

Village of Lansing Newsletter

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A FEW BRIEF COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

As you have probably read in the newspapers, if all the pieces fit together, the Village is likely to have a limited number of sewer permits available in the near future with the promise of permanently solving our waste water treatment problem in an affordable way within the next year. The Village participated in the joint intermunicipal waste water treatment proposal that was submitted in the late spring by the Town of Lansing, the Village of Cayuga Heights and the Ithaca Area Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) partnership (SJS) to New York State for funding through the Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act and the State Environmental Protection Fund. On Sept. 25, Gov. Pataki announced full funding for the state portion (\$3.3M) for the first year of the three year proposal with a commitment for nearly full funding (\$4.1M) of the second year of the proposal. It is likely that the third year will be funded in a similar way. These grants would then fund \$11.5M out of a total project cost of \$19.5M.

The project provides sewer service to the Town and to the Village by diverting sewage from the Village of Cayuga Heights and parts of the Village of Lansing and the Town of Ithaca from the Village of Cayuga Heights WWTP to the Ithaca Area WWTP (SJS). The released capacity of the Village of Cayuga Heights WWTP would then be used by the new customers. In addition, the project includes upgrades to both plants to reduce the level of phosphorus discharged to Lake Cayuga by more than a factor of four and improves collector systems for the Ithaca Area WWTP to significantly reduce the inflow of ground water.

On the supply side of water, discussions between Cornell, the City of Ithaca and Bolton Point to form an area wide water system are making good progress. By utilizing more of the unused capacity of the Cornell plant and Bolton Point, this efficiency could lower the water rates to current Bolton Point customers and avoid constructing a new water treatment plant for Ithaca.

With these two projects, intermunicipal cooperation appears to be alive and well!

Donald Hartill
Mayor

NORTHEAST SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior residents of the Village of Lansing are invited to attend the Northeast Seniors' unit dish-to-pass luncheon meetings at 12:30 P.M. on the second Monday of the month at St. Catherine of Siena Parish House. Annual dues are \$4.00 for an individual, \$6.00 for a couple.

Our 1998/99 season got off to a rollicking start in September, with a hilarious video "Humor Your Stress" with Loretta LaRoche. New Co-Chairman, Raymond Fox is willing to loan his video to other senior groups for a program, or you may order it from Public Television at 800-799-1199.

Bob and Martha Clark of Dryden have turned a hobby into a cottage retirement business called the "Bread and Butter Silver Factory". They will give you a talk on jewelry making, and display some of their original designs at the Oct. meeting.

Margaret Bennett has returned to Ithaca for several years, after living in Alaska for thirty years where her husband taught at the University of Alaska. On November 9th, she will share her interesting story and slides of life in that great state.

The annual flu clinic will be held at St. Catherine of Siena on October 22nd from 9:00 A.M. to noon. A pneumonia shot will also be available to anyone 65 or older who has not received one before. Bring your Medicare card with you. The shots will be billed to part B. For more information, call 274-6616.

An exercise class in upper body strength training with Kate Dunn from the Senior Center has begun on Friday mornings at 10:00 at St. Catherine's. Cost is \$3.00 per session. For information about our meetings and activities, call Co-Chairmen Raymond Fox (272-6687) or Edward Moy (257-2407).

Raymond Fox/Edward Moy
Co-Presidents

VILLAGE COMMUNICATION

Village information, including this Newsletter, can be obtained on our World Wide Web page <<http://www.clarityconnect.com/webpages/vlansing>>

The Village is also accessible through E-mail at Vlansing@clarityconnect.com.

VILLAGE OMBUDSPERSON

Did you just move into a new apartment and discover it is not in the condition you expected, or there is more to your responsibilities as a tenant than you thought? Did your wonderful new tenants just move in and suddenly the neighbors are complaining about things like noise or pets you did not agree to?

Sometimes, people make assumptions when they enter into Landlord/Tenant relationships. Tenants may not read the lease thoroughly or at all. Landlords may not get references, or discover references were from a false source. Or, problems may occur for other reasons.

Whatever the reason, if you are having trouble now after the lease is signed and the move is complete, or you foresee a problem you want to avoid, give me a call at 564-3396. With fifteen years experience as both a Landlord and a Tenant, perhaps I can help.

Carol Mallison
Village Ombudsperson

HOME BUYER'S CLASSES

The Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services' is offering a seminar for first time homebuyers in the Ithaca area. The next 5 week session will begin on Thursday, October 22 from 6:30 - 8:30 P.M. and will be held at BOCES. The sessions cost \$52 - \$55 and include the following:

Session 1 Oct. 22	Intro/Budgeting, Saving
Session 2 Oct. 29	Credit
Session 3 Nov. 5	Mortgage Loans
Session 4 Nov. 12	Working with a Realtor/Inspections
Session 5 Nov. 19	Closing and Insurance/Next Steps

Further information and registration can be done by calling BOCES at 257-1561 or by writing to Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services' at 115 W. Clinton St.

