



NEWSLETTER

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A NOTE FROM THE MAYOR

As you have probably discovered, the Village is rebuilding Cayuga Heights Road. The project involves replacing about one thousand feet of water in two sections, one just south of Twin Glens Road and one just south of Cedar Lane. During the past several years we have had a number of water main breaks in these two areas because of improper installation of the brittle cast iron pipe. We are replacing it with ductile iron pipe and installing it properly so that it will last for many years. Water service to customers in this region has been essentially continuous by installing a temporary plastic water main above ground between fire hydrants and using the fire hydrants as connections to the water main while the faulty pipe was removed and replaced with new pipe. This innovative solution has saved the Village a significant amount of money by avoiding new excavation in rock by using the old trench for the new pipe. New drainage is being installed and a number of old culverts are being replaced before repaving the roadway. Shoulders will be widened to provide safer pedestrian walkways similar to Oakcrest Road. Truing and leveling of the roadway along with the base coat along with temporary striping will be completed by the end of October. The final surface coat for the roadway will be applied next spring.

Negotiations for sewer service via the intermunicipal organization continue and in the mean time, the Village of Cayuga Heights has granted an additional fourteen units in response to our diligent repair of inflow and infiltration into our sewer collector system. We still have more repairs to be made but the lack of rain over the past several months has made it difficult to track these leaks into our collectors. The recent storms will help both our vegetation and our efforts to find these leaks.

Have you ever wondered what is under Cayuga Lake? Lansing Town Supervisor Steve Farkas, Town Councilman Bud Shattuck (who is also a Village resident) and I, along with a number of guests of employees of Cargill, had the privilege of being part of a very nice tour of the salt mine which lies about 2500 feet below the surface of Cayuga. We were greeted by our hosts on September 29th at a tent set up in the area where the salt trucks install their tarps and then transported by van to the mine

for an overview of the mine operation and a safety indoctrination. The mine employees have improved safety to the point where they have one of the best safety records in the Cargill Corporation, which is a major accomplishment. 1.6 million tons of salt are mined every year and at the peak, nine hundred trucks per day are loaded and sent on their way. After the lecture, we donned our safety gear and were transported down into the mine on the personnel lift (a two and one half minute ride down) that also serves as the fresh air shaft for the mine. The exhaust air comes out the material lift shaft. While in the mine, we were transported in standard 2500 Chevy pickups equipped with diesel engines visiting one of four working areas, the equipment maintenance area and the processing mill. All the equipment in the mine is either diesel powered or runs on electricity brought down from the surface. The large equipment is brought down in pieces and then reassembled in the mine. The pickups have their wheels removed, set on end and lowered down on the material lift. As fuel, they use a special blend of low sulfur diesel mixed with a small amount of water to provide the lowest possible pollution level. At one point on the way to the maintenance area, our guide pointed out that we were exactly under the middle of Lake Cayuga. It was a very interesting morning!

Donald Hartill
Mayor

DEER

Many residents have expressed concerns regarding the number of deer in the Village. New York State enacted Part 189 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations which became effective on July 10, 2002 regarding the feeding of deer. It states "No person shall place, give, expose, deposit, distribute or scatter any substance with the intent to attract or entice deer to feed." This went into effect as a 90 day emergency action because of the concern that chronic wasting disease can spread more easily when deer congregate and the concern that people feeding deer would cause deer to congregate unnecessarily. According to Tim Eidle, an Attorney for the Department of Environmental Conservation, it is also likely that there is to be an extension of the duration of the regulation.

William Troy
Village Attorney

PLANNING BOARD NEWS

The Planning Board has managed to keep busy over the last several months despite a decline in applications for Special Permits and subdivisions. Special Permits were granted to JSW Realty to construct a 35,000+ square foot office and laboratory building at 35 Thornwood Drive in the Cornell Business and Technology Park. Approval was also given to Cayuga Medical Center to build additions to the Convenient Care Center also on Warren Road. These additions will increase the patient reception area and add space to the Patient Imaging Center allowing for a new fixed MRI program.

An increase in parking spaces was also included in this approval.

Other approvals were granted to the Pyramid Corporation for their planned sign area and to the YMCA for their landscaping and lighting plans. Glyph Industries, assembly of parts and the adaptation of software, received Special Permit approval and is a new tenant in the Deanco building on North Triphammer Road.

Two applicants received Special Permit approvals to construct new homes. Under normal conditions, a Special Permit is not required to build on an approved lot, however, both of these applications involved special circumstances. In one case, the lot was located in the McLean Subdivision, located on Cayuga Heights Road, which is in an environmentally sensitive area (Unique Natural Area 89). This UNA is composed of the lake cliffs along the east shore of Cayuga Lake south of Bolton Point. The area includes sensitive soils and vegetation as well as severe slopes and drainageways which necessitates the review provided in the Special Permit process. The other applicant's new residence will be on a lot on Burdick Hill Road which has a stream cutting through it and therefore is in a Conservation Combining District. This condition also requires the Special Permit review process to ensure that the stream corridor is protected.

The only subdivision approved recently involved the division of the Belcher property on Cayuga Heights Road into two lots which was classified as a minor subdivision.

In May, Cornell Plantations Natural Areas Program Director Nancy Ostman was a guest speaker and spoke to the Planning Board about the Unique Natural Areas within the Village's boundaries. The focus of the presentation was on the lake cliffs north of Bolton Point and above the east shore of Cayuga Lake and on the fragile soils that exist along the ridge. Of particular interest to the Board was her recommendation that a 100-150 foot wide buffer zone be established along the ridge to protect these fragile soils from development. The Board also discussed the topic of viewsheds along this area and how these views could be protected. The topic of protecting the natural environment continues under discussion.

This spring, the Planning Board hired Mr. Lee Oplinger, assistant forester for the City of Ithaca, to conduct an inventory of the significant trees on the Village's municipal lands. The inventory was conducted on the park in Shannon Park, the parklands along Uptown Road, the pathway in the Highgate Subdivision, the Greenway in Lansing Trails, and the land east of the Village Office. The inventory includes the location, genus and subspecies, common name, and approximate value of the trees. The purpose of this inventory is to ensure that these trees are properly maintained. Seven trees were recommended for removal which has been accomplished by the Superintendent of Public Works. The final report is in the form of a CD. Additional lands are scheduled for inventory in 2003.

Finally, during the last few months, the Planning Board has been reviewing the permitted uses in the Commercial Low Traffic District. This review has been prompted by requests from commercial companies who are low traffic generators but are not included in the list of permitted uses. No

decision has been made on this topic because additional research is needed.

The Planning Board meets in the Village Office at 7:30 P.M. on the second Monday and last Tuesday of each month. Residents are cordially invited to attend.

Chairman
Ned Hickey

PYRAMID MALL

There are many new and exciting additions to our mall this year including: Borders and Books and Music, Dick's Sporting Goods, Abercrombie & Fitch, Sprint PCS, Christopher & Banks, and C.J. Banks. Target will be open in October, and Gertrude Hawk will be opening in November. Come and check out our newest stores to see what they have in store for you!

Upcoming Events

October

- 9th Job Fair, noon-6 P.M.
- 12th Target Fireworks
- 26th American Chemical Society's Chemistry Fair, 10 A.M.-5 P.M.
- 31st Mallwide Trick or Treating, 5:30-7:30 P.M.

November

- 2nd Cornell Chemistry Fair, 10 A.M.-5 P.M.
- 12th Visiting Nurse Services Free Blood Pressure Screening, 8:30-9:30 A.M.
- 15th Salvation Army Kettle Kick-off, noon
- 29th Santa's Arrival, 10 A.M.

Throughout the month of November there will be Girl Scout Cookie sales.

December

- 1st SPCA Off-Site Adoption
- 8th Breakfast with Santa, 9-11 A.M.
- Visiting Nurse Services Free Blood Pressure Screening, 8:30-9:30 A.M.

