



March 2026 Newsletter

VILLAGE OF LANSING *Incorporated 1974*

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Meetings: Trustees' Meeting, 1st & 3rd Monday, 7:30pm * Planning Board Meetings: 2nd Monday and last Tuesday, 7:00 PM*

Board of Zoning Appeal Meeting: 3rd Tuesday as needed, 7:00 PM* Currently all meetings are being conducted in person and via Zoom. Meetings are posted on YouTube.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Welcome to Spring 2026 and the latest edition of the Village of Lansing newsletter. As we move beyond winter and look toward the warmer months ahead, I want to share updates on initiatives, projects, and events happening in our community. For more information on the topics, please refer to associated articles in this newsletter.

This winter brought a lengthy spell of snow and icy conditions, and I want to recognize our Department of Public Works staff for their continued dedication to keeping Village roads, sidewalks, and trails safe and passable. Their early mornings, late nights, and careful attention to weather conditions helped ensure that residents could travel safely through and within our village.

Mid-winter, on December 23, 2025, the Village was awarded a **matching grant of \$572,139** through New York State's Climate Smart Communities (CSC) program to construct approximately 3,335 linear feet of sidewalk along Uptown and Craft Roads. These new sidewalks will expand our pedestrian network, helping reduce vehicle miles traveled and the associated greenhouse gas emission.

Village Trustees adopted our **2026 Comprehensive Plan** on March 2, 2026 – our fourth plan since 1999. This document provides a long-range vision and roadmap for our future development and community priorities. It will guide decision-making related to land use, infrastructure, economic development, and sustainability, while reflecting the values and goals expressed by residents during the planning process.

Guided by the new Comprehensive Plan, the Village Greenway Committee began updating the **Village Greenway Plan** to identify opportunities for new pedestrian and bicycle connections, protection of natural resources, and enhanced recreational access throughout the Village. Community input remains an important part of this process, and we encourage residents to become or stay engaged with the Greenway Committee as the update proceeds.

In February, Trustees established a **Commercial Area Advisory Committee (CAAC)** to facilitate and encourage communication and collaboration between Village officials, commercial business owners, and residents on the Village's commercial areas. The committee will evaluate existing commercial conditions in the Village and recommend goals, priorities, and improvements for our commercial districts, and it will provide the Village government with recommendations to strengthen economic vitality, enhance the appearance of commercial areas, and ensure that future commercial growth aligns with the goals of the new Comprehensive Plan.

Planning is underway for **Lansing Celebrates America250**, a community event scheduled for Saturday, June 13 in Myers Park. This celebration commemorates the 250th anniversary of our nation and the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Organized by the Lansing Historical Association, the Lansing Events Committee, and the Lansing Community Council, the event will feature educational exhibits, music, and family activities. We hope residents will join in recognizing this important milestone in our nation's history.

Please note that the **Village of Lansing's annual election** will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, from noon until 9 PM in the Village's Community Room in the old administration building. Incumbent Trustees, Susan Ainslie and Kathleen Yen, are running to continue their service to our Village. Local elections are an important opportunity for residents to participate directly in our Village's governance, and I encourage all eligible Village residents to vote and make their voices heard.

ALSO NOTE: the Town of Lansing Highway Department will begin the **Spring 2026 brush and limb collection service** on **Monday, April 27th.**

As always, thank you for your continued involvement in our community. The Village of Lansing remains a special place because of the engagement, dedication, and civic spirit of its officers, staff, and residents. I look forward to seeing many of you at Village events and meetings in the months ahead as we welcome Spring and continue working together for the future of our Village.

Ronny Hardaway, Mayor

VILLAGE ELECTIONS

The Village elections will be held Tuesday, April 28, 2026, from 12 noon – 9pm in the Village of Lansing Community Room located behind the Village of Lansing Offices. For up-to-date voting and election information, important deadlines, sample ballots, poll site location and hours, questions on how to register to vote, and how to vote if you are not able to go to a polling site one may contact the Tompkin County Board of Elections at 607-274-5522.

Website: <https://www.tompkinscountyny.gov/All-Departments/Board-of-Elections>.

VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE

2026-27 Village of Lansing Budget

The Village budget year runs from June 1st to May 31st. The Trustees will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget at the Monday, April 6 meeting at 7:36pm. Please feel free to attend the budget meetings and give your input. The 2026-27 Preliminary Budget is available on the Village website. The current proposal is to keep the tax rate the same as last year at \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

Major DPW projects included in the budget are:

- paving Arrowwood Dr., Brentwood Dr., Warren Rd., Esty Dr. and Uptown Road.
- Uptown & Craft Sidewalk Project
- 2,500' of trail across from Hartill Park

The Trustees also budgeted to create a Deputy Clerk/Treasurer position. This will give our Clerk/Treasurer plenty of time to share her 28 years of experience and knowledge with a new employee over the next couple of years before she retires.

Village Sponsored Street Tree Planting Program

Village of Lansing residents can get reimbursed for two street trees per year for up to \$100 each as part of the Street Tree Planting Program. The Tree Planting Application can be found under Applications and Forms on the Village website or in the brochure rack in the Village Office foyer.

Water & Sewer Rate Increased as of April 2026 Billing for Village Residents

For January 2026 SCLIWC raised their water rate from \$6.73 to \$7.13 per 1,000 gallons of water consumption. The Village water surcharge is currently 70% of Bolton Point’s rate. Starting with your April 2026 bill, the cost for 1,000 gallons of water will increase from \$11.44 to \$12.12 or a minimum charge of \$60.60 for 5,000 gallons. The Village surcharge is basically the only source of income for the Water Fund. It pays for maintenance of our water system.

The Village of Cayuga Heights is anticipating that they will increasing their sewer rate by 10-12%. This new rate will begin with your July 2026 billing.

Water/Sewer Bills

Bolton Point implemented eBilling of Village of Lansing water and sewer bills. If you are interested in receiving your bill via email, please sign up at boltonpoint.org/ebilling. You may want to sign up for both email and mailed bills to start to make sure there are no issues with you receiving a bill electronically. *PLEASE NOTE: You must provide your account number to complete this registration. It is a two-step process and if you do not complete both you will not receive an email bill. If you have signed up and do not get an ebill please contact the office and I will help get the issue resolved.*

***NEW*Pay Online**

We are excited to announced that the Village will soon be offering an option of making online payments! This will allow you to pay your water/sewer and tax payments online by credit card or e-check. The service provided by Payment Processing Consultants, Inc. will charge a service fee directly to the card holder. You can still pay in person or by mail with cash or check with no additional fee. There is a secure drop box inside the entry way to our administration building for you to drop off your payment anytime.

Safety & Incident Real-Time Emergency Notifications (SIREN)

Tompkins County SIREN is the official mass notification system used by Tompkins County, the City of Ithaca, and local towns and villages to communicate with community residents during emergencies. Sign up now to receive alerts from SIREN via text message, email, and/or voice message. There are notification lists covering the Village of Lansing, in addition to any other lists from which you might like to receive notifications. Sign up using the link on our website.

Jodi Dake, Clerk/Treasurer

VILLAGE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Spring Brush Pick-Up

Spring brush and limb pick-up will be provided by the Town of Lansing Highway Departments on **Monday, April 27, 2026**. Residents are asked to leave up to one pick-up truck size load near the roadside by 6:00 am. To assist the work crews, all limbs and brush (up to 5 inches in diameter) should be piled with the cut ends facing the same direction. The limbs should be no longer than 8 feet in length. Also, the piles should not be tied but should be left loose. Please do not put out bags of yard waste. This pick up is only for limbs and brush. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me at 607-257-0424 or by email dpw@villageoflansingny.gov

John Courtney, Superintendent of Public Works

CODE & ZONING DEPARTMENT

I would remind everyone that there are numerous scenarios in which a building permit would be needed, I would encourage individuals who are interested in, additions, new construction, remodeling, installation of new heating equipment, decks, pools, etc. to contact me at codeofficer2@villageoflansingny.gov for any questions you might have.

