



TOWN of LANSING

"Home of Industry, Agriculture and Scenic Beauty"

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From the Desk of the Town Supervisor Steve Farkas

On September 23, we will be entering Fall. We can look back at a great summer that seemed to just go too fast. The Harbor Fest was a fitting end to an outstanding job by the Lansing Community Council. I want to thank everyone who helped, participated, and enjoyed the many activities.

With the leaves changing and the temperature moderating, we put away the bats, balls and gloves. We then issue soccer balls and footballs. Welcome to Fall. The tempo now shifts to leaves falling and a cool nip in the air.

The Town Board has started work on the 2008 Budget, with work sessions scheduled through October. This work will culminate with the Public Hearing on Wednesday, November 7th at 6pm. The election of Town officers will take place on November 6, 2007. It appears that we will have a very busy Fall.

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Feel free to contact me by phone (607) 533-8896 or e-mail supervisor@lansingtown.com for a time to meet at the Town Hall. I would be glad to meet with you. For more information about our Town check out our website at www.lansingtown.com

Water Customers Payment Deadline

By Debbie Crandall, Deputy Town Clerk

The last day to pay the amount due on your water bill is **October 15, 2007**

As indicated on the bottom of your August water bill:

Any balance after October 15, 2007 will be relieved on the property owner's 2008 Town and County Tax Bill.

A courtesy reminder letter will be mailed to the tenant and property owners on October 1, 2007.

If you have any questions please contact Debbie Crandall at the Town Clerk's Office at (607)533-4142.

A Note from Parks & Recreation Department

By Steve Colt, Director of Parks & Recreation

PARKS – The Parks have enjoyed a very good summer season. A couple of highlights were the construction of the new “Bandstand” in Myers Park. Also, Myers Park was the host site for the first “Harbor Festival”. Many Festival goers complimented on the condition of the Park and those comments came just one week after a very damaging storm that left the Park in shambles. We hope to continue the Camping season into early October, weather permitting. Pavilions are also still available. At this point in the season, boat launching and entry to the park are available at no charge.

RECREATION– The activity seasons are changing and several programs have started with several more getting ready to start. **Youth Soccer** for players in grades K–6 has started with over 200 players participating. **Flag Football** has also started and a large turn out of players allowed us to split into two teams. Our **YFL Small Fry Football** program started practicing on August 20th with official games beginning on September 16th. We have a JR and SR team that will compete in the 23 team league. Our teams will have a special treat in week 2 of the season when on Sunday September 23rd the games are scheduled to be played at Cornell’s stadium. Our teams play a 7 game season ending on October 28th. Our **Karate** program started for the fall on September 10th. We are always looking for new members to add to this very popular program. Dates and times for all of our programs are listed on the respective registration forms. Soon, we will be circulating information about our **Ski** program. Early registration for this program is due on October 12 for the best pricing. This program has been extremely popular and will start on January 7 and will take place at Greek Peak for 6 consecutive Monday evenings. We usually send 5 bus loads of skiers and boarders. Registration forms for **Youth Bowling** will be coming out soon. This program is slated to start in October and takes place at the Bowl–O–Drome. Our **Youth Gymnastics** Program will start on November 9th and takes place at the Fingerlakes Gymnastics Academy.

Several adult programs will also be starting soon with additional information to follow. The **Cardio Step Interval Class** started September 10th and takes place at the Community Center on Monday’s and Thursday’s from 5:30 – 6:30 pm. New members are always welcome and encouraged for all of our adult programs. We will also be offering **Coed Volleyball, Men’s Basketball, Open Swim (adults only), Women’s Volleyball and Women’s Basketball**.

Much more specific program information is available in our office (533–7388) and on our web page www.lansingrec.com

New Park Local Law

By Darby Kiley, Environmental Planner

In June 2007, the Town Board adopted Local Law #2 of 2007: Rules and Regulations of Conduct and Other Activities in Parks of the Town of Lansing. The purpose of the law is stated as follows: “The preservation of Town Parks, open areas, recreational fields, Salmon Creek (and other waterways and watercourses), and the shorelines of Cayuga Lake is of paramount importance to the residents of the Town of Lansing. These properties benefit the Town by providing unique ecological characteristics and recreational opportunities. Any damage or destruction to these areas and any improper or dangerous conduct will weaken these benefits and pose a danger to the health, safety and welfare of Town residents. It is imperative to the integrity of these unique areas that they be safeguarded for the benefit of the Town, its residents, and the future residents of the Town and other users.” The full law can be found in the June 20, 2007 Town Board Meeting Minutes on the Town’s web site.

