

Village of Lansing

Newsletter

VILLAGE OF LANSING *Incorporated 1974*

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Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

A SHORT NOTE FROM THE MAYOR

Sadly, this summer we lost a friend, John Caren. As a Village Trustee for nine years, his quiet and effective ways kept us focussed on the problem at hand. His work with local youth and particularly with youth hockey was especially important when so many of our young people are struggling to find their way. John took the time to make the investment that many of us never get around to in the rush of day to day activities. We miss him a great deal.

Progress continues on the arriving at an agreement for an intermunicipal water system that will combine the City of Ithaca, Cornell, and Bolton Point Water systems into a single joint system. The agreement is going through the final round of crossing the t's and dotting the i's by the three legal counsels involved so that each of the municipalities and Cornell can act on the agreement. Hopefully, this new system will be in place by the end of this year.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has agreed to be the lead agency for the environmental review of the proposed intermunicipal sewer initiative. The proposal will provide sewer service for a portion of the southern part of the Town of Lansing, additional capacity for the Village of Lansing, and significant reduction in the phosphorus levels in the effluent from both the Cayuga Heights and Ithaca Area Waste Water Treatment Plant. As mentioned in my last message more than 7 M\$ has been allocated from the NY State Clean Waters Bond Act money for the first two years of the project. Our expectation is that an agreement similar to the water agreement will be in place before the end of winter.

Mayor and Marian Hartill would like to extend an open invitation to all for a holiday open house to be held at their home at 896 Cayuga Heights Road on December 21st from 5:30 – 7:30 P.M. Please RSVP by December 15th to the Village Office at 257-0424.

As a parting plea, there are several openings on Village Boards and Committees. Anyone interested in serving on these would be welcomed with open arms!

Donald Hartill
Mayor

RECYCLING

Windy days are coming and the Tompkins County Solid Waste Management Division would like to remind you how to prepare your recycling on these days.

Put your glass, aluminum, gable tops and plastic containers in the bottom of your bin. Take a paper bag and fill it with your paper products; including newspapers, junk mail, boxboard and corrugated cardboard. Then place that filled paper bag on top of your containers.

You probably wonder why you are reminded to put this on top. The reason is because the paper bag is pretty heavy with its paper contents and it helps to hold down the lightweight containers, especially the plastic ones.

Linnett Warner
Tompkins County Solid Waste
Management Division

PLANNING BOARD NEWS

As you probably already know, the Planning Board has been quite busy during the last few months primarily dealing with development proposals in both the Commercial High Traffic District and the Business & Technology District.

In the case of the latter district, Thornwood Drive is being extended to link up with Brown Road. This action will open approx. seven more building lots for development. Also, a 106 room Marriot Hotel is being constructed by the E.J. Del Monte Corporation of Rochester, NY. The hotel is designed to accommodate business travelers visiting the Business & Technology Park and Cornell University.

The Monroe Muffler Corporation is constructing a 4600 SF automobile repair/service facility in the Cayuga Mall. This facility is intended to serve the residents in the northeast section of Tompkins County.

The majority of the Planning Board's time however, has been spent on the Special Permit process for Pyramid's 446,000 SF expansion and for the construction of a shopping center located on the Howard Johnson's property. The center will consist of a 51,000 SF Tops Market, a 5,000 SF Bar & Grill, and a 14,200 SF retail building, all of which are permitted uses in that Commercial District. The Planning Board's review process has been quite lengthy and is continuing as of this writing because of concerns over the amount of additional traffic these activities will generate on both North Triphammer Road and adjacent roadways. The Board has had considerable public comment and we appreciate all of the vocal and written suggestions and concerns; particularly those from Village residents.

In addition to its regular agenda, the Planning Board has been interviewing planning consultants for the purpose of hiring one to work with the Board and the public in designing guidelines for the creation of a unified and integrated Commercial Low Traffic District. This district would serve as a buffer between the Commercial High Traffic District and the residential properties along and adjacent to North Triphammer Road. These guidelines would focus on pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicle circulation, parking, signage, landscaping and compatible architectural style. It will also focus on the creation of a Village center. These guidelines will also serve to complement and enhance the already approved North Triphammer Road reconstruction plan. There may be an opportunity for public participation in the planning process later in the year once the consultant is hired. If you are interested, please call Ned Hickey at 257-0865 or the Village Office.