Ann DiPetta
Ithaca Neighborhood
Housing Services

NOTARY SERVICES

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

BOARD MEETING AGENDAS

A new feature to the Village's web page is providing you with the Board of Trustee's agenda for the first and third Mondays of each month. By the Saturday before the relevant Monday, the agenda will be posted. As usual the agenda is posted at the Village Office as well. The address for the web page is: <<http://www.clarityconnect.com/webpages/vlansing>>.

Larry Fresinski

LANSING OLDER ADULTS PROGRAM (LOAP)

Senior Water Aerobics Class

Senior Water Aerobics Class begins on Tuesday Oct. 27 and continues through Thursday December 10 at the Lansing High School Pool. The classes meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 12:40 - 1:25 P.M. Lorraine Faucet conducts safe, low impact exercise geared for the fitness-minded senior. The fee is \$15.00 Registration forms are available at the Village Office or the Town Hall.

Final Session of Arts and Crafts

On Monday, November 9th at 9:00 A.M. at Woodsedge, Session IV of the Arts and Crafts Workshops will host Folk Art. This two week course will conclude this years Community Arts Program (CAP) funded programs. Registration forms are available at the Village Office, Town Hall or Woodsedge. A fee of \$1.00 per week is requested.

LOAP seeks for 1999 CAP Grant

LOAP is applying for the 1999 CAP grant sponsored through NYS Decentralization Program. There was an overwhelming response to the workshops over the past two years and next year we are adding three new sessions. Barbara Hlywa and Elnora Hoaglin will teach three sessions on decorative, landscape and folk art. June Darfler will teach egg decorating at Easter time and gingerbread house making and pine cone wreaths around the holidays. Charlotte Bruce has been asked to teach a session on creative menu preparations for the special diet. We are pleased to offer more programs to the community. Registration forms will be available at the Village Office, Town Hall or Woodsedge.

Flu Clinic

The flu season is rapidly coming upon us. The Tompkins County Health Department will offer a series of flu vaccine clinics. They will be held as follows:

Nov. 2, 9 - noon	Lansing United Methodist Church
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Nov. 2, noon - 12:45 P.M.	Woodsedge Apts.
Nov. 4, 8:30 - 10:30 A.M.	Pyramid Mall
Nov. 18, 4:00 - 6:00 P.M.	Pyramid Mall

Everyone 65 years of age and above is encouraged to take the vaccine. Costs for the shots are billed to Medicare B. If you do not have this coverage, the cost of the flu shot is \$8.00

Computer Class

JoAnn Mancini will offer a course on "Intro to the Computer, Where to Find the On Button" in late October. This will be held at the Lansing High School Library and the date will be announced in the Lansing Community News.

Marilyn Paradise
LOAP Consultant

PLANNING BOARD NEWS

Although it may not be very noticeable, change continues to occur in the Village and much of it involves action by the Planning Board. New construction is taking place in Cornell's Business and Technology Park and the Lansing Trails subdivision. Special Permits for two new multi-tenant office buildings at 10 and 30 Brown Road in the Business and Technology Park have been approved and construction at 30 Brown Road is nearing completion. A Special Permit was also granted for the construction of a pavilion by the pond in the Park. Known as the "gathering place", it is designed as a recreation space for the Park's employees.

Housing market conditions have encouraged Mr. Jonson, developer of Lansing Trails, to convert several previously approved two-family residence lots to single-family residence lots. This will result in a reduction in density of ten family units. This change was accomplished by an amendment to the approved subdivision.

The McLain subdivision off of Cayuga Heights Road is also underway and the Planning Board has approved the final plat. Recently, the Selden estate on North Triphammer Road has obtained final approval of the subdivision of their lands into two lots, one of which includes the existing residence and accessory buildings.

The Small Mall on Cinema Drive is undergoing a "face lift" and has submitted a request for a Planned Sign Area which, if approved, will provide easier recognition of its location and tenants.

The building at 59 Dart Drive which has long been a mixed use facility combining residence and day-

care is in the process of being converted to a single-use day-care center by Cornell University. The Planning Board has granted a Special Permit allowing this conversion with conditions. These conditions are the installation of approved off-street parking, landscaping to buffer the parking area and the installation of no parking or standing signs on the north side of the property adjacent to the roadway.

Even less noticeable are changes that are made to the Zoning Law. The impact of the recent adult entertainment controversy in Groton, as well as the cellular tower issue in Ulysses, have been instrumental in causing two amendments to the Zoning Law which provides for the regulation of both of these activities.