Also, the 2025 NYS Uniform Code and State Energy Code took effect on December 31, 2025. Any building permit applied for after that date will be required to comply with the new codes. There have been numerous changes, especially with the Energy Code. If you have questions pertaining to changes, please contact me.

Homeowners and business owners, when a building permit is issued to you (or via your contractor), it is ultimately your responsibility to make sure project inspections are requested and completed. A list of required inspections is printed on the official building permit. Please make sure that your contractor has contacted me, especially at the conclusion of your project for a Certificate of Compliance.

Now that the snow has melted, I would like to remind our local businesses and homeowners to please help keep this Village beautiful by checking your property for garbage and debris that has collected through the winter.

Stormwater runoff is a main source of water pollution. Since stormwater runoff will eventually end up in Cayuga Lake, for this area, we ask the Village residents and business owners for help in decreasing the potential for pollutants. This is an important task since the Village, and four other municipalities are provided drinking water from Cayuga Lake. When stormwater flows to the drainage ways and drainage infrastructure, it picks up and mixes with what's there. That may include:

- Oil, grease, and automotive fluids
- Fertilizer and pesticides from gardens and homes
- Bacteria from pet waste and improperly maintained septic systems
- Soap from car washing
- Debris and litter

Many people assume that stormwater flows down storm drains and then to a treatment facility. That is almost never the case. It either flows directly into local waters or down storm drains, which channel it into local water bodies. By reducing or eliminating the above items the pollutants will not have the opportunity to enter Cayuga Lake, which will provide for many more years of enjoying and using the lake. If each of us helps a little, we all help a lot.

Also, please be aware that the NYS burn ban for 2026 is March 16th through May 14th.

Please remember to check/replace the batteries in all Carbon Monoxide and Smoke Detectors.

Michael Scott, Code & Zoning Officer

REPORT FROM DEPUTY MAYOR CAROLYN GREENWALD

As Deputy Mayor I have had a particularly productive and successful term.

New York State DEC Grant

On behalf of the Village, last summer I drafted and submitted a consolidated funding application (CFA) for a Climate Smart Communities (CSC) grant entitled Uptown and Craft Roads Sidewalk Connectivity Project. I am thrilled to report that the Village was awarded our full request in the amount of \$572,138.50 for this important project that will bring better access to a variety of services and opportunities for our residents and save the Village over half a million dollars. We anticipate receiving a contract from New York State in the next six months and hope to have the new sidewalks completed on Craft and Uptown Road following that. It is not an immediate process, but the grant savings are enormous and absolutely worth our time. The idea of applying for the grant came from Trustee Kathleen Yen, we received excellent guidance and support from Cornell Cooperative Extension, and I could not have done it without help from our DPW Supervisor John Courtney. It was a team effort.

Comprehensive Plan

As the Chair of the Village's 2026-2036 Comprehensive Plan update, I am pleased to report that the plan was adopted March 2, 2026. The plan is a very important document that guides and outlines the future direction of the Village based on demographic data, Village input, and observable trends. It covers concepts such as economic development, sustainability, natural resources, housing, municipal and community services, transportation, and community character. The Comprehensive Plan committee consisted of myself, Trustee Kathleen Yen, Planning Board Member Lorraine Capogrossi, resident Susan Lustik and Village Clerk Jodi Dake. The result of our hard work is a well-researched and thoughtful sixty-seven page document which I encourage all of you to view on the Village [website](#).

Greenway Committee

The Greenway Committee has taken on the ambitious project of updating the Village Greenway Plan. Our primary focus for the update is to add park and trails imagery that accurately describes the current park conditions, outline a clear plan for future parks as part of a broader vision to improve the park system, and create a plan for a trails and sidewalks connectivity network both within the Village and beyond where possible. One part of the plan is to identify and or create an identity for each park. At Blackchin Park, for example, the identity is the overlook and view of Cayuga Lake. The Greenway Committee is working with the Village DPW to improve the view. At Shannon Park, the new identity will be installation of a Pollinator Garden through funds that the Village was awarded from NYSERDA. At Don and Marion Hartill, the Greenway Committee has plans to add a trail and connect to other existing trails in the area. At Dankert Park, the committee hopes to improve the recreation facilities. We will continue to seek input from Villagers as this process evolves.