Ned Hickey
Chairman

TOWN OF LANSING RECREATION DEPT.

The Lansing Parks and Recreation Department is having a very busy fall. The Town Park at Myers has had an extremely successful season and is beginning to close down. The swimming area, boat launch, campground and concession stand have all closed for the season. People are still able to launch their boat at any time, however, there will not be an attendant on duty. Pavilions in the park are now free and are on a first come basis although the water and restroom facilities are unavailable.

Registrations are currently being accepted for fall/winter programs for both adults and youth. Adult programs include open swim for seniors, beginning and advanced woodworking, men's basketball, women's basketball, women's volleyball, and co-ed volleyball. Youth programs include soccer, flag and small fry football, open bowling, gymnastics,

intro. to competitive swimming, basketball for grades 2-6, wrestling, pee-wee wrestling and open ice skating.

The Recreation Department also runs a ski program at Greek Peak. This program is open to all students in grades 3 through 12 and to K-2 students whose parents accompany and ski with them. The program runs on Monday afternoons beginning in January and transportation is provided. The department is able to offer special prices on ski packages, membership cards, and season passes for both children and adults who participate in the program.

For information on any of these programs, call the Recreation Department at 533-7388.

Beverly French/Steve Colt
Recreation Department

FIRE DISTRICT NEWS

Fire District elections will be held on Tuesday, December 14th at the Central Fire Station, as well as the station on Oakcrest Road for Village residents. There will be voting for a commissioner as well as the treasurer. Interested candidates must submit their names to Howard Cahalan, Fire District Secretary, at 80 Ridge Rd., Lansing (or PO Box 349, Lansing) so they are received by the Nov. 24th deadline. Further details can be obtained by calling the Fire Department District Office at 533-4204.

Lansing Board of Fire Commissioners meets on the first Tuesday of each month at the Central Fire Station on Ridge Road at 7:30 PM and the public is welcome to attend.

Linda Beckwith
Fire District Clerk

VILLAGE COMMUNICATION

New Web Address

Our Internet Service Provider changed the addressing construct of their web pages. As a result, the Village's web page address is now: <<http://people.clarityconnect.com/webpages/vlansing>>. While the old address will continue to work for a while, it's best to change your bookmarks now.

Our web site is updated several times a month showing minutes of Board meetings and the agenda of the Board of Trustees. You'll occasionally see special events, changes in meeting times, links to electricity suppliers, transportation studies, etc. Whenever something changes, we add a little flag identifying what's new. If there's information you would like to see on the web, please let us know by sending Email to vlansing@clarityconnect.com.

Join Email List

We are experimenting with the idea of having a community Email list for whatever reason someone might want to send a note to everyone in the Village. We can imagine announcing special events, asking residents questions (polls), residents asking Village representative's questions, etc.

To join the list send Email to: vlansing-subscribe@egroups.com or enter your Email address on the Village's web site: <<http://people.clarityconnect.com/webpages/vlansing>>.

To view the Village's communication page and to see old messages go to this web address: <<http://www.egroups.com/list/vlansing>>.

Don't Rely on Email for Emergencies

We recently had a resident who kindly warned us of a serious problem by sending us Email after business hours on a Friday. As a result, we could not take care of the problem until Monday. While it's fine to send our Department of Public Works information regarding infrastructure problems you find in the Village at vlansdpw@clarityconnect.com, if it's something that should not wait, please contact the Village Office via phone at 257-0424. If no one answers, emergency numbers are provided.

Larry Fresinski
Trustee

NEWS FROM STATE PARKS

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Director Jack Clancy states that although dogs are allowed in the Finger Lakes State parks, they must be leashed at all times.