TOWN OF LANSING, TOMPKINS COUNTY,
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SNOW ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NUMBER 50

History: Ordinance No. 2, adopted December 6, 1958 (Removal and Storage of Vehicles), as amended by Ordinance No. 19, adopted February 10, 1976 (amending allowed towing and storage charges).

1. **Repeal and Effective Date:** Ordinance No. 2 and Ordinance No. 19 be and are hereby repealed, and this Ordinance shall take effect immediately.
2. **Purpose:** The purposes of this Ordinance are to regulate the standing and parking of vehicles upon roads and highways during snow events and at all times when plowing is necessary so as to protect the public health and welfare by preventing accidents and effectively removing snow and ice from public roadways.
3. **Definitions:** The following definitions shall apply to this Ordinance:
 - a. Vehicle:* Each and every device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be conveyed, moved, drawn, or transported upon, through, or across any Roadway, including all licensed and unlicensed vehicles, all registered or unregistered vehicles, and all devices of conveyance whether operated by human power, a motor, or otherwise.
 - b. Snow Event:* Any snowfall that is in progress; or during and 12 hours after any snowfall that exceeds 1 inch; or any amount of freezing rain, whether as sleet, ice, or as rain that freezes upon or after contact with the ground.
 - c. Roadway:* All, each, and every portion of the right-of-way of all, each, and every public road, route, and highway located within the Town of Lansing, including all Town roads and all County and States routes and highways, and also including but not limited to all paved, finished or driving surfaces, shoulders, ditches and culverts.
4. **Restrictions:** No standing or parking is permitted upon any Roadway during any Snow Event. No standing or parking is permitted upon any Roadway after any Snow Event until the completion of Town snow removal operations. Any Vehicle found to be in violation of this Subsection 4 shall be subject to citation or ticketing and/or removal or immediate towing.
5. **Powers of Highway Superintendent:** The Town of Lansing Highway Superintendent shall have the power to cause or order the immediate removal of any Vehicle that (a) is in violation of Subsection 4 hereof, and/or (b) obstructs or interferes with the maintenance of any Roadway, regardless of whether such Vehicle is located in or upon the Roadway.
6. **Fines and Penalties:** For any first offense, the fine shall be \$25.00. For any second offense within 6 months of any prior conviction under this Ordinance, a fine of not less than \$25.00 and not more than \$75.00. For any third offense committed within 6 months of any prior conviction under this Ordinance, a fine of \$100.00. The fine may be waived by a Court of competent jurisdiction if the offense was unavoidable due to an emergency that prevented the owner and operator of the Vehicle from moving, removing, or towing such vehicle.
7. **Towing:** The towing or removal of any Vehicle pursuant to this Ordinance may be performed by any licensed towing agency, by the Town Highway Department, or by any company the Town of Lansing may contract with to provide Vehicle removal services. All towing and storage fees associated with the removal of such Vehicle shall be the sole responsibility of the owner(s) of any such Vehicle. The Town of Lansing shall neither be responsible nor required to (a) locate or notify any Vehicle owner or operator that any Vehicle has been removed or towed, or (b) know, keep records of, or advise any owner or operator as to the location of any such towed or removed Vehicle.

Stormwater Management Program: Illicit

By Darby Kiley, Environmental Planner

It's a warm summer day and there hasn't been rain in weeks, but a stream of water is flowing out of a pipe into a roadside ditch, which connects to a creek that flows to Cayuga Lake. Is this an illicit discharge and is the Town of Lansing doing anything to prohibit pollutants from entering our waterways?

Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) is one of the six Minimum Control Measures addressed in the Town's Stormwater Management Program, regulated by a permit from New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). The permit requires that the Town develop, implement and enforce a program to detect and eliminate illicit discharges in the Town. The program components include the following: develop and maintain a map locating outfalls; develop a local law to prohibit illicit discharges; develop and implement a method to detect and address non-stormwater discharges; and inform the public, Town employees, and local businesses of hazards from illicit discharges.

