the Village in its current fiscal situation in these difficult economic times.

As I mentioned in my last newsletter article, the construction of the proposed sewer system for the Town of Lansing has been postponed indefinitely. In the meantime, the tenants of the small industrial park north of the airport have had increasing failures of their on-site disposal systems and have approached the Town to form a small sewer district that would be connected to the Village's sewerage transmission system. This new district, the Warren Road Sewer District, has now been approved and construction will start this spring. We have negotiated the final agreements with the Town. It will be a modest system that at most will amount to 120 units (~ 40,000 gallons per day) and can easily be accommodated by our transmission system. It continues the spirit of cooperation between the Town and the Village.

Two valued members of the Village of Lansing community are retiring in June. Ben Curtis who has served as the Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer of the Village for the past 20 years will be retiring at the end of June. Ben has done an outstanding job in this key position that maintains the character of the Village and we will miss him a great deal. Marty Moseley who is currently in our Department of Public Works will be taking over as Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer. Marty has a strong background in the local construction industry and is well suited to take on this new challenge. Ned Hickey, Chair of the Planning Board, will retire June 1 after serving as Chair since September 1990. Ned was a member of the original Planning Board for four years when the Village was incorporated in late 1974. He took a break for eight years rejoining the Planning Board as a member in the fall of 1987. Ned's knowledge of the history of the Village is without peer and the present excellent state of the Village from a planning point of view is in no small part a result of the vision that Ned has consistently applied in planning decisions. He will be missed. Mario Tomei who is currently a member of the Planning Board will take over as Chair on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The Village is fortunate to have two well qualified people to take over these important positions and I look forward to working with Marty and Mario in their new roles. I would like to personally thank Ben and Ned for the nearly half century of combined service to the Village. It is that kind of dedication that makes the Village of Lansing such a delightful place to live and work.

Finally, Village elections for two Trustees will be held from noon to 9 pm on Tuesday April 27 at the Village Office. I encourage you to vote.

Donald Hartill, Mayor

## **VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE**

### CENSUS

Tompkins County has asked that we pass along the Census information to people within your community to help them understand the critical importance of filling out and mailing back the Census form. When people fill out the census form, they're helping to make sure that Tompkins County receives its fair share of federal and state dollars. Accurate data reflecting changes in our communities are crucial in apportioning seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and deciding how more than \$400 billion per year is allocated around the country for projects like new hospitals and schools. Human service dollars are distributed based on population size, as are funds for highways and transportation systems such as TCAT. Census Forms started going out in mid March to Tompkins County addresses.

Starting March 19<sup>th</sup> Tompkins County has 6 Questionnaire Assistance Centers (QAC). These walk-in centers will be available for those who have questions about completing the census form, need language assistance, or did not receive the questionnaire. The centers will have language guides in 59 languages. There will be one right here in the Village at the Shops at Ithaca Mall in the old Ritz Camera space right next to Auntie Ann's. It will be open W-F: 5pm-8pm & Sat, Sun: 12pm-3pm. Please be sure to fill out those Census Forms!!!!

### 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.

### BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing for the 2010-11 Village of Lansing Budget will be Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:35pm.

## ELECTIONS

The Village of Lansing Elections will be held at the Village of Lansing Office on Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 12:00pm to 9:00pm. The two-year terms for Trustees John O'Neill and Julie Baker are expiring. Both will be running again. Remember that if you previously voted at the Oakcrest Fire Hall you will now be voting at the Village of Lansing Office at 2405 N. Triphammer Rd. When you come to vote enter at the side door of the Village Office. This door goes directly into the conference room where the machines will be set up.

## 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. The application and instructions can be found on our webpage under Applications and Forms. You may also pick up an application at the Village Office or by calling the Village Office (257-0424) and requesting an application be mailed to you.

## WHEN IS IT DUE?

Many people call my office to find out when payments are due so I thought this would be a good time to review this information with everyone. If you have water and sewer service you receive a bill quarterly at the beginning of January, April, July and October. All water/sewer bills are due by the 20<sup>th</sup> of that month and can be either mailed in or you may bring your payment to our office at 2405 N. Triphammer Rd. The Village of Lansing is part of the Southern Cayuga Lake Intermunicipal Water Commission (SCLIWC).