"In recent years we have noticed an increasing number of dog owners who either are not aware of the rule or choose not to follow it. Dogs allowed to run loose can be a real danger to other patrons, especially young children. New York State Park Rules and Regulations, Section 400.6 provides "The pet shall at all times be caged or restrained by a leash or other device not more than six feet in length. We want dog owners to continue to have the opportunity to bring their animals to our parks, but at the same time, we must assure the safety of all park visitors."

State Parks in Tompkins County include Allan H. Treman State Marine Park, Buttermilk Falls State Park, Robert H. Treman State Park and Taughannock Falls State Park.

John C. Clancy
Regional Director

RECYCLING OPTIONS

What to do with unusual discards?

Village residents often ask the Village to provide a bulky waste collection program, or "Big Clean-up", as some call it. To do so, the Village would have to contract with a waste hauler to collect all the difficult-to-dispose items, and haul them away for disposal. This would mean sizeable collection and disposal costs. Over the years, now that Tompkins County charges for waste through its Trash Tag program, residents have become more aware of the wastes they generate and have enthusiastically supported the recycling program. Still, there are things many of us have that cannot be collected at curbside. These might be better off being redirected somewhere else, rather than heading for already crowded landfills. Below are some suggestions for what to do with a variety of waste items that people typically have, but that cannot be collected at the curb.

The Recycling and Solid Waste Center (RSWC) will take a number of materials for recycling, such as large and small appliances (mostly metal), scrap metal, textiles (wearable clothing and accessories), auto batteries (non-leaking), yard waste, and all the recyclables that are accepted at the curbside or at apartment complexes. Call the Solid Waste Management Division (273-6632, Mon.–Fri., 8 AM–4:30 PM) for more information on what you can recycle, curbside collection schedules, as well as what to do with oddball discards. The Center is open Mon.–Sat., 7 AM–3:30 PM.

Be sure to check the Bell Atlantic *Yellow Pages* or *Yellow Book* listings for outlets for many materials. Also consider consignment stores, thrift stores, flea markets, yard and garage sales, free columns in local shopper papers. As a last resort, many people see unwanted items disappear simply by placing the item at the curb with a "free" sign. Also check both the *Yellow Pages* and the *Yellow Book* for complete information on curbside recycling and preparation guidelines for the materials.

As a courtesy, always call first before donating your unwanted item. Save yourself a lot of trouble and time by finding out who wants things and who does not.

Appliances: Large and small appliances that are mostly metal, as well as scrap metal items, such as pots and pans, pipe, gutters, fencing, shelving, barbecues, etc., may be brought to the RSWC. Scrap metal may also be brought to local scrap outlets. Check the *Yellow Pages*.

Bicycles: Recycle Ithaca's Bicycles (R.I.B.s) will take working and non-working bikes and teaches people how to assemble and repair their own bikes. This is a wonderful way to turn a non-working bike into a rideable one for a local child or adult. Call 256-5355.

Books: Remember the Friends of the Library Book Sale, the Big Red Bookshelf project and numerous other used book outlets. Many doctor's offices would welcome children's books. Call first. Paperback books may be recycled right along with your mixed household paper, but no hard-covers please, unless you pull off the covers and the spine, then recycle the paper.

Clothing: Used, wearable clothing and accessories may be taken to local thrift or consignment stores, sold at garage sales, or brought to the RSWC.

Computers/electronic equipment: Working and non-working computers may be donated to the Sciencenter for their Einstein's Attic sale, which benefits the center. Call 272-0600 for more information. Call the Solid Waste Management Division (273-6632) for additional outlets for computers and other electronic equipment. Donate working computers to schools, day-care centers, and community centers.

Furniture: It is quite difficult to find homes for upholstered furniture, unless it is in reasonably good condition. Some solid wood furniture can be repaired and refinished, sold at garage sales, or donated to worthy causes. Check with local housing and disaster agencies who sometimes need furniture for residents who have lost everything to fire or other tragedy.

Housewares: Many no longer needed household items can be donated to local worthy causes, sold at garage and yard sales, or taken to local thrift stores.