Throughout the month of December, please check signs throughout the mall and Pyramid Mall website

www.pyramidithaca.com for holiday performances and choral groups.

Angela LaPadula
Marketing Assistant

ATTENTION DOG OWNERS

The Town of Lansing is conducting a dog enumeration. The dog enumerators are Dennis and Candi Griffin. Please have your current dog license ready to show. A proof of a current rabies vaccine is also required.

If you are a dog owner in the Town or Village of Lansing, the dog must be licensed by the age of six months.

The fee for a spayed or neutered dog is \$7.50 The fee for an unspayed or unneutered dog is \$15.50.

If you have any questions, please call the Lansing Town Clerk's Office at 533-4142.

Bonita Boles
Lansing Town Clerk

NORTH TRIPHAMMER ROAD PROJECT

Progress continues to be made on the North Triphammer Road Reconstruction Project. We will totally renovate the road from the north side of the bridge near Cayuga Mall to Brook Drive. This half mile of our business district will change to have a center turning lane, sidewalks, bikeways, additional stop lights, signs and more. We have selected our design engineering firm, Fisher Associates, with whom we plan to make changes that will illustrate the character of our Village, commencing in Spring 2004 with a strong emphasis on ensuring safe continual moving traffic.

Larry Fresinski
Deputy Mayor

NOTARY SERVICES

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

LEARNING WEB

Youth Serve Community and Pursue Their Interests

The Learning Web will be offering its Volunteer Community Service Project (The VCSP) to DeWitt

Middle School sixth, seventh and eighth graders this fall semester of 2002. Funded by the Joint Youth Commission of Tompkins County, the group offers youth from the Town of Ithaca, the Village of Cayuga Heights, and the Village of Lansing the opportunity to participate in volunteer projects to benefit their community. The group will meet at DeWitt on Thursdays after school from October through December. The VCSP is unique because the youth members choose, plan and execute their projects. Youth learn teamwork and leadership skills as well as increasing their awareness of issues facing the community and the world.

In the past, DeWitt's VCSPers have done a variety of fun projects, including entertaining residents at Lakeside Nursing Home, cookie baking for Loaves and Fishes with adults with developmental disabilities, caring for animals at the Cortland SPCA, helping AIDSWork prepare for World AIDS DAY, making holiday decorations for the Red Cross Holiday party, painting a community center, building a brick courtyard, and more. Note the picture of Janelle Huskensen as she takes a break from sorting papers during a sheet composting project this summer. Janelle was part of The Learning Web's summer service program. Their project was to help revamp a compost demonstration site for the Ithaca Community Gardens located near the Farmer's Market.

In addition, The Learning Web is pleased to continue offering career exploration activities including tours, job shadowing, and paid and unpaid apprenticeships under the one-to-one guidance of adult mentors to all youth ages 11-21. Apprentices, guided by individually tailored learning agreements, regularly meet with their work-site mentors after school, approximately 3-12 hours a week. At-risk and economically disadvantaged youth may be eligible for paid apprenticeships. Youth have been apprenticed in areas as varied as veterinary medicine, bike repair, plant science and ceramics.

Interested students or parents should call Sue Schwartz at The Learning Web at 275-0122 or Email Sue at sue@learning-web.org. Interested students at Ithaca High School can also contact Sue during her office hours on Tuesday mornings between 10:45 A.M. and noon in Room D16A.

Sue Schwartz
Youth Works Coordinator

VILLAGE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Fall Brush Pick-Up

The Public Works Dept. will be providing a fall brush and limb pick-up the week of October 28th.

Residents are asked to leave all materials near the roadside by 7:00 A.M. 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.

Christmas Tree Pick-Up

Christmas trees will be picked up the week of January 6th. All Christmas trees must be near the roadside by 7 A.M. *Monday* morning as the Highway Department will make one pick-up collection around the Village streets and roads.

