



## **NEWSLETTER**

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**VILLAGE OF LANSING *Incorporated 1974***

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### **A BRIEF NOTE FROM THE MAYOR**

In late January, a new traffic signal at the intersection of North Triphammer Road and Graham Road was placed in operation. This replaces the four way stop signs that have controlled traffic through this busy intersection for the past decade. A week later, a new traffic light that was installed at the intersection of Uptown Road, Arrowwood Road and Warren Road came into operation. We hope that these new lights will facilitate traffic movement through these important intersections.

In addition to these two new traffic lights, the four existing traffic lights along North Triphammer Road were replaced with new ones in early December. A new traffic light on Pyramid Drive was also added at the same time. These five lights are electronically coordinated and the one on the south end of the Route 13 overpass bridge has a dedicated left turn arrow for turning onto northbound Route 13. Traffic flow should be significantly improved with this system. New York State Department of Transportation has agreed to take over these five lights and be responsible for their maintenance. Previously, the two lights on the bridge were maintained by NSYDOT and the Village was responsible for the other two.

We hope that these improvements will make travel in the Village of Lansing a more enjoyable experience.

In other areas of our infrastructure, there has been steady progress on a regional solution to our wastewater treatment problem. Negotiations are making good progress to form a six-municipality partner-ship and the significant NY State funding already received should help make this regional solution a reality. To meet our immediate needs, the Village of Cayuga Heights agreed to issue us 14 new sewer units with 16 more expected due to our reduction of inflow and infiltration (I & I) into the

systems that feed their sewer treatment plant. There are further opportunities for I&I reduction and it is our expectation that more units can be obtained by this mechanism. This strategy should provide sufficient sewer units to satisfy our needs until the regional solution is in place.

Due to on-going construction at the YMCA, the playing fields will be unavailable for the children's T-ball program. In the meantime, the YMCA will be utilizing Dankert Park on Uptown Road on Saturdays (April 21-June 23) from 11:30-1:30 P.M.

Saving the best for last, I am extremely happy to announce a very generous gift from Audrey and Bill Edelman to the Village of Lansing. Late last year, they gave the undeveloped portion of the Kennsington Subdivision to the Village. Including the roadways, this is 16.2 acres which provides a great and unprecedented opportunity for the Village. During the coming months, I will be forming an ad hoc committee to recommend to the Board of Trustees how best to utilize the gift for the future enjoyment of Village residents.

Please remember to vote in the upcoming Village elections on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Don Hartill  
Mayor

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## **PLANNING BOARD NEWS**

The year 2000 was a very busy time for the Village of Lansing Planning Board. Some of the highlights were:

The month of October 2000 saw the move of McDonalds from its old location on the east side of N. Triphammer Road to its new upscale location across the road. The location of McDonalds was necessitated by the need for additional parking and restaurant space. The old McDonalds building reverted to the status of "low traffic". (It has always been located in a low-traffic zone but since it predated the establishment of the Village in 1974, it was "grandfathered" as a high-traffic establishment.) The old building has been renovated to serve as offices for a law firm.

In November 2000, Tops Friendly Markets opened a new store on the site of the old Howard Johnson's hotel. The opening of the new Tops revitalized an area which has become somewhat of an eyesore along N. Triphammer Road because of the vacant hotel. The Special Permit for the new Tops had been approved earlier in the year. In addition to the new facility which will also contain an Applebee's Restaurant and a series of other stores including a Blockbuster Video outlet. Tops, as part of their approval, was responsible for installing a new series of traffic lights along Pyramid Drive and N. Triphammer Road. These lights, which are coordinated, will do much to improve traffic along both roads.

In early 2001, the Planning Board after a long series of meetings, finalized the Special Permit for the Cornell Ornithology Lab, located in Sapsucker Woods. The new state-of-the-art facility of over

80,000 square feet of floor space, will be a world-class laboratory and training and research center, and will provide office and public exhibition space. The approval of the Lab itself, is located within the municipal boundary of the Village, while the majority of the new roadwork to the lab and all of the parking are located within the Town of Dryden.

The Planning Board also, by amendment to its previously approved Special Permit, approved Pyramid Mall going ahead with the construction of a Home Depot within the Mall. This Home Depot will be built as part of the approval granted Pyramid Mall in 1999 to expand by 150,000 square feet. The purpose of this amendment was to approve safety changes within the parking lot and the relocation of the Home Depot building.

During this period also, the Planning Board approved a Special Permit for a new branch of the Cornell Fingerlakes Credit Union on Sheraton Drive. Construction is scheduled to begin in early spring.

