



Newsletter

VILLAGE OF LANSING *Incorporated 1974*

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A NOTE FROM THE MAYOR

It has been a long cold winter this year. Our roadways have fared a bit better than the ones in some of our sister municipalities but we will be busy repairing the damage as soon as the weather warms and dries a bit. Potholes will continue to be patched as soon as we hear about them and more permanent repairs will be carried out as soon as the asphalt batch plants open in the spring. Crack sealing and shoulder repairs along with street sweeping and re-striping will be carried out as soon as weather permits. The other rite of spring is the annual brush pickup by Town of Lansing crews scheduled for the week of May 5th. Pickup guidelines appear later in the newsletter and I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity.

Negotiations for sewer service for the Village continue with the intermunicipal organization and I am optimistic that we are near the successful conclusion of this four plus year process. Because of the schedule of the environmental impact review process, actual construction of the first step, the Kline Road Bypass Sewer Line, will probably take place this fall. In the meantime, the Village will continue its vigorous pursuit of identifying leaks into our sewer collection system with the currency being a 1000 gallon per day leak repaired is worth one sewer unit. In the sewer line serving the northeast portion of the Village there may be as much as 100,000 gallons per day of ground water leaking into the system based on preliminary measurements.

We are well into the budget process for the coming fiscal year. I am happy to report that we do not face the double digit increases in the tax rate that some other governmental organizations have enacted. The proposed tax rate increase in the draft budget for the Village matches inflation for the past year. Over the years, the Village has systematically reduced its reliance on New York State financial aid so that budget reductions in Albany have only minor effects on Village finances. I invite you to attend the public hearing on the budget for the 2003-2004 fiscal year that will be held at the Board of Trustees meeting on April 7th at 7:35 PM.

Village elections are from noon to 9:00 PM on April 22nd at the Fire Station on Oakcrest Road. *ALL* Village registered voters will cast their ballot at this site. The ballot will include two Trustees' positions as well as the Mayor position. These are currently held by Trustee Larry Fresinski, Trustee Lynn Leopold, and Mayor Donald Hartill. I encourage you to vote.

Donald Hartill
Mayor

PLANNING BOARD NEWS

The Planning Board has been able to keep busy during the winter months processing two subdivisions, approving a variety of Special Permits and working on several of its on-going projects.

Approval was granted for the subdivision of the Tvaroha property at 1465 East Shore Drive into two parcels, each of approximately two acres. This was classified as a minor subdivision and there are currently no plans for development before the Planning Board. The second subdivision, Millcroft, was recently submitted for sketch plan review by Mr. Robert Miller. It will consist of approximately fifty parcels to be developed in several phases and is located between Bush Lane and Craft Road. There is no time schedule for construction available at this time.

The much anticipated Tompkins County 911 Center located at the Tompkins County Airport received a conditional approval for its Special Permit. The conditional approval is primarily contingent on approval or waiver by New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the United States Corp of Engineers regarding an adjacent wetland area.

Taughanock Aviation has also received conditional approval for their Special Permit which would allow construction of 9000 square feet of office and administration space. This is Phase II of a three- phase development plan. The conditions are relevant to landscaping and parking issues.

There is no time schedule for Phase III which will involve the demolition of the old airport terminal and the construction of a new hangar.

A Special Permit was also granted to the Cayuga Medical Center's Convenient Care on Arrowwood Drive to construct an addition of approximately 600 square feet which will be used for administration and new equipment.

The Lama Law Office at 2343 North Triphammer Road received a Special Permit to increase their building size from 2740 square feet to 3500 square feet which will add several new offices.

Cornell's Laboratory of Ornithology which has opened its new building on Brown Road has received a sign permit to install an identification sign on their property near the intersection of Brown Road and NYS Route 13.

When not engaged in any of the above mentioned activities, the Planning Board has been involved in studying and revising a number of issues. Under revision are the uses that are permitted in the Commercial Low Traffic (CLT) District. A draft amendment to the Zoning Law has been sent for review by the Village Attorney and a public hearing will be held in the near future. The Planning Board is also in the process of completing a revision of the guidelines for landscaping in the large parking areas in the Commercial High Traffic (CHT) District. As part of that review process, the Planning Board invited Deputy Director of Planning for the City of Ithaca, Joanne Cornish, to meet with the Board and discuss her experiences in dealing with a variety of developers on the parking area issue. This experience was very beneficial to members of the Board.

The Planning Board has two issues which are part of our on-going goals. The first is the updating of the Village's Comprehensive Plan which is scheduled for 2005. We have started early in order to complete the review by that date.