Paint/pesticide/other hazardous materials: Dry out small amounts of latex paint until solid, then discard open can in trash. Household hazardous wastes (HHW), such as oil-based paints, pesticides, toxic garden products, pet care, auto care and home maintenance products, should be used up according to the labels, or saved for the Tompkins County Household Hazardous Waste Management Facility, expected to come on line in the spring of 2000. If you have materials that you have been saving for such a facility, please call the Solid Waste Division at 273-6632 to make an advance reservation to bring in your wastes.

Styrofoam® peanuts/packaging: Those pesky little peanuts that jump out of packages and get all over the floor are very reusable. Many local mail service centers will accept clean foam pellets in plastic bags. Check the *Yellow Pages* and call first to see what is acceptable. Also, just save the pellets in a large plastic bag and reuse them for your own mailings. Other Styrofoam® items, such as egg cartons and meat/produce trays, may be donated to school art programs. Check with your local school to see if clean foam trays are wanted. Since there are no recycling outlets for this material in Tompkins County, try to reuse and redirect what you can.

Tools: To give old tools new life, call Joe Cassaniti at 273-7985. He will fix them up and turn them over to neighborhood groups for clean-up projects. The metal parts of tools can be put in the scrap metal bin at the RSWC.

Toys: There are many outlets for nice toys in good condition, including day-care centers, schools, the local Cops, Kids and Toys program (sponsored by the Tompkins County Sheriff's Department, Ithaca City Police Department, and Cornell Safety—call 272-9973). Metal toys in poor condition can be brought to the RSWC and put in the scrap metal

bin.

Used motor oil: Used oil may be taken to any service station or other oil-change facility for recycling. Be sure to transport it in a tightly-sealed plastic container. Under no circumstances should waste oil be poured on the ground, down the drain or into waterways, since it is extremely toxic to the environment.

Yard waste: The Village provides for yard waste collection twice each year, in the fall and in the spring. Wastes include brush and limbs, but not leaves. Please watch the paper for notice of when the next collection occurs. Leaves, garden and kitchen food scraps can be composted on site, further reducing the discards you must dispose. Call Cooperative Extension's Rot Line at 272-2292 for information on starting a compost pile. The Solid Waste Division sells Earth Machine composters at cost, a fraction of what retail cost would be.

If you have internet access, visit the Tompkins County Solid Waste Management Division's website for more information on recycling and waste disposal: <www.tompkins-co.org/solidwaste/main.html>

From there, you can go to the ReDirectory, which has useful information on how to get rid of many items you might otherwise discard.

Lynn Leopold
Trustee
(Recycling Specialist, TCSWMD)

NOTARY SERVICES

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

LEARNING WEB

The Learning Web will be offering its Volunteer Community Service Project (VCSP) to Boynton Middle School seventh and eighth graders this fall semester. Funded by the Joint Youth Commission of Tompkins County, the group offers youth from the Town of Ithaca, Village of Cayuga Heights and Village of Lansing the opportunity to participate in volunteer projects to benefit their community. The group will meet at Boynton after-school on Thursdays from October through January. Some examples of last year's Boynton VCSP projects include: collecting relief kits for victims of Hurricane Mitch; playing Bingo with residents of the Reconstruction Home; helping the SPCA; writing and performing a public service announcement on the radio, and more.

Interested students or parents should call Jen Johnson at the Learning Web at 275-0122.

Jen Johnson
Youth Works Coordinator

REDUCING DEER DAMAGE

Deer Repellants - As discussed in the October 1998 issue of Consumer Reports, incorporate materials which have offensive smells and tastes. These can be somewhat useful in deterring deer from eating your ornamentals. All have some ingredients such as garlic, red pepper, eggs, human hair, and perfumed soaps. Predator's urine is also said to be offensive to deer but was not tested by Consumer Reports.

Recommendations:

1. Hang sachets of soap (Irish Spring, Camay, Cashmere Bouquet) around and in your valuable plants. Human hair from barber shops can be made into sachets as can Millorganite. The more sachets that are hung, the more

effective the results.

