



# **Newsletter March 2022**

**VILLAGE OF LANSING** *Incorporated 1974*

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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; 7:00 PM

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## **COMMENTS FROM MAYOR RONNY HARDAWAY**

As I write this message, Spring weather seems to have finally arrived in the Village to give us a break from Winter's iciness. I want to thank our Village DPW department staff who worked long and hard to keep our roads and sidewalks safe through deicing and snowplowing. Last December, the Village hired a new DPW employee, Nicholas (Nick) Dean, to replace Nolan Hatfield who left to work in the Town of Lansing DPW department. As you find the DPW crew out for our Spring Village work, please welcome Nick to our outstanding Village staff.

The COVID-19 pandemic also seems to be loosening its grip on our lives as mask mandates are lifted and vaccination and booster-shot rates climbed. Although many services, materials, and supply lines are still feeling the negative impact of the pandemic, a refreshing number of local businesses and governmental departments are beginning to reopen. It is great to see friends' and neighbors' unmasked, smiling faces and to hear pockets of laughter again.

Although Governor Kathy Hochul continues to extend her executive order Declaring a Disaster Emergency in the State of New York through at least April 15<sup>th</sup>, the Village is beginning to phase in hybrid, in-person and remote-participant, meetings. We plan to hold hybrid meetings after the state disaster emergency declaration ends. A quorum of Village board members must attend public meetings in-person to vote, but all other participants may join the meetings remotely if they desire. The Village installed a videoconference system that will allow hybrid meetings to be viewed online and to be recorded.

After weeks of research and discussions, Village staff and trustees completed a proposed 2022-2023 budget to be presented at a public hearing at the April 4<sup>th</sup> Trustees meeting at 7:40 PM. The new budget shows the estimated sales tax revenue has increased by 7.14%. The proposed tax rate for this year will remain at \$1.50 per thousand dollars assessment that yields a property tax levy that is 2.6% above last year. Copies of the Proposed 2022-23 Budget are available in the Village Office, and it is posted on the Village website.

The new budget proposes many capital projects within the Village, including milling and filling roadwork on Oakcrest Road and Dart Drive, permanent improvements to Graham Road West (between Triphammer Road and the mall loop road), installation of new streetlights and a sidewalk on Dart Drive, and water main replacement and airport water tank repairs on Warren Road and Brown Road. We will be going out for bids on the Sewer Expansion project between the Town and Village of Lansing. Recent months have shown a dramatic increase in this project's potential cost – well beyond the original estimate. Once we

receive bidders' cost numbers, the Village will evaluate if the Sewer Expansion project must be postponed or reassessed.

Walkability and greenspace are core needs within our Village. So, the new budget also includes trails, amenities, and beautification within our Village parks and walkways. Depending on our DPW department's availability, we will install trails in Shannon Park, Ned Hickey Park, and improvements to the trail between Wedgewood and the Shoppes at Ithaca Mall. We hope to install a small pavilion in Ned Hickey Park and to install additional benches distributed throughout our parks. We also plan to plant new and replacement trees in our parks.

On March 15<sup>th</sup>, Cayuga Health announced that it had purchased two storefronts in the newly subdivided Shops at Ithaca Mall. Cayuga Health will renovate about 108,000 square feet in the former Sears, BonTon, and a couple of smaller interior corridor storefronts into a multi-use operation. The first phase of the renovation will create Cayuga Health medical practices, administrative offices, and rentable space for related vendors. A second phase, planned for the old Sears location, will support healthcare education and training.

Trustees Simon Moll and Randy Smith will not seek re-election to the Village board. Please thank them for their service the next time you have a chance. For the upcoming Village election, we have two new Trustee candidates – Susan Ainslie and Jeff Dobbin. Please plan to vote on **Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from noon to 9pm.**

Finally, the Village's Spring brush pick up is scheduled for **Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Please see the associated article in this newsletter for more information.

Mayor Ronny Hardaway

### **INVITATION TO MEET WITH THE MAYOR**

Members of the public are invited to register to meet with Mayor Hardaway via a Zoom conference every Wednesday afternoon between 2 -4pm. This meeting is an informal, "open-door" meeting in which each registrant may speak or ask questions about any Village-related topic. If a registrant raises a topic or question that the mayor cannot discuss or answer, they will be informed before or during the meeting. There are up to four, 30-minute time slots available during the Zoom conference. All visitors will be placed in a Zoom waiting room and will be admitted to the meeting in the order of their registration. Please visit the Meet with the Mayor page and click on the "Meet with the Mayor" registration link: [vlansing.org/meet-with-the-mayor](https://vlansing.org/meet-with-the-mayor).

