



NEWSLETTER

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<p>A NOTE FROM THE MAYOR</p> <p>It is the time of year to develop the budget for the Village of Lansing for the next fiscal year which begins June 1, 2002. Where does the Village spend the hard earned tax dollars that each of our residents contribute each year? By far our largest single expense (more than one half of our total</p>	<p>property taxes, one third from our share of the state sales tax revenue, with the remainder coming from the utilities gross receipts tax, the mortgage tax and interest income from careful management of our funds. You might ask why we haven't received more from sales tax revenue with all the new economic activity in the Village. Sadly, only the City and the County benefit from having the sale originate in their jurisdiction. Villages and Towns share one percent out of the</p>	<p>This time of year is also the time that we think about Village elections. This year, two Trustee positions are up for election and I encourage all of our residents to participate in this important process. There are about 1,500 registered voters living in the Village and recent elections have done well to get a turnout</p>
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General Fund expenditures) is road maintenance and improvements. To set the scale, rebuilding a roadway costs about one and one half times what a very expensive carpet installed in your living room costs per square yard. Snow removal is around \$25,000 per year on a normal year so this year's warm weather will help in this coming year since we pay based on the costs experienced during the previous year. The remainder of the General Fund pays the salaries of our employees, our engineering and legal consultants fees, contributions to our youth programs, and all the other miscellaneous expenses that the Village incurs to make the Village of Lansing a very desirable place to live. The other two funds, the Water Fund and the Sewer Fund are basically pass through accounts with the surcharges that are added paying for the maintenance and operation of our water and sewer infrastructure systems. Where does the money come from to finance the General Fund? About one third comes from

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eight percent collected by the County outside the City based on their population. For a place like the Village, we have to provide and maintain the roadways and other infrastructure for our very active commercial districts but only benefit from the sales tax revenue based on our population which has not grown nearly as much as the commercial activity.

I expect that the revenue from sales taxes will be at best flat this year but more likely down by several percent and that our interest income will be significantly lower than in past years. This will result in a likely shortfall of around five percent in the revenues for the General Fund. By careful planning and prioritizing our activities associated with our roadways, we should be able to maintain our tradition of keeping real property tax increases at or below the rate of inflation.

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of more than 100 voters. We can do better.

Finally, I must again report the loss of one of our former colleagues, Barbara Irish, who passed away on February 11th. Barbara was very active in early days of the Village, served on the Planning Board and was the Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer for the Village for many years. She was always very pleasant and was very effective in carrying out her duties. We will miss her.

Donald Hartill
Mayor
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PLANNING BOARD NEWS

There was considerable drop-off in applications for Special Permits and Subdivisions during the past year which provided the Planning Board the opportunity to focus on other matters. During the summer months, Mr. David Fernandez, Cayuga Landscape, met with the Planning Board for the purpose of discussing procedures for the review of landscape plans. This discussion led to the development of a Village Landscape Policy by the Planning Board which was adopted by the Board of Trustees. This policy may be viewed on the Village's web site.

In November, the Planning Board reviewed a proposal from Pyramid Corporation for the rezoning from Commercial Low Traffic to Commercial High Traffic use on the 10 acre parcel west of the YMCA. The Planning Board conducted preliminary discussions with the representatives from Pyramid and requested additional information such as a site plan and comparative density data. Pyramid has yet to respond to this request.

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In January, the Planning Board received a map of North Triphammer Road prepared by Mr. James Napoleon, a Syracuse based traffic consultant. The map depicted the required NYS traffic signs for the reconstructed North Triphammer Road. It also showed the location of possible way-finding signs that would assist travelers in finding the location of some of the major establishments in the Village's commercial districts. This is the initial part of a comprehensive signage plan for North Triphammer Road.

There was also an opportunity to meet with the new Planning Commissioner for Tompkins County, Mr. Edward Marx. Mr. Marx shared some concerns about planning and then received comments from Planning Board members. Previously in October, the Planning Board received a visual presentation of the Vital Communities project by members of the Tompkins County Planning Department.

