



# Newsletter

# March 2016

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

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 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, 7:00 PM

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

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## **COMMENTS FROM MAYOR DONALD HARTILL**

This winter the Village Department of Public Works staff has again taken care of the snow removal from the Village streets. This winter has been very mild so far and our use of salt is currently a little over 400 tons compared to the 1000 tons we used last year. This is a welcome change.

John and his staff continue to enjoy the new garage facility and find it a great improvement to get into clean warm trucks to begin the snow plowing. Our new International truck has performed well and is much easier to drive than our old Sterling which was sold at auction last summer.

The new Village Office is working very well and the improvements to the landscaping around the building will continue as warm weather returns.

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. We will be resurfacing North Triphammer Road this construction season along with Bush Lane and several other roadways. It will be a busy summer. The other rite of spring is the annual brush pickup by the Village crew. The dates of the pickup and the guidelines appear later in the newsletter and I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity.

The water main along Bush Lane will be replaced this year and the roadway will be repaved along with shoulder widening similar to what was done for Dart Drive. The storm water drainage system on the south side of Sheraton Drive was replaced last fall along with the water main. This spring the water line will be further extended on Cinema Dr. and Sheraton Dr. will be rebuilt. These projects are all part of our long-range infrastructure maintenance program. By carrying out these projects in a planned way, we avoid the serious failures that are very expensive to repair when they occur.

A new traffic light has been installed at the intersection of North Triphammer Road and Craft Road this past summer. This has relieved the stacking problem on Craft and helps with regimenting southbound

traffic on North Triphammer and makes it much easier to get out of the Village driveway and Oakcrest Road. Part of the cost of the traffic light was paid for with a generous grant from the Triad Foundation. Thank you.

We have nearly completed the budget process for the coming fiscal year. The assessed value of the properties in the Village has increased by 1.4 % compared to last year. We have to resurface North Triphammer Road this year along with a couple of other road improvement projects that will be mostly paid for using funds from our capital reserve fund. In analyzing our long-term needs, we have found it necessary to increase our property tax levy to avoid reducing our capital reserve fund to an unhealthy level. The proposed tax rate for this year is \$1.10 per thousand dollars assessment that yields a property tax levy that is 12.7% above last year's. 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.

The Village of Lansing continues to have one of the lowest tax rates in New York State for the services that we supply. Good fiscal management and out-sourcing as much of our needs as possible makes this all possible.

I would urge all residents, who are interested, to attend our Board meetings so that their input can be heard as the Boards go about their business.

Finally, Village elections for two Trustees will be held from noon to 9 pm on Tuesday April 28 at the new Village Office. I encourage you to vote.

Donald Hartill, Mayor

## **VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE**

### **Budget Public Hearing**

The Board will continue to work on the 2016-17 Budget at their March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. The Public Hearing on the proposed Village of Lansing Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 will be scheduled for Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:35pm. Village residents attending the meeting have the right to provide written and oral comments. The aggregate salaries for the Board of Trustees are proposed in the amount of \$24,000, \$6,000 for each Trustee, and the salary for the Mayor is proposed in the amount of \$14,000. \$3,107,392 in appropriations is proposed for the General Fund. The proposed General Tax Rate is \$1.10 per \$1,000 of assessed value. A special assessment of \$.04 per \$1,000 of assessed value and \$6.46 per sewer unit is proposed for the Sewer Collector debt payment. Copies of the proposed budget may be inspected at the Village of Lansing Office during office hours: Monday -Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Proposed Budget will be posted on the Village Webpage by March 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Lansing Village Elections**

The Village Elections will be held Tuesday, April 26, 2016. Voting will take place at the Village Office at 2405 N. Triphammer Road from noon to 9pm. This year we will be electing two Trustees. Absentee ballot applications are available at [www.votetompkins.com](http://www.votetompkins.com). You can also stop by and pick up an application located on the brochure rack in the foyer of the Village Office or call the Board of Elections to obtain the applications and ballots. The Board of Elections is located at 128 E. Buffalo Street, Ithaca, NY, and open M-F 8:30-4:30. For more information contact Commissioners Elizabeth W. Cree (R) or Stephen M. DeWitt (D) at 274-5522.