The Plan was adopted in 1999 and needs to be updated on the basis of the 2000 Census which is now available. The second issue is the topic of open space. The Village does not have a plan to protect open space other than a Conservation Combining District which provides for the protection of steep slopes, stream courses and the Unique Natural Areas designated by the Tompkins County Environmental Council. This is a difficult complex issue and we are just beginning our study. If you have knowledge and/or experience in this area and are willing to assist us, please give me a call or come to a meeting.

The Planning Board meets on the second Monday and last Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM and we always adjourn by 10:00 PM. I can be reached at 257-0865 or nedh35@earthlink.net.

Ned Hickey
Planning Board Chairman

HAZARDOUS WASTE

2003 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Dates

The Tompkins County Solid Waste Management Division's D.E.P.O.T. (Don't Empty Pollutants in Our Trash) will re-open for the 2003 year on Saturday, March 15th. This is an opportune time to bring in your household hazardous waste like old oil-based paints and stains, garden and hobby chemicals, and automotive fluids.

The collection events for 2003 will occur on March 15th, April 19th, June 21st, August 16th, September 20th, and November 15th. These events operate from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM and fall on the third Saturday of the month.

To participate you **must** call 273-4496 to use the DEPOT. There is no fee, but you **must** have a valid vehicle permit to use the DEPOT and the Recycling and Solid Waste Center. If you have questions about who can participate, or what types of wastes can be brought to the D.E.P.O.T., please call 273-4496.

Linnett Warner
Communication & Administrative Coordinator

TOWN OF LANSING RECREATION DEPT.

Parks & Recreation Upcoming Activities

Summer Recreation Programs will again look to be plentiful and will be listed in the booklet that will be ready for distribution around the second week of May. We are currently discussing several new programs. Many of the programs fill very quickly, so be on the lookout for it.

Music in the Park Concert Series will be held in Myers Park this summer. The concert will be on Thursday evenings and begin at 6:30 PM unless noted otherwise. The schedule to date looks like this:

- ◆ 7/3 New Orleans All Star Jazz Band (Dixieland)
- ◆ 7/10 BOZO's on the Fun Bus (1960's)
- ◆ 7/17 Ageless Jazz Band (30's & 40's Big Band)
- ◆ 7/24 Ruben Everidge and the San Antones (Country)
- ◆ 7/31 Ithaca Concert Band
- ◆ 8/7 Steve Southworth and the Rockabilly Rays 6:00 PM

Steve Colt

DEER PROBLEMS?

Many Village residents have expressed their concerns about their gardens being eaten by deer. According to Renee Beaulieu, horticulturalist at White Flower Farm in Litchfield, Connecticut, the only solution is fencing. Not just any fence will do. Deer can jump high and deer can jump long, but they can not do both at the same time. Her recommendation is to build two fences, each five feet high, at four feet apart. Deer can not negotiate both fences at the same time and will stay away.

If fencing does not appeal to your aesthetics, there is hope with the types of plants. Deer shy away from scores of ornamental plants and some of the lovelies plants- such as peonies, lavenders, daffodils, mint family of sages, bee balms, nepetas, allium family of flowering onions, spireas, any silver-leaf annual or perennial. Below is a list of some favorite deer-resistant plants, flowers, shrubs and trees.

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<u>Perennials</u>	<u>Annuals</u>
achillea	alyssum
allium	dahlia
astibe	forget-me-not
echinacea	larkspur
false indigo	marigold
fern	petunia
foxglove	zinnia
geranium	
globe thistle	<u>Trees and Shrubs</u>
lamb's ears	barberry
lavender	boxwood
lungwort	buddleia
mint	fir
monkshood	flowering dogwood
pennisetum	lilac
peony	mountain laurel
poppy	paper birch
rosemary	pine
Russian sage	smoke tree
thyme	spruce
tickseed	

Carol Willard Clerk, part-time

HELP WANTED

The Village of Lansing Highway Department of Public Works will soon have an opening for a seasonal general laborer, part-time in the spring with flexible hours, and full-time during the summer. A valid driver's license is necessary. Previous experience and knowledge of equipment preferred. The position pays \$10 per hour. If you are interested, please fill out an application available at the Village Office.