The Planning Board, composed of Chairman Ned Hickey, Planners Doris Brown, Steven Halevy, Carol Klepack, Janet Waterman and Alternate Phil Dankert, meet every second Monday and last Tuesday at the Village Office, 2405 N. Tripphammer Road. All Village residents and other interested parties are urged to attend. Periodically, the Village has the need for Village residents to serve on "Ad Hoc" committees covering a variety of local subjects. Any interested Village resident is invited to contact the Village Office for more information.

Steven Halevy  
Acting Chairman

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## **LANSING COMMUNITY LIBRARY CENTER (LCLC)**

This letter to Mayor Hartill, dated 2/19/01, was received at the Village Office:

Thank you so much to the Village of Lansing for their recent, very generous gift of \$1000 to the Lansing Community Library Center! We especially appreciate your words of support at your meeting and you being there from the beginning for us.

To update you briefly, the construction of our building is moving along. The steel support beams are in place and the refurbishing of the handicapped access and restrooms is about to begin. Through the generosity of individuals and groups, such as the Village of Lansing, we have reached over half of our first-year fundraising goal. We still plan to open the Library Center in the spring and we hope to see many Village residents at our *gala* opening event.

Thank you again for your encouragement and support, Mayor Hartill, and for that of your Village Board. Please convey our gratitude to them. Your gift does make a big difference, in a very lasting way!

Susan Miller

## **N. TRIPHAMMER ROAD**

### **PROJECT**

As you may know, we have extensive plans to renovate and reconstruct North Triphammer Road from the north side of the bridge to Brook Drive. The change includes creating a turning lane in the center, with bike lanes, sidewalks, and green space on both sides. As part of our plans to manage traffic with the change in McDonalds and the addition to Tops, we replaced the 4-way stop at Graham Road with stoplights. While this was part of the N. Triphammer Road Reconstruction planning, Tops significant contribution allowed the installation much sooner.

So, when does all this start. We are in the process of building a team of people who will select the engineering firm who will oversee the project. This will be done by this summer. Construction will not start until the building season of 2002. However, given the size and scope of the project, we will make every attempt to ensure that one driving lane is open. Further, we will place signs at the site to forewarn drivers of any plans that will cause traffic delays. Our E-mail list ([vlansing@YahooGroups.com](mailto:vlansing@YahooGroups.com)) will be used to inform subscribers of the construction status and the plans for the week so you can make your travel plans.

To subscribe to the free E-mail list, send E-mail to [vlansing-subscribe@YahooGroups.com](mailto:vlansing-subscribe@YahooGroups.com) The address from which you send the E-mail will be added to the list.

For more information on the North Triphammer Road Reconstruction Project, view the detail on our web site: <http://people.clarityconnect.com/webpages/vlansing/ntrcrc>

Larry Fresinski  
Deputy Mayor

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## **PYRAMID MALL**

Pyramid Mall has announced what will be occurring at the Mall for Spring 2001.

### *Spring Events*

#### March

23-25 Recreation Show

30-1 Pictures Taken for Baby Photo Contest to benefit CNY Children's Miracle Network

31-1 American Cancer Society Daffodil Days

31 American Red Cross Safe Families Day 10AM – 6 PM

## April

3 Visiting Nurse Service Free Blood Pressure Screening 8:30 – 10:30 AM

6-8 Sertoma Antique Show

7 Easter Bunny arrival and breakfast 9 – 11 AM

Voting begins for Baby Photo Contest

14 Radio Control Show

21 Free spinal screenings by Dryden Family Chiropractic 10 AM – 2 PM

Baby Photo Contest Parade

## May

1 Visiting Nurse Service Free Blood Pressure Screening 8:30 – 10:30 AM

5 Tompkins County Mental Health Annual Bell of Quarters

30 National Senior Health & Fitness Day 10 AM – 2 PM

For additional information on current events happening at Pyramid Mall, check out their web site at [www.pyramidithaca.com](http://www.pyramidithaca.com) There you will find current events, a mall directory of current stores and ones that are coming soon, special sales, coupons to print out, and more!

Erin Eastman  
Marketing Assistant

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## **SOLID WASTE DIVISION**

### ***Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day***

The next Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be from 8 AM – 2 PM on March 24<sup>th</sup> at the D.E.P.O.T. (Don't Empty Pollutants in Our Trash), 122 Commercial Ave., Ithaca, next to the Recycling and Solid Waste Center.

The DEPOT will take Household Hazardous Waste from Tompkins County residents and homeowners and recycle or dispose of them properly. For example, paint (1/4 can or more), lawn chemicals, used oil, antifreeze, carpenter chemicals. etc.

