



Newsletter

October 2019

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, 7:00 PM

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

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

It has been a very busy summer here in the Village of Lansing. Besides keeping the grass cut and maintaining our walking trails, a number of road maintenance projects were also carried out this summer as part of our program to keep the Village of Lansing pothole free. We repaved nearly two miles of roads (~10% of our roads) this summer. The Village of Lansing is unique in this regard in the local region.

As part of our infrastructure maintenance and improvement program we have run 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 in this region.

The other infrastructure area that we have been working on is our sewer system. We are working with the Village of Cayuga Heights and the Ithaca Area Wastewater Plant to address the I&I (Inflow and Infiltration) regional problem in the collection systems to insure that there is sufficient capacity available for new developments. In the Village, we carry out a campaign of televising our collection system to identify locations that need attention and then repair them during the fall.

The new sidewalk on the north side of Northwood Road from Warren Road to the western boundary of Northwood Apartment Complex is a very welcome addition to our infrastructure. I have received a number of very positive comments from the neighbors. In addition, the boulevard section of the road is being repaved and lighting and plantings will be added to the center divider.

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 have been a little above normal and hopefully the winter will have a reasonable snowfall level.

Mayor Donald Hartill

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 7th. 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 CLERK'S OFFICE

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.

October Water Billing

October Water/Sewer Bills have been sent out and are due by October 20th.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer

CODE & ZONING DEPARTMENT

New York State is Proposing Amendments to the Uniform Code

The proposed rule would repeal the current version of the Uniform Code and adopt an amended and updated version of the Uniform Code. The amended and updated version of the Uniform Code would incorporate by reference the following publications:

- [2020 Residential Code of New York State](#)
- [2020 Building Code of New York State](#)
- [2020 Plumbing Code of New York State](#)
- [2020 Mechanical Code of New York State](#)
- [2020 Fuel Gas Code of New York State](#)
- [2020 Fire Code of New York State](#)
- [2020 Property Maintenance Code of New York State](#)
- [2020 Existing Building Code of New York State](#)

The Notice of Proposed Rule Making has appeared in the July 3, 2019 edition of the *State Register*. **This Notice** can be viewed by clicking the "July 3" link at <https://www.dos.ny.gov/info/register/2019.html>. The Notice of Proposed Rule Making includes the full Regulatory Flexibility Analysis, the full Rural Area Flexibility Analysis, the full Statement Regarding Job Impact Statement, a summary of the Text of the proposed rule, and a summary of the Regulatory Impact Statement for the proposed rule.

Mike Scott, Code, Zoning & Stormwater Management Officer

PLANNING BOARD NEWS

May through September is always a busy period for the Planning Board and our Code Enforcement Officer as it is prime construction season. There were several major projects and proposals that were the focus for the Board during this time:

- **Maguire Nissan of Ithaca**
The Maguire Nissan proposal was for a new Nissan showroom at 35 Cinema Drive and Uptown Road next to the Chevrolet/Cadillac dealership. After approval of several variances by the Board of Zoning Appeals, the Planning Board approved the project.
- **Lansing Meadows Planned Development Area (aka BJ's PDA)**
After numerous discussions, proposals and almost a decade, on July 8th the Planning Board approved an amendment to the previous plan approved about a year ago. The new plan is for the construction of six triplex buildings for a total of 18 senior-housing units. Four buildings (units 1-12) are to be completed by July 31, 2020 and the two remaining buildings (units 13-18) are to be completed by December 31, 2020. If you drive by Oakcrest Rd, we are happy to report that you will see that construction has begun.
- **A Millcroft cluster development proposal**
The Beer Property group returned to the Planning Board with a new proposal for development of the Millcroft property--a cluster development for duplex houses. While the proposal has not been finalized and approved, it is in accordance with Village Code for the property and district.
- **Cayuga Mall Revisions**
Planet Fitness is relocating to the Cayuga Mall next to Big Lots. A Dollar Tree store will also be joining them as a neighbor, filling out the space at Cayuga Mall.
- **General Planning Sessions**
The Planning Board is scheduling time at regular intervals to discuss issues and identifying policies surrounding development in the Village that the Board feels should be recommended to the Trustees for incorporation into the Village Code. Some of the topics are:
 - Sidewalks and walkways
 - Landscaping
 - Possible use changes to current zoning Districts
 - Short-term rental/Airbnb legislation

We would welcome hearing from you if there are other issues you would like to see addressed.

