

# Village of Lansing Newsletter

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## **A SHORT NOTE FROM THE MAYOR**

On April 7, 1997 after a Public Hearing and further discussion of the proposed 1997-98 Village budget, the Board of Trustees adopted the proposed budget as the official budget for the Village of Lansing for the 1997-98 fiscal year which begins June 1, 1997. The budget continues the process of addressing the needs of our roads, sidewalks, walkways, water system and sewer system which had been subjected to several years of deferred maintenance by our previous engineering consultants in the early 1990's. Highlights for this fiscal year are the resurfacing of Uptown Road and Cinema Drive, installation of a sidewalk along Sheraton Drive to connect with the existing sidewalks in that area, and the resurfacing of Twin Glens Road. We will begin the process of dismantling the elevated water tank at the airport and installing the piping to loop the system to provide improved fire flow capability for this important area of the Village. The storage system will consist of the existing ground tank at the airport and sharing part of the capacity of the Village Circle tank in the Town of Lansing by paying the Town for part of the capital cost and sharing the maintenance costs of the tank. This plan saves the Village about \$80,000 compared to repainting and refurbishing the elevated tank because of the lead based paint covering the elevated tank and simultaneously provides better water service.

We are making good progress on developing a Comprehensive Plan for the Village which will preserve all aspects of our current Zoning Ordinance and General Plan. We expect to have public hearings and a comment period during the summer before publishing the final version of the Comprehensive Plan for submission to the State.

I would like to remind our residents of the annual brush pickup in the Village the last week of April. In addition, the Village tree planting subsidy for residents will be available again this year to help beautify our streets and byways.

Finally, please vote during the Village Election on April 22. Residents who can not vote on that day because of Passover can vote at the County Board of Elections during business hours the entire week of April 14. The poles will be open from noon to 9:00 P.M. on the 22nd.

Donald Hartill  
Mayor

## **NOTARY SERVICES**

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

## **LANSING COMMUNITY DAY**

Remember the Village of Lansing Community Festival? It was scheduled for September 1996 but was cancelled due to rain.

A bulletin from the weather man has assured us of a perfect day on Saturday afternoon, June 14, 1997 for our celebration.

Join us for a barbeque, children's games, volleyball and music at Philip Dankert Park on Uptown Road. Come welcome the newcomers and renew old acquaintances from all the diverse neighborhoods in the Village.

The Intermunicipal Recreation Partnership will begin enrolling children in summer and fall activities within the next week. Brochures will be distributed to children at school and will also be available at the Ithaca Youth Bureau and the Village of Lansing Office.

Sorel Gottfried  
Recreation Partnership  
representative

## **NOTICE TO SENIORS**

Did you know there is an active Senior Citizens Unit, one of 14 units under the Senior Citizens Council, called the Northeast Seniors Unit? Membership is from the Village of Lansing as well as Village of Cayuga Heights, Towns of Dryden, Ithaca and Lansing and the City of Ithaca.

Meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 12:30 P.M. at St. Catherine of Siena Parish House off Hanshaw Road. Meetings alternate between a dish- to-share lunch and finger food lunch, followed by a varied program. This offers an excellent opportunity to enjoy pleasant fellowship and interesting and enlightening programs and activities. Transportation can be arranged for those needing this service. In addition, we have occasional one-day trips.

If you are interested in becoming a member and receiving a monthly newsletter describing our upcoming programs and other information, please contact Margaret Neno at 257-0448. There is a modest charge to help defray the cost of the Newsletter.

Margaret Neno  
Membership Chair

## **PLANNING BOARD NEWS**

The Village of Lansing Planning Board, which usually meets the second Monday and last Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the Lansing Village Office, 2405 N. Triphammer Road, held a total of 21 regular meetings during 1996. One additional meeting was devoted to our participation in a County sponsored workshop at the Holiday Inn in Ithaca.

Highlights of this work included:

Research for, discussions of, and the writing of a Lighting Plan for the Village of Lansing. We devoted parts of eight of our meetings to the subject. In addition, we held several sub-committee meetings which included the participation of NYSEG. This plan in its final form is now with the Board of Trustees for their consideration.

Plat approvals in accordance with the subdivision regulations of the Village of Lansing were made for, among others, Lansing Trails, Horizon Estates, Arrowwood Drive, Cayuga Hills, McLain subdivision, Brucato subdivision, and the Ellery subdivision. These approvals included the holding of Public Hearings.

Approval of Special Permits were made for, among others, Parkview Medical Center, M & T Bank, CBORD Group, Ithaca Peripherals, and Cayuga Medical Center's new Surgi-Center.

The Planning Board, over the course of several meetings, participated in lengthy discussions with the Southern Cayuga Lake Intermunicipal Water Commission (Bolton Point) on the upgrading of Bolton Point Road and the possibility of the Bolton Estate donating Poison Ivy Point (Bolton Point) to the Village which would be included in the 6% set aside, if and when the Bolton Estate land is developed. In this connection, the Planning Board worked closely with the Village Greenway Committee which retained a consultant to ascertain the feasibility of public uses for this land. These discussions are continuing.