Village Tax Bills will be going out June 1<sup>st</sup> and will be due by July 1<sup>st</sup>. We do accept postmark. Any payments that are made after July 1<sup>st</sup> but before July 31<sup>st</sup> have a five-percent penalty. There is an additional one percent penalty added each additional month that the payment is late. In November the unpaid taxes are turned over to Tompkins County and relieved on your Town & County Tax Bill.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer

## **VILLAGE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

### BRUSH PICK-UP

Spring brush and limb pick-up will be provided by the Village of Lansing Highway Department the week of May 10<sup>th</sup>. Residents are asked to leave all materials near the roadside by 6:00am 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 6 feet in length. Also, the piles should not be tied, but should be left loose. You may also take your brush to the Town of Lansing Highway Department any time during the year. They also have a large pile of free woodchips that any Lansing Resident is allowed to go pick up for their personal use. Sorry, no private contractors! If you have any questions or need more information, please call the Town Highway Department at 533-4328.

John Courtney, Supt. of Public Works

## **FLOATING CLASSROOM**

The Cayuga Lake Floating Classroom's 2009 season was a rousing success. Over 2,000 people of all ages went on educational cruises and all of the school districts in the Cayuga Lake basin were served by the program. Many local people and visitors were treated to special free public cruises that featured a variety of topics and activities, such as volunteer monitoring, aquatic plants, robotic submarines, and nature illustration. One of the featured Floating Classroom programs is Trout in the Classroom, cosponsored by the Leon Chandler Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Nine area schools participated last year, in which students raised trout fry in their classrooms and then released them at the appropriate time in local streams. This program is expanding and will include more schools in 2010. Volunteers, both on the Floating Classroom committee and on future cruises are welcomed, as are contributions to the scholarship program that helps pay for the school cruises. To see more about the Floating Classroom's very successful year or to contribute, go to: <http://www.floatingclassroom.cayugawatershed.org/>

Lynn Leopold, Trustee and member of Floating Classroom Committee

## **PLANNING BOARD NEWS**

During the winter months the Planning Board spent considerable time reviewing and updating the Zoning Law. This action was completed in February and changes will be recommended for approval by the Board of Trustees. The Planning Board also spent considerable time developing a Generic Planned Development Area (PDA) provision which has been added to the Zoning Law. This provision provides a developer and the Village some flexibility and creativity in the design and mixture of land uses in a project consistent with the Village's Comprehensive Plan.

The Planning Board also reviewed and recommended approval of a Conservation Easement and Clearing Policy for the Bolton Estate Subdivision. Both documents are for the purpose of protecting the natural environment.

Special Permits were approved for the construction of a single family residence at 8 Blackchin Blvd. in the Bolton Estate Subdivision and the construction of a two story addition & deck at 25 Cedar Lane. A Special Permit was required because both locations are in a Steep Slope Conservation District. A Special Permit was also approved for a second curb cut at 2 Bomax Circle. A Special Permit is required because only one curb cut is authorized in a residential district.

The Planning Board's In-service Training Program is continuing in 2010. On March 8th the topic: "A Look Ahead at The Village's Commercial Centers" was discussed with Rolf Pendall, Cornell City and Regional Planning, and his students. This discussion was a follow-up on their earlier presentation this year entitled: "From Big Box to Boutique" which focused on the Villages of Cayuga Heights and Lansing. A future topic will focus on Green Building Practices at the Local Level.

The Planning Board meets on the second Monday and last Tuesday of each month from 7:30 - 10:00PM. The public is welcome to attend.