2. Try a homemade spray which contains red pepper (2 oz.), four eggs, chopped garlic (2 oz.), and enough water to make one quart. Then strain for sprayer use. Apply weekly and after rains. This should cover 16 bushes for one week.
3. Spread Millorganite around the base of trees and shrubs.
4. Use commercial deer repellants. All contain some of the same ingredients mentioned above.
5. Deer netting and fencing are very effective.

Plant Species low on the Preference List – When hungry enough, deer will eat almost any woody material but they prefer soft succulent foods. The following list of so-called deer resistant woody ornamentals is taken from Reducing Deer Damage to Homes and Gardens and Landscape Plantings, a publication available from the Cornell University Resource Center.

Rarely Damaged:

Common Bayberry
Paper Birch
Common Boxwood
Russian Olive
American Holly
Drooping Leucothoe
Common Blue Spruce
Japanese Pieris

Seldom Severely Damaged:

European White Birch
American Bittersweet
Red Osier Dogwood
Kousa Dogwood
English Hawthorn
Redvein Enkianthus
European Beech
Forsythia
Honey Locust
Chinese Holly
Inkberry
Chinese Junipers
Mountain Laurel
Beautybush
Norway Spruce
White Spruce
Austrian Pine
Pitch Pine
Mugo Pine
Red Pine
Japanese Flowering Cherry
Corkscrew Willow
Common Sassafras
Common Lilac

REPORT OF COUNTY BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

Besides the usual standing committees of the County Board, this year there is a Library Coordination Committee, charged with looking at delivery of library services countywide and making recommendations for any changes. Recently some of us on that committee attended a Town of Lansing Planning Board meeting, accompanying the County's Library Director, Janet Steiner, who had been invited by the Planning Board Chair, Brad Griffen, to speak about options for library services in Lansing. The origins of the four rural libraries (Dryden, Groton, Newfield and Ulysses) were described as was the current state law that prohibits certification of any new libraries in any area already served by a chartered library. (Since all of Tompkins County is served by the Tompkins County Public Library (TCPL), any new library in Tompkins County would have to be a branch of TCPL). The "reading centers" in Caroline and Danby were also described. They are of recent vintage, were started under the aegis of the Finger Lakes Library System, and are now sponsored by TCPL; they are run by volunteers, and are housed in the town halls. All six of these rural library locations got started by local person (and local governments) showing interest and support -- and that would be a requisite for any future library in Lansing.

We encouraged the Planning Board and interested citizens in attendance to do a survey of interest, and Director Steiner offered to help draft questions (to help make sure that survey questions would elicit useful answers). It was not clear to me whether the Town Planning Board interest in Lansing library service would focus on the Town-hall area or on the population-center (Village?) area, but we learned that the Lansing Town Master Plan addresses the value of library service, and this will be revisited when the Town revisits and updates its Master Plan. From my campaigning two years ago, I got the impression that Village residents make good use of the TCPL in downtown Ithaca, and no one broached the subject of a library in Lansing. Please let me know your thoughts on this.

I am pleased to report that one of the "planks" in the platform I ran on in 1997 has been "nailed down". We have finally codified about 50 years worth of the County's laws, to make them up-to-date, internally consistent, and user friendly. Besides a loose-leaf version, there is an electronic version that can be accessed from a home computer by anyone so inclined.

October means budget meetings for County legislators, a time-consuming but fascinating process. We continue to be hit hard by State actions (e.g., the new Kendra's law appears to be another major unfunded mandate), but Federal (and State) support for multi-modal road and bridge projects is allowing us to catch up on much-needed maintenance.

Dooley Kiefer
District # 10 Rep.