Dennis Reinhart
Super. of Public Works

GREENWAY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

At its last meeting, the Board of Trustees established a Committee of the Trustees and Planning Board to be responsible for Greenway development. Members are Trustees Lynn Leopold and Frank Moore, and Planning Board members Ned Hickey and Carol Klepack. The Village already has a "Greenway Plan" aiming to encourage pedestrian traffic and recreational activity, and the new Committee will seek to develop and implement that plan, along with Village parks and sidewalk facilities.

The Committee's first priority will be to establish and oversee an adequately funded process of regular maintenance and improvement for those Greenway elements that we already have, or that could be formed in the immediate future.

The Committee expects to solicit involvement of interested citizens in helping to improve the attractiveness and safety of our Village through Greenway development, and hopes to hear concerns and suggestions from citizens, either by phone or by notes, through the Village Office.

Frank Moore
Trustee

RECYCLING

The Tompkins County Solid Waste Management Division (TCSWMD) has taken a modern approach to remedy a few of the problems associated with the curbside recycling program. Enter the Global Positioning Satellite technology, or GPS. With GPS technology on the curbside recycling trucks, the TCSWMD is able to determine exactly where the trucks travel, where and when they stop for more than 20 seconds, and is able to do this for the entire day's route. GPS also allows the supervisor to determine the traveling speed of the vehicles for safety purposes.

Curbside collections problems that the new GPS system will help to alleviate might include customers

not placing recyclables out at the curbside on time, or missed collections for either one house or an entire road.

There is also another change that is associated with the curbside recycling program. The curbside program has the addition of two new compacting trucks to the truck fleet. Recycling customers should note that with the increased capacity of these new trucks, pick-up times may vary during their scheduled recycling day, due to the fact that the new trucks need to dump less often than the older non-compacting trucks. The TCSWMD would like to emphasize that all curbside recyclables *MUST* be at curbside by 6:00 A.M.

For more information, please call
273-6632.

Linnett Warner
(Recycling Specialist, TCSWMD)

NORTHEAST SENIORS

The Northeast Senior Unit has begun their fall calendar of events and new members are always welcome. Meetings are usually dish-to-pass luncheons held at 12:30 P.M. at St. Catherine of Siena Parish Center. Call Janet at 257-2089 for the next meeting date and program or speaker.

VILLAGE WEB PAGE

Residents are reminded of our new web page address <http://vlansing.org>. We hope this new name is easier to remember. We continue to publish Planning Board and Board of Trustees meeting minutes and agendas. Further, a draft copy of our zoning laws are online and searchable. Late breaking news is posted near the top of the page, like the recent construction on Cayuga Heights Road. The web page includes links to online versions of local newspapers, local weather, newsletters and much more. Stay abreast of what is happening in the Village and stop by our web page.

Larry Fresinski
Deputy Mayor

LANSING COMMUNITY LIBRARY CENTER (LCLC)

The Lansing Community Library Center (a reading room of the Tompkins County Public Library) is now open six days a week. The hours of operation are as follows:

- Monday 2-6 P.M.
- Tuesday 10 A.M.-2 P.M.
- Wednesday 3-9 P.M.
- Thursday 5-9 P.M.

- Friday Story Hour:
 - 10 A.M. for 2-3 year olds and
 - 10:30 A.M. for 4 years old and up
- Saturday 9 A.M.-1 P.M.

As well as a rotating collection from the Tompkins County Public Library (TCPL), the LCLC has a permanent collection of over 3,700 items which include fiction, non-fiction, large print books, picture books, easy readers and young adult literature. We also offer books on tape and VHS videos, DVD, 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 Lansing Community Library Center, please call 533-4939 during regular business hours.

We have hosted children's programs including Mrs. McPuppet, Captain Hurrincain and Tom Knight. LCLC also displays the works of local artists on a monthly basis. In the coming year, we look forward to providing additional programming for adults and children, public access computers and a renovation of the basement. Individuals interested in volunteering at the LCLC should call 533-4939.

Bobbi Wasenko
LCLC

HOW TO RECEIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Village maintains an Email list for keeping residents abreast of immediate happenings. We especially want to use this list when we begin major construction on North Triphammer Road. The Email list is protected and private so that only members may send an Email to the list. No unsolicited mail (SPAM) is sent to it. Participants receive infrequent, timely messages from the Boards or other residents about what is happening in the Village. To sign up, send an Email message to vlansing-subscribe@yahooogroups.com. No subject or body to the message is necessary.

