



# Newsletter

# October 2018

## **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 THE MAYOR**

It has been a very busy summer here in the Village of Lansing. With all the rain the grass has kept our lawn mowers busy. John Courtney and his staff have been working hard to get the Marian Hartill Village Park ready for the dedication of our three parks (the Global Village Park across from Dankert Park, the Ned Hickey Park in Lansing Trails, and the Marian Hartill Park) that took place on Sunday September 16<sup>th</sup>. The Town of Lansing has provided some equipment and their DPW staff built the new pavilion at the park. The new park is already very popular and is being well used with paved trails, the two playground equipment areas, a basketball practice area and a regulation sized soccer field. The playing field is nearly ready for the initial planting of grass with the final planting to take place in the spring. The new parks are already great assets for the Village residents. The September 21<sup>st</sup> edition of the Lansing Star has a very nice article about the park dedication in the About Town section.



As part of our infrastructure maintenance and improvement we will be running a new water main from the Northwood Apartment Complex to the western end of the new Village Park to connect to our existing water main located there. This will provide redundancy for the water main along Dart Drive providing better flexibility in dealing with water main breaks, etc. in this region.

The other area that we have been working on is our sewer system. The several large rain events have again indicated that we continue to have significant I & I issues in our sewerage collection system. We continue to carry out a campaign of televising our system and have identified a number of locations that need attention and we will be repairing them during the fall.

The sidewalk from Dankert Park to Warren Road completed last summer continues to provide a much needed safe walking route for the residents in the region.

A number of road maintenance projects were also carried out this summer as part of our program to keep the Village of Lansing pot hole free. The Village of Lansing is unique in this regard in the local region.

Another rite of fall is the brush pickup that will occur during the week of October 8<sup>th</sup>.

Finally winter will be coming and our DPW is starting to prepare for it. We have some salt left over from last winter and have purchased more to get us up to the 900 to 1000 tons that we may need so we should be all set. Our moisture levels this year are near normal and hopefully the winter will have a reasonable snowfall level.

Mayor Donald Hartill

## **VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE**

### **New Staff**

Our Code & Zoning Office has had quite a bit of change in the last two years. Marty Moseley left to take a job with The Town of Ithaca back in March of 2017 and was replaced by Adam Robbs. After about a year as Code & Zoning Officer, Adam unexpectedly left the area in August after his wife took a job down south. Our newest Code & Zoning Officer, Michael Scott, started full time at the end of August. Mike has extensive construction experience and is learning the ropes very quickly thanks to the guidance of Marty Moseley. Mike is a great addition to our team!

The Village would also like to welcome our new Part Time Clerk, Tammy Milliman. Tammy will be covering the office when I'm out, providing support for our Code & Zoning Officer and doing the minutes for the Planning Board and BZA. Tammy, a Lansing resident, retired from Cargill Salt last summer and is fitting in very nicely in the office.

Mario Tomei has stepped down as Planning Board Chairman. However, he is leaving the Planning Board in good hands as Lisa Schleelein will take over as Chair, Monica Moll will move from an alternate member to an official Planning Board member and Tony Ingraffea will be our new alternate. We would like to thank Mario for his 13 years of service on the Planning Board. He will truly be missed.

Last but not least is our newest member on the Board of Zoning Appeals, Simon Moll. Simon started on the BZA in August. He has extensive experience in rental properties and maintenance.

### **Sewer Rate Change with October 2018 Billing**

Due to a \$0.13/ 1,000 increase in the amount the Village of Cayuga Heights (VCH) charges us for processing the sewer, there has been an increase in the sewer rate. The new sewer rate is \$4.96/1,000 gallons. This rate is a combination of \$3.72/1,000 gallons charged by the VCH to process the sewage and \$1.24/ 1,000 gallons charged by the Village of Lansing for maintaining the infrastructure.

Village of Lansing Residents 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 Road. 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).