Finally, working with the Greenway Committee, I again applied for the Cornell Cooperative Extension Rural Beautification grant which is a \$5,000 matching grant. When we last received the grant, we used it to plant thousands of bulbs around the Village. This time we applied to remove the weak and invasive Callery Pears along N. Triphammer Road. We hope to begin to replace these trees with a flowering tree, such as Hawthorne, which will begin to beautify the Triphammer Corridor.

Commercial Area Advisory Committee

At my suggestion, the Trustees have agreed to form a new committee called the Commercial Area Advisory Committee (CAAC). The purpose is to facilitate and encourage communication and collaboration between Village officials and commercial business owners and residents. The Committee's mission is to serve and improve the Village within the abilities and resources of the Village government in alignment with the Village Comprehensive Plan. The committee will evaluate the current commercial conditions in the Village and recommend goals, directions, and enhancements to the Village commercial districts with an initial emphasis on improving the N. Triphammer Corridor. The inaugural CAAC will be tasked with creating a vision statement for the committee with the goal of creating safe, vibrant, walkable, aesthetically pleasing commercial districts within the Village for the purpose of benefiting the general commercial needs of the Village and the public.

If you are interested in the economic development of the Village, please consider applying to be a CAAC member as either a Village resident or Village business. The applications will be reviewed in April. The google form application can be found here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfMz3JhHr-qD9Cu1DT_S8qsXiiEEt5H19W1wkh2_vfU9mNtMA/viewform?usp=header

Ethics Code

After attending the New York Conference of Mayors last fall, I realized that many Village policies need updating. I asked that various trustees take on the task of working on different policies. I myself worked on an update of the Ethics policy, which is part of our Village Code. As an attorney, I created the first draft of

the new policy which I shared with the Village attorney and the NYCOM attorney for feedback. I then presented the updated policy to the trustees which approved it as part of the Codification. Among other important updates, the appearance of impropriety is considered an ethics violation.

Recreation Partnership

On behalf of the Village, I serve on the Recreation Partnership. The Recreation Partnership is an inter-municipal partnership that allows youth to participate in recreational programs to meet new friends, learn new skills, and have positive new experiences in well-supervised appropriate activities at an affordable price at convenient times and locations. By collaborating and pooling resources, the Recreation Partnership offers a wider and more affordable array of recreational programs than any single local government could offer on its own. The Recreation Partnership contracts with service providers, like the Ithaca Youth Bureau, to operate programs. I encourage all Villagers with school age child to take advantage of their offerings which can be found on the [IYB website](#).

Town of Lansing Trails

On behalf of the Village, I serve on the Town Parks, Recreation, and Trails Working Group. This group applied for and received a Tompkins County Tourism Grant and a Parks Foundation Grant. These awards are being used to fund a Myers Road Trail Feasibility Study by TG Miller and a Lansing Town Trails Feasibility Study by MJ Engineering. As part of the feasibility study the group is conducting a survey of area residents and there is a separate youth survey. If you are interested in trails and recreation, the group would love to have your input.

The regular survey can be found here: <http://www.research.net/r/lansingtrails>

The youth survey can be found here: <https://www.research.net/r/LansingYouth>

REPORT FROM TRUSTEE SUSAN AINSLIE

Southern Cayuga Lake Intermunicipal Commission (Bolton Point)

The Commission was created for the common benefit of its five municipalities to provide high quality water at the lowest possible cost. The Commission insists on maintaining its status as a successful example of municipal cooperation. It is a joint entity of its five member municipalities: the Towns of Dryden, Ithaca, and Lansing, and the Villages of Cayuga Heights and Lansing.

As a Commissioner, I serve on the Engineering and Operation, Personnel, Budget and Finance, and Planning and Public Affairs committees. The raw water pump station addition project began in late 2025. More detailed information on this project as well as all work that the Commission does on a daily basis can be found on their website. <https://www.boltonpoint.org>.

Preparation for Bolton Point's 50th Anniversary celebration is underway and is scheduled for July 2026.