Some other activities since the April 2019 Newsletter:

- Approval of the proposed electric tram installation providing access to the lake at a subdivision project on East Shore Drive
- Several minor subdivisions proposed and approved
- Renewal of an expired special permit to complete renovations at 106 Burdick Hill Road
- Discussion regarding the increasing need to address short-term rentals in the Village
- Proposal by Tesla, Inc. and NYSEG for an additional Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) to be installed at Transact on Bomax Drive. This project will be similar to the BESS system at Dairy One on Warren Road.
- The condominiums on Nor Way in Lansing Trails II and the 140 East Pointe apartments and clubhouse on Bomax Drive both made substantial progress over the summer and many are already inhabited.

Happy anniversary to Mike Scott, our Code Enforcement Officer, who has weathered his first year with the Village with his sense of humor intact. We rely heavily on Mike's expertise and support. Thank you, Mike.

We invite you to join us at a Planning Board meeting. Meetings are held the second Monday and the last Tuesday of each month, 7:00 - 9:30pm (holidays may impact the schedule).

If you would like to receive an email with the upcoming Planning Board agendas that are sent out approximately four days in advance of a meeting, please contact Mike Scott at codeofficer2@vlansing.org to be added to the email distribution list. Alternatively, check the <https://vlansing.org/website> (Village Meetings icon) where you can find Board agendas and can catch up on past Planning Board activity by accessing the meeting minutes.

Lisa Schleelein, Planning Board Chair

VILLAGE TRUSTEE REPORTS

The Community Hall

The Village of Lansing's Community Hall is available 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

TCCOG Update

Two Trustees represent the Village in the Tompkins County Council of Governments (TCCOG.) Trustee Ronny Hardaway is the primary delegate and Trustee Pat O'Rourke is the alternate delegate. TCCOG is an association of local governments organized to provide a forum for discussion and negotiation leading to agreements for more efficient and fiscally responsible delivery of government services. Recent TCCOG discussions included:

- **Short-Term Rentals**: Members discussed how local municipalities identify, monitor, and regulate short-term rentals? (Airbnb, VRBO, HomeAway, etc.) Tompkins County is evaluating vendors who track and report short-term rental information. The County Administrator is considering a contract with vendor(s) for this information and hopes to share the rental data with local municipalities. The Village of Cayuga Heights recently passed regulations for short-term rentals, and the Town of Ithaca is drafting regulations for short-term rentals.
- **County Water-Quality Staffing Request**: Members voted to formally support a letter from the Tompkins County Water Resources Council subcommittee on Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) that requests that Tompkins County budget for and hire a full-time water-quality staff person. This person would "bring together the work of different Tompkins County entities and engage with entities outside Tompkins County to help coordinate and advance water quality work being done throughout the watershed."
- **Update on 2020 Census Activities**: Members heard reports from the Complete Count Census Committee about activities related to the 2020 U.S. Census. The goal of the committee is to have a complete count of all people within Tompkins County because those numbers drive impacts to the County – such as aid formulas and election districts.

Greenway Committee Update

The Village Greenway Committee met in May and June and determined that no updates were needed in the current Greenway Plan. Future Village projects might require updates to the plan, and the committee will meet in the Spring of 2020 to reassess plan updates.

The committee plans to work with the Village Planning Board on its future Village sidewalk plan. This plan will identify current sidewalks and assist with the design and development of future Village sidewalk installations.

Park Benches and Signs

The Greenway Committee worked with the Board of Trustees and the DPW staff to select and order 10 benches to be distributed and installed in the Village parks beginning this Fall. The committee also helped design new park signs for Village parks. The procurement process has started for these signs and a sign vendor will be selected this Fall. Installation will probably not begin until next Spring.

Join the Greenway Committee

The Greenway Committee invites residents of the Village to become Community Representatives of the Committee. If you are interested, contact Ronny Hardaway at ronny.hardaway@gmail.com.

Ronny Hardaway, Trustee

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. 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.

VOTING INFORMATION

Voting for Town Candidates

Village Registered Voters Can Vote for Town Candidates. On November 5th (or by Early Voting – see separate article), Village of Lansing residents will vote in the General Election for local, state and federal offices. As part of the Town of Lansing, registered Village voters can vote for candidates in the following Town races:

- Town Supervisor (1)
- Town Clerk (1)
- Town Councilperson (2)
- Town Highway Superintendent (1)
- Town Justice (1)

The Village of Lansing contributes approximately 35% of the Town of Lansing's total taxes; therefore, Village residents should let their voices be heard by helping to elect the Town officers and staff who decide how to spend Village money contributed to the Town budget.

