



TOWN of LANSING

"Home of Industry, Agriculture and Scenic Beauty"

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From the Desk of the Town Supervisor A. Scott Pinney

2008 has been a year filled with new challenges for me, but with the support of the Town Board and experienced staff I feel good about the things we have accomplished together. As I prepare to complete my first year as Town Supervisor I thought it would be good to share a few highlights of our accomplishments.

- The long awaited construction of the waterline to the Lansing Station/Algerine Road, as well as the extension of water to the Drake Road neighborhood has provided many residents with a potable water supply.
- We anticipate finalizing the details and breaking ground in 2009 on the Warren Road Sewer District which will provide for expansion of the Warren Road Business Park, and updating of several aging septic systems in the adjacent neighborhood.
- The hiring of Jeff Overstrom as the Engineering and Planning Coordinator and Department Head for the Zoning, Planning & Code Enforcement Office has provided the Town with the ability to oversee and manage many things that were previously handled by outside resources. Plans are underway for Jeff to attend the NYS Code Enforcement Training in 2009 which will further benefit the Town.
- The establishment of the Zoning Ordinance Review Committee comprised of community member volunteers from the various zoned

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areas within the Town who are assisting in the review and update process of the Town's Zoning Ordinance will certainly prove to be a beneficial asset to the Town Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals as we plan for the future zoning needs of the Town.

- Many hours of work by Town Staff and Town Board Members went into the 2009 Budget process, and I am pleased that we were able to reduce the tax rate per thousand of assessment by 2%.

In closing I feel very good about what has been accomplished in 2008, and look forward to the positive things that will happen in the year ahead as I work to fulfill my duties as your Town Supervisor. Please feel free to contact me at 533-8896 or stop by my office to address any questions or concerns you may have. Or you may e-mail me at asp243@twcny.rr.com. For more information about our Town check out our website at www.lansingtown.com

A Note from Parks & Recreation Department

By Steve Colt, Director of Parks & Recreation

Even though winter seems to have come early to our area, our Parks were ready. The clean up and winterization process has been completed and now ready for real winter. Myers Park in particular, is used throughout the entire year by walkers and others that just enjoy the off season scenery. Please keep in mind that even though it is off season, dog owners still need to clean up after your pets. For people riding through or walking at Salt Point, please be aware that hunting is allowed at Salt Point and the dates for duck season are October 25 – December 7 and December 27 – January 11. Several new trees were planted in all of our parks late this fall and will be great looking additions this coming Spring.

Participation in our early winter programs has been good with over 200 students taking part in Bowling, Gymnastics, Karate and our “In-House” Basketball program. These programs are about half way through their schedules now. Within several weeks new programs will start including Travel Basketball, Skating, Skiing, Karate, Gymnastics Session II and Wrestling. In February we will offer Rock Climbing at Cornell University and Basketball for 2nd & 3rd graders. We also have ongoing programs for adults that include, Step Aerobics & Strength Class, Men’s Basketball, Women’s Basketball, COED Volleyball, Women’s Volleyball and Boot Camp Fitness programs. Please check the respective registration forms for all of the details or call us at the Parks & Recreation office 533-7388 or check out our web page at www.lansingrec.com.

Summer Concert suggestions...? Soon it will be time to book our summer concert schedule and if you have any special requests, or know of some great talent, that we have not heard yet, please let us know and those groups might just make this year’s lineup!

A Note from Code Enforcement Office

By Jeff Overstrom, Engineering & Planning Coordinator

The Code Enforcement and Planning Department has gone through some changes in the past few months. Changes in policies, procedures and staff have challenged the Department to refocus and reorganize. Our goal is to continue to provide residents assistance and guidance with permits, zoning and code enforcement issues in a professional and courteous manner.

With the winter heating season upon us, and the uncertainty of fuel costs, many residents are considering alternative means of heating their homes. Wood, coal, and pellet stoves are a popular choice. The Code Enforcement Office would like to remind anyone considering installing one of these heating devices that a permit must be obtained and the installation inspected by the Town Building Inspector. Contact our office for specific requirements and information.