Ned Hickey, Planning Board Chairman

**CODE & ZONING REPORTS**

**VILLAGE OF LANSING  
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT**

Building and Land Use Activity

**2009**

<u>Type of Construction</u>	<u>Number of Permits</u>	<u>Total Value</u>
New Building - Non-Residential	1	\$ 300,000.00
Commercial Improvement	19	\$ 1,580,428.00
New Single-Family Residence	4	\$ 1,538,000.00
Residential Alteration	12	\$ 431,721.00
Demolition	3	\$ 6,950.00
Site Improvement	8	\$ 2,172,790.00
Mechanical	2	\$ 78,640.00
Kiosk	5	\$ 7,000.00
Residential Accessory Building	3	\$ 9,595.00
Swimming Pool	2	\$ 67,200.00
Home Occupation	0	\$ 0.00
Temporary Commercial Activity	4	\$ 0.00
<u>Change of Occupancy</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Totals	80	\$ 6,192,324.00

Fees Collected .....	\$16,674.00
Certificates of Occupancy .....	43
Fire and Safety Inspections .....	236
Housing Maintenance Inspections.....	20
Sign Permits .....	29

## Housing Starts and Costs in the Village of Lansing

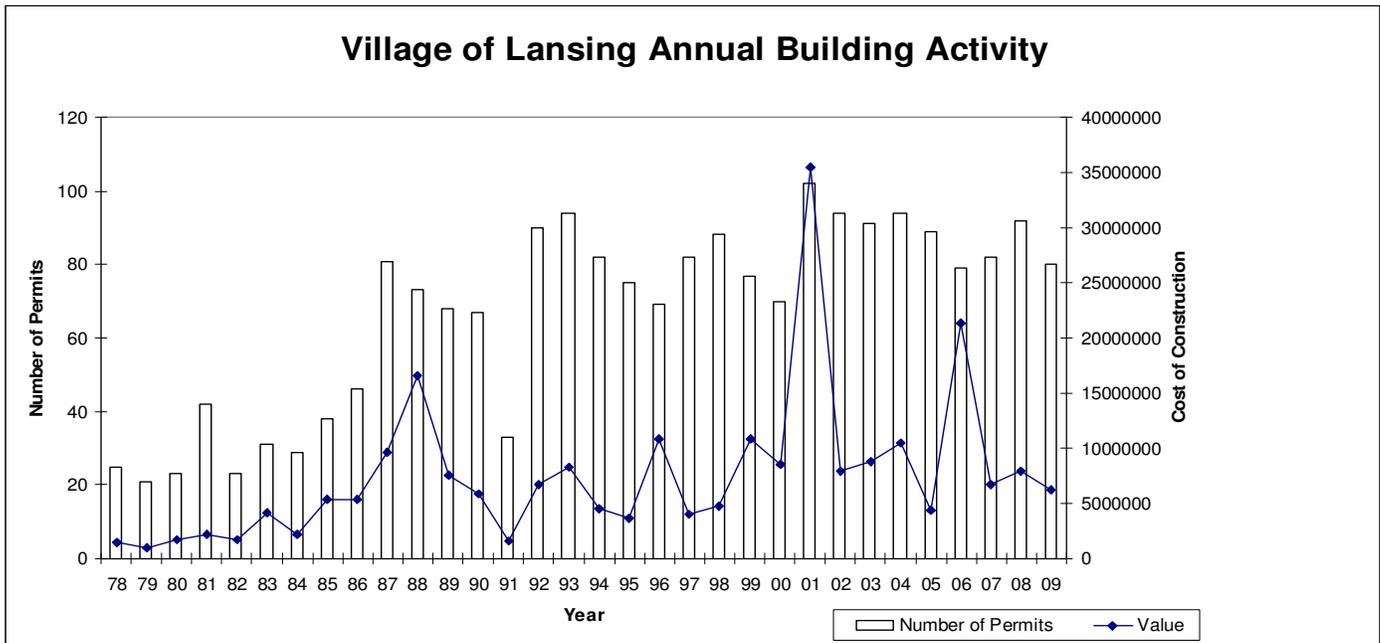
<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of Houses Built</b>	<b>Average Cost *</b>
1978	6	\$ 58,500
1979	4	47,500
1980	4	81,250
1981	6	66,283
1982	4	71,375
1983	10	63,500
1984	14	99,010
1985	10	119,250
1986	17	151,676
1987	33	174,900
1988	22	307,477
1989	9	95,290
1990	2	202,500
1991	3	100,000
1992	9	91,222
1993	9	147,067
1994	11	166,982
1995	8	92,825
1996	9	356,521
1997	3	95,333
1998	11	119,545
1999	8	171,148
2000	6	253,924
2001	6	194,500
2002	8	208,776
2003	12	256,167
2004	10	332,800
2005	9	214,389
2006	10	315,300
2007	9	277,111
2008	9	304,056
2009	4	384,500