Since the last Newsletter, there were five Special Permits

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processed, four of which were for home occupations. The fifth was an addition to the Lama Law Office which now occupies the old McDonald's building. Final subdivision approvals were granted to Mr. Don Edwards and Mrs. Ann Caren for their respective lots on Bush Lane and for Mr. John Young for his lot on Burdick Hill Road. Preliminary approval was granted for Mr. Robert Dean for his lots on Bomax Drive.

Perhaps most importantly was the appointment of two new members to the Planning Board. Maria Stycos of Twin Glens Road was appointed for a term which expires in May 2006 due to the vacancy created by the death of Steven Halevy. John Piscopo of Janivar Drive was pointed to the position of alternate member replacing Phil Dankert who occupied the vacancy created by Janet Waterman. The Planning Board is now at full strength and looking forward to the remainder of the year.

Chairman
Ned Hickey

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TOWN OF LANSING RECREATION DEPT.

The Town of Lansing Department of Parks and Recreation is proud to be sponsoring several musical concerts in the park at Myers Point this summer. Bands signed to perform include Ruben Everidge Country Band, The Ithaca Concert Band, Steve Southworth and the Rockabilly Rays, The East Hill Classic Jazz Group, and Cornerstone Bluegrass. Concerts will be on Thursday evenings starting in mid-July. Specific dates and time will be announced shortly. Admission is free but donations will be accepted. Plan to bring your dinner (or buy it at the Concession Stand), refreshments, coolers, and lawn chairs and join us for music on the lake.

Pavilion reservations are currently being accepted for the 2002 season. There are six pavilions available for renting in Myers Park and

Registration information for summer programs will be available approximately mid-May. We are currently exploring adding some new camps so watch for the brochure. Many programs fill up very quickly. Summer program information is available at the Village and Town Offices.

More information on all Parks and Recreation Department activities can be found on our web site at www.recreation.lansing.ny.us

Beverly French/Steve Colt
Recreation Department
**TOMPKINS COUNTY
BOARD OF
ELECTIONS**

Employment Opportunities

The Tompkins County Board of Elections is looking for dedicated men and women to serve as Election inspectors for Primary and

two-hour training class once every three years. The municipality that you work for will reimburse you for attendance.

In most election years, you will be expected to work twice a year.

- Primary Election Day (September) hours to work would be from 11:30 AM until after 9:00 PM (when the polls close)

- General Election Day (November) hours to work are from 5:30 AM until after 9:00 PM (when the polls close)

Before each election in which you are scheduled to work you will need to attend a one-hour session for machine training.

Reimbursement range of pay depends on the municipality you work for, but many towns pay \$100 for General Election

one pavilion at the Ballfield complex. The fee for rental is \$30 per day for most pavilions and \$50 for the two larger pavilions. Reservations can be made by calling the Lansing Parks and Recreation Department at 533-7388 or stopping at their office in the Lansing Town Hall.

Practice for the youth baseball program (LBP) and softball program (LSP) will begin the week of April 15th. Registration has been completed and teams are being formed. Games are held on weeknights beginning at 6:00 PM and on Saturdays on the Lansing Ballfield Complex.

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General Elections held in March, September and November. These citizens will be placed at voting locations throughout the county.

Requirements include:

- Must be a registered voter in Tompkins County (18 years or older)
- Represent either the Republican or Democratic Party
- Enjoy people and service to others

Once you have decided to dedicate yourself to the electoral process, you will be required to attend a

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Day and Primary Day's pay is usually no less than \$50.

If you are interested, please contact the Board of Elections for more information:

Telephone Numbers are 274-5521 or 274-5522; Fax Number is 274-5533; e-mail is brdelect@tompkins-co.org

Elizabeth Cree
Shary Zifchock
Commissioners of
Elections

NOTARY SERVICES

Notary public services are available free of charge to Village residents at the Village Office.

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The Tompkins County Solid Waste Management Division reminds residents that they may

PYRAMID MALL

Pyramid Mall is proud to announce that Dick's Sporting Goods and Borders Bookstores will be opening their doors to the public this spring. By May 15th, the south end of the mall will be completed.