E-mail Notification of Newsletter

If you are interested in getting a notification by e-mail that our next newsletter issue is on our website, please either write me at charrum@twcny.rr.com or call the Supervisor’s Office at (607)-533-8896. We would be happy to let you know each time a newsletter is available.

2009 TOWN AND COUNTY TAX BILLS

By Bonny Boles, Town Clerk

The 2009 Town and County tax bills will be mailed out the last week in December. These taxes are due the month of January without penalty. A one percent (1%) penalty will be charged for the month of February and a two percent (2%) penalty will be added for the month of March.

If you choose to use the installment option, you will pay a service charge to Tompkins County of 2.5%. If you can pay the *total* amount due in February or March, it would be less expensive than paying the service charge to the County.

If you do not receive your bill by the end of the first week in January, please call our office at 533-4142 and we can give you a copy.

If you use the direct pay method for your payment be sure it is **received** by our office before the last day as they usually are **not** postmarked and we have to, per New York State Law, use the date we **receive** them as the payment date. This is your responsibility. Also, the postmark must come from a Post Office - **not** a *postal meter*.

If you have any questions regarding your Town and County tax bills, please call 533-4142. If you have questions regarding your Lansing Central School taxes, please call 533-8771.

2009 SCLIWC, (Bolton Point) and Town of Lansing Increases Water Rates

By Debbie Crandall, Deputy Town Clerk

Please be advised that Bolton Point and the Town of Lansing have increased their water rate schedule for the year 2009, effective with the first quarter billing in February.

Charges for Customers in the Consolidated Water District:

Bolton Point Water Rate	\$ 2.58 per thousand gallons (2008 rate \$2.32)
Town of Lansing O & M	<u>\$.52 per thousand gallons (2008 rate \$.45)</u>
Total	\$ 3.10 per thousand gallons (2008 rate \$2.77)

A 2009 quarterly minimum bill of up to 10,000 gallons will be \$31.00, (2008 rate \$27.70).

Charges for Customers outside the Consolidated Water District: (Algerine, Lansing Station and Drake Rds)

Bolton Point Water Rate	\$ 2.58 per thousand gallons (2008 rate \$2.32)
Town of Lansing O & M	<u>\$ 1.10 per thousand gallons (2008 rate \$1.10)</u>
Total	\$ 3.68 per thousand gallons (2008 rate \$3.42)

A 2009 quarterly minimum bill of up to 10,000 gallons will be \$36.80 (2008 rate \$34.20).

If you have any questions in regards to the Bolton Point increase please contact them at 277-0660.

If you have any questions in regards to the Town of Lansing Operation and Maintenance increase for the water customers in the consolidated water district please contact me at 533-4142.

Water bills are due on the 25th of the months of February, May, August and November.

If you do not receive a water bill please contact Bolton Point.

Bills are payable to the Town of Lansing Water, PO Box 186, Lansing, N.Y. 14882.

We accept a postmark of the due date. If there is no postmark it will be processed the day it is received and a penalty will be charged accordingly.

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Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday
7:30 am - 4:00 pm
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Town Board Meetings:

3rd Wednesday of the
Month at 6:00 pm

Planning Board Meetings:

2nd & 4th Monday of the
Month at 7:15 pm

ZBA Meetings:

3rd Tuesday of the Month
at 5:00 pm

Planning Board Member Vacancy

The Town of Lansing is currently accepting applications for a vacancy on the Planning Board.

The primary responsibilities include the recommendation of town planning policies and development, as well as advising the Town Board, staff, or other municipal bodies on matters affecting community development.

Further information, along with the application, is available from the Town of Lansing Planning Department, 29 Auburn Road, Lansing NY 14882, or by contacting Rachel Jacobsen at (607) 533-7054. Applicants must be a Town of Lansing resident.

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