\*Average Cost is based on the Estimated Cost of Construction as stated on the Building Permit application and is at best a crude lagging indicator of market value or sale price. Market value includes the price of land, other costs not generally considered construction costs, market forces, etc.

The population of the Village was 3,039 in 1980; 3,281 in 1990; and 3,417 in 2000.

The increase in houses was 129 between 1980 and 1990; and 73 between 1990 and 2000. 283 houses were constructed from 1978 thru 2007, an average of 9.43 houses per year.

The increase in population per new house was a remarkably constant 1.876 between 1980 and 1990; and 1.863 between 1990 and 2000.



### FAREWELL FROM BEN CURTIS

After twenty years as the Planning, Zoning and Building Code Administrator for the Village of Lansing, I will be retiring at the end of June. I am grateful to the Village for the opportunity to have served in this capacity and particularly for the trust and support I have received over the past two decades.

It has been a particular pleasure to work with the Planning Board and Chairman, Ned Hickey; the Board of Zoning Appeals and Chairwoman, Mary Sirois; and Mayor Don Hartill and the Board of Trustees. The Village is well served by these exceptional public servants.

I am also very pleased to be working for the next few months with Marty Moseley who will be my replacement. Some may know Marty from the Highway Department where he has worked for the past few years. He brings to the job a good background in construction and a keen interest in building science as well as a good sense of the Village and its residents and an aptitude for public service. I can not imagine leaving the position in better hands.

It has been an exciting time. The Business and Technology Park and the Parkview Healthcare Campus have evolved into attractive, successful developments and the economic engine for the County. The commercial center of the Village has continued to be renewed with older buildings being either renovated or replaced, maintaining vitality in a very challenging environment. Well-built housing meeting a broad spectrum of needs and choices has slowly replaced vacant land. And North Triphammer Road has been reconstructed to better define a Village Center.

From my front row seat, I may have been able to see more clearly than others that all of these things do not happen by accident. It takes the hard work and commitment of residents from across the Village to build and preserve an attractive, strong, healthy and vibrant community like the Village of Lansing. The Village is fortunate indeed to have been able to elicit this level of commitment from so many residents with such a variety of talents and ability. I wish you well.

Ben Curtis, Code & Zoning Officer

## ARTICLES OF INTEREST FROM TRUSTEE JOHN O'NEILL

### Radon

Radon is a gas that is naturally found in Tompkins County. The County is a high-risk area for radon. You can't see, smell or taste radon, but it may be in your home. Radon gas gives off very tiny particles that are radioactive. If you breathe in these radioactive particles, small bursts of energy are released that can irritate your lungs. Over a long period of time, this can cause lung cancer.

There are several ways to reduce radon gas in a home:

1. sealing cracks in walls, floors and foundations,
2. blocking off entry points such as floor drains, sump pumps, etc,
3. pipes and fans to prevent the radon from getting into your home,
4. ventilation of crawlspaces.

Testing is the only way to know how much radon is in your home. Even if your neighbor's house was tested and found to be safe, radon levels can vary from house to house. Low-cost radon test kits are available from the NYS Department of Health. The test kit comes with complete instructions for you to follow and a pre-paid envelope to mail the test kit back for your results

Call Cornell Cooperation Extension of Tompkins County for an order form. Their phone is **272-2292**, or their website is **[www.ccetompkins.org](http://www.ccetompkins.org)**.