Larry Fresinski
Deputy Mayor

FLOATING THE IDEA OF A FLOATING CLASSROOM

Two members of the Education and Outreach Committee of the Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization recently traveled to Lake George to experience first hand their excellent floating classroom program. The Lake George Association (LGA) sponsors this watershed education program, in which school children are taken out on a motor launch to learn about the physical

properties of the lake by hands-on testing for water clarity, temperature, pH, microscopic food chain life, and the like. The children record their findings in a workbook, which they then take back to their school classrooms. Activities are led by an educator hired by the LGA. After the boat trip, the children are bused to an upland site with a variety of habitats where they learn more about watershed protection. Activities include soil testing, percolation tests, testing for pH and dissolved oxygen, and dipping in a pond for pond life.

The purpose of the Lake George trip was to learn how such a program works, using the information to guide the Education Committee's planning for a floating classroom on Cayuga Lake. A small steering committee is working on this project at present and is soliciting input from area educators, as well as from not-for-profit organizations in the watershed who are involved in natural history/science and environmental education. The Education Committee has already been approached by a boat captain who has the necessary credentials and licenses to run such a boat on Cayuga. We hope to be working with him as we continue to plan. A floating classroom would serve communities up and down the lake, not just the Ithaca area. Since nothing like this currently exists on Cayuga Lake, we think this is a very worthwhile and exciting project that ultimately will help protect our beautiful lake and its extensive watershed.

Lynn Leopold
Trustee

TOWN OF LANSING RECREATION DEPT.

Men's and Women's Basketball

Feel like getting out to get some exercise or meet up with some others who enjoy sports? The Lansing Recreation Department is providing a time and place for those who are interested in informal pick-up ball.

The 2002-2003 Men's Basketball Program, directed by Casey Crandall, will be from 7-9:30 P.M. on Mondays and Thursdays. The 2002-2003 Women's Basketball Program, directed by Bev Hartz, will also be from 7-9:30 P.M. on Mondays and Thursdays. Each will use the Lansing Middle School gym on a rotating basis with either the men or the women playing for the first half and then the other group playing. Times are being firmed up now and specific times for each day, as well any other questions, can be obtained by calling the Recreation Department at 533-7388.

The cost for this program is \$5 per person for the season whether you play once a month or twice a week. Before playing, you must be registered. Checks should be made out to Lansing Recreation and sent to the Lansing Town Hall, PO Box 186, Lansing, 14882.

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

Pat Tyrrell/Steve Colt
Recreation Department

LOAP NEWS 2002

Lansing Older Adults Program (LOAP) will be beginning their fall programs in the very near future. These events are for all Lansing seniors and are held at Woodsedge.

Programs will be “Decorative Art” starting Monday September 23rd from 3-4:30 P.M. under the direction of Barbara Hlywa and Eleanor Hoaglin Trainer. Another program is the “Stretch Class” on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:30-10 A.M. under the instruction of Anita Marinaccio and Marilyn Paradise.

A new program this fall, Nancy will visit Woodsedge one day per week to read newspaper, scripture or whatever you wish. Computer classes with Bob Dolan on Thursdays from 10 A.M.-noon have already started.

If you are interested in these programs or something else, please contact Marilyn at 533-4792.

Marilyn Paradise
LOAP Consultant

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Dennis Reinhart, Superintendent of Public Works
6 AM - 4 PM, M-F (280-4893); Other times (347-4956)

VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES

Southern Cayuga Lake Intermunicipal Water Commission.....Donald Hartill, H.

Michael Newman

Tompkins County Board of Representatives, District

6.....Tom Todd

Tompkins County Board of Representatives, District

10.....Dooley Kiefer

Tompkins County Environmental Management

Council.....Lynn Leopold

Tompkins County Planning

Federation.....Edward Hickey