### **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 ext. #2 to arrange a time for this service.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer

### **PLANNING BOARD NEWS**

April thru September was one of the busiest I can recall, when it comes to building projects in the Village. It takes a long time for the Planning Board, the Code Officer, and the developers to work through the details of the Special Permits and let the dozers and hammers begin. Take a ride around the Village and see these projects:

- The very attractive Cayuga View Senior Apartments on Cinema Drive are now admitting their first residents. They are still looking for occupants in the two commercial units.
- New playground structures for the kids were put in at the Village Park on Uptown Road.
- And speaking of parks, come see the huge, brand new, Marian Hartill Village Park on Northwoods Road. It has two age appropriate playgrounds and a covered pavilion. Soon there will be a soccer field and half-court basketball.
- After many years in the making, twenty senior housing duplexes have finally been approved for Lansing Meadows, at the east end of Oakcrest Road.
- Six more condos are rising on Nor Way Road in Lansing Trails II.
- One of the largest projects (East Point Apartments) with a clubhouse and pool is well underway towards its 140 units, on Bomax Drive.
- I'm going to call it one of the nicest recycling of old "sheet metal" we have seen. Why tear it down, if it still has "good bones"? I'm referring to the rehabbing, refacing, and repurposing of the new medical/laboratory building at 1020 Craft Road.
- The refacing of McDonalds is another example of bringing us up-to-date.

What a way to go out! Having said all this, I will be leaving the Planning Board. Lisa Schleelein will take over in October. I thank the Mayor, Trustees, and the great staff for their support these past 13 years. I ask every Village resident to attend Planning Board meetings, on occasion, to see what we do, as these

meetings do get “lively” at times. Who knows, it might just interest you enough that you may want to be part of these really nice people on this board: Lisa, Mike, Carolyn, Jim, and Monica. BYE!

Check the public notices in the newspapers and on our Village website, to see what will be on our meeting agenda. We invite the Village public to attend our Planning Board meetings, which usually are held the second Monday and the last Tuesday of each month, 7:00 - 9:30pm.

Mario Tomei, Planning Board Chairman

## **CODE & ZONING DEPARTMENT**

### **Stormwater**

Fall is upon us once again and as beautiful as the fall leaves are, they mean lots of yard work for local homeowners. One option for reducing your workload is to use a mulching lawn mower to mulch leaves into your yard. It is less time intensive than raking and the shredded leaves act as a natural fertilizer during the fall. While you are tending to your yard, take a moment to sweep or rake leaves and branches out of the street in front of your house. Left in the street, they can clog storm drains and contribute to localized flooding. When washed into nearby lake and streams via storm drains or ditches, the leaves become a major source of phosphorus, the nutrient that allows algae to bloom in the summer. Dispose of leaves by composting them in your yard. Keep leaves and yard waste out of the regular garbage, and never dump them in wetlands or buffer areas. Roofs, driveways, snow melt, and lawns all provide stormwater runoff that could potentially end up in Cayuga Lake. All should be mindful of what is spilled or placed on these surfaces. Please clean up any spills that occur, attempt to minimize the fertilizers for lawn care, and properly dispose of pet waste. This is an important task since the Village and four other municipalities are provided drinking water from Cayuga Lake.

**Please remember to check/replace the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.**

Mike Scott, Stormwater Management Officer

## **VILLAGE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

### **Brush Pick-Up**

Fall brush and limb pick-up will be provided by the Village and Town of Lansing Highway Departments on Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. Residents are asked to leave up to one pick-up truck size load near the roadside by 7:00 am. 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**

### **The Community Hall**

The Village of Lansing's Community Hall is ready to be rented out! The Hall can be used for such events as meetings, birthday parties, exercise clubs or holiday events. The Community Hall Agreement is available on our website. The user of the Hall will be required to pay a daily rental fee of \$10.00 plus a deposit of \$50.00. Please contact Jodi Dake at the Village Office at 254-0424 ext.#2 for more details and to book your dates to use the Hall.

John O'Neill, Trustee

### **Fall Training School 2018**

Recently some of our Village Officials attended a Fall Training School sponsored by the New York State Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials (NYCOM) and the Office of the State Comptroller.

The NYCOM Conference and Training School were held in Lake Placid, NY. Our village representatives attended sessions that covered budgeting, understanding and communicating financial reports, cash management, bank reconciliation and balance sheets. Other sessions attended included the roles and responsibilities of municipal officials and the different types of positions that exist in local governments. Sessions were held on recent law passed by the New York State Legislature relating to labor relations.