PYRAMID MALL

Still more to come! Two new stores will be joining the ranks of Pyramid Mall this spring. We are pleased to announce that Bon-Ton Home and Kirklands, Inc. will be joining the mall soon. The Bon-Ton Home Store will carry nationally recognized brands such as Lenox, Noritake, Mikasa, Capholon, Godiva and more. Kirkland's, Inc., a specialty retailer

of home décor, presents a broad selection of distinctive merchandise, including, framed art, mirrors, candles, lamps and picture frames. We are very excited about our new stores and invite everyone to come and check out the new additions!

Upcoming Events

- 3/29 Erg-a-Thon, Fundraiser for Cascadilla Boat Club
- 4/11-14 Sertoma Antique Show
- 4/12 Breakfast with Easter Bunny 9-11AM
- 4/19 Radio Control Society Show
- 4/27-5/3 Ithaca School District Art Display
- 5/28 Senior Health and Fitness Day

Be on the lookout for other exciting events this spring including a play with the Hangar Theater and special “meet the actors” opportunities. Keep up to date with events and new stores by looking on the Pyramid Mall at www.pyramidithaca.com. Valuable store coupons can also be found on the website.

Angela LaPadula
Marketing Assistant

VILLAGE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Spring Brush Pick-Up

The Public Works Dept. will be providing a fall brush and limb pick-up the week of May 5th.

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.

Dennis Reinhart
Supt. of Public Works

NOTARY SERVICES

Notary public services are available free of charge to Village residents at the Village Office. Residents are asked to telephone the village office at 257-0424 to arrange a time for this service.

NORTH TRIPHAMMER ROAD PROJECT

Public Open House

Over 80 members of the community visited the open house for the project held on February 5th, 2003. Visitors were able to walk through a variety of displays depicting how the roadway will operate and look. They were also able to talk with the project designers (Fisher Associates and Trowbridge & Wolf) and provide them with their insights from

working and living on the corridor and get answers to specific questions. Many of the visitors expressed excitement about the new sidewalks and bike lanes, which they felt would make the corridor much more inviting for pedestrians and bicyclists. The proposed streetscape plantings were also viewed favorably, with many people commenting on the visual setting that they would create. Many comments were also made regarding the improved safety provided by the two-way center turn-lane which will allow vehicles making left turns to move out of the through lane.

A second open house will be held in April of 2003 to provide the public the opportunity to have input as the design progresses. The date of the open house will be posted on the project website at www.ntrrp.com once it has been set.

General Information

The following provides information on some of the frequently asked questions at the open house:

Schedule-The project is currently on schedule for the majority of the road reconstruction to be completed between March and November of 2004.

Funding-The project will be funded primarily by Federal and New York State Transportation Improvement monies.

Construction Impacts-The road will remain open during construction. Traffic will be shifted from one side of the road to the other to facilitate construction of the roadway. Driveway access will be maintained throughout the construction period.

Rich Bauer
Consultant

LOAP NEWS

Lansing Older Adults Program (LOAP) offers many programs and activities held at Woodsedge Apartments to meet the needs of all Lansing seniors and welcomes your participation.

The Exercise/Stretch Classes are held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:30 AM with Anita Marinaccio leading the class. Exercise is a wonderful way to start the day, stretching out muscles while enhancing circulation. Exercise has numerous physical and mental benefits.

Computer Classes with Bob Dolan are held on Thursdays. Computer classes are limited to three students per session in order to give each student enough time and space to work on the computer. If this interests you, call 533-4792 to sign up for the next session.

Joe Cimmino will present a video and lecture on the history of "The Vatican" on Friday, March 28th at 2:00 PM. Coffee and deserts will be provided

Barb Hlywa and Elnora Trainor will begin Decorative Art Classes on Monday, April 14th from 3:00 to 4:30 PM. The art classes this session will feature a floral or bird design on wooden treasure chests. The class will meet for eight consecutive Mondays. Please call 533-4792 for further details.

The Annual LOAP Spring Banquet will be held on Saturday, May 3rd at the Lansing United Methodist Church. You may call Betty Fedorka at 533-7508 to make a reservation. At the Banquet, thanks will be given to our volunteer bus drivers and the following will be honored: Betty and Steve Fedorka, Esther and Mike Mitchell, and Anita Marinaccio. More information about the Spring Banquet will be forthcoming in the LOAP April Newsletter. If you are not on the

LOAP mailing list and would like to receive a newsletter, send a note with your name and address to LOAP; C/O Woodsedge Apartments; Lansing NY 14882.

Happy Spring!

Marilyn Paradise
LOAP Consultant

NORTHEAST SENIORS

The Northeast Seniors Unit was organized in 1988. Their purpose is to serve senior citizens from the Northeast area of Ithaca, Village of Lansing, Village of Cayuga Heights, and those interested from other areas of the county. Their goals are the implementation and extension of outreach programs and overall growth of membership and participation. New members are always welcomed.