The Planning Board held several <sup>3</sup>Developer's Conferences<sup>2</sup>, including World Gym, Squeaky Clean Car Wash and Lansing Trails. The purpose of these conferences was to clarify matters for the developers prior to the submission of a formal application.

In addition, the Planning Board held a series of <sup>3</sup>In-Service<sup>2</sup> training meetings, the purpose of which was to keep planning board members up-to-date on planning matters. The subjects of these meetings included: Historic Preservation, Construction Processes, Shared Senior Housing, Design of Municipal Street Lighting, Flag Lots, and the Functions of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

In conclusion, we would like to remind residents of the Village of Lansing that all Planning Board meetings start at 7:30 P.M. and that all are welcome to attend and participate.

Steven Halevy  
Acting Chairman

**VILLAGE ELECTIONS**

Village elections will be held on Tuesday, April 22 from noon to 9:00 P.M. at Fire Station # 5 on Oakcrest Road. ALL Village residents will cast their ballot at the Fire Station.

Voters will cast ballots for the Mayor and 2 Trustees. Interested candidates identified are Mayor Donald Hartill and incumbents Larry Fresinski and Audrey Kahin.

Because the election falls on Passover, people who cannot vote on April 22 for religious reasons may vote from April 15-21 at the Board of Elections (128 E. Buffalo St.) from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Voters who will be away on election day for other reasons can arrange for absentee ballots.

Carol Willard  
Deputy Clerk

## **VILLAGE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

### **Brush Pick-Up**

The Town of Lansing will be providing brush and limb pick-up in the Village the week of April 28th.

Residents are asked to leave all materials near the roadside by 6:00 A.M. on Monday, April 28th. To assist the work crews, all limbs and brush (up to six 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. Each household is limited to approximately one pick-up size load. Proper disposal of large amounts from major brush clearing projects is through a tree service or landscaper. Leaves and trash in bags will not be picked up.

### **Mulching Chips**

Chips for mulching are available for the taking on the south side of the garage behind the Village Office.

Dennis Reinhart  
Super. Of Public Works

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

The Lansing Older Adult Program will gather on May 3rd at the United Methodist Church on Brickyard Road to celebrate its 24th annual spring banquet. It is a time for reacquaintance with old friends and neighbors to share a wonderful dinner and honor those who dedicate their time to improving the quality of life for the older adults in the community. LOAP will recognize many volunteers - the bus drivers who transport seniors to various destinations and those who prepare the newsletter for distribution. LOAP also looks forward to some upcoming events such as the <sup>3</sup>55 Alive Defensive Driving Course<sup>2</sup> on June 4-5 at All Saint's Church on Ridge Road. Registration will begin at the banquet and by calling All Saints at 533-7344. We are also

planning a fall seminar of speakers to enlighten us on aging issues. More details will be forthcoming. Please join us!

Marilyn Paradise  
LOAP Consultant

## **BOLTON POINT NEWS**

### Earth Day and Drinking Water Week

Spring brings thoughts of outdoors and our local ecology. These two spring celebrations help get us motivated to leave our cabins<sup>2</sup> after a long winter. On April 22, Earth Day will be celebrated. The staff at Bolton Point plans to participate in this day's activities scheduled to occur on the Commons in the City of Ithaca. The public is encouraged to stop by the Bolton Point display and talk with our staff. We may be able to provide you with useful information or you can inform us of something of which we were not aware.

From May 4-10 Drinking Water Week will be celebrated. During this week the staff at Bolton Point plan to conduct guided tours of the treatment plant that will include a demonstration of our Distribution Department's role. Public tours will be held on Thursday, May 8 and Friday, May 9 beginning at noon. To join these tours just meet outside the treatment plant, located at 1402 East Shore Drive (Route 34) at 11:55 A.M. on either day.

Staff also plans to participate in a water taste contest sponsored by the Tompkins County Health Department. This event has been tentatively scheduled at the Commons in the City of Ithaca on Thursday, May 8 from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Please watch your local news for any schedule changes for this event. Representatives from the Health Department and the participating water systems will be on hand to distribute information on water and water treatment and to answer questions. Please contact the Bolton Point Production Department at 277-0660 with any questions about these two celebrations.

### Fire Hydrants - Annual Flushing Program

Once a year Bolton Point staff flush water from several fire hydrants in the Village. This is done in order to ensure that fresh water is provided in all locations of the distribution main system.

Flushing is expected to start during the third week of July and it will take approximately four to five days to complete.

During flushing periods residents may see water bubbling up out of the ground or hydrants with running water.

If you see water running some place where you would not expect it or if you experience rusty water flowing in your home or place of business, please call the Bolton Point Distribution

Department at 277-0660 any time. During non-office hours an answering service will forward emergency calls to the appropriate personnel. Thank you for your cooperation.