### **VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE**

#### **Budget Public Hearing**

The Public Hearing on the proposed Village of Lansing Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 will be April 4, 2022 at 7:40pm, in person and via Zoom videoconference. If you would like to attend the meeting please email Jodi at [clerk@vlansing.org](mailto:clerk@vlansing.org) to get the link. The Proposed 2022-23 Budget is posted on the website. If you would like a copy mailed to you, please contact the office at 257-0424 ext.#2. Village residents 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 \$16,000. \$2,680,169 in appropriations is proposed for the General Fund. The proposed General Tax Rate will remain the same at \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

## **SOUTHERN CAYUGA LAKE INTERMUNICIPAL WATER COMMISSION (SCLIWC)**

### **Water /Sewer Rate Increases as of April 2022 Billing for Village Residents**

In January 2022 SCLIWC raised their water rate from \$5.60 to \$5.77. The Village surcharge remains at 50%. The cost for 1,000 gallons of water has increased from \$8.40 to \$8.66. The Village of Cayuga Heights has also increased their sewer rate, so the new sewer rate is \$6.64 per 1,000 gallons of water.

### **Water/Sewer Bills**

Bolton Point recently implemented eBilling of Village of Lansing water and sewer bills. If you are interested in receiving your bill via email, please sign up at [boltonpoint.org/ebilling](http://boltonpoint.org/ebilling). **PLEASE NOTE: You must provide your account number to complete this registration.**

Village of Lansing Residents receive a bill quarterly at the beginning of January, April, July, and October. You will receive a postcard bill if you have not signed up for eBilling. 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. There is a secure drop box inside the entry way to our administration building for you to drop off your payment anytime. The Village does not accept credit card payments. The Village of Lansing is part of the Southern Cayuga Lake Intermunicipal Water Commission (SCLIWC).

## **HOW TO GET INVOLVED WITH YOUR COMMUNITY**

The Village of Lansing is looking for a Planning Board Member, Planning Board Alternate and a Board of Zoning Appeals Member and Alternate Member. If you are interested in serving, please contact the Village Clerk/Treasurer at 607-257-0424 ext. #2 or [clerk@vlansing.org](mailto:clerk@vlansing.org)

## **VILLAGE CODE & ZONING DEPARTMENT**

I would remind everyone that there are numerous scenarios in which a building permit would be needed, I would encourage individuals who are interested in, additions, new construction, remodeling, installation of new heating equipment, decks, pools, etc. to contact me at [codeofficer2@vlansing.org](mailto:codeofficer2@vlansing.org) for any questions you might have.

Now that the snow has melted, I would like to remind our local businesses and homeowners to please help keep this Village beautiful by checking your property for garbage and debris that has collected through the winter.

Also, the NYS burn ban is now in effect through Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.

Please remember to check/replace the batteries in all Carbon Monoxide and Smoke Detectors.

Michael Scott, Code & Zoning Officer

## **VILLAGE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

### **Spring Brush Pick-Up**

Spring brush and limb pick-up will be provided by the Town and Village 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.

## Village of Lansing Sanitary Sewer Serviced Customers

The Village of Lansing Sanitary Sewer Collector system conveys sewage to be treated at the VCHWWTP (Village of Cayuga Heights Waste Water Treatment Plant) as part of an intermunicipal agreement. This agreement allows the Village to reduce its operating expense by eliminating the need for a treatment facility and all the costs associated with owning one.

It was recently brought to our attention that the railroad bed sanitary sewer flow monitoring system is reading double its normal flow for this time of the season. The railroad bed collection system services all of the Village of Lansing north of Route 13 and into the Town of Lansing. This is most likely caused by a variety of issues including connections of basement perimeter drains, sump pump drains, and in some cases driveway drains. In the past these inflows may have been permitted, but in today's standards are considered illegal connections. See figure below for typical illegal connections.



*Courtesy King county Dept. Natural Resource and Parks*

According to the EPA, “private laterals make up about half of the total length of a sewer system. Even when the system-wide impact of infiltration is not an issue, defective laterals can cause sewer backups, and can be an important issue of concern in public works agencies.” Additional clean water or inflow to the system can be detrimental in the treatment of everyday sewage by increasing operating expenses or exceeding the allowed NYSDEC operating permit.

We are working diligently to repair known issues to the Village's collection system. This year you may encounter crews working on sanitary sewer mains and manholes Village wide.

We are currently working on a mechanism to assist homeowners to find and isolate inflow and infiltration into private sanitary service laterals. If you know of connections that may be questionable whether draining to storm or sanitary sewer, please don't hesitate to contact me.

John Courtney, Superintendent of Public Works, [dpw@vlansing.org](mailto:dpw@vlansing.org)

## VILLAGE TRUSTEE REPORTS

This is my last newsletter as I have elected to not run for another term. Thanks to my recent retirement, my wife and I are looking forward to spending winters in the south, returning to Ithaca for the summers. As I bow out, I feel that the Village of Lansing is the absolute best place to live in Tompkins County and I feel I'm leaving it to a wonderful group of employees and elected officials.

Interesting notes accumulated over the years:

- The Village consists of 4.2 square miles of area
- We have 5 full time employees
- We have a Mayor, Trustees, a Planning Board, and a BZA. We are always looking for folks that want to help out.
- There are 18.5 miles of road to maintain (we try to resurface 2 miles per year plus snow plowing maintenance)
- 1" of snow equates to around 15 to 20 tons of salt application
- The Village has approximately 3,600 residents
- 68% of residents are renters
- We have 16.5 miles of sewer lines (Sanitary Collection System)
- We have 31.25 miles of water lines (Water Distribution Mains)
- 1.7 miles of trails and 6.5 miles of sidewalks
- 27.7 acres of parkland (all three of the above require maintenance)
- There are approximately 3,200 municipalities in New York State. The Village is one of a few that are debt free. This is a great tribute to our employees and elected officials. This needs to remain a high priority.

We will continue to see expansion within the Village. There is still vacant or available land for this expansion. New businesses will emerge or change over within our Village, especially at the three Mall locations: Cayuga Mall, Triphammer Mall, and the Shops at Ithaca Mall.

Speaking of Shops at Ithaca Mall, congratulations and welcome to Cayuga Medical. Their growth will add additional tenants to the Mall. Changes to the Shops at Ithaca Mall allows the Village to change the pathway leading to Shannon Park so that it is maintained year around, and to address the flooding problems in that area. We will continue to expand our trails and sidewalks allowing for better walkability and safe exercise.

The Village is in great hands! I will miss my colleagues on the Boards and the great group of employees that Gets It Done!

Randy Smith, Trustee

## PLANNING BOARD NEWS

The Planning Board meetings for the fall continued via Zoom videoconference. It is expected that in-person meetings will resume in mid-April. However, with a new hybrid video system, interested residents can still continue to attend via Zoom by requesting a link from Mike Scott, our Code Officer.

Major projects that were addressed over the past six months:

The Shops at Ithaca Mall

The mall subdivision agreement was finalized, and you may have seen in the local media that Cayuga Medical Center has purchased 2 of the "parcels". This is an exciting step forward to bringing life back to the Mall.

## The Alcohol & Drug Council

The Council, located at 2353 N Tripphammer Rd, has begun renovations to their building to add sleeping areas for adult men and women who have been assessed to have mild to moderate substance disorders and are receiving treatment services.

## Update on other projects:

### Lansing Meadows Planned Development Area (aka BJ's PDA)

Substantial progress was made to the project last fall, but much remains to be done. It is expected that the four triplex buildings (units 1-12) in place will be completed, the sidewalk along Oakcrest will be installed, and that the foundations for the final two triplex buildings will be completed in the upcoming construction season.

### The Millcroft Cluster Subdivision

The developer and the Village continued negotiations throughout the fall in an effort to reach an agreement regarding the subdivision road design and the integration of the design with adjacent properties. With agreements reached, the project is moving forward and the Planning Board expects to see a final plat for the development submitted this spring/summer.

### Code Additions and Zoning Change

- A Lighting Code was developed and submitted to the Board of Trustees for adoption as a local law.
- A request was made in 2021 by Cornell Real Estate to the Board of Trustees to upzone a 25+ acre parcel on Uptown Road from Medium Density Residential to High Density Residential. As is the process, the Trustees forwarded the request to the Planning Board for a recommendation. After careful consideration, the Planning Board voted in mid-March (2022) to recommend the zone change to HDR to the Board of Trustees.
- A Tree Ordinance is currently being worked on and it is expected that it will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for adoption as a local law in the next few months.

We were so pleased to welcome Patrick Gillespie to the Planning Board as our Alternate Member in February. Pat previously served on the BZA for many years. We had a full board for about a minute as one of our members just stepped down and Pat was appointed as a full voting member. A second member will be leaving after her term expires in a month. Both Tony Ingraffea and Monica Moll have brought such important perspectives to the Board and are a great loss. We thank them both for participating in keeping our local government strong and healthy and making a difference in our community.

I don't know if many people realize the impact that involvement in municipal government at the local level has on our daily lives. Whether it is voting for a Village Trustee or being and voting as a Planning Board member or BZA member, it is where a single vote can make a real and long-lasting difference for our community. Our Village government relies on Village residents being active participants. That participation is no longer happening at a healthy level. I recently came across an old quote credited to Will Rogers: "It's a great country, but you can't live in it for nothing." It also applies to "a great Village". Please consider getting involved as a Planning Board or BZA member. If you are interested in knowing more about these boards, contact Clerk, Jodi Dake at the Village Office, 257-0424.

You are always welcome at live meetings (starting again in April)--the second Monday and the last Tuesday of each month, 7:00 - 9:00pm. Other options: attend meetings via Zoom (contact our Code Officer, Mike Scott at [codeofficer2@vlansing.org](mailto:codeofficer2@vlansing.org) to register) or tune in later on YouTube on the Village website. To receive a bi-monthly email with upcoming Planning Board agendas sent out approximately four days in advance of a meeting, contact Mike Scott to be added to the distribution list. It is a good way to see whether something is coming up in your neighborhood. Alternatively, check the

<https://vlansing.org/> website (Village Meetings icon) where you can find Board agendas and past Planning Board meeting minutes.

Lisa Schleelein, Planning Board Chair

## **GREENWAY COMMITTEE**

The Village of Lansing Greenway Committee presented an updated Greenway Plan to the Village Board of Trustees and Village staff members for review. The Greenway Committee will incorporate the suggested revisions from the review and request approval of the new plan. The Greenway Plan was reviewed and updated to reflect the status of the Village's greenways, parks, and trails. Once the updated plan is revised with suggested changes and approved by the board of trustees, it will be available on the Village website.

The Greenway Committee plans to support the CSC Task Force with input and review of the upcoming *Natural Resources Inventory*. For more information, visit the Greenway Committee's page at [vlansing.org/greenway-committee](https://vlansing.org/greenway-committee).

## **CLIMATESMART COMMUNITIES TASK FORCE**

### **Climate and Clean Energy Programs**

The Village joined two New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) climate and clean energy programs. Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Task Force members evaluate and implement action steps within the CSC program and the Clean Energy Communities (CEC) program to help the Village reduce its GHG emissions and to help Village residents and businesses transition to clean, affordable energy solutions for their heating and cooling needs.

**Climate Smart Communities** – The CSC Task Force worked with Rachel Zevin, Climate Smart Communities and Climate Stewards Coordinator, at Cornell Cooperative Extension to complete the Village's Government Operations Climate Action Plan. This plan focuses on strategies to reduce GHG emissions and on actions that address local mitigation and adaptation to climate change and can be found at the following link: [vlansing.org/Reports/VOL CAP FINAL.pdf](https://vlansing.org/Reports/VOL_CAP_FINAL.pdf).

The Task Force is now working on the Village's Natural Resources Inventory that will inventory the natural resources of the Village, both physical (e.g., geology) and biological (e.g., forests), and provide a foundation for land-use and conservation planning. Task force members are also working on other CSC actions related to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to a changing climate. For more information, visit the CSC Task Force page at [vlansing.org/climate-smart-communities](https://vlansing.org/climate-smart-communities).

**Clean Energy Communities** – The Village has completed four CEC high-impact actions: Benchmarking – Advanced Reporting, Energy Code Enforcement Training, LED Street Lights – Cobra Head Street Lights, and LED Street Lights – Decorative Street Lights. Completing these actions entitles us to apply for a one-time, non-competitive, Designation Grant of \$5,000 once NYSERDA officially notifies the Village of our Designation status.

The CSC Task Force will continue to work on more high-impact actions with the help of Gina Cassidy, CEC Coordinator, with Cornell Cooperation Extension. By implementing and receiving NYSERDA points for completed actions, the Village will be eligible for future competitive grants to help achieve clean energy goals to use resources more efficiently, save taxpayer dollars, create jobs, and drive local economic development. For more information on our CEC goals and achievements, please visit the Village website page, [vlansing.org/clean-energy-communities](https://vlansing.org/clean-energy-communities).

## NEWS FROM THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Tompkins County taxes will be the main topic of this newsletter submission.

**Real Property Taxes and Assessed Valuation-**The real property tax levy is the county's largest source of revenue. In our budget deliberations last fall, the Legislature decided not to raise the county's property tax levy, a choice that was made possible by the Federal funds we received under the American Recovery Plan Act, and our unexpectedly robust 2021 sales tax receipts. Nevertheless, many of you will end up paying slightly higher property taxes this year because, although your tax rate was reduced by 1.8%, your real property's assessed value increased.

The Tompkins County Department of Assessment conducts an Annual Equity Maintenance Program review of all real property in the county to maintain assessments at 100% of full market value. As we all know, real property prices everywhere – including here in Tompkins County - have exploded in the wake of the pandemic. The assessed value of your property is likely to have gone up to reflect this increase in the market. If your assessment has gone up, you will have already received, or soon will receive, a Notice of Preliminary Assessment from the Department of Assessment. It contains instructions for beginning the process of appealing your preliminary assessment. ***Please note that the deadline for filing a written or online appeal is April 15.*** If you have questions about the process, please contact the Department of Assessment at 607-274-5517.

**Keep Local Sales Tax Revenues Local-**The county's second largest revenue stream is sales tax. The State of New York collects all 8% of the sales tax generated by your local and online purchases, and then sends the local 4% back to the county for distribution among our city, towns, villages, and the county itself. For the past couple of years, the state has been “diverting” a portion of every county's local share of sales tax to fund the state's Aid and Incentives to Municipalities (AIM) program and a Distressed Health Facilities Fund established under Governor Cuomo. Last year, these “diversions” cost Tompkins County and its constituent municipalities a total of \$696,750!

Governor Hochul's executive budget and the State Senate and Assembly one-house budget bills eliminate the AIM-related sales tax diversion, which represents about 55% of our local sales tax diverted by Albany. However, the executive budget would make the diversion for distressed hospitals (which was originally supposed to be a temporary measure) permanent. This is unacceptable and unsustainable. Although Albany has collected a total of \$500 million in local sales tax revenues under this program, it hasn't distributed a penny of that money to any hospital or health facility. Instead, the state grabbed \$250 million and put it in its own general fund. The other \$250 million is just sitting in an account.

Last year, Tompkins County and its constituent municipalities lost over \$300,000 of sales tax revenues to Albany's distressed hospital grab. That was locally generated money that could and should have been spent on services for our local residents and taxpayers (including services that Albany mandates us to provide). I'm asking that you all take a moment to call the Governor's office and our State Senator and Assembly Member to ask them to eliminate the diversion of local sales tax revenues to the Distressed Health Facilities Fund in the state budget that will be passed at the end of this month. ***Please call the Governor's office (518-474-8390), Senator Pam Helming's office (518-455-2366), and Assembly Member Anna Kelles' office (518-455-5444), and tell them that you want them to eliminate all sales tax diversions and to “Keep Local Taxes Local.” Thank you!***

**And some “non-tax” thoughts-**We all fervently hope that the pandemic is close to over, but Covid is still

out there. As we transition from pandemic to endemic, please remember that vaccinations and masks protect you, your loved ones, and your fellow Tompkins County residents. You may be strong and healthy, but some of the folks you run into at Tops or Wegman's will be elderly and/or immune-compromised. In the end, it's up to each of us to be neighborly and to look out for each other.

Finally, I had lunch today at "The Legacy," the new café at our airport. The menu was diverse and reasonably priced, and my food was delicious. Our lunch options here in the Village of Lansing have become limited during the pandemic, so I was happy to discover that we have a new place to go. The café also serves fried chicken and fish dinners, which the airport director assures me are excellent. You can eat in or take out, and they validate your parking. The Legacy is open until 8 pm on weekdays, and until 7 pm on weekends. They can be reached at 607-319-0886. Bon appetit!!

Deborah Dawson, Tompkins County Legislator

## **NEW PROGRAMS AT THE YMCA**

The YMCA of Ithaca and Tompkins County continues to expand programs, offerings, and hours of operation in response to community interest and the expertise of our staff.

In February, the YMCA introduced YMCA360, an extensive collection of live streaming and on-demand fitness classes and instructional videos available on the app and at [ymca360.org](http://ymca360.org). YMCA360 topics cover all ages and include fitness classes such as cardio, weight training and dance; nutrition and wellness information; Pilates, yoga and other mind-body exercises; swimming instructions and youth sports drills; and other skills-building classes such as guitar lessons.

YMCA360 is free and accessible to anyone with a YMCA Membership. For those interested in accessing the program but not ready for a full, in-person membership, the YMCA offers a discounted virtual membership that includes four visits to the physical facility per month.

Health and Wellness Director Gunnar Madison has also debuted new Evidence Based Health Intervention programs that aim to give individuals the tools to manage their own health. The first of these, the Arthritis Foundation's Walk with Ease program, is a six-week group exercise program that can reduce pain and improve overall health. Participants will meet with instructors three times a week, beginning with a health education session on an arthritis- or exercise-related topic, followed by a 10–35-minute walk. The next session will take place May 9 through June 17; while it is focused on arthritis, participation is not limited by health condition.

Other in-progress and upcoming community health programs are focused on weight management and blood pressure self-monitoring.

This spring will also see the return of Healthy Kids Day at the YMCA. For 30 years, Healthy Kids Day has supported and celebrated healthy development through fun and play. Join us in the YMCA gymnasium on April 30 from 1pm-3pm for a variety of fun activities for all ages. Community organizations focused on youth health and connection are invited to join and present an activity of their own. Admission will be free for everyone under age 18.

Learn more about any of these programs at [ithacaymca.com](http://ithacaymca.com) or follow them on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter.

## **INVITATION TO FORM OR JOIN “FRIENDS OF PARK” GROUP**

Village residents are invited to form, or join, a “Friends of Park” group for one of our municipal parks. Each group would comprise nearby residents or frequent visitors to monitor parks and their associated trails for needed maintenance and care. Each group should have a volunteer coordinator to plan and facilitate any group meetings or actions related to the park and/or its associated trails. “Friends of Park” members could undertake simple maintenance tasks including:

- Weeding of landscaped areas.
- Planting and transplanting flowers or small shrubs.
- Litter collection.
- Simple pruning of landscaping shrubs, and
- Monitoring of Village trash receptacles. (Should trash receptacles need service or to be emptied, Village DPW staff should be notified.)

Beyond the listed tasks, members would report other maintenance issues to the Village DPW department. If you are interested in joining or want more information, please contact Ronny Hardaway, chair of the Village Greenway Committee at [rhardaway@vlansing.org](mailto:rhardaway@vlansing.org).

To show our appreciation for helping to maintain a beautiful village, we plan to have an appreciation picnic at the end of the summer for all the volunteers. Together we will make the Village a beautiful place to live!

## **TOWN OF LANSING RECREATION AND MYERS PARK**

As a Village of Lansing resident, you are also in the Town of Lansing. Village residents can participate in the many excellent Town of Lansing Recreation Programs. Programs are offered to Lansing residents on a first come first served basis. Adult programs are for people who live, work full time in, or are graduates of Lansing Schools. The Town has a new online software for registering for programs and reserving facilities and campsites. Visit them at <https://lansingrec.recdesk.com/Community/Home> to start exploring the new site and to see all the Lansing Parks and Recreation has to offer.

The Town of Lansing Parks & Recreation Department also provides a variety of experiences at Meyers Park. Admission to the park is **free** for Town of Lansing residents. Nonresidents are charged \$6 per car. Located in the southern part of the Town of Lansing off Route 34B, the park is graced with 31 acres of grass covered, tree shaded land, with extensive Cayuga Lake frontage. There are pavilions you can rent, a boat launch and marina, swimming area, playgrounds, volleyball net, basketball court, horseshoe pits and kayak rental. On Thursday nights in July and August they offer Music In The Park. My family has enjoyed these programs and the park for years and I know you will too!

Jodi Dake, Village of Lansing Clerk/Treasurer

## **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! Also stay up to date throughout the year by going to the Village of Lansing Website at [www.vlansing.org](http://www.vlansing.org)

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 Tompkins County Environmental Management Council.....John Dennis  
 Tompkins County Joint Youth Commission.....Simon Moll  
 Tompkins County Council of Government-TCCOG.....Ronny Hardaway, Patricia O'Rourke  
 Tompkins County Water Resource Council.....Lynn Leopold

## STATE AND FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES

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