Would you like to work fitness into your daily routine? If so, join us at the mall for healthful walking at your own pace in climate-controlled comfort. It couldn't be more convenient; with the mall doors opening at 7:00 AM, you can start your day off right! With the recent expansion of the mall, it is about ¾ of a mile per lap. Stop in the mall office for more details.

Upcoming Events

March

- 30 Red Cross 'Safe Family Day'

April

- 4-7 American Cancer Society Daffodil Sale
- 6 Ithaca Radio Control Model Airplane Show 8-5
- 9 Visiting Nurse Services Free Blood Pressure Screenings
- 12-14 Sertoma Antique Show
- 27 Dryden Family

- 25 Dryden Family Chiropractor Free Spinal Screenings
 - 29 National Senior Health & Fitness Day, 10-2
- June

- 4 Job Fair, 12-6
- 6 Iris Show
- 9 Visiting Nurse Services Free Blood Pressure Screenings

Enjoy different shows and exhibits throughout the year ... always something for the entire family! For additional information on events happening at Pyramid Mall, check out their website at

www.pyramidithaca.com where you will find a listing of events, store directory, special sales info, print out coupons, and more!

Angela LaPadula
Marketing Assistant

RECYCLING

The recycle-a-teers (Lynn Leopold, Keith Kreider and Linnett Warner) are available to all businesses, organizations, schools, municipalities, clubs, PTA's, church, etc. to come to your place and talk about what programs the Tompkins County Solid Waste Management Division has available for you to use. We will answer any questions that you have about recycling, reuse, reduction, illegal dumping, solid waste permits,

bring non-working or working computers and related equipment to the Recycling and Solid Waste Center Drop-off Area during regular hours, Monday-Saturday, 7 AM to 3:15 PM. Acceptable items include: computers, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, scanners, hard drives, and cables. Items that are not acceptable include: televisions, CD/stereo/tape players, other household electronics, and small appliances. For more information, please call 273-5700.

Linnett Warner
(Recycling Specialist,
TCSWMD)

BUDGET AND ELECTIONS

The Board of Trustees is currently working on the preliminary Village budget and will set the Public Hearing for the April 1st or 15th Board meeting.

Upcoming Village elections are scheduled for April 23rd. There are two Trustee positions open. These positions are currently held by incumbents Janet Beebe and Franklin Moore, both seeking re-election. The

Chiropractor Free Spinal Screenings
 - 28 Ithaca City School District Art Show begins May
 - 4 Dryden Family Chiropractic Free Spinal Screenings
 - 12 Visiting Nurse Services Free Blood Pressure Screenings

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disposal, hazardous waste and composting.
 Just give us a call at 273-6632 and ask to talk to Linnett and she will help set up a date and time for the recycle-a-teers to come visit you.

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polls are open from noon to 9:00 PM at Fire Station No. 5 on Oakcrest Road and ALL Village registered voters will cast their ballot at this site.

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

Carol Willard
 Clerk, part-time
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VILLAGE STREET TREE PLANTING PROGRAMS

Since 1990, the Village, through its Street Tree Planting Program, has been concentrating efforts on developing shade trees in the commercial areas of the Village. This program now extends and amplifies the beautification efforts to include all areas.

The Village has an

- Applicants will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Landowners may plant trees in the spring up to mid-May.

Carol Willard
 Clerk, part-time

Superintendent of Public Works.” There are several important reasons for this law with respect to public works operations.

The first is that most underground utilities

important commitment to the quality and beauty of the community. The Street Tree Planting Program seeks to encourage the planting of shade trees along Village streets. The Village offers to reimburse homeowners 75% of the cost of a tree, up to a maximum of \$75 per tree. To qualify, please follow these procedures:

- Make application to enter the tree planting program before the tree is purchased. Applications may be picked up at the Village Office or may be obtained by calling the Village Office (257-0424) and requesting an application be mailed to you.
- The location must be mutually agreed upon by the property owner and a representative of the Village before planting.
- Reimbursement shall take place upon presentation of a

VILLAGE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Brush Pick-Up

The Public Works Dept. will be providing a spring brush and limb pick-up the week of May 6th.

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 amount 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.

Home Improvements in the Road Right-of-Ways

Many homeowners like to plant flowers, shrubs and trees, and build structures in an effort to enhance the appearance of their property. The Village law states "No structures, improvements or plantings shall be placed in the Village right-of-way without the written consent of the Village

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are located in the road right-of-way.

When repairs to these facilities become necessary, work crews need to access them without obstruction. Restoration of lawns and driveways can be expected, but beyond that, there are no assurances. Planting and structures could interfere with proper drainage necessary for longer road life. Line of sight distances could be reduced, making for potentially dangerous conditions.

During and after a snow storm the plows have two objectives. The first, of course, is to remove the snow from the roadway and then to sand and salt. Since there is no way of really knowing how many storms or how much snow is in the future, or when it will be warm enough to melt some of it down, the plows must make room at the side of the road by "winging back". The wing extends well past the edge of the paved driving lane and anything above the level of the shoulder or driveway can be hit and damaged by, or do damage to the wing. Mailboxes, on the other hand, have to be in the right-of-way and the Village has a repair policy for them.

If you are planning a project near the road and have questions as to where the right-of-way ends, please call 257-6280 and Dennis Reinhart will discuss it with you.

Dennis Reinhart
Super. of Public Works
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receipt from a recognized nursery and approval of the planted tree by a Village representative.

- Any one property owner will be eligible for reimbursement of up to two trees in any year.

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LOAP NEWS 2002

The Lansing Older Adult Program (LOAP) begins the new year with a new look! Sincerest appreciation to Lansing Town Supervisor Steve Farkas and the Town Board for providing a new van to transport Lansing seniors in a safe, more accessible vehicle. The van is available for ALL Lansing seniors. Marian

for beginners to explore the many opportunities of computer literacy.

Art classes, featuring Decorative Art, with Elnora Hoaglin Trainer and Barbara Hlywa begin Monday April 8th at 3:00 PM at Woodsedge. Please call Woodsege at 533-4792 to sign-up.

Save the date for our Annual Spring Banquet on May 4th at the Lansing United Methodist Church. We will honor the LOAP bus drivers, Ruby Ferris and Tom Todd as outstanding

While this is termed “annual reassessment”, the Department of Assessment is not going to revalue each and every parcel in Tompkins County every single year. Instead, the Department of Assessment has developed a routine to systematically analyze (sales

Thompson serves as LOAP bus dispatcher and makes the arrangements to transport seniors to various locations – namely the FoodNet Meal Program at Woodsedge, doctor appointments, grocery trips, etc. Grocery shopping trips usually convene on Fridays. If you have transportation needs, please contact Marian at 533-7824.

The FoodNet Meals are served Monday through Friday at noon at Woodsedge. Meals are carefully planned and prepared by FoodNet dieticians. Please join the gathering for a warm, nutritious meal and enjoy the company of other community seniors. Call Cathy Traver, Site Manager at Woodsedge, at 266-9553 to reserve a meal.

LOAP offers the Senior Exercise/Stretch class on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:30-10:00 AM at Woodsedge. Anita Marinaccio leads the class with many exercised that one could participate choosing either to stand or sit in a chair. Students exercise at their own pace. At the end of class, Anita offers a “thought for the day” for students to ponder.

Computer classes are on Mondays from 10-11:00 AM at Woodsedge

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community volunteers.

We are planning slide presentations, creative writing, cooking classes, one day trips (one of which will include re-visiting local labyrinth gardens and stopping at MacKenzie Childs Restautant for lunch). Again, our programs are for ALL Lansing seniors and we welcome your participation! For further details and to register for classes, please call Woodsedge at 533-4792.

Marilyn Paradise
LOAP Consultant

DIVISION OF ASSESSMENT

*Tompkins County
Annual
Reassessment*

The Tompkins County Department of Assessment has entered into a six year “Annual Reassessment” agreement with the

ratio studies and multiple regression analysis) transfers of real property in order to determine if the market is moving (upwards or downwards) within certain market areas. If there is a trend that is statistically viable, then only those parcels within that market will be re-appraised for the upcoming tax roll year. If no trend is observed, then the parcels are already assessed at 100% of the current fair market value and no change is necessary.