### Gas Drilling in Tompkins County

These are two reports on the problems of gas drilling (hydrofracking) in our area:

"Several groups in this area have come together to voice concerns about drilling for natural gas in the Marcellus Shale....drilling mud (used in the process of drilling in the earth) does not refer to soil and water. Drilling mud...can contain bentonite, potassium formate, barite, diesel fuel, asphalt or gilsonite. Brine (water from the process), used in drilling and exploration, may contain cadmium, benzene, and other chemicals that constitute TDS (total dissolved solids)."

By Patricia Brhel, Tompkins Weekly

"Even with no additional chemicals added by gas companies, the water that flows back from hydrofracked wells has enough heavy metals - and often radioactive waste - to be classified as hazardous waste...But because of state and federal exemptions granted to the natural gas industry, the water does not have to be tested or handled as carefully as it would be if it were created by another industry. In some parts of the Marcellus Shale, radioactive materials occur naturally at levels 250 times the level normally regulated by environmental agency - but natural gas drillers aren't even required to test for radioactivity."

By Krisy Gasler, Tompkins Weekly

Right now, the New York State DEC has stated that gas drilling (hydrofracking) is on hold, while the DEC evaluates the potential adverse environmental impacts of the process and the waste products.

## **Have You Heard About the Herd?**

Deer harvest numbers have increased dramatically in the extensive forests and fields in the Village of Lansing. Continued deer browsing damage to natural area vegetation has some residents concerned about the size of the local deer herd. A more quantitative assessment of deer abundance is the so-called observation log that the DEC developed, where each person records time spent hunting and the number of deer seen. Here is a quick comparison (for 2009) of two areas in Richford and the Village of Lansing. In about 40 hours one hunter saw a total of 7 deer in Richford while he saw well over 200 deer in the Lansing of Village in approximately the same number of hours. DEC considers deer numbers in Richford too high for forest regeneration, so this is just a snapshot of how far deer numbers are out of control in the Village of Lansing.

## **TOWN OF LANSING**

As a Village of Lansing resident you are also part of the Town of Lansing and are able to enroll in Town of Lansing Recreation Programs and get into Myers Park for free. To find out what programs they offer you may call the Town of Lansing Recreation Department at 533-7388. If you would like to enjoy Myers Park, inform them at the gate that you are a Lansing Resident and you will not have to pay the admission fee. They may ask for identification to verify that you are a resident. This is a beautiful park on Cayuga Lake!

## **First Annual East Shore Festival of the Arts**

The Town of Lansing Parks and Recreation Department, with grant support from the Community Arts Partnership, and Lansing Community Council is proud to sponsor the first annual East Shore Festival of the Arts. At this event artists from around the Finger Lakes will exhibit and sell their original work in painting, ceramic, photography, woodworking, fiber and more! The show will open on May 14, 2010 from 6pm-9pm. at the Lansing Town Hall and Lansing Library. Artists will be in attendance at the opening night event to discuss their work. Show dates are May 14<sup>th</sup> – June 18<sup>th</sup>. Any artist that is interested in showing or selling their artwork may contact Robin Schuttenberg at [eastshorefestivalofthearts@gmail.com](mailto:eastshorefestivalofthearts@gmail.com) or by calling the Town Recreation Department at 533-7388. The application deadline is April 25, 2010.

## **Lansing Community Library Center (LCLC)**

Check out the Lansing Community Library's website at [www.lansinglibrary.org](http://www.lansinglibrary.org) for the latest information on upcoming art shows and public interest programs. Library hours are: Mondays, 3-8 PM, Tuesdays, 9AM-12, 6-8PM, Wednesdays, 9Am-12, 3-8PM, Thursdays, 6-8PM, Fridays, 9-noon, and Saturdays, 9AM-1:00. If the flag is out, the library is open! For more information, call 533-4939.