Youth Services Board

Discussions with County Administration have begun regarding posting of the Deputy Director position as the current Deputy Director will retire in July 2026. Five of the eight new Legislators attended a Youth Services overview and Q&A session. The Youth Wellness Survey and Adult Community Survey and the Youth Wellness Survey have officially launched. The Learning Web has assumed operations of the Open Doors Program and has hired former supervisory staff from Family and Children's Services. Whole Health notified The Learning Web that they will receive an additional \$50,000 to provide mental health services to youth and their families. The Ithaca Youth Bureau is seeing continued success with their Youth Ambassador Program.

REPORT FROM TRUSTEE KATHLEEN YEN

Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Taskforce Update (2025-2026).

The Village of Lansing was certified as a Climate Smart Community (Bronze level) by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) in June of 2025 thanks to the collaborative efforts and hard work of Village staff, boards, CEC/CSC Taskforce, Greenway Committee, community members, Tompkins County Planning and Sustainability department representatives, and Cornell Cooperative Extension Taskforce liaisons who provided advice, guidance, technical support and research expertise.

During the 2025-2026 Board year, the CSC Taskforce:

- participated in the Village 2026-2036 Comprehensive Plan review and update,
- identified funding and participated in the \$572,138.50 Craft Road and Uptown Road Sidewalk Connectivity grant application process and award.
- drafted a resolution and a letter of commitment for use of *the* two \$5,000 New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) Clean Energy Communities (CEC) program awards received for the Village's energy and greenhouse gas emissions reduction, and sustainability actions.
- submitted feedback to NYSERDA on the Clean Energy Communities (CEC) program.

The CSC Taskforce continues to evaluate and engage in collaborative short- and long-term actions beneficial to the community which will promote community resiliency, stewardship of our natural resources, and multi-hazard mitigation and comprehensive emergency management planning.

Meetings are scheduled for the last Thursday of the month and are held in the Village of Lansing office and by zoom at 1 PM. Community members interested in participating on the CSC Taskforce are encouraged to complete the "civic engagement" interest form located the village website and check the Village website for calendar changes, minutes and recordings of meetings (<https://villageoflansingny.gov>).

Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization (CWIO)

The Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization (CWIO) works in collaboration with local governments in seven counties and fifty municipalities in the Cayuga Lake watershed and partner agencies and organizations to monitor, protect, and restore water quality throughout the watershed. CWIO stewardship of our freshwater natural resources involves:

- submitting public comments, letters, etc. to federal and state agencies on watershed issues,
- providing training with partners and state agencies such as the May 28, 2025, training by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) on the 2024 Stormwater Management Design Manual,
- developing plans, providing model laws, policies, regulations and other information such as public comment deadlines and the January-February 2026 DEC virtual public meeting series about the state's progress and response to protect communities from per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS),
- education, outreach and presentations on a variety of watershed-related topics (e.g. prioritizing source water in planning and development, harmful algal blooms (HABs), etc.),
- assisting municipalities in the watershed to identify and secure funding to implement beneficial watershed projects by providing grant applications assistance and technical and financial resources (e.g. matching funds, staff time, letter of support for grant applications),
- in-person meetings with municipal boards and staff such as the presentation by the CWIO Watershed chairperson and CWIO Watershed manager at the July 17, 2025, Village of Lansing Board of Trustees/Staff meetings.

Six priority focus areas for 2026 include: (1) actions to reduce agricultural nutrient and sediment runoff from reaching waterways, (2) allowable land uses that minimize negative impacts on water resources, (3) drinking water protection (surface and ground water), (4) stormwater (watershed-wide management, measures to slow large stormwater events), and (5) wetlands preservation.

Agenda packets are sent to Village Board of Trustees, board and committee chairpersons, and staff before CWIO meetings. More information can be found on the CWIO website (cwio.org).