Early Voting Available to Registered Voters for November General Election

For the first time, registered voters in Tompkins County will have a new voting option, with an additional nine days to cast their ballot before this Fall's Election Day. To vote early, voters will **not** go to their

regular voting locations. The Tompkins County Board of Elections has established two Early Voting poll sites, which will be open each day during the nine-day Early Voting period:

- Ithaca Town Hall, 215 N. Tioga Street, Ithaca, and
- Tompkins County Crash, Fire, Rescue Building, 72 Brown Road, Ithaca (off Warren Road at Airport administration offices)

The days and hours both sites will be open for Early Voting are:

- Saturday, October 26 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Sunday, October 27 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, October 28 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 29 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 30 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Thursday, October 31 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Friday, November 1 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Saturday, November 2 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Sunday, November 3 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

(The two Early Voting sites will not be open on Monday, November 4 (the day before the General Election), nor on Election Day, when voters will vote at their regular polling sites.) For more information on Early Voting, visit the Tompkins County Board of Elections website at votetompkins.com (click on the “Early Voting” tab.) If you have questions, call the Board of Elections at **607-274-5522**.

TOWN OF LANSING RECREATION

Village residents can take advantage of the outstanding recreation programs offered by the Town of Lansing Recreation Department. The following are upcoming programs:

- Adult Co-Ed Volleyball starting October 1st-April 21st
- Flying High Horseback Riding: October 8th-November 12th
- Gymnastics: November 11th- December 20th
- Jump Around: October 2nd- November 6th

Camping season will be coming to a close in October. Columbus Day weekend is your last chance to camp at Myers Park for the season. Pavilion rentals will close shortly following. If you still need to make a reservation, you can visit the Town of Lansing Recreation Department at www.lansingrec.com.

The boat slip lottery will be February 25th. If you are interested in a boat slip please fill out an application. They will be available online or at the Parks & Rec Office on January 3rd.

The Town is expected to have their new LED sign installed this month. Be sure to check out the Parks and Recreation Facebook page for updates on the signs progress.

The Parks and Rec Department spent several days last month installing a fence at Salt Point and bird houses along the Lansing Center Trail.

Pat Tyrrell, Town of Lansing Park & Rec Director

YMCA OF ITHACA & TOMPKINS COUNTY

The YMCA is located in the Village and offers many great programs.

Your Y's Hours

Monday - Friday: 5:30 am - 9:00 pm

Saturday: 7:00 am - 7:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

ChildWatch Hours – Reservations are required

Monday - Friday: 9:00am – 1:00pm & 2:45 – 8:00pm

Saturday: Lots-o-Tots: 9:00am – 12:30pm

Stay-n-Play: 9:00am – 3:00pm

Sunday: Lots-o-Tots: 10:30am – 1:00pm

Stay-n-Play: 10:30am – 5:45pm

The YMCA offers scholarships to those who need financial assistance. Applications can be downloaded on our website at <https://www.ithacaymca.com/scholarships.html>

Session 6 Programs Start on October 28 with sign ups starting on October 14 for members and October 21 for non-members.

New Classes! 4 new classes this Fall: **Fitness 101** and **Cardio Kickboxing** are currently on our weekly schedule. **Family Yoga** will debut on October 6 - this class will take place on the first Sunday of each month. Starting in Session 6 we will be offering a weekly **Yoga HIT** class. Please check out our group fitness schedule for dates and times!

Self Defense 6 Week Series- Starting in Session 6, this series will run from November 2 – December 7. Registration is required.

Yoga Lab Poses 6 Week Series: Break down the poses for a better practice. Starting in Session 6, this series will run from October 30- December 12. Registration is required.

Halloween Dance Party! October 18, 6-8pm- Come dressed in your favorite costume ready to dance! Have fun while exercising! \$10 donation at the door. No registration required.

Into the Woods: YMCA Family Halloween Party: Friday, October 25 from 6-8pm. Location: Y Outdoor Education Center, 1349 Mecklenburg Road (Rt 79), Ithaca

Running of the Elves 5K: Join us on Saturday, December 7, in our new location for our annual 5K winter run! This year the Cornell and Business Technology Park (Across from the airport) will be hosting the event! Register online at ithacaymca.com.

School Age Child Care 2019-2020 School Year: We still have openings for our after school program. Stop in to the Welcome Center desk for more information.

Free Racquetball Clinic: Learn how to play one of the fastest sports in the world. We will teach you the basic fundamental skills and rules which will help you enjoy this great sport. Junior Racquetball Clinic

(Ages 10 - 17 years) 4:30pm -6:00pm Adult Racquetball Clinic (Ages 18 years and up) 6:00pm—7:30pm
Four Week Session will be held on October 4, October 18, November 1, and November 15 This Clinic will
be Free to the Public. For information please contact Nick Barlow at nbarlow@ithacaymca.com

Red Cross Certifications at the Y:

Babysitting Certification: November 11

Lifeguard Certification: November 9, 10, 16, 17 (Must complete all 4 days for certification)

CPR for the Community-Lay Responder Course: 10/19 and 11/23

Hands Only CPR: 10/13 (Free workshop!)