Northeast Seniors is open to persons 60 years of age and older from the above areas. Membership donations are \$3 for individuals and \$5 for couples. Offered are programs, classes, meetings, bus trips, outreach and a monthly newsletters. Monthly Luncheon Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 12:30 PM in the Parish House of St. Catherine of Sienna Church located off Hanshaw Road.

Janet Kline
Northeast Seniors Unit

VILLAGE WEB PAGE

What Can You Expect from the Village Web Page?

www.vlansing.org

- ❖ Regularly updated and historical minutes from Board of Trustees, Planning Board, and Board of Zoning Appeals meetings.
- ❖ Access to local newspapers
- ❖ Local and National weather and temperature
- ❖ Status of the North Triphammer Road project
- ❖ Maps of the Village
- ❖ Past newsletters
- ❖ Meeting schedules
- ❖ Contact information for all village staff and officers
- ❖ Links to Tompkins County information
- ❖ An option to automatically be informed when the web page changes.
- ❖ The opportunity to join the Village Email list to receive timely updates about activities in the Village and the status of the N. Triphammer Road reconstruction.
- ❖ The ability to search all information on the web site, including zoning laws.

Larry Fresinski
Deputy Mayor

OFFICE FOR THE AGING

People don't generally spend too much time considering what it will be like to no longer be self-sufficient. They never imagine not being able to drive or climb the stairs to get to the bathroom. They don't think about not being able to prepare dinner or to remember who their spouse of many years is. These are not pleasurable thoughts. They are

difficult and fraught with troubling answers and hard to manage solutions.

Project CARE can help. Project CARE is a program of the Tompkins County Office for the Aging and it is designed to provide respite for caregivers who need a break from their caregiving responsibilities and some assistance by volunteers to seniors who need help with errands, light housekeeping or yard work. It is a good resource for families to consider when trying to make plans that help maintain the independence of the senior in their own home. If you or someone you know could use some assistance, please call Trina Schickel at the Tompkins County Office for the Aging at 274-5491. If you would like to volunteer in this worthwhile and much needed effort, Trina will also be happy to speak with you!

Trina Schickel
Office for the Aging

RECREATION PARTNERSHIP and ITHACA YOUTH BUREAU

Spring into fun 2003!

In 2003, the Recreation Partnership enters its ninth year. With ten municipalities, this unique alliance is one of the largest in the state. The Ithaca Youth Bureau is the program provider while the Tompkins County Youth Bureau gives planning and financial coordination. Together we work diligently to keep programs affordable and accessible.

Here's a look at the activities planned for this spring: Lifeguard Course, Fishing Fun Shop, Learn to Play Chess, Track, Junior Olympics, Fencing, Tae Kwon Do, Family Swim, Tot Spot, Dessie Jacobs Softball, Mud Art II, Girls and Boys Lacrosse, and Kiwanis Baseball.

Call the Ithaca Youth Bureau at 273-8364 to find out more.

Janet Beebe
Trustee

TOMPKINS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

We want you to be an Election Inspector

The Board of Elections is looking for dedicated men and women to serve as Election Inspectors to work at the voting locations throughout Tompkins County. Striving to better serve the citizens of Tompkins County at election time, new election inspectors are always needed. If you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors wish to help serve our County on the team of Election Inspectors, please contact the Board of Elections.

Requirements include:

- Must be a registered voter in Tompkins County.
- Represent either the Republican or Democratic Party.
- Have energy, stamina and enjoy people and service to others.
- Willing to attend a training workshop to be provided
- Able and willing to follow instructions
- Interested in the well being of our County and its' citizens
- Interested in being a part of the Election Day process.

Will I be paid? Yes!! The range of pay depends on the municipality where you work. Many towns pay \$100 for General Election Day and the pay for Primary Day is usually no less than \$50.

If you are interested, please contact our office for more information. You may reach us by telephone at 274-5521 or 274-5522, by fax at 274-5533, or by e-mail at brdelect@tompkins-co.org.

Kristie Sopp
Tompkins County Bd. of Elections

STREET TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

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 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 receipt from a recognized nursery and approval of the planted tree by a Village representative.
- Trees may be planted in the spring up to mid-May.
- Any one property owner will be eligible for reimbursement of up to two trees in any year.
- Applicants will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Carol Willard
Clerk, part-time

Ben Curtis
Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer