



TOWN of LANSING

"Home of Industry, Agriculture and Scenic Beauty"

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From the Desk of the Town Supervisor A. Scott Pinney

My first two months in office have been a learning experience. I attended two training sessions for new Supervisors, one in Albany and the New York State Association of Towns Conference held in New York City.

For the most part, I have been following through with my campaign promises. I worked with the Town Board to form a Personnel Committee, which I am a part of. We are currently working on interviewing candidates for the position of Police Officers to patrol Town properties including Town Parks and ball fields, as well as serving as our Justice Court Officer.

I have been working with the Parks and Recreation Department on the continued process of cleaning up Salt Point. We are also working on the placement of a new football field on the north side of 34 and 34B (across from the Town Hall), which will be funded by donations. I feel this field will be a huge asset to our youth, and community as a whole.

Another important task I have been undertaking is that of restructuring the Planning, Zoning and Code Enforcement Office. The Town Board is in the process of consolidating jobs to make the Office run more effectively and efficiently.

In addition the employee handbook is being reviewed and updated.

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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The Subdivision Rules and Regulations and the Land Ordinance are all being reviewed and updated. The proposed changes will be brought to a Public Hearing in the near future.

The Town Board is working well together to do what is best for Town of Lansing residents. We appreciate any and all comments or concerns you may have. Our Regular Town Board Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. All residents are encouraged to attend.

Feel free to contact me by phone (607) 533-8896 or e-mail asp243@twcny.rr.com for a time to meet at the Town Hall. 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

Ski program reminders: This year's program ended on February 25th after enjoying a season with plenty of early snow. Greek Peak will most likely have skiing into April and your passes are good until the snow is gone. If you were a "Program Pass" holder this year, your program pass basically turns into a season pass on March 15th allowing you to ski any day at any time. Information on next years season passes and early discount pricing will be available soon.

Our "**Rock Climbing Camp**" and our "**Spanish Camp**" allowed participants some unique experiences over the President's Holiday vacation period.

"**Spring Football Camp**" is scheduled to take place at *The Field* from noon - 2 PM on March 2, 9, 16, 30 and April 6. This program has been very popular and is available for students in grades 3 - 6. All of the specifics are located on the registration form.

!!PLAY BALL!! On March 3rd the **LBP baseball** and **LSP softball** registration forms will be available for the upcoming season. Players must register by March 21st at the latest. Forms will be distributed in school, town hall foyer and on our web site at www.lansingrec.com. As always, we encourage parents/adults to get involved with **coaching and assisting** with the baseball and softball teams. Last season was one of the best for coaching participation by our parents! Coaching involvement is a VERY IMPORTANT factor in developing our young players.

The **Myers Park Marina boat lottery** was conducted on February 6th. 83 applicants were included in this years drawing. Placements are being finalized now for our 74 slips and a new waiting list will be established.

Dry Dock area applications are currently being accepted for placement on a first come first served basis. We have 21 spaces available. All of the specific information is available on the application form.

Now is actually a great time to make your reservations for park **Pavilions** and also for **Camping** in Myers Park. Reservations are fast and easy to make with your credit card by calling our office at 533-7388.

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.



LANSING PARKS & RECREATION

LBP & LSP

Player registration forms for LSP youth softball and LBP youth baseball are due Tuesday March 18th. Registration forms are available on our web site www.lansingrec.com and are also available at the Recreation Department located at the Town Hall. Forms were also distributed in the schools March 3rd.

LSP softball is for all youth in grades K–6. Participants are divided into four leagues. Membership of each league is determined primarily by grade. T-BALL – grade K. JUNIORS – grades 1&2. MINORS – grades 3&4. MAJORS – grades 5&6.

LBP baseball is for all youth attending school and are 12 or younger on August 1, 2008. Participants in the LBP program are divided into 4 leagues *typically* by grade level and age. T-BALL – grade K. INTERNATIONAL – grades 1&2. NATIONAL – grades 3&4. AMERICAN – grades 5&6.

“Spring Training” Players’ Clinic: The annual spring training baseball clinic for players in grades 3–6 will be held on Wednesday, April 16th with Varsity Baseball Coach Ed Redmond and varsity players. The varsity softball team will conduct the softball clinic on April 15th. These are great opportunities for our young players. Clinics start at 8:00 AM and end at Noon. Forms will be available soon.

OTHER PARKS & RECREATION UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Summer Recreation Programs will again look to be plentiful and will be listed in the booklet that will be ready for distribution around the first week of May. We are currently discussing several new programs. Many of the programs fill very quickly, so be on the look out for it.

Music in the Park Concert Series We will be having a series of musical concerts in Myers Park this summer. The concerts will be on Thursday evenings. The schedule to date looks like this:

- June 26th – 6:30pm – **New Orleans All-Star Jazz Band**
- July 3rd – 6:30pm – **Steve Southworth & The Rockabilly Rays**
- July 10th – TBA
- July 17th – 6:30pm – **The Ageless Jazz Band**
- July 24th – 6:30pm – **Backtalk**
- July 31st – 6:30pm – **Aaron Kelly**
- August 9th – 6:00pm – **Kip & Rich**

Admission to the concerts is free; donations will be appreciated. So mark your calendars and plan to join us in the park for music by the lake.

**Please visit our new website at
www.lansingrec.com**

New York State Swimming Pool Interpretation

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

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>

A Note from the Highway Department

By Charlie Purcell, Deputy Highway Superintendent

Lately we have been attending to some of the usual snow and ice removal during inclement weather. We assure you that the best possible coverage of the roads is always our number one concern and priority. The highway department has a small night crew to do our best to insure passable roads for second and third shift workers as well as emergency personnel in the event they are needed. The salt shortage for deicing roads has not been a problem for our municipality at this point and we commend Cargill Salt for their hard work and dedication to try and keep up with the demand.

With the early smell of spring in the air our department is gearing up for spring and summer projects. On that list includes brush and limb pickup which is scheduled for the town the week of April 28th and the village the week of May 5th. To assist the work crews please place brush and limbs at the roadside before 6:00 am Monday, limb diameter 8 inches or less, length 8 foot or less, Pile loosely, No bags, No ties and No leaves please. There will also be two major culvert replacements in the Horizon development, as well as the usual resurfacing of several miles of road throughout the town. A more detailed list of the roads scheduled for work will be available at a later date as winter sometimes takes its toll and different roads receive priority over others. We will also be finishing up restoration of the fall waterline project on East Shore Drive near Drake Road. We would like to thank everyone for their patience with this project.

Currently when the weather cooperates we are working on the cleanup of Salt Point and assisting the Parks and Recreation Department with some tree and debris clean up in the Myers Park, as well as our usual brush maintenance along town roads. Think spring!

Any questions or concerns please feel free to give us a call at (607) 533-4328 or drop us an email at lanshwy@twcny.rr.com.

TOMPKINS COUNTY TO IMPLEMENT COUNTYWIDE REVALUATION

By Jay Frankin, Tompkins County Department of Assessment Assistant Director

As a result of the Tompkins County Legislature's 2006 decision to switch to a Triennial Revaluation cycle for the 2006 Assessment Roll, for 2008 the Tompkins County Department of Assessment will revalue all properties in the county to reflect 100% of their fair market value.

In preparation for the 2008 countywide revaluation the Department of Assessment can not simply apply the same increase to all properties as not all properties increased at the same rate. The assessment of each property was looked at individually and adjusted to reflect 100% fair market value.

The Department of Assessment began mailing Disclosure Notices to all owners of all parcels in the county beginning in January. The Town of Lansing's Assessment Disclosure Notices were mailed on February 22nd and the dates reserved for Informal Hearings for the Town of Lansing is March 3 - March 14.

Informal Hearing applications can also be filed online at www.tompkins-co.org/assessment/ or by mailing in the application that is included with the Disclosure Notice. All applications must be filed by March 28th.

Planning Board Update

By Darby Kiley, Environmental Planner

The Planning Board provides quarterly updates of board decisions. For more information on the decisions, the meeting minutes are available on the Town website (www.lansingtown.com/agenmin.html).

In December, the Board approved a waiver requested by Global Phoenix Computer Technology Systems to provide fewer parking spaces at their business than what is required in the Land Use Ordinance. The Ordinance requires that the number of parking spaces be calculated based on the square footage of the building. Though the building is large, the owner explained that he does not need to create such a large number of parking spaces, thus reducing the impervious surface at the site.

In January and February, the Board continued working on changes to the Land Use Ordinance and started working on revisions to the Subdivisions Rules and Regulations.

The Planning Board holds business meetings on the second Monday of the month and working meetings on the fourth Monday of the month at 7:15 PM at Lansing Town Hall. The public is welcome at all meetings.

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Office Hours:

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

Third Wednesday of the
Month at 6:00 pm

Planning Board Member Vacancy

By Rachel Jacobsen, Planning Department

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

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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