Annual Reassessment does not mean that your taxes are going to increase each year as a result of this systematic analysis. What annual reassessment does mean, is that you are going to be assessed at 100% market value and that everyone else within Tompkins County is going to be assessed at 100% market value. This leads to the fair and equitable distribution of taxes, whether county, city, town, village or school levied.

For more information on Annual Reassessment and other topics regarding assessment, please go to our web site at <http://www.co.tompkins.ny.us/assessment/> or the New York State Office of Real Property Services web site at <http://orps.state.ny.us>

Irene M. Kehoe
Certified Real Property Appraiser
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New York State Office of real Property Services (ORPS). Annual reassessment is a way to achieve fair and equitable, as well as up to date, property assessments each year.

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the Village of Lansing and of the projects the village has completed and those still in the process. Mr. Hartill answered our many questions in a direct and knowledgeable way. Before he left, he gave us his e-mail address so that we now have direct access to the mayor.

At our March 11th meeting, we met at St. Catherine of Siena's for a dish-to-pass lunch. We were entertained by Mary Kovac's video of three Irish Tenors.

On April 8th Frank Mazurek, a retired

Our new Email addresses are:

Clerk@vlansing.org - Clerk

ClerkPT@vlansing.org - Part Time Clerk

CodeOfficer@vlansing.org - Code and Zoning Officer

DPW@vlansing.org - Department of Public Works

We hope these changes make it easier to remember how to both stay abreast of what's happening in the Village and keep in touch when

NORTHEAST SENIORS

On December 10th, 2001, the Northeast Seniors held their Christmas luncheon at the Ramada Inn. Jack Burns sang Christmas carols accompanied by his wife, Barbara. Then he led us in singing carols. Members exchanged small gifts and brought toys and games for children.

Three large boxes were taken to the Cayuga Heights Police Department to be distributed to area children.

Our January 14th meeting was enjoyed by everyone. The dish-to-pass lunch at St. Catherine of Siena's Parish Hall was delicious as usual. The program was very interesting. Matthew Braun of the DeWitt Historical Society gave two talks. The first one covered the History of the Eight Square Schoolhouse. The second talk told of the packing and unpacking of materials when the Historical Society moved from the Clinton House. The hasty move did not follow preservation rules, so bubble wrap, newspapers and shredded wood was randomly used. As a result, one clock case picked up an unwanted bubble wrap design. Everyone left the meeting talking about the interesting things Mr. Braun had shared with us.

On February 11th we met again at St. Catherine of Siena's. We invited Don Hartill (Mayor of the Village of Lansing) and Ron Anderson (Mayor of the Village of Cayuga Heights) to come to tell us about the two villages. Ron Anderson could not come as he had pacemaker surgery just four days prior to the meeting. Don Hartill told us about the history of

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teacher from Ithaca, will present a program on Poland. Mr. Mazurek goes to Poland each summer to visit relatives and teach English. He still has several relatives living there. He will tell us about the history of Poland and show slides of the buildings, the art, culture and native costumes.

We always welcome new members. Any senior citizen in the area can come to St. Catherine of Siena's Parish Hall at 12:30 PM. Bring a dish-to-pass and your own table service.

Co-Chairman
Helen Carlson

THE VILLAGE IS ONLINE

We have placed the Village of Lansing's staff online via a high speed connection. This process has resulted in the Village changing our Email addresses and web page address

you need something. To receive occasional (once or twice a month until road construction commences) messages from the Village, join our Email list by sending an Email message to vlansing-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. No message or subject is required, just an empty Email message.

You may be interested in knowing that our web page has been reviewed and used world-wide as we've received comments about its usefulness to others who are planning similar activities in their town or village.

Also, we have added several items since the last newsletter...

1) A way to be informed when the web page changes. See the bottom of our web page:

VLansing.org

2) Past newspaper articles you may have missed that discuss the construction happening.

3) New Email addresses added to connect with other Village participants.

4) A quick review of all of 2001: <http://vlansing.org/2001review.html>

Larry Fresinski
Trustee

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while keeping our staff available throughout the business day.