Register online at ithacaymca.com/red-cross-certifications.html

Swim Lessons, group and private: 8 week programs starting new sessions on October 28. For all ages
starting at 6 months. See website for fees, times, and swim levels. We also offer Adult Masters and Youth
Barracudas swim teams.

Adult Masters Swimming: Are you an adult looking for a group setting to improve your swimming skills?
Masters Swimming may be for you! Masters runs for 16 weeks. Stop in on a Monday and Wednesday
evenings at 7:00pm to sit in on a session and see if this is for you. Unsure: Try the first week at no charge;
proration can happen registration costs.

Group Fitness and Personal Training: We offer a variety of group fitness classes, including, but not
limited to, Zumba, Yoga, Boot Camp, Pilates, Aqua classes, functional training, and many more! Sign up
with one of our fitness coaches to offer you personal training that is customized to you and your needs.

Senior Dollar Days: Calling all community members age 60 and up! Join us on Thursdays for just \$1.
Take a class, swim in the pool, go to a workshop, and socialize!

Trisha Mullin, YMCA Marketing & Communication Coordinator

TOMPKINS COUNTY LEGISLATURE

The County Budget

September and October are budget season for the County Legislature. Earlier this year, the Legislature set a
target for a levy increase of 2.76%. The budget recommended by the County Administrator adheres to this
target, recommending a tax rate decrease of 1.58%, which, applied to the County tax base that includes new
construction and updated assessments, would result in a tax levy increase of \$1.38 million (or 2.76%). The
Administrator’s budget would result in a property tax increase of a little over 1%, or about \$13, on a home
assessed at the median value of \$190,000.

Unfortunately, I cannot promise you that the budget finally passed by the Legislature will be the budget
proposed by the Administrator. As is always the case, there are additional needs and mandates (“over-
target requests” or “OTR’s) that must be included in the budget. The Legislature held five meetings in
September to hear OTR presentations by 42 County offices, departments and non-profit organizations that
receive funding from the County budget. We will then have four meetings in October at which we will
hammer out a tentative budget. Before we formally adopt the budget, it will be published and there will be
a public hearing.

One of the major drivers of potential budget increases is climate change. Studies and information from a

wide variety of sources indicate that the cost of doing nothing to mitigate the impact of climate change will be hundreds of billions of dollars. Moreover, NYS recently enacted the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, which will require all of us to modify our behaviors to meet new and stringent sustainability goals. Accordingly, the County recently adopted a new Energy Strategy, which commits us to achieving net-zero emissions from County facilities in the shortest possible time frame consistent with its fiscal health. Another impact of climate change is the increase of harmful algal blooms (HAB's) on Cayuga Lake. The State expects the counties' Soil and Water Conservations Districts to take a leading role in the effort to eradicate HAB's. However, Tompkins County's Soil and Water Conservation District is in dire need of additional staff to perform this task – particularly a Flood Resiliency and Climate Conservation Engineer who can expedite the district's ability to monitor implementation of State grants that address water quality issues in our county.

Finally the budget is likely to include a \$2 increase in the annual solid waste fee paid by homeowners. This increase is necessary to offset the growing deficit in the County's recycling operations – the result of increasing costs and the shrinking international market for recycled materials. Please plan to attend the public budget hearing at 7:00 pm on October 29th to learn more.

Limiting Our Use of Plastic

As you all know, the State's ban on single use plastic bags will go into effect in March of next year. The State law gives counties the option of including a 5-cent charge for paper bags as well, and Tompkins County will be considering imposing such a fee. The fee would be collected like sales tax, and then distributed to participating counties to pay for reusable bags for their economically-distressed residents.

Since all forms of plastic clog our recycling facilities and pack our landfills, Tompkins County is exploring additional ways to minimize our use of plastic. Under consideration are bans on plastic straws and extended polystyrene foam. In addition, the County is considering adopting a policy restricting, if not banning, plastic containers and packaging in County facilities, including the airport.

Special Incentive Programs for Lansing Residents

Most of the Village continues to be subject to the natural gas moratorium imposed by NYSEG several years ago. Given the passage of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act earlier this year, it's highly unlikely that the moratorium will be lifted, at least for residential and commercial space heating customers. This is an ideal time to learn about heat pumps (which also serve as efficient air conditioners). Solar Tompkins and HeatSmart Tompkins have initiated a program especially for Lansing residents, to acquaint you with the benefits of heat pump technology. Now is the time to consider replacing your aging heating system with an air- or ground-source heat pump, which may entitle you to incentives from New York State and NYSERDA.

Another program worth looking into is NYSEG's "Optimize EV," which will provide you with an installed Level 2 charger for your plug-in hybrid or electric vehicle, if you also have a smart meter.

For contact information on either of these programs, or if you have any other questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at ddawson@tompkins-co.org.

Deborah Dawson, Tompkins County Legislator, District 10

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