



TOWN of LANSING

"Home of Industry, Agriculture and Scenic Beauty"

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From the Desk of the Town Supervisor A. Scott Pinney

The first five (5) months in office have been extremely busy for me, but very rewarding. I have spent a great deal of time in my Town Hall Office in an effort to gain a clearer understanding of my role and responsibility as Town Supervisor, as well as taking time to bring myself up to date with matters which were carried forward from the previous administration. I have had the opportunity to gain an understanding of the role individual Town Departments play in the overall operation of our Town, as well as establish a working relationship with Town Staff.

The substantial completion of the extension of the municipal waterline to the Algerine - Lansing Station Road neighborhood has taken place, and residents are in the process of making the connections to the waterline. The Town has recently entered into a contract for the construction of another extension of the municipal waterline to a portion of the Drake Road neighborhood, and we anticipate completion of this by late July.

In addition, the Town Board is working together with David Herrick, Town Engineer and Guy Krogh, Town Attorney, the Village of Lansing and the Village of Cayuga Heights to accommodate a request from Warren Road Business Park for municipal sewer. Access to municipal sewer will allow the expansion of the Warren Road Business Park, and will also provide for additional employment opportunities.

Despite the recent controversy relative to the review of the Town's Land Use Ordinance, please be assured that the Town Board is still in the process of reviewing

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proposed updates to the document utilizing feedback from both the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals. Furthermore, the Town Board will be scheduling public information sessions to allow for public participation in the proposed updates once a "Draft" document is agreed upon by the Town Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals. Prior to any formal Town Board action, and as required by Town Law, a Public Hearing will be scheduled for additional public comment. It is important to understand that this document is considered a "working document", and will continue to be reviewed and updated on an as needed basis as the Town continues to grow and change.

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

Recreation

LBP & LSP are in mid-season form – The LBP youth baseball program and LSP youth softball program are in full swing now with over 350 players participating. These programs will wrap up on Saturday June 14th when games are scheduled for all teams on this final day of the season. A chicken BBQ will also take place on this final day and will be benefiting and organized by the Youth Football Program.

THANK YOU COACHES – This year as usual, we have a great group of coaches, assistants and helpers. Thank you for volunteering all of the time that you do to work with our young players making sure that they are safe, having fun and improving their skills. These very successful programs could never be run without you!

Summer Recreation Programs – Our Summer Program Booklet has been available for several weeks and many of you have already registered for one or several of the 45 program offerings. A few of the programs have already filled up and closed, so be sure to check the “Full & Closed” listing posted in the foyer and in the Recreation Office. **NEW** programs included in this year’s booklet are: Music Lessons, Cake Camp, KidFit, Salsa Dance Class and Speed & Agility Camp for Sports Conditioning.

Late Summer & Fall Programs – Please look for this separate booklet that will be available and in the schools by the middle of June. This booklet will include our traditional programs such as Flag Football, Youth Soccer, YFL Youth Football, Cheerleading, Karate and a new golf program.

Parks

Reserve your Pavilions and Camp Sites now – Myers Park camping and pavilions are open and available now. Reservation should be made by calling the Recreation Office 533-7388.

Harbor Festival 2008 – Don’t forget to mark your calendars for this year’s festival to take place again at Myers Park on Saturday August 23rd.

Parks, Dogs & Trash – Please remember that all of our parks are “Trash in / Trash out” facilities. You must take all of your trash with you when you leave. We still welcome dogs in our parks BUT they must be on a leash and you **MUST** clean up after your pet. Myers Park even supplies pet bags for your convenience.

Music in the Park – Our annual summer music series that takes place on Thursday evenings in Myers Park is set and this year will take place in the new **BANDSTAND**. Please see the [full line up on the next page](#).

MUSIC IN THE PARK

Lansing Parks & Recreation Department invites you to bring your dinner, coolers, and lawn chairs and enjoy pleasant Thursday evenings on the lake at Myers Park listening to some great bands.

The 2008 schedule will include:

June 26 - 6:30 - New Orleans All-Star Jazz Band A regional favorite under the leadership of David Plaine, playing a variety of Dixieland music including music made famous by Louis Armstrong, Pete Fountain, King Oliver and more. Great talent and great sound!

July 3 - 6:30 - Steve Southworth and The Rockabilly Rays The Ultimate Tribute To The Legends of The 1950's and Early 1960's and boasts a HUGE play list!!!

July 10 - 6:30 - Lone Rangers with Dee Specker The musicians who make up the Lone Rangers have performed in the Ithaca area for over 30 years. Walt Amey, Paul Marino and Howie Kates are all former members of Desperado. Dee Specker, fiddle player extraordinaire, has played and sung professionally for many years.

July 17 - 6:30 - The Ageless Jazz Band A very popular dance band that has toured from Ithaca to the Caribbean performing the legendary tunes of Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Glenn Miller and other giants of Big Band Jazz. Their music is timeless and loved by dancers and music lovers of all ages.

July 24 - 6:30 - The Backtalk Band The Backtalk Band is one of Central New York's most versatile bands. They play a wide range of music from Motown to Classic 50's, 60's & 70's rock-n-roll. Backtalk has been performing together for over 10 years and guaranteed to keep you dancing.

July 31 - 6:30 - Aaron Kelly "A legend in the works" Aaron is a fan-favorite as he performs his style of Country Music with strong vocals!

August 7 - 6:00 - Kip & Rich Solo artist Kip Opperman is teaming up with good friend and veteran guitarist Richy Stano to play some originals as well as your favorite hits from the 70's to today. Kip has been playing the local music scene for the past few years and Richy has over 30 years of professional experience that includes his own material and opening for a wide variety of acts like Toby Keith, Rascal Flatts, Spyro Gyra, Kenny Wayne Shepard, and BB King to name a few. Come for a night of great songs and superb acoustic guitar playing!

Admission is free but donations will be appreciated!

News from the Lansing Town Court

By John Howell. Town Justice

We have the total case numbers for 2007.

Our Criminal case load had a significant increase again this year at 400 cases which was up from 345 last year (2005 cases were 253).

These cases are felonies, misdemeanors and violations and very often involve much additional work with probation, the DA's office, State agencies and jail time. Next month we hope to report a breakdown of which cases are causing the increase.

Our total caseload for Vehicle and Traffic tickets was down at 1,078 vs. the total last year at 1,227. We have seen these numbers go up and down over the years and it is solely related to personnel/patrol changes in the Sheriff Department and the State Police. As an example several officers that routinely patrolled Lansing are now serving a stint in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The combined totals of Small Claims trials and Civil eviction proceedings increased to 52 up from 48 while the combined totals of parking tickets and dog ordinance violations had a drop at 127 down from 158 last year.

Looking at the total fines and fees collected for the year, the total is \$125,879 which is down from last year's total of \$151,022. This is directly tied to the drop in Vehicle and Traffic tickets as discussed above. Already in these first 2 months of 2008 we have seen an increase in ticket caseload as the new patrol personnel increase their activity in Lansing.

If anyone has any questions or concerns on Court issues feel free to call us at 533-4776.

Lansing Harbor Festival Gearing Up

By Karen Veaner, Chair of Lansing Harbor Festival

Don't miss out on the chance to participate in the 2nd Annual Lansing Harbor Festival! Promote your business. Raise money for your nonprofit organization. Booths start at \$25 for nonprofit organizations and \$50 for businesses. Vendor applications are available at www.LansingHarborFest.Org. For more information, contact Don Kantor at: Don@LansingStar.com, or call Karen Veaner at 533-4567.

Lansing Harbor Festival 2008 will be on Saturday, August 23 at Myers Park. Scott Pinney, Don Hartill and Ed LaVigne will ring the ship's bell at 10 am, signaling the beginning of a community celebration filled with outstanding music, delicious food and fun for the whole family. Mark your calendars and polish your dancing shoes - The Lansing Community Council has put together a wonderful line up of musical talent including The Ithaca Dixieland Jazz Band, Pete Panek and the Blue Cats, Alice Detrick and Triple Play, The Stoutmen, The Backtalk Band and the amazing Burns Sisters.

Enter "The Baker Cup" BBQ sauce contest, the Frozen T-Shirt Contest, The Sand Castle Competition. A Bounce House, Youth Activities and more! There will be something for everyone - so come celebrate our beautiful community with your friends and neighbors at Lansing Harbor Festival 2008!

Want to be a part of the magic? Volunteer by contacting The Community Council at LCC@LansingStar.com or call 533-4567. Buy a T-Shirt at the Town Hall, Top's Market on Triphammer, or at one of the Summer Concerts in Myers Park. Still only \$12. Special Lansing Community Council pails & shovels available for \$3.50. All money raised will support the Festival and local community groups.



New York State Swimming Pool Interpretation

From the desk of Cheryl A. Fisher, P.E. Assistant Director for Code Interpretation Codes

The term SWIMMING POOL is defined in RCNYS Appendix G section AG 102 as “any structure intended for swimming or recreational bathing capable of containing water over 24 inches (610 mm) deep. This includes in-ground, aboveground and on-ground inflatable swimming pools, hot tubs and spas.” Swimming pools are regulated because of the incidence of drowning of children under age 5 especially when the pool is unattended. The term “capable of containing water over 24 inches deep” means the pool wall is high enough for the pool to be capable of containing water a depth of more than 24 inches when filled. The term does not mean that you can “limit” the water depth to under 24 inches, in a pool which is capable of containing deeper water. There is no provision for a “temporary” swimming pool in the code. The pools which have a wall height of over 24 inches meet the definition of swimming pool. Therefore, all such pools are required to have swimming pool enclosures in compliance with RCNYS Appendix G section 105, barrier requirements.

The Town of Lansing has adopted a Local Law 3 of 2007 that requires all structures that meet the above criteria must obtain a building permit, and meet all the New York State requirements for a “swimming pool” to include floating alarms, fences and all inspections in order to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy.

For further information, please visit <http://www.dos.state.ny.us/CODE/pools.htm>

Farmers Market

By Connie Wilcox, Deputy Town Supervisor

The Town Board is exploring the idea of a Farmer’s/Craft Market this coming summer. It would be somewhere in the area of the Town Highway Barn/Town Hall. The plan is to have it one afternoon/early evening during the week. There are a number of individuals that have excess produce over the summer months and also many creative people who could market their creations as well as other items. If you are interested in serving on a committee or being a vendor, please call the Town Supervisor’s Office 533-8819, leave your name and contact information and Connie Wilcox will get back to you or feel free to send an email to wilcoxc@hotmail.com.

Newsletter Notification by E-mail

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.

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Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday

7:30 am - 4:00 pm

Fridays

7:30 am - 12:00 pm

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

Town of Lansing Water Customers

By Debbie Crandall, Deputy Town Clerk

Please Note: The Town of Lansing Water Collection Due Date will be the 25th of the month, in the months of February, May, August and November, effective with the August 2008 billing. If the date falls on a holiday or weekend the due date will be the following business day.

Your August billing will indicate that any balance of your account after October 15, 2008 will be relieved on your 2009 Town and County Tax Bill. A courtesy reminder letter will be mailed on October 1, 2008, indicating amount owed. Tenants along with the Homeowner will also receive notification.

If you have any questions in regards to your water bill, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 533-4142.

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