Finally, the Planning Board with assistance of the Tompkins County Planning Department, has submitted a request to the NY Planning Federation for a grant of \$5000 to develop a North Triphammer Road Corridor Planned Sign Area. The purpose of the Planned Sign Area would be to provide direction to and identification of commercial and business activities that are located off of North Triphammer Road and have very limited visibility from North Triphammer Road. The implementation of any approved unified signage plan would most likely coincide with the reconstruction of North Triphammer Road.

The Planning Board meets at 7:30 P.M. on the second Monday and last Tuesday of each month in the Village Office. The public is always welcome to attend.

Ned Hickey
Chairman

VILLAGE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Brush Pick-Up

The Village of Lansing will be providing a fall brush and limb pick-up in the Village the week of October 26th.

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 amounts will not be picked up and will become the responsibility of the homeowner to see they are removed.

Christmas Tree Removal

Mark your calendar for the Christmas tree pick-up on Jan. 11

Dennis Reinhart

TOMPKINS COUNTY SOLID WASTE DIVISION BEGINS REUSE INITIATIVE

The Tompkins County Solid Waste Management Division is moving forward with its reuse initiative by planning for a used building materials diversion program at the Recycling and Solid Waste Center (RSWC). Materials coming into the RSWC that still have value, such as doors, windows, dimensioned lumber, bath and lighting fixtures and the like will be stockpiled and transferred to Historic Ithaca for resale in its Significant Elements program. Historic Ithaca has been operating a resale program for salvaged architectural details for several years in the Ithaca community. Through the program, countless items salvaged from older homes and buildings have found their way into other structures, thus enhancing their beauty and value, and providing new homes for used goods.

The County plans to encourage local builders, contractors, salvagers and haulers to divert reusable building and demolition materials and make them available to others for reuse. Builders who source-separate reusable materials will benefit from cost savings on disposal. The County hopes to develop a financial incentive at the Center for customers who bring in clean, separated building materials, such as doors, windows, dimensioned lumber, plywood, fixtures and other appropriate items.

The work is part of a larger County reuse initiative that includes publication of the ReDirectory - a Guide to Reuse in Tompkins, a Reuse Planning Group, a textile program for wearable clothing, and eventual expansion of reuse activities at the Recycling Center to include a range of other reusable goods, such as housewares, furniture, electronics and toys.

For more information about the reuse initiative, call the Tompkins County Solid Waste Management Division at 273-6632 or 273-5700.

Lynn Leopold
Solid Waste Division

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Fire Department elections will be held this year at Fire Station No. 5 on Oakcrest Road and Central Fire Station on Tuesday, December 8th from 4:00 - 9:00 P.M.

If you have any questions for the fire department, please feel free to contact them in the following ways. Members are at the central station every Tuesday evening from 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. This is the time when the trucks and equipment are checked to make sure they are ready. You may call the Chief's Office at 533-7733 and leave a message. Also, stop by the station if you notice anyone there (they love to show people around), or E-mail them at lansfire@lightlink.com

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

The NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation have announced the following fall events:

Oct. 24, 11:00 A.M.	Buttermilk Falls State Park Fall Foliage Hike Join naturalist Kara Hagedorn for a scenic walk through Buttermilk Gorge and experience the beauty of the dramatic fall colors. Meet in the swim area at the lower park off NYS Route 13. This is a two-mile hike.
Oct. 24, 5:30 P.M.	Robert H. Treman State Park Beavers in Enfield Creek Look who's moved in! Like humans, beavers dramatically change their environment to suit their needs. Come see the work they have done. Meet at the upper entrance at the Old Mill.
Oct. 31, 2:00 P.M.	Buttermilk Falls State Park Mudflat Tracking Join park naturalist Kara Hagedorn for an exploration of mudflats at Lake Treman and the clues they supply about animal life in the area. Meet at the parking lot at the end of the road in upper Buttermilk Park.

For further information, contact Tony Ingraham at 387-7041, Extension 108.

TOMPKINS COUNTY SOLID WASTE DIVISION

The Tompkins County Solid Waste Management Division would like to remind residents that all disposal permits are to be renewed by the end of this year. A permit is required to bring all waste, except recyclables to the Center. A current Vehicle registration must be presented when applying for a permit. If your vehicle is not registered in Tompkins County, proof of residency is required.

Residential permits cost \$5.00 and commercial permits cost \$15.00 for the first vehicle and \$5.00 for each additional permit. Permits can be obtained at 122 Commercial Ave on Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

For more information, call the Solid Waste Management Division at 273-6632 or 273-5700.

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Administrative Assistant
Solid Waste Division

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