PYRAMID MALL

Fall Events

10/15 –
10/16 Avon Breast Cancer

Awareness Display
Fundraiser

10/16 10 AM – 9 PM

"Clip for the Cure"
Fundraiser for Breast Cancer research
Haircuts for \$10
Regis

10/23 10 AM – 3 PM

United Way Fundraiser

10/23 –

10/24 Noon – 3 PM

SPCA Fundraiser
Have your picture taken with your pet

10/26 4 – 7 PM

Visiting Nurse Service
Flu Shot Clinic

11/2 8 – 10 AM

Visiting Nurse Services Free Blood Pressure Clinic

11/6 10 AM – 6 PM

Chemistry Fair

11/11 8 AM - Noon

Visiting Nurse Services
Flu Shot Clinic

11/13 Franziska Racker Center

(Special Children's Center)
Information Fair

12/7 8 – 10 AM

Visiting Nurse Service
Free Blood Pressure Clinic

For additional information on current events happening at Pyramid Mall, check out their website at www.pyramidithaca.com. There you will find current events, a mall directory of current and coming soon stores, special sales, print out coupons, and more.

Kara Woods
Marketing Assistant

NORTHEAST SENIORS

The Northeast Senior Citizens Unit includes areas of Lansing, Cayuga Heights, the northeastern area of Ithaca and a part of the Town of Dryden.

Of the 153 paid memberships in the past year, there were 39 members from the Village of Lansing and 25 members from the Town of Lansing. The remaining members were from the other areas, plus some members from other parts of the City of Ithaca and Tompkins County.

Members and/or guests are always welcome to come to our monthly meetings which are held the second Monday of each month at the St. Catherine of Siena Parish Hall on Hanshaw Road. The meetings, which run from noon until 3 PM, include a generous dish-to-pass lunch and a planned program. Everyone brings his/her own table service including a coffee/tea cup. Dish-to-pass may be a casserole, salad, vegetable dish, rolls or bread, or dessert.

The planned program for Nov. 8th is a hobby show. Everyone is invited to bring their projects or collections of interest to display for others. Also on Dec. 13th, there will be a special luncheon at a restaurant where everyone is requested to bring a gift to trade with another senior.

All seniors are welcome to the monthly meetings. You do not need to be a member of the Northeast Senior Unit to attend. Just come and join in the fellowship, fun and good food!

Y'all come!

Tri-chairpeople:
Jean Greene
Eleanor Taras
Raymond Fox
272-6867

VILLAGE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Village Office Beautification

A special thank you goes out to the teens responsible for building the flower-box planters around the Office. This project was made possible through the Joint Youth Commission comprised of the Town of Ithaca and the Villages of Cayuga Heights and Lansing.

The Village would also like to thank Paul Grennell, YMCA Director and Proprietor of Larchwood Farm, for the donation of the flowers in these planters, most of which survived the deer and the drought.

Brush Pick-Up

The Public Works Dept. will be providing a fall brush and limb pick-up in the Village the week of October 25th.

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.

Christmas Tree Removal

Mark your calendars for the Christmas tree pick-up on Jan. 10.

Dennis Reinhart

CAYUGA LAKE WATERSHED NETWORK *Watershed Management Plan*

In 1998, with funding from the New York Department of State, a watershed management plan was undertaken for the Cayuga Lake watershed. Through the cooperative efforts of 28 municipalities, a technical team, and two regional planning boards, the first portion of the project is nearing completion.

The first phase of the management plan, a Watershed Characterization Report, will be ready for public review and comment in early December 1999. The report will describe the current state of the watershed and lay the foundation for a management plan aimed at its protection. Copies will be available for public review at municipal offices and libraries throughout the watershed. A series of three public participation meetings will be held around the lake to provide the public with an opportunity to discuss the report and provide their input and comments.

Meeting dates and locations are as follows:

1/11 7PM – 9PM

Mynderse Academy Senior
High, Seneca Falls

1/13 7PM – 9PM

Southern Cayuga High
School, Poplar Ridge

1/19 7PM – 9 PM

Boynton Middle School, Ithaca

Information regarding these meetings can be obtained from Sharon Anderson at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County (272-2292, e-mail ska2@cornell.edu) and Tee-Ann Hunter of the Cayuga Lake Watershed Network (315-364-9504, e-mail cayugalake@aubcom.com).

The emerging report will be accessible on the internet at www.gfrpc.org. Or you may contact Dave Zorn, editor of the report at Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council (716-442-3770, e-mail dzorn@frontiernet.net).

Tee-Ann Hunter
Administrative Assistant
Cayuga Lake Watershed Network

HUMAN SERVICES COALITION

Health Education Directory

Do you wonder about where to find health education programs? The Health Planning Council, a program of the Human Services Coalition, has now updated the Tompkins County *Health Education Directory* to include email and web site addresses, as well as descriptions of the programs.

This guide contains information on the more than 25 community agencies that provide health education services to the

public, assisting Tompkins County residents in their efforts to live healthier lives. It is a useful resource both for professional agencies and the general public. If interested, call 273-8686

Health Council's Annual Meeting

Come hear Maurice Hinchey speak about "Health Policy for the New Millennium: A View from Washington" on November 17th at the Health Planning Council's Annual Meeting. He will present ideas about shoring up the Medicare Trust Fund, prescription drug coverage, single-payer health insurance, HMO reform, and the patient's bill of rights and other current issues.

The general public is invited to attend the annual meeting from noon to 1:30 PM at the Airport Ramada Inn. After a short business meeting, Congressman Hinchey will present his views. The meeting will include a luncheon buffet for \$13. Please call 273-8686 to register.

Dorothy Palladino
Program Assistant
Human Services Coalition

LOAP NEWS

The Lansing Older Adult Program (LOAP) strives to improve the quality of life for the older adults in Lansing. We provide educational and supportive services as well as programs to encourage senior participation. These programs are open to the senior community.

Arts and Crafts Workshop

Session IV is a Holiday Art featuring "Santa Faces". This class begins on Monday, Oct. 18th and runs through Nov. 8th at 9:00 AM at Woodsedge. Registration forms are available by calling Barbara Hlywa at 533-4626.

Knitting/Crocheting Classes

Sis Johnson will instruct an informal knitting and crocheting group which will meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month beginning Oct. 13th at 7:00 PM at Woodsedge. Beginners and experts are invited to attend. Bring your ideas, your patterns and enjoy some time together to share talents. To sign up for this free program, call Betty Ellis at 533-4792.

Creative Writing Part II

"Stories from Holiday Memories" will be offered by Lansing teacher, Judy Hinderliter in November. For further details, check the Lansing Community News or call Marilyn Paradise at 533-4792.

Flu Clinics

The Tompkins County Health Department will be offering flu vaccine clinics this year. Some of the dates and locations are:

10/20 4 – 7 PM Pyramid Mall

10/25 9 AM - Noon Lansing United Methodist Church
12:45 PM Woodsedge Apts.

11/3 4 – 6 PM Pyramid Mall

Intergenerational Program

Classroom volunteers are again needed to assist at the Raymond Buckley Elementary School in Lansing. Various tasks include reading and assisting students and teachers. Interested volunteers are asked to call Elaine Buchanan at 257-1917.

Marilyn Paradis
LOAP Consultant

VILLAGE STREET TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

Since 1990, the Conservation Advisory Council has been concentrating efforts on developing shade trees in the commercial areas of the Village. The Street Tree Planting Program now extends and amplifies the beautification efforts to include all areas.

The Village has an 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 Greenspace Advisory Council before planting.
- Reimbursement shall take place upon presentation of a receipt from a recognized nursery and approval of the planted tree by a representative of the Greenspace Advisory Council.
- 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.

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

Walt Wietgreffe
Greenspace Advisory Council
Chairman

NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF PARKS AND RECREATION

The following is a schedule of activities planned for the public at State Parks in October. Most activities are free, but parking fees may be in effect. For more information call 387-7041 ext. 108

10/16 and 10/23
Fall Foliage Hike
Taughannock Falls State Park

Come and admire the fall colors while discovering what shaped our

spectacular gorges. Meet at the beginning of the trail to the falls near the gorge parking lot on NYS Route 89. This trail is negotiable by people in wheelchairs with assistance. This walk is 1.5 miles.

10/30
Leaf Falls and Waterfalls
Watkins Glen State Park

Explore the wonder of fall colors and the formation of the gorge. Meet at the waiting area near the tunnel at the rear of

the main entrance of the park.

Tony Ingraham
Environmental Educator