## **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.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer

## **PLANNING BOARD NEWS**

If you want to know anything about any municipality you would look at their Comprehensive Plan. It is not a “Constitution”, nor even a law. It is what they are and what they want to be. Approximately every 10 years the Lansing Village Boards update this plan. No, it’s not that simplistic, as it took nearly two years to do. We are pleased to say it has been completed, and approved. In short, it’s the input of several board members, administrative personnel, and outside reference sources. The Planning Board wants to especially thank Deborah Dawson, Lisa Schleelein, Jodi Dake, and Marty Moseley for their extra efforts. To see the Updated Comprehensive Plan go to the Village website [www.vlansing.org](http://www.vlansing.org). You’ll find it under Village News, Reports.

Another important Planning Board project we completed was the creation of a Commercial Medium Traffic District on the west side of Triphammer Rd. (which was previously the Commercial Low Traffic District). The Commercial Low Traffic District is that which is closest to the residential districts. You will not notice any visual difference, but we did this to further buffer the residential districts from having activities that would generate a higher flow of traffic near the neighborhoods.

Other activities approved by the Planning Board with minor environmental impacts:

- A request to alter the existing plantings around the office building at 2359 N. Triphammer Rd. In addition to improving the aesthetics, trimming the shrubs will make for safer exiting from the parking lot onto Graham Rd. A landscaping plan will be submitted prior to spring planting time.
- A request by Shops at Ithaca Mall to have a 12’x6’ sign on Triphammer Rd. for BJs gas station.
- A landscaping plan for Cayuga View Senior Living (previously called C.U. Suites).
- A request for two temporary signs near Triphammer Marketplace parking lot to promote Cayuga View Senior Living.
- Classified a minor subdivision for a 1+ acre parcel from the 9+ acre lot along Dart Drive and Graham Road, to be able to build a house on the smaller lot.
- A request to build a large addition at 106 Burdick Hill Rd, as we determine that its proximity to a stream was not detrimentally invasive.
- A request to alter an existing special permit at McDonalds, at 2350 N. Triphammer Rd. to install a second outside ordering station for their drive-thru, to facilitate traffic flow.

In December one of our long-serving board members, Maria Stycos, left the Planning Board, as she has relocated out of the Village. Thank you Maria for your 18 years as a voice of reasoning. At the same time we upgraded our Alternate, Mike Baker, to be a regular member. We are currently looking for someone to serve as an alternate to the Planning Board. If this interests you please contact the Village office

Additional information on any of the above topics can be found in the Planning Board Meeting Minutes section on the Village website. Once again, we welcome the Village public to attend our Planning Board meetings, which usually are held the second Monday and the last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

Mario Tomei, Planning Board Chairman

## CODE & ZONING DEPARTMENT

This year the Department of State Code Division is anticipating adopting a new Code Collection for New York State. Currently we have limited access to these proposed codes, but they will be based off of the 2015 International Code Collection, so please pay attention later this year as we may be shifting to a new code collection. I would like to remind everyone that are numerous scenarios in which a building permit would be required.

I would encourage individuals who are interested in additions, new construction, remodeling, installation of a solid fuel burning heating appliance, chimney or flue, installation of new heating equipment, decks, pools, etc. to visit the Village of Lansing Office at 2405 North Triphammer Road for any questions they might have. On the Village website you can find addition information and a specification for what is required for certain permits. Also please remember to check/replace the batteries in all Carbon Monoxide and Smoke Detectors.

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

Building and Land Use Activity

From 01/1/2015 to 12/31/2015

<u>Type of Construction</u>	<u>Number of Permits</u>	<u>Total Value</u>
Commercial Improvement	27	\$1,892,468.00
New Single Family Residential	2	\$745,000.00
Residential Alteration	22	\$517,749.58
Demolition	8	\$83,500.00
Residential Accessory Building	2	\$78,800.00
Mechanical	5	\$47,159.00
Site Improvement	3	\$44,000.00
Swimming Pool	1	\$25,000.00
New Building - Non-Residential	1	\$3,000.00
Tent Event	1	\$0.00
Temporary Commercial Activity	14	\$0.00
Kiosk	1	\$0.00
<u>Change of Occupancy</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Totals	95	\$3,436,676.58

## **Stormwater Runoff is a Main Source of Water Pollution**

Since stormwater runoff will eventually end up in Cayuga Lake, for this area, we ask the Village residents and business owners for help in decreasing the potential for pollutants. This is an important task since the Village and four other municipalities are provided drinking water from Cayuga Lake. When stormwater flows to the drainage ways and drainage infrastructure, it picks up and mixes with what's there. That may include:

- Oil, grease, and automotive fluids
- Fertilizer and pesticides from gardens and homes
- Bacteria from pet waste and improperly maintained septic systems
- Soap from car washing
- Debris and litter

Many people assume that stormwater flows down storm drains and then to a treatment facility. That is almost never the case. It either flows directly into local waters or down storm drains, which channel it into local water bodies. By reducing or eliminating the above items the pollutants will not have the opportunity to enter into the Cayuga Lake, which will provide for many more years of enjoying and using the lake.

Marty Moseley, Code & Zoning Officer

## **VILLAGE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

### **Brush Pick-Up**

Spring brush and limb pick-up will be provided by the Town of Lansing Highway Departments on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Residents are asked to leave all materials near the roadside by 6:00 am 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. Please do not put out bags of yard waste. This pick up is only for limbs and brush.

John Courtney, Supt. of Public Works

## **VILLAGE TRUSTEE REPORTS**

### **Village Greenway-Landscaping Plan Update**

The Greenway-Landscaping Plan committee meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the Village Hall. All meetings are open to the public. Village residents and interested parties are invited to attend any scheduled meeting.

The Greenway-Landscaping Plan Committee members include:

- Phil Dankert, Community Representative
- John Dennis, Community Representative
- John Gillott, Planning Board Member
- Lynne Leopold, Community Representative
- Gerry Monaghan, Trustee
- Deborah Dawson, Planning Board Member to serve as Secretary.

Since its formation in September, 2015, committee members have:

- Reviewed the 1994 Greenway Plan to determine what parts of the plan are still relevant and what parts must be changed or added

- Identified recreational and green space “hubs” in the Village, including: Beck Development Exaction; the trails and green spaces in the Business and Technology Park; Dankert Park; Dart Drive parcel; the proposed green space in the Lansing Meadows PDA; the pocket park(s) in the Lansing Trails neighborhood; the trail through the medical campus southeast of Route 13 and Warren Road; the proposed park and trails in the Millcroft development; Poison Ivy Point; the trails in Sapsucker Woods; the pocket park in the Shannon Park neighborhood; the green space in the Twin Glens neighborhood; and Village Park.
- Performed preliminary evaluations of trails existing around the green space hubs for inclusion in the updated plan.
- Began a discussion with Town of Lansing citizens about their effort to create a comprehensive trail system between the Town of Lansing, the Village of Lansing and the City of Ithaca.
- Contacted the Tompkins County YMCA to determine if the Village of Lansing could take advantage of the YMCA’s walking and running maps.

Future goals for the committee include: documenting the recreational and green space hubs and their connecting walkways, creating maps of the green-space hubs and trails Village and surrounding communities to assist walkers and bikers within the Village, and working with surrounding communities to link the Village’s trails and green-spaces and share knowledge and resources to create and sustain the walkability of the Village of Lansing and Tompkins County.

For more information, please visit the committee’s webpage on the Village website at: [http://vlansing.org/greenway\\_home.html](http://vlansing.org/greenway_home.html)

Ronny Hardaway, Trustee

### **Spring and Summer Youth Services Available to Village Residents**

Annually, approximately 8,000 Tompkins County youth receive services through Tompkins County Youth Services Department-funded programs, with approximately 700 youth from the Village and Town of Lansing participating in Youth Services programs. Village of Lansing residents are encouraged to enroll their youth in the available programs and activities.

Many Youth Services programs involve recreational activities through local municipalities. For the Village of Lansing, youth programs are available through the Lansing Parks and Recreation Department and the Ithaca Youth Bureau, plus the Ithaca & Tompkins County YMCA. A partial list of upcoming Spring and Summer programs are provided here.

### **Lansing Parks and Recreation Department** Link: <http://www.lansingrec.com/>

Available youth programs include:

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| • LBP - baseball      | • Saturday Swim Lessons |
| • LSP - softball      | • Hot Stove Softball    |
| • Jump Around         | • Hot Stove Baseball    |
| • Gymnastics          | • Saturday Morning Swim |
| • After School Karate | • Youth Wrestling       |
| • Meditation 101      | • Soccer Camp           |
| • Creative Stamping   | • Indoor Soccer         |

For more information please see the article later in the newsletter from Lansing Parks and Recreation Department.

**Ithaca Youth Bureau** Link: <http://www.cityofithaca.org/205/Ithaca-Youth-Bureau>

The Ithaca Youth Bureau provides a broad variety of recreation and youth development programs to promote the health, happiness, and well-being of all youth and families in the greater Ithaca area. The IYB serves youth, aged 0-20 years, through a wide array of programs including:

- A tot stay-and-play program
- Academic support
- After school programs
- Job and skill training and subsidized employment for youth
- Lessons
- Mentoring programs
- Recreation mainstreaming services
- Sports leagues
- Summer camps
- Theater workshops
- Tournaments.

**Ithaca & Tompkins County YMCA** Link: <http://www.ithacaymca.com/index.html>

YMCA youth-related programs include:

- School Age Child Care
- Childwatch
- Pickleball
- Youth Swim Lesson for All Ages
- Program for Ages 3-5, Youth Sports, Y'd World of Sports & Family Time
- Summer Camps: Pre-K Blast, Camp Adventure, Counselor In Training, & Y-Wilderness

Please contact any of these organizations for more information about youth programs and enrollment.

Ronny Hardaway, Trustee

### **Report from Gerry Monaghan**

The life of a Trustee is always interesting. The wonderful part about the job is that we can each bring our unique gifts and talents to the organization. In my case, my interests in art and in history are informing my work as a Trustee.

I am hoping that the Village will again take a sponsorship role in this year's East Shore Festival of the Arts at the Lansing Town Campus in May. This will be the third year in a row that we have taken this opportunity to show support and share in this great cultural event.

I have been slowly organizing the Rita Smidt Archive in the Lansing Historical Association building at the Lansing Town Hall campus. It is a fascinating collection of materials that contain records from the early days of the founding of the Village. It has voter rolls from the seventies, eighties and nineties. It also contains every documentation Rita used in the writing of the Lansing at the Crossroads book.

I will continue to bring Village issues to the attention of the Tompkins County Council of Governments. I will always be looking for ways the Village can save on costs through sharing services with other municipalities. I am just beginning to work into my role on the Transit Services Committee of TCAT.

On the TCAT front, two facts are being made clear. Almost every route TCAT runs is losing money badly. Also, there is a shortage of drivers which threatens to affect the current level of services TCAT will be able to provide. There are currently no simple answers to addressing these two critical problems.

I hope everybody remembers to vote in the Village election on April 26th.

Gerry Monaghan, Trustee

## **TOMPKINS COUNTY ASSESSMENT**

The Tompkins County Department of Assessment will be mailing out notice of changes in assessment on March 11<sup>th</sup>. For those property owner's whose assessment changed since the 2015 Assessment Roll, we will be holding a limited number of appointments from March 21 to April 1. To schedule an appointment, property owners will need to call our office at 607-274-5517. For those property owners whose assessment did not change, they may contest their assessment by filing an informal review application on paper or via on-line. If your assessment changed, you may also file an informal review on paper or via on-line at <http://www.tompkinscountygov.ny/assessment/> The last day to file an appeal on paper or via on-line is April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Additionally, we remind property owners who have applied for either the Low Income Senior Citizen Exemption or the Low Income Disability Exemption to supply any supporting documentation by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

We also encourage all applicants to review the 2016 Tentative Assessment Roll in order to verify what exemption they have been granted.

Finally, the last day to contest an assessment for this year will be May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016. A formal grievance application can be filed at any point from May 1 – May 24<sup>th</sup> at 8PM. A local Advisory Board of Assessment Review will meet at the Lansing Town Hall from 3PM-6PM on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

If property owners have any questions, we encourage them to call our office at 607-274-5517 or email us at [assessment@tompkins-co.org](mailto:assessment@tompkins-co.org).

## **TOMPKINS COUNTY LEGISLATURE**

### **Report by Dooley Keifer**

Hello, Lansing Villagers. Jodi Dake has kindly reminded me of the Village Newsletter opportunity to bring you news of the Tompkins County Legislature where, as the District 10 representative, I represent the Villages of Lansing and Cayuga Heights.

At the County level much focus last year and this year is on how to do our part to forestall the worst of climate change as well as to prepare for and adapt to climate instability. There has been major focus on supporting renewable energy opportunities for residents, businesses, and developers. Our Planning Department is active in pursuing many projects, including developing a microgrid in the vicinity of the county airport that would include public safety and public health facilities as well as the nearby business park.

This year will bring to a close our decadal review of the County Charter. Whatever changes this committee proposes must first be accepted and endorsed by the Legislature, and then brought to the public as a local law to be voted upon. As the 2016 Chair of the Charter Review Committee, I ask for your input on whether we should add a "job description" for county legislators. At present we plan to recommend expand the "redistricting" portion of the charter to clarify that we support an "independent redistricting commission" approach. But other than having a Legislator stand for election, there is no job description. We could, e.g., indicate that attendance at all legislative and committee meetings and liaison tasks are expected.

I welcome any questions or suggestions you may have on any relevant topics.

Dooley Kiefer, 257-7453; [dkiefer@tompkins-co.org](mailto:dkiefer@tompkins-co.org)

## **SOUTHERN CAYUGA LAKE INTERMUNICIPAL WATER COMMISSION**

### **Water Rate Increase as of April 2016 Billing**

The 2016 Bolton Point component of your water rate has increased from \$4.35/1000 gallons to \$4.44/1000 gallons. The water and sewer surcharges will remain at 25%. This percentage is used to maintain the infrastructure in the Village. Village of Lansing Residents will 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 the Village Office at 2405 N. Triphammer Rd. If you would like to drop a payment off after hours there is a secure drop box inside the entry way to our administration building. The Village of Lansing is part of the Southern Cayuga Lake Intermunicipal Water Commission (SCLIWC).

## **YOUTH PROGRAMS**

### **Town of Lansing Recreation Program Update**

- **LBP & LSP** - Spring is coming and it really is time to sign up for LBP Baseball and LSP Softball. *All of the specific details* are on the registration forms and we **NEED** the completed forms **BEFORE** March 24<sup>th</sup>... **Please consider signing up to help with these two long running parent driven programs.** The season is short. Teams will be selected in early April, games start May 7<sup>th</sup> and end on “Super Saturday” June 11<sup>th</sup>. We will also be offering *Spring Training Clinics* for baseball and one for softball over the vacation in April. A separate registration form will be available later.
- **ROCK CLIMBING CAMP** – Sign up for our spring recess Rock Climbing Camp over the April vacation week. This camp takes place at Cornell University and is for students ages 8 and up. No experience is necessary and all equipment is included. Parents must sign waiver and all details are on the registration form. This camp fills quickly!
- **ADULT OPEN SWIM** – This program is for adults only and we have a lot of dates included in this session. Program takes place at the Lansing HS Pool and starts February 23<sup>rd</sup> and runs through June 9<sup>th</sup>. Swim days are Tuesday & Thursday 1:00 – 1:45 PM. You get 28 sessions for only \$40. A great way to get some laps in or exercise on your own to get into shape and stay that way.
- **MEDITATION 101** – This new class is for students in grades 9 -12 and is under the direction of Pennee Barresi. The class will help manage your stress and sharpen your acuity for the classroom, at home, at work and on the sports field. It will help you start a lifelong practice that can effect positive changes in your life. Classes are Sundays at the Lansing Community Center from 4:30 – 5:45 on March 6, 13, 20, April 3.
- **ARCHERY CAMP** – The very popular spring Archer Camp will be offered and the details and dates for this camp will be available SOON!

As always, please feel free to call us with any questions or email at [Steve-lansingrec@twcny.rr.com](mailto:Steve-lansingrec@twcny.rr.com)  
All registration forms are available at school, Town Hall foyer, Recreation Office and on line at [www.lansingrec.com](http://www.lansingrec.com)

Steve Colt, Town Of Lansing Recreation Director

### **News from the Joint Youth Commission**

The Village of Lansing is part of the Joint Youth Commission (JYC) which blends funds from the Towns of Ithaca and Caroline, the Villages of Lansing and Cayuga Heights, Tompkins County, and New York State in order to provide youth development programming to local youth. The JYC is also a planning group, identifying youth needs and target audiences for services. Currently, Henriette Bullmer and Naveen Thuramalla represent the Village of Lansing on the JYC. We will also have a vacancy for a youth member, age 16+, starting in July.

The JYC has made first time youth employment for middle and high school students who live in the Towns of Ithaca and Caroline or the Villages of Lansing or Cayuga Heights as a main priority; in addition, some programs that build life skills in youth are offered. The 2015 annual report and summary of youth served is not yet ready but will be soon. We will share this information for the next Village newsletter.

For 2016, the JYC will again contract with Cornell Cooperative Extension, the Learning Web, and Coddington Road Community Center to provide these youth programs. There is no charge for youth to participate in programming, though donations are gratefully accepted. Here is information about 2015 program offerings:

Cornell Cooperative Extension offers 3 programs:

Boynton Middle School – Travis Judd is the Youth Program Manager for the JYC at Boynton. The programs are mainly after schools. If you would like more information on these programs, you can find registration forms on the CCE website (<http://ccetompkins.org/4-h-youth/rural-youth-services>) or you can contact Travis at [tj22@cornell.edu](mailto:tj22@cornell.edu) or 607-272-2292 ext.222.

DeWitt Middle School – the JYC is in the process of hiring a new person for this position which provides programs after school at DeWitt and/or in Brooktondale.

Youth Works (youth employment) – contact Beth Bannister, [bab47@cornell.edu](mailto:bab47@cornell.edu) for info about opportunities for youth to build employment skills, learn about the world of work, explore careers, and participate in a first-time paid job experience.

Coddington Road Community Center offers a Counselor in Training program to give youth the chance to gain work experience in a camp setting. Youth also receive job skills training and presentations from local organizations to introduce them to other fields of work. Contact Heather Mount, [director@coddingtonroad.org](mailto:director@coddingtonroad.org).

If you are interested in learning more, please contact Kris Bennett at Tompkins County Youth Services Department, 274-5310.

### **Get Involved with the Learning Web!**

The Learning Web is recruiting new students to participate in the community, career exploration and apprenticeship (CCEAP) program this Spring and Summer. If you live in the Town of Ithaca, Village of Lansing, or Village of Cayuga Heights- check out the Learning Web for some great opportunities. The first is a community service program for students in middle school- typically running for six weeks at the end of the summer, this group travels around to different sites in Ithaca to lend a hand with projects. In the past we've visited the Children's Garden, Cayuga Nature Center, and more! We also offer apprenticeship placement and career tours for high school and middle school students. This allows students to explore their interests and career aspirations through visits to local businesses, or a paring with a mentor willing to share their expertise.

If you or someone you know is interested in the programs, or in more information, please call Tyra at (607) 275-0122, or send an email: [tyra@learning-web.org](mailto:tyra@learning-web.org)

### **Adopt a Garden or Volunteer**

One of the Village goals is to improve the visual character of the Village. If your company or group is interested in adopting a garden in the Village please call the Village Office. We can always use volunteers to help maintain the beautiful gardens around the Village!

One project that will be taking place at the Village of Lansing Office is a Gardening Day. On Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 3-5pm students that are part of the Learning Web program will come to the Village to help other volunteers with spring cleanup of the gardens around the Village Office. This will be a great opportunity for the students to learn some gardening skills.

### **“Global Village Park - A Celebration of Our Linguistic Diversity”**

Trustee Gerry Monaghan has been working with the English as a Second Language class at DeWitt Middle School to create an art installation that will go into the Dankert Park this May & June. Many of these international students are residents of our Village, living in the apartments around the park. The project is being called “Global Village Park - A celebration of our Linguistic Diversity”. The project was awarded a Red & Gold Grant from IPEI and Fine Arts Booster Group along with support from the Village of Lansing. Our hope is that an event like this will take place each year as a way to bring our community together.

### **TOMPKINS COUNTY SINGLE STREAM CURBSIDE RECYCLING**

The recycling calendar is available at the Tompkins County Solid Waste Management Division office, Recycling and Solid Waste Center at the Drop-off Area, and online at [www.recycletompkins.org](http://www.recycletompkins.org).

### **LANSING STAR**

The Lansing Star Online is a great place to find out what's happening around Tompkins County. IthaCalendar is also a prominent part of <http://www.lansingstar.com>, as is our local weather site, <http://www.icathaweather.net>. Dan Veanor, Lansing Star Online Editor, attends most Village of Lansing Board meetings and has good coverage of both Town and Village of Lansing meetings.

### **DON'T MISS AN ISSUE**

The Village Newsletter is currently published twice a year in March and October. The newsletter is available on the Village website at [www.vlansing.org](http://www.vlansing.org). You can also sign up to receive notice of our publication by clicking on “Subscribe to Village Mail List” at the top of our home page. If you prefer to receive a paper copy just call the office to get added to the mailing list. Copies are also available at the Village Office. Spread the word to your neighbors about the newsletter!

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## VILLAGE EMPLOYEES

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