Our new web page address is

Vlansing.org.

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the citizen-based organization that provides many educational events and publications on the watershed.

The IO committees are now presenting their work plans for 2002. I represent the Village of Lansing on the IO and am a member of the Education Public Participation and Outreach Committee. Our 2002 work plan calls for a public information

**PROGRESS
REPORT ON THE
CAYUGA LAKE
WATERSHED
INTERMUNICIPAL
ORGANIZATION**

**LANSING COMMUNITY
LIBRARY CENTER (LCLC)**

The Lansing Community Library Center (a reading room of the Tompkins County Public Library [TCPC]) is now open six days a week. The hours of operation are Monday 2-6 PM, Tuesday 10 AM to 2 PM; Wednesday 3-9 PM, Thursday 5-9 PM, Saturday 9 AM to 1 PM. The Center is open on Friday mornings for story hour at 10 AM for 2-3 year olds and 10:30 AM for 4 years and up. An adult must accompany children.

As well as a rotating collection from the TCPL, the LCLC has a permanent collection of over 2,000 items, which include fiction, non-fiction, picture books, easy readers and young adult literature. We also offer books on tape and VHS videos, high-speed roadrunner service, a copy machine and reproducible income tax forms. We have current editions of college guides which can be checked out for a period of three days. We have courier service with the TCPL so you can reserve books from the TCPL with us and also use our center as a drop-off site for your TCPL book returns. For more information regarding any of the services offered by the LCLC, please call 533-4939 during regular business hours. In the coming year we look forward to the addition of adult and childrens' programs, public access computers and a renovation of the basement. Individuals interested in volunteering at the LCLC should call 533-4939.

Now that the Cayuga Lake Restoration and Protection Plan (RPP) has been finished, printed and distributed to all the municipalities in the watershed, the next major task for the Intermunicipal Organization (IO) is to reorganize itself in order to move forward with the implementation phase of the RPP.

Many good suggestions on how to improve and protect the watershed are contained in the RPP, but are essentially useless to communities unless they are put into use.

Last summer and fall, the Intermunicipal Organization met with the help of a consultant to work through the reorganization process and to come up with a clear picture of what the IO should become and how it should function as the main force behind efforts to implement the RFP. Issues, such as funding, membership and organizational structure were important

campaign that will involve creating and placing public service announcements on radio stations around the watershed that focus on ways to protect the Lake and other water resources. We are developing a speaker's bureau of water experts who can be called upon to give presentations to schools, civic organizations, municipalities, clubs and environmental groups on aspects of watershed protection. We also hope to receive an Environmental Protection Agency grant to develop a short video on watershed

Bobbi Wasenko
LCLC

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discussion points.

The IO's primary work now is to carry out the RPP, which will require funding, thus a very important task will be to apply for funding grants. Another will be to

work with other agencies and organizations to piggyback on their events, such as festivals and meetings.

It is expected that the IO will work very closely with the Cayuga Lake Watershed Network,

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protection that could be shown on local television stations, in schools or borrowed for other viewings.

Other IO committees will be planning future workshops designed to provide technical assistance and training in specific watershed protection and restoration methods, such as preventing streambank erosion, well-water protection, improved roadside ditching methods, controlling sediment and runoff in construction projects, best management practices for agriculture, and the like.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Lansing Fire Department celebrated its 85th year of providing Emergency Services to the Lansing Fire District at its Annual Inspection Dinner held January 26th at the Ramada Inn. Chief Dale Oplinger was sworn in as Chief for the second year in a row. Also sworn in and serving with Chief Oplinger were Assistant Chiefs Tom Dorward, James Spencer, Scott Purcell, Captain Brad George, Lieutenants Tim Myers, Ken Sears, and Darrell Rhoads.

The year 2001 was a busy and successful one for the department, getting called to 400 fire calls and 343 emergency medical calls. The year saw two new pieces of apparatus placed into service, the first being a new aerial (ladder) tower and the second a fire rescue watercraft. Both

expectations are again set high. This year we have already placed a new Hurst Rescue tool, also known as the Jaws of Life, into service on our Engine 5, serving the Village out of Station 5. An additional AED has been purchased and will be placed on Engine 5 to further improve our EMS capabilities in the areas surrounding the village.