With grant funding from DEC and in collaboration with the Stormwater Coalition of Tompkins County, the Town of Ithaca is mapping the outfalls for all of the regulated towns in the county. They are following specific data collection criteria. The outfall mapping in Lansing will be completed by the end of 2007.

The Town is in the process of developing the local law to prohibit illicit discharges. The local law closely follows the Model Local Law developed by DEC. In the upcoming months, the Town Board will be reviewing the draft local law and holding a public hearing.

The educational component of the program will be accomplished in a number of ways. The Planning and Town Boards held a special meeting to hear a presentation on IDDE and the role of the boards. Personnel from the Planning Department attended half-day training. The Stormwater Coalition of Tompkins County is developing other programs for the public and for highway staff.

What is an illicit discharge?

A discharge to an MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) that is not composed entirely of stormwater (except permitted discharges and fire fighting related discharges)

What can you do to help?

- Report suspicious discharges or outfall pipes going into ditches.
- Volunteer for stream walks - the Town plans to walk through particular streams in the town in search of outfall pipes.
- Properly dispose of waste materials

Contact the Town of Lansing Planning Department at 533-7054 for reporting or for more information.

Pool Regulations

By Darby Kiley, Environmental Planner

Thinking about a pool next summer to beat the heat? In next spring's newsletter, look for an article that will highlight State and Local regulations on pools.

Salt Point Timeline

By Darby Kiley, Environmental Planner

Many questions have been asked about the goals and the future of Salt Point. As discussed in the June 2007 Town of Lansing Newsletter, the Town is working under a Cooperative Agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). The DEC still owns the land, and the Town agreed to help manage the area.

The Town established basic improvement goals for the site that include the following:

Goal	Action	Timeline
Town to manage Salt Point	Sign Cooperative Agreement with DEC	January 2006
Define vehicular access	Build roads and parking areas	Summer 2007
Define pedestrian access	Build trails	Summer 2008
Protect natural habitat	Plant vegetation	Ongoing

The Town encourages residents and guests to visit and enjoy Salt Point as a shared public resource.

If You Love Me License Me! Attention Dog Owners:

By Deb Crandall, Deputy Town Clerk

Dogs that are harbored in the Town of Lansing must be licensed at 4 months of age. You must provide proof of a rabies vaccination. If the dog is spayed or neutered a certificate is required.

The application fees are as follows: \$10.00 for spayed/neutered
\$20.00 for unspayed/unneutered

Any local fees collected are kept by the licensing municipality for dog control services and enforcement of Article 7 of the Agriculture and Markets law in addition to their portion of the statutory fee. The statutory fee is apportioned as follows:

*53% is retained by the licensing municipality for dog control and enforcement of Article 7 of the Agriculture law.

*30% is sent to the county to reimburse livestock animal owners for dog damage claims. Any unused money is returned to the licensing municipalities annually.

*17% is forwarded to the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets to provide all dog license forms and identification tags, send renewal applications and maintain the centralized database of dog licenses.

*from the State's 17% share a 10 cent fee for each license issued is remitted to Cornell Veterinary College for dog disease studies.

The license is validated for one year by the municipal licensing agent. Each dog is assigned a permanent official identification ID number and issued a metal ID tag which is to be attached to the dog's collar. A replacement tag can be obtained for a fee of \$2.00 through your municipal clerk.

You can apply for a dog license at the Town Clerk's Office at 29 Auburn Road, by mail, P.O. Box 186, Lansing, N.Y. 14882 or there is a 24 hour drop box in the foyer of the Town Hall. Please make checks payable to the Town of Lansing. If you have further questions we would be happy to assist you by calling (607) 533-4142.

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Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday
7:30 am - 4:00 pm

Fridays
7:30 am - 12:00 pm

Town Board Meetings:

Third Wednesday of the
Month at 6:00 pm

Highway Department

Winter Hours
Monday - Friday 6:00 am - 2:30 pm.

Wood Chips

Wood Chips are available to all town residents at the Highway Department.

2007 Deer Hunting Season Dates

Regular (Open Saturday)	Nov 17 - Dec 9
Early Archery	Oct 13 - Nov 16
Late Archery/Muzzleloading	Dec 10-Dec 18

Deer Management Permit Deadline Oct 1

2007 Budget Public Hearing

November 7, 2007 at 6:00 pm

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