Kevin Kauffman  
Executive Director  
Bolton Point

## **NORTH TRIPHAMMER ROAD CORRIDOR RECONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The North Triphammer Road Corridor Reconstruction Committee's (NTRCRC) work from 1996 concluded with a recommendation to the Board of Trustees that was unanimously endorsed. As the chair of the committee, I had the honor of defending our plan along with our Mayor and engineers with the New York State Department of Transportation. That resulted in our plan being accepted for funding consideration. If funding is confirmed and residents agree, the Village may radically change North Triphammer Road from the bridge to Brook Drive allowing for 3 driving lanes, bikeways, sidewalks, and stop lights. The strategy is to meet Village objectives including improving safety, while using external funding sources with an enhancement to the road instead of a repair (which is sorely needed).

If funding is approved, we will hold public informational meetings where businesses and residents can adjust the plan from a full-blown proposal to the size that makes the most sense. If you want to read all the details, refer to our web site at <http://www.clarityconnect.com/webpages/vlansing> or stop by the Village Office.

Larry Fresinski  
Trustee

## **TOWN OF LANSING RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

### Recreation Programs

Registration for Baseball and Softball have been received and close to 500 youth have enrolled in these programs. Practice is scheduled to begin on April 19 and opening games are May 10. All Village residents are welcome to participate in all Town recreation programs and forms are available at the Village Office.

Information regarding the summer programs will be available in early May and can also be obtained by contacting the Village Office.

### Park at Myers

The Town of Lansing Park at Myers is available to all Village residents. The Park includes a life-guarded swimming area, a playground, ball field, rental pavilions, grills, camping facilities

and boat launching capabilities (See charted information below). The park is scheduled to open May 15 (weather permitting). The Town has also contracted with Roto's Bakery to operate a full-service concession stand at the park this summer.

Steve Colt  
Recreation Director

## **CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (CAC)**

### Plant a Tree

The CAC has money to subsidize residents for planting trees in their yards. Even if you have planted trees before you may apply again. The Village is offering to reimburse Village businesses and residents 75% (up to \$75 per tree) for the cost of planting up to two trees on their property near Village roads. Call the Village Office for guidelines and an application form. Flowers Bloom Again The CAC is once again putting flowers in the planter boxes on the Village of Lansing signs at the Village boundaries. Our heartfelt thanks go out to Susanne Lorbeer for her single-handed efforts in bringing these splashes of color to our highways.

Your Name Here

Our Adopt-A-Highway program has a few road segments left for adoption. Thank you to Warrenwood Apartments; Gaslight Village Apartments; The Therapy Center; Dr. Evan Meltzer; Lansing Community News; Murray Estates, Inc.; and Jon Reis Photography for taking care of 7 segments of Village roadways. We are now accepting applications for maintenance of Village streets in exchange for having your organization's name on a Village sign. Please call Dennis Reinhart at 257-6280 for guidelines.

### Lansing Beautification Awards

The Village of Lansing will be giving out awards to Village landlords who make a special effort to improve landscaping during 1997. The two categories are industrial/commercial landscaping and residential complex landscaping. Please contact the Conservation Advisory Council for details.

Jon Reis  
CAC Co-Chair

## **GETTING THE NEWS**

We would like your ideas as to how you would like to receive the news from your Village. Our ideas include:

- Mailing 2-3 newsletters a year like this one to your home
- Putting the Newsletter information in the weekly Lansing Community News newspaper

- located at most retail businesses in the Village and is free
- Putting the information on our World Wide Web page  
<http://www.clarityconnect.com/webpages/vlansing>

Some combination of these ideas could prove useful as well. This issue of the Newsletter is on our web page for your perusal.

Please let us know your thoughts by sending E-mail to [Vlansing@ClarityConnect.com](mailto:Vlansing@ClarityConnect.com), by US Postal Service to the Village Office, by calling 257-0424, by FAXing 257-3230, or by stopping at the Village Office.

Larry Fresinski  
Trustee

## **ENHANCEMENTS TO WORLD WIDE WEB PAGE**

We have made some enhancements to the Village's World Wide Web Page to encourage more frequent use. An index is below.

- Accomplishments for 1996-97 = What the Village has done in the last year
- Government and the World Wide Web-4/3/96 article in Ithaca Journal
  - Web Do's and Don'ts-3/22/97 Networking Tompkins County
    - Local weather, sports, news, classifieds, yellow pages, maps,...
    - Maps of the Village
      - General Map; Zoning Map
      - IthacaNet
      - Meetings=Meeting times and locations
      - North Triphammer Road Corridor Reconstruction Committee Agendas & Minutes Maps of NTRCRC Area
      - Platforms -- Board of Trustees
      - Representatives
      - Tompkins County Chamber of Commerce
      - Village Employees
      - Village Officials

If you find something useful or would like something added, please drop us a note at [Vlansing@ClarityConnect.com](mailto:Vlansing@ClarityConnect.com).

Larry Fresinski  
Trustee

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