One of our main focuses this year will be on membership recruitment. As one of the fastest growing townships in the county, the demands on our department continue to increase. Gaining new volunteers and retaining current ones is imperative to being able to provide an effective emergency service. If you or anyone you know lives or works in the Lansing Fire District and is interested in joining the Lansing Fire Department, please

We will start to see some activity on the bridge this summer as the Department of Transportation has decided to fix the deck to the bridge. The North Triphammer Reconstruction Project (see <http://vlansing.org/ntrcrc/> for details) that we have been working on since 1996 is moving forward with the engineering firm being selected this year along with the design to be completed. Construction is likely to commence in early 2003. And, finally, the Town of Lansing is preparing to repave the portion of North Triphammer that is in the Town (North of Brook Drive) with construction beginning in June. Further, the replacement of the bridge at Asbury Road is part of the project and the road will be closed while the bridge is out. Completion of all work in the Town is expected by the end of November.

are welcome additions to our apparatus fleet. With the help of Bangs Ambulance, we arranged for an Advanced Life Support Bangs Ambulance to be in or near the Village of Lansing during the daytime hours for improved medical response. To compliment and further improve the department's medical rescue, two new automatic defibrillators (AED) were placed into service, bringing the total to 3 AED's and one manual defibrillator in service in the department. An intensive training program has been implemented to increase the number of our volunteers that are trained in the use of the AED's, as well as CPR and basic first aid.

This year has started where 2001 left off and our goals and

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contact our Chief's Office at 533-7733, email us at Lansfire@lightlink.com, or stop by our Central Station located at 80 Ridge Road in South Lansing.

We look forward to seeing some of you and to providing all of you with the very best in Fire and EMS Service.

Tom Dorward
Deputy Chief

NORTH TRIPHAMMER ROAD UPDATE

There are three projects coming together for both maintenance and enhancement from the south side of the bridge all the way north through the Town of Lansing that will start this summer and end in 2004.

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Larry Fresinski
Trustee

CAYUGA MALL STOP LIGHT

We have been watching the performance of the stop lights outside of the Cayuga Mall. Especially on weekends, cars have been backing up to the McDonald's driveway. We have informed the Department of Transportation who has studied the situation. They have made slight adjustments and are watching the results over the next few weeks. Let us know if you witness a positive or negative effect at DPW@vlansing.org or call the Village Office.

Larry Fresinski
Trustee

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In 2001, the Ithaca Youth Bureau sponsored over 40 programs with 7,970 youth registered in one

**RECREATION
PARTNERSHIP NEWS**

Looking for a summer camp or program for youth? The Ithaca Youth Bureau is offering a variety of summer programs with activities for every interest. Looking for a volunteer opportunity? Volunteer opportunities are abundant at the Ithaca Youth Bureau, whether you decide to coach a team or become a mentor; there is a place for you.

The Village of Lansing is a participant in the Recreation Partnership, which is a cooperative endeavor by 10 municipalities within Tompkins County. Annual contributions of tax dollars into the Recreation Partnership help keep fees low and programs accessible for you and your family.

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or more of these programs. Two new programs were added this year, Indoor Soccer and the Year-Round Track program.

To learn more about the programs and opportunities available, contact the Ithaca Youth Bureau at 273-8364.

Janet Beebe
Trustee

LEARNING WEB

Summer Service
Program

Is your child looking to do something Different, Meaningful, and Fun this summer?

Consider the Learning Web's Summer Service Program!
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Joint Youth Commission of Tompkins County, the program is an opportunity for youth ages 11-14 who live in the Town of Ithaca and Villages of Cayuga Heights and Lansing to have fun and make friends while they help their community. Several sites include the SPCA, the Finger Lakes Land Trust, the Lakeside Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, AIDSWork, and more.

Sessions run from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM Mondays and Wednesdays OR Tuesdays and Thursdays from July 8th to August 16th. For more information contact Sue at 275-0122, e-mail her at sue@learning-web.org.

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