You will need to make an appointment for March 24<sup>th</sup> collection day between the hours of 8 and 2. Fill out a registration form, which gives us an idea of what household hazardous waste you will be dropping off for proper recycling or disposal. The limit is no more than 25 gallons of liquid and 50 pounds of solids. You will also need a Tompkins County waste permit, which can be obtained at the Tompkins County Solid Waste Management Division office at the same address as above. You will need to bring your vehicle registration and there will be a charge of \$5.00 for the permit and the permit will be good for three years. For further information or to register through the mail, call 273-HHWM (4496). The Tompkins County Household Hazardous Waste collection program is partially funded with a grant from the NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation.

### **Reused/Recycled Dry Cleaning Bags and Hangers**

Several dry cleaning services and selected supermarkets in our area will accept clean plastic dry cleaning bags back for recycling. Bags should be free of paper tickets, tape, pins and staples. Local dry cleaners also accept wire clothes hangers in good condition. Hangers should be tied with string to prevent tangles. Call your dry cleaner to find out what is accepted.

A few of the local stores and dry cleaners that accept bags and hangers are:

- (1) Colonial Cleaners: 273-7121. They will accept bags. Bags need to be free of all paper, tape, pins and staples. Wire hangers must be tied together neatly. No rusty or bent hangers accepted.
- (2) Wylie Dry Cleaners: 273-4500. They will accept bags. Bags need to be free of all paper, tape,

pins and staples. Wire hangers must be tied together neatly. No rusty or bent hangers accepted.

(3) P & C Markets: Bags only. No tape, tickets or staples.

(4) Wegmans: Bags only. No tape, tickets or staples.

Stop by our office at 122 Commercial Ave or call 273-6632 for the Tompkins County Solid Waste Management Division's ReDirectory: A Guide to Reuse in Tompkins County. This guide will help you reduce the amount of waste you throw away by providing useful ideas and alternatives to disposal.

Linnett Warner  
Administrative Assistant  
Solid Waste Division

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## **VILLAGE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

### *Brush Pick-Up*

The Public Works Department will be providing a spring brush and limb pick-up in the Village the week of April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Residents are asked to leave all materials near the roadside by 7:00 AM on *Monday* morning. To assist the work crews, all limbs and brush (up to five inches in diameter) should be piled with the cut ends facing the same direction. Also, the piles should not be tied but should be left loose. It also helps if thorny materials are separated from the rest. Each household is limited to approximately one pick-up size load. Excessive amounts will not be picked up and will become the responsibility of the homeowner to see they are removed. Leaves and trash bags will not be picked up.

Dennis Reinhart  
Super. of Public Works

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## **VILLAGE BUDGET, ELECTIONS and NOTARY SERVICES**

The Board of Trustees is currently working on the preliminary Village budget and will probably set the Pubic Hearing for the Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Upcoming Village elections are scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup>. There are three Trustees' positions open, as well as the position of Mayor. The polls are open from noon to 9:00 PM. *ALL* Village registered voters will cast their ballot at Fire Station No. 5 on Oakcrest Road.

For final dates and times of the budget Public Hearing, details on candidates, etc., call the Village Office at 257-0424 or check the legal section of the Ithaca Journal.

Notary public services are available free of charge to Village residents at the Village Office during normal office hours of 9:00 – 1:00 on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Carol Willard  
Clerk, part-time

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## **LANSING OLDER ADULT PROGRAM (LOAP)**

*Exercise:* LOAP's year begins on a healthy note with our Senior Stretch/Exercise Class three times a week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:30 -10:00 AM at Woodsedge Community Center). Instructors include Anita Marinaccio and Marilyn Paradise. Classes are full of enthusiastic participants. The benefits of regular exercise are numerous for our overall mental and physical well-being. Please join us!

*Computer Classes:* We are becoming computer literate at Woodsedge! We are learning Hoyle Board Games (bridge, solitaire, etc.); Print Master Platinum (which makes every greeting card imaginable) and Word Pro (for writing letters). After our group masters these areas, we may venture into the internet world. If you are interested in joining the computer classes, call Woodsedge at 533-4792 to find out when the next class is scheduled.

*Think Spring:* The Annual LOAP Spring Banquet will be held on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Lansing United Methodist Church. A roast pork dinner will be served at noon. We will honor community volunteers and enjoy entertainment. The cost is \$4.00 You may inquire and make a reservation by calling Betty Fedorka at 533-7508.

We are always appreciative of the input the community offers. Please drop us a note with thoughts and suggestions to LOAP c/o Woodsedge Apts., Lansing NY 14882.

Marilyn Paradise  
LOAP Consultant