## **JOINT YOUTH COMMISSION**

Cornell Cooperative Extension and the Joint Youth Commission offer fun, educational and active summer programs for youth currently in or entering middle school in fall 2009. Priority is given to youth who live in the Town of Ithaca (not City), and Villages of Lansing and Cayuga Heights. Programs in the past have focused on a variety of topics such as art, cooking and outdoor exploration. Programs run 3-4 days per week per topic and meet at a variety of community sites. Anticipated programs include, but are not limited to Primitive Pursuits and Ithaca Explorers. Programs are free and donations are accepted. For more information and a registration form contact Laura Smith at 272-2292x225 or [ljs257@cornell.edu](mailto:ljs257@cornell.edu).

Laura Smith

## YMCA UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Healthy kids Day**

Saturday April 10, 2 to 4 pm in the YMCA Gym. Free admission for children up to age 17 and their adult guardian. Sponsored by Wegman's; the event will highlight healthy activities and food for children in a carnival like setting. Booths and tables will be set up all along the gym for the activity and food demonstrations. There will be a bounce house and free t-shirt for the first 150 children in the door.

### **22 Annual Tri for the Y Triathlon**

Sunday May 2 at 7:00 am. This annual event is a spring favorite for all ages. There are 7 different age categories from 13 years to 70 plus, family, mixed, junior, male, female and teams. The course is a 400 yard swim, 15.7 mile bike ride and a 4.7 mile run. The course is set up on gradual grades [no steep hills] and has volunteers for safety on every corner. There will be plenty of food and drinks all day. The event raises money for scholarships of children and families to become members of the Ithaca YMCA. The costs are \$40 to \$60 dollars and shirts are an extra \$5. You can register on line at [www.ithacaymca.com](http://www.ithacaymca.com). A Splash & Dash children's event will take place Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **18th Annual Kionix Kids to Camp Golf Outing**

Monday, June 14, 2010 at Cornell's Robert Trent Jones Golf Course. \$110.00 gets you 18 holes, cart, lunch and dinner, prizes, awards. Special guests are Dustin and Nicole Brown... LA Kings hockey and US Olympics Silver Medalist. Lunch will be from 11:30 am to 12:45 pm with a shotgun start at 1:00 pm. All proceeds support youth camp scholarship fund.

See all events on the YMCA website [www.ithacaymca.com](http://www.ithacaymca.com)

Frank S. Towner, YMCA Associate Executive Director  
(607) 257-0101

## SPRING WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITIES FOR CAREGIVERS

The following workshops are offered free of charge at the Cooperative Extension Education Center (615 Willow Ave., Ithaca). Call the Office for the Aging to register or for details (274-5492). **Pre-registration is encouraged**, but not required.

- ***Alzheimer's: Managing Challenging Behaviors***

***Friday, April 16, Noon-1:30 PM***

Michael Massurin, Director of Programs and Services for the Alzheimer's Assoc of CNY, will discuss what causes dementia-related behaviors like suspicion, repetition, sun downing, agitation and aggression and how to respond to these behaviors. Bring your brown bag lunch, if you wish. Beverages provided.

- ***Legal and Financial Concerns for Caregivers***

***Thursday, May 20, Noon-1:30 PM***

Marcie Finlay, a local elder law attorney, will address common legal and financial concerns of the elderly and their caregivers such as planning for incapacity (advance directives, guardianship, and trusts). Bring your brown bag lunch if you are coming on your lunch break. Beverage and snack provided.

## VILLAGE OFFICIALS

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## VILLAGE EMPLOYEES

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Code Enf. /Zoning Officer Ben Curtis 257-8363  
Supt. of Public Works John Courtney 257-6280  
Laborer Marty Moseley 257-6280  
Adam LaLonde 257-6280  
Fire Inspector Mike Arthur 257-0424 Trustee  
Electrical Inspector Floyd Ferris 592-5829  
Village Accountant  
Ciaschi Dietershagen Little & Mickelson 272-4444  
Village Attorney  
Barney Grossman Dubow & Marcus 273-6841  
Village Engineers TG Millers 272-6477  
Engineering Consultant Brent Cross

### EMERGENCY NUMBERS

John Courtney, Superintendent of Public Works  
257-6280, Ext. 224 or 849-4970

### VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES

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

### STATE AND FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES

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# Happy Spring!