Tompkins County Environmental Management Council

The Tompkins County Environmental Management Council (EMC) advises Tompkins County on environmental issues. Some examples of activities EMC have been involved in include:

- developing a strategic plan,
- updating the Unique Natural Areas (UNA) Inventory, and providing informational presentations on the UNA update such as the July 2025 presentation to the Town of Lansing Board,
- publishing a free online newsletter, *Tompkins Green Scene*, which provides information, list of organizations, events etc. that pertain to the environment.
- coordinating and engaging stakeholders and individuals with expertise from various departments, agencies and scientific disciplines to provide factual research and advice pertaining to biosolids,
- working closely with the Planning, Energy and Environmental Quality (PEEQ) Committee of the Legislature on their drafting of a biosolids resolution which was unanimously adopted by the Tompkins County Legislature at the November 18, 2025 meeting. (Resolution No. 2025-252: Resolution Supporting New York State Action to Address Biosolids, Urging a Case for Caution with Regard to the Land Application of Biosolids, and a Proposal to Establish an Interdepartmental Working Group in Tompkins County (ID#13687).

More information can be found on the county website (<https://www.tompkinscountyny.gov/All-Departments/Planning-and-Sustainability/Advisory-Boards/Environmental-Management-Council>).

Tompkins County Water Resources Council (WRC)

The Tompkins County Water Resources Council (WRC) focus is to provide advice on water resources, issues and concerns. Recent examples of activities include:

- inviting guest speakers to meetings to give presentations on a variety of water resources and water quality topics such as the hydrology of Cayuga Lake, on-site septic systems, flood resources, PFAS levels in the Great Lakes,
- developing the *Cayuga Lake TMDL Factsheet for Tompkins County* and distributing it in February of 2026 to all Tompkins County municipalities,
- offering training for municipal boards on their role in addressing Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) pollution reduction targets, and implementing best management practices to reduce runoff to protect and improve water quality (e.g. Code updates, stormwater treatment requirements as part of development projects).

The WRC is currently engaged in reviewing the “Tompkins County Water Quality Strategy 2025-2027. More information can be found on the Tompkins County website: (<https://www.tompkinscountyny.gov/All-Departments/Planning-and-Sustainability/Advisory-Boards/Water-Resources-Council>).

PLANNING BOARD NEWS

The majority of the end of last year and the beginning of this year continue to be devoted to the review of the chart of uses, and the associated code. The entire chart has been reviewed and now we are working to make sure all code references are accurate, that there are definitions for each use, and that some new uses that came up as part of the overall discussion are defined. Once this process is complete, the Planning Board will make a recommendation to the trustees, and all the proposed changes will be discussed there.

The Planning Board and the Board of Trustees held their regularly scheduled joint meeting in January. For the Planning Board portion, we discussed the previously mentioned chart of updates, future code updates, and the sidewalk/ tree/ sign laws.

Special permits were approved for:

- A single-family home on Rockcross Lane, which required a permit because a portion of which is located within the unique natural area of Tompkins County.
- The construction of a Chipotle restaurant at 11 Graham Road West. This project was first discussed last summer.

Finally, an informal presentation was made regarding a possible mixed-use project for the parcel located at the corner of Warren Road and Bomax Drive.

Mike Baker, Planning Board Chair

TOMPKINS COUNTY ASSESSMENT

Tompkins County Department of Assessment will begin operating from its new location at 31 Dutch Mill Road in Lansing, starting Monday, March 16, 2026. The relocation marks the end of more than 56 years of operations at 128 East Buffalo Street in downtown Ithaca and is part of the county's broader Center of Government project, which will modernize and consolidate county facilities. The county purchased the Lansing property in the fall of 2025 as a swing space for county departments while the Center of Government is built at the corner of Buffalo and North Tioga Streets in Ithaca.

The building at 31 Dutch Mill Road will also be the temporary home of the Tompkins County Office for the Aging, which is estimated to join the Department of Assessment later this month. The building has been prepared over the past several months to serve both staff and the public. The county's Facilities and Information Technology teams completed a range of improvements to ensure the space supports departmental operations and provides a welcoming, functional environment for residents.

The new location offers ample free on-site parking, single-story accessibility, and convenient access from major roadways, making it easier for many residents to visit in person.