Our officials attended a session on “Protecting Public Employees: Workplace Violence”. This covered the New York State mandate on what you should know and do to be in compliance with New York Workplace Violence Prevention Law. It offered information, best practices, and practical guidance to prepare for and respond to incidents of workplace violence.

There was a very informative session on “Internal Controls for City and Village Operations”, which covered specific internal controls that could be implemented to avoid loss, abuse, and waste. There was also a session on “Policies and Procedures”, which addressed best practices for setting policy and process in local government.

The sessions offered up -to-date information, training, publications, and technical support to assist Village Officials in increasing operational efficiency. All training ideas and information, as well as tools and publications acquired at the Training School will be shared with the Mayor, all members of our governing boards, and staff.

The Village of Lansing is dedicated to sound policies and practices for government as well as reliable and prudent fiscal management. The training our officials received will help us to achieve these goals.

Patricia O’Rourke, Trustee.

### **Updated Greenway Plan Released**

The Village’s Greenway Plan was approved by the Board of Trustees and officially released on August 2, 2018. The new Greenway Plan builds upon the vision and goals provided in the Village’s 2015 Comprehensive Plan, and it is directed by the codification of our Village Laws. The plan retains the original nine goals from the 1994 Greenway Plan, along with one new goal: *Where possible and practical, design and encourage access to Village greenways for persons with disabilities*. The plan provides a guide for the Village officers, staff, committees, and community volunteers to identify, develop, and maintain the Village’s greenways, parks, gardens, pathways, and walkways. It also identifies short-term and long-term goals to enhance and sustain the Village’s ongoing greenway efforts.

An electronic version of the Greenway Plan is available on the Village website at:

**[vlansing.org/Greenway Resources/VOL%20Greenway%20Plan.pdf](http://vlansing.org/Greenway_Resources/VOL%20Greenway%20Plan.pdf)**

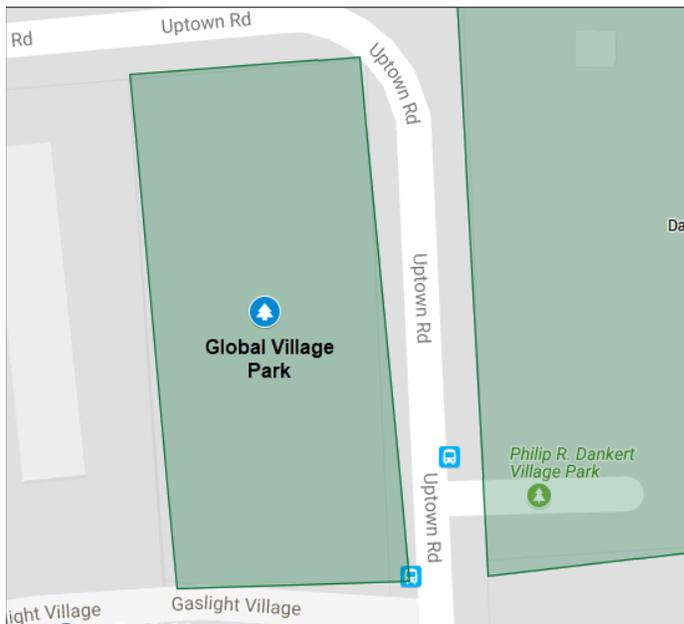
## Three Village Parks Named by Voters

During the April 2018 Village election, voters used a special ballot to choose names for three Village parks. The following are the results from those ballots:

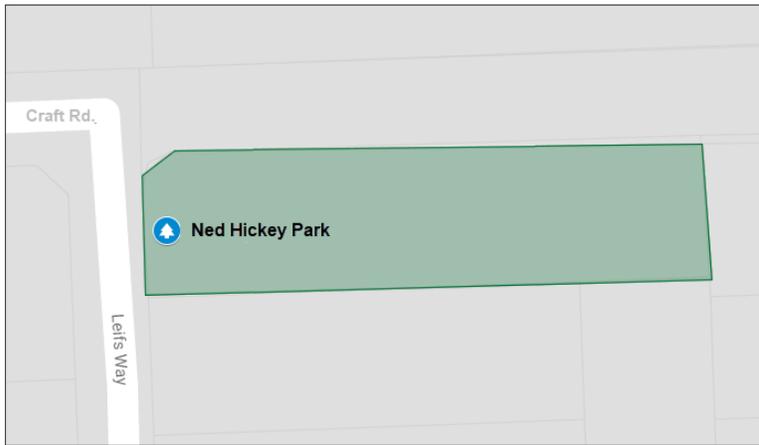
- The new park on Northwood Drive is now named “Marian Hartill Park.”



- The park across from Dankert Park on Uptown Road is now named “The Global Village Park.”



- The pocket park at the corner of Leif’s way and Craft Road is now named “Ned Hickey Park.”



We are researching vendors to provide park signs for our parks and hope to have the signs installed by Spring 2019.

## **Tompkins County Youth Services Department**

The Tompkins County Youth Services Department invests time, resources and funding in communities to enable all youth to thrive in school, work and life. Youth are provided opportunities that allow them to thrive from childhood to adulthood. Some of the community resources for youth and their parents funded by the TCYSD include:

- Ithaca Youth Bureau - Big Brothers Big Sisters, Outing, Recreation Support Services, and Youth Employment Service
- Cornell Cooperative Extension - 4-H Urban Outreach and Rural Youth Services
- The Learning Web - Youth Exploration Program and Youth Outreach
- Child Development Council - Teen Pregnancy/Parenting Program
- Family and Children's Service of Ithaca - Open Doors

For more details on these resources, please see the TCYSD brochure on our website at: [vlansing.org/Reports/TCYSD Services Handout.pdf](http://vlansing.org/Reports/TCYSD_Services_Handout.pdf)

## **New Village Website Design**

The Village's website was recently redesigned for better usability and easier maintainability. The new site works on all web browsers and on all platforms: desktop devices, laptop devices, tablets, and smaller mobile devices (cellphones.) The home page uses button graphics to direct users to general topics, and online resources should be no more than 3 or 4 clicks away. A scrolling news ticker was placed on the website's home page to provide a bulletin board for upcoming Village meetings and events or helpful news for Village residents.

We invite everyone to visit the new website at: [vlansing.org](http://vlansing.org)

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VILLAGE NEWS BULLETINS

**Income Verification Program Required of Enhanced STAR Recipients**

The Tompkins County Department of Assessment has begun mailing Income Verification Program applications to all Enhanced STAR recipients. Included in the New York State budget for 2018-2019, New York State...

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Welcome to the Village of Lansing website.

Select your area of interest:

 Emergency Contacts	 Applications and Forms	 Comprehensive Plan	 Greenway Committee	 Helpful Area Links	 VILLAGE MEETINGS Meetings Information	 Welcome New Village Residents New Residents Information	 TAXPLANCE Tax Information Lookup	 Maps Village and Area Maps
 Budgets Village Budget Reports	 VILLAGE GOVERNMENT Village Government	 Village of Lansing CODE Village of Lansing Code	 Village Publications Village Publications	 Youth Services Youth Services Organizations				

Ronny Hardaway, Trustee

## TOWN OF LANSING RECREATION

Village residents can take advantage of the outstanding recreation programs offered by the Town of Lansing Recreation Department. The fall programming is organized and underway. Currently, this includes Flag Football, JR & SR Small Fry Football, Soccer, and Cheerleading. Programs coming soon are Bowling, Jump Around, Horseback Riding and Gymnastics. The Town is taking registrations for a weekday Adult Open Swim at the Lansing High School pool. There are also plans to offer Saturday Swim Lessons soon. For more information go to [www.lansingrec.com](http://www.lansingrec.com) or call 533-7388.

Stephen Colt has recently retired as the Director of the Town of Lansing Parks & Recreation. He has left the department in good hands with his assistant Patrick taking over.

## TOMPKINS COUNTY RECYCLING

Tompkins County offers a single stream curbside recycling program. 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). There are also copies available in our brochure rack in the Village Office vestibule, which is always open.

The Village of Lansing is a Food Scrap Recycling Drop Spot. On Saturdays from 10:00am-1:00pm Lansing residents can bring their food scraps to the parking lot behind the Village Office at 2405 N. Triphammer Road. Food scraps can include meat, bones and dairy and paper towels and napkins. You can also pick up compost containers and bags for free at the Drop Spot or at the Solid Waste Office.

## **TOMPKINS COUNTY LEGISLATURE**

### **Tompkins County Budget**

September and October are the County Legislature's "busy season," as we evaluate our resources to fund State mandates, County offices and departments, and non-profit organizations (NPO's) that provide additional essential services to our residents. The budget process actually began in April, when the Legislature set a "financial goal" for the percentage by which our budget should and could grow to maintain service levels and accommodate desired improvements. Based upon that goal, which we set at 2.2%, County Administrator Jason Molino and his staff spent the summer working with County offices and departments, as well as the NPO's that receive County funding, to develop and evaluate their budget needs for 2019. Molino then presented his proposed budget to the Legislature at the beginning of September. The Legislators are currently in the process of holding 5 meetings at which they hear budget presentations and "over-target requests" (OTR's) from 42 offices, departments, and NPO's. We will have three meetings in October to debate and agree on a tentative budget, which will be voted on at our regular Legislature meeting on October 16. (If we can't agree on a budget, Molino's proposed budget becomes the County budget.) The final budget will not be adopted until after a public hearing, which is scheduled for 7 pm on Tuesday, October 30.

Of course, the thing that matters to you is the impact the budget will have on your County taxes. Molino's proposed budget incorporated a tax rate of \$6.39 per thousand, a decrease of 2.76% and the lowest County tax rate since 2011. We hope to hold to that, but, unfortunately, after the budget was proposed, we learned that our current homeless shelter provider would be quitting in October and would have to be replaced. The new provider contract will cost an additional \$300,000 per year, an amount that may have an impact on our property tax levy. Please plan to attend the public hearing on October 30<sup>th</sup> to learn more.

### **State and County Projects in Lansing**

Two imminent State and County projects will have significant impact on traffic along the Warren Road corridor.

- The New York State Department of Transportation (DoT) recently purchased from the County a 15-acre tract of land along the west side of Warren Road just south of Hillcrest Road. DoT will be building its new highway facility on that site, and relocating from its current facility on the inlet in the City of Ithaca. This project is slated for construction and completion in 2019.
- The Ithaca-Tompkins Regional Airport will be undergoing substantial expansion, thanks in part to a \$14.2 million grant from New York State. The expansion project includes a geothermal heating system that will free up natural gas for other uses in Lansing, as well as a customs facility that will enable the airport to land commercial courier and private passenger flights originating outside the USA. It will also make our airport a more desirable destination for commercial passenger airlines: direct flights to Dulles International Airport and Charlotte NC are scheduled to begin in October. Groundbreaking on the airport project is scheduled for October 4.

Finally, the New York State Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) has requested that the Alcohol and Drug Council of Tompkins County (ADC) to open a residential facility that offers medically assisted detox and stabilization services to residents of Tompkins and contiguous counties.

After inspecting and researching over 40 locations around Tompkins County, OASAS and ADC have identified the Autocad building on N. Triphammer Road (across from McDonald's) as the optimal site for this facility, which will offer medical and social services to individuals with alcohol and substance abuse

issues. ADC is a private NPO; the County's only role would be to facilitate financing for ADC's acquisition of the building.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions and concerns at [ddawson@tompkins-co.org](mailto:ddawson@tompkins-co.org).

Deborah Dawson, Tompkins County Legislator, District 10

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## VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES

Southern Cayuga Lake Intermunicipal Water Commission.....	Don Hartill, Michael Newman
Tompkins County Board of Representatives, District 6.....	Michael J Sigler
Tompkins County Board of Representatives, District 10.....	Deborah Dawson
Tompkins County Environmental Management Council.....	John Dennis
Tompkins County Joint Youth Commission.....	Ronny Hardaway

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