Director of Assessment Jay Franklin emphasized that the department will continue its work seamlessly during the move. "While we are closing the chapter on our longtime home on East Buffalo Street, we are excited to welcome residents to our new location," said Franklin. "Our team is committed to ensuring a smooth transition and continuing to provide accurate, responsive assessment services to the community."

Residents with questions about the relocation or assessment services may contact the Department of Assessment at 607-274-5517.

YMCA OF ITHACA

Healthy Kids Day: Saturday, April 18th. For 34 years, Healthy Kids Day has supported and celebrated healthy development through fun and play. From 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm, bring your family to the YMCA for a variety of fun and healthy activities for all ages. Activities include face painting, bounce house, healthy snacks, health screenings, obstacle course, arts & crafts, family-friendly exercise classes, and many other activities from participating community organizations. Healthy Kids Day is a free community event, presented by the generous support of Wegmans and Excellus!

Summer Camp registration is now open, with programs for ages 3 - 16, focusing on learning, active play, outdoor adventure, and social time. Weekly registration and draft options available. DSS welcomed, camp scholarships available. Visit ithacaymca.com/camp for more information.

LANSING RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Lansing Celebrates America's 250th Anniversary

The Lansing Historical Association, Lansing Events Committee, and Lansing Community Council invite residents and visitors to join a community-wide celebration of America's 250th anniversary. **Lansing Celebrates America250** will take place on **Saturday, June 13, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM** at Myers Park. The event commemorates the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States and the signing of the United States Declaration of Independence.

The day begins at **10:00 AM** with a variety of family-friendly attractions, including Cornell Raptors demonstrations, live bands, tours of the historic log cabin, food truck vendors, horse and wagon rides, and activities for children such as face painting, sand art, and games like cornhole and bocce ball. Entertainment will also include Crossroad the Clown and other fun activities throughout the park. At **noon**, a community parade will make its way into the park to kick off the afternoon festivities.

Other activities planned for the day include student choruses performing patriotic songs, a reenactment of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, black powder firearms demonstrations, a dunking booth, cake wheel, historic games with prizes, balloons, a photo board, and the creation of a community time capsule. Bring your family, friends, and community spirit as Lansing comes together to celebrate this historic milestone.

Village of Lansing or Town of Lansing community members interested in helping plan or participating in the celebration are encouraged to get involved. For more information, contact John Howell at 607-342-3791 or jch10@cornell.edu or Sherry Munson, Town of Lansing Historian, at townhistorian@lansingtownny.gov.

JOINT YOUTH COMMISSION REPORT BY TRUSTEE PAT GILLESPIE

The Joint Youth Commission (JYC), comprising members from the Villages of Lansing and Cayuga Heights and the Towns of Ithaca and Caroline, meets monthly to recommend use of municipal funding for youth programs and prioritize two broad areas for building skills in middle school and high school age youth: (1) first-time youth employment (including career exploration, building job skills, and paid youth jobs) and (2) youth development and life skills. The JYC currently funds The Learning Web's Youth Exploration Program, Cornell Cooperative Extension Rural Youth Services, Ithaca Youth Bureau's Youth Employment Service, Youth Entrepreneurial Market, and the Coddington Road Community Center Camp Counselors in Training program.

The JYC is looking for new members, particularly for a Village of Lansing representative and an at-large member. They meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. via Zoom, with one to two in-person meetings per year. For information about the JYC, visit the Commission's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/JointYouthCommission/.

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Fire Inspector	Mike Scott	ext. #3
Electrical Inspector	Floyd Ferris	607-592-5829
Village Accountant		
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Engineering Consultant	Brent Cross	

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES

Southern Cayuga Lake Intermunicipal Water Commission.....Ronny Hardaway & Susan Ainslie
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Tompkins County Environmental Management Council.....Kathleen Yen
Tompkins County Joint Youth CommissionPat Gillespie
Tompkins County Recreation Partnership.....Carolyn Greenwald
Tompkins County Youth Services Board.....Susan Ainslie
Tompkins County Council of Government-TCCOGRonny Hardaway & Susan Ainslie
Tompkins County Water Resource Council.....Lynn Leopold
Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization (CWIO).....Kathleen Yen

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