



Behind the Scenes of the Lansing Food Pantry



Lansing Youth Center members assisted with a community food drive in December.

As the nation faces tough economic times, Lansing is fortunate to have a dedicated team of volunteers and a generous community that continue the Lansing Food Pantry's mission of seeing that residents in need are nourished.

The program began 27 years ago at the Lansing Assembly of God Church. Originally run by church members,

it later became a volunteer-run, independent community organization overseen by an elected five-member board. About 38 volunteers work with the organization on such jobs as unpacking, organizing, driving, greeting and interviewing clients.

Although the pantry is open only one day a week, its volunteers work throughout the week to keep it running. Donations come in daily from churches, organizations, individuals and businesses such as Gordon Food Service, Ultra Foods, Pepperidge Farms and Jansma's Farm Stand.

"We don't accept any kind of government funds. It's strictly supported by the community," said Karen Adams, Co-chairperson of the Lansing Food Pantry. "I am amazed by the overwhelming generosity of the village. We've heard of pantries scrambling to get food. When we get low, I just put the word out." Typically the time of year when the need is greatest is in mid-summer.

Adams said that the coordinators pride themselves on making the food

pantry a friendly place where everyone is treated with respect. There is a greeter at the door, music playing and a coffee bar. "Volunteers come from all kinds of backgrounds and work beautifully together," said Adams. "Everyone that works here says it's the highlight of their week."

The food pantry runs on a "choice" system where recipients are able to choose from available items. Through generous donations, the pantry is able to provide meats, milk, eggs and fresh fruits and vegetables in addition to non-perishable foods. Tours of the facility can be scheduled by calling (708) 895-3807.

Guidelines:

- Provide proof of residency in village
- Provide proof of number of people residing in household
- Meet income guidelines set by the Chicago Food Depository

How to donate:

Drop off donations on Tuesdays between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. or by appointment by calling (708) 895-3807. Donations are welcome of non-perishable food items, toiletries and personal items, laundry and dish soap, birthday kit bags (cake mixes, candles, birthday card). No clothing or furniture is accepted.

Mail monetary donations to:

Lansing Food Pantry
2990 Ridge Road

Lansing Food Pantry Board of Directors

Karen Adams, Co-chairperson
Bill Meuzelaar, Co-chairperson
Marsha McCorry, Secretary
Elaine McGrail, Treasurer
Pastor Bob Neuman, Advisor

Be Counted in 2010 Census

The 2010 Census forms were mailed to homes in March. Participation is required by law and is critical to our community. Figures compiled through the 2010 Census affect political representation and federal dollars based on population count for services, like education, transportation, health care and job training.

If you have not yet returned your simple 10-question form, please do so as soon as possible. If you have questions on how to complete your form, please contact the Lansing Village Municipal Center at (708) 895-7200. Additional information on the census can be found at www.2010.census.gov.

Households that do not respond by mail will be contacted by an employee of the Census Bureau. At this time, census forms cannot be completed online.

All individual responses are confidential. Data is compiled and used in statistical format only.

Good Neighbor Day Parade

Saturday, May 1

2 p.m. from Ridge Road and Wentworth west to Torrence Avenue, then North to 178th Street.

This year's theme is "Lansing Rocks Around the Clock"





Norman Abbott, Mayor

Mayor's Message

With all of the unfavorable headlines lately with respect to our strained economy, I am pleased to relate some good news for our village. On Friday, March 5th, after receiving numerous letters of appeal, General Motors informed Ridgeway Chevrolet on Torrence Avenue that their franchise would be reinstated! This is wonderful news for the 83 year old family business and equally as exciting for the Village of Lansing not to be losing another fine retail establishment. In addition to that good news,

Napleton has opened a Chrysler/Jeep/Dodge dealership in the former River Oaks Chrysler location. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome them and wish them much success here in Lansing.

As many of our residents are already aware, the village is looking to cut costs in our refuse department. We have received bids from several private scavenger companies to pick up our garbage and a committee is currently reviewing whether it will be more cost effective to continue having our Public Works Department pick up or to go with a private company. We have also recently been informed by the EPA that we will no longer be able to mix our yard waste with regular garbage as it is illegal in Illinois, even though we have been disposing

of refuse in Indiana. This will increase our pick up costs, as we must now have three separate trucks picking up rather than the two we currently have for garbage and recycling. I want to assure you that if the decision is made to outsource our garbage pick up, we will expect the same service from a private company as we are now receiving from our Public Works Department.

With spring upon us, I would like to encourage all of our residents to take some time out of their busy schedules to help us keep Lansing clean. Whether it's helping with our Community Clean-Up Day on May 8th or just cleaning up around our own yards and neighborhoods, it benefits everyone and their property values. If you notice that a home near you or in your neighborhood is vacant and needs grass cutting, please contact our Building Department at 895-7193. I want to remind all residents that Lansing has ordinances which require homeowners to maintain their property at certain standards.

Warmer temperatures also mean more people outside and more children walking to and from school. I would also like to remind residents that the Village of Lansing recently passed an ordinance which allows our police officers to issue citations for people walking in the streets where sidewalks are available. Please remind your children of this new ordinance.

I hope you will join me in my efforts to keep Lansing a beautiful and safe place to live and raise a family.



**Patty Eidam,
Village Clerk**

Clerk's Corner

Spring!

Finally we'll have daffodils, tulips, spring fever and before you know it will be Good Neighbor Day and time for the big parade.

Here at the Village Clerk's Office the arrival of spring also means that 'Sticker Season' is just around the corner. Lansing Vehicle stickers go on sale Monday, May 17th. Lansing residents will receive pre-printed forms in the mail for stickers and pet licenses the prior week if they purchased them the previous year. We ask that our residents update the pre-printed

forms if necessary and bring (or mail) both parts of the form to purchase the vehicle stickers.

You can purchase your stickers and pet tags through the mail, or in person at the Village Clerk's office. There is also a night deposit box on the south side of the Lansing Municipal Center for the convenience of our residents. This year the vehicle stickers feature the Village of Lansing Flag. Stickers must be displayed by July 1st.

We are proud to announce that very soon we will have the ability to accept credit cards here at the clerk's office. This will be a huge step forward for our continued efforts to be efficient and helpful for our residents. The Village of Lansing Clerk's office will accept Visa, Master Card and Discover credit and debit card payments at our front counter, with no service charge to our residents.

I am pleased to tell everyone that there are now fifteen pictures of Lansing from the early 1900's featured in our lobby. We have a brochure available that explains each photo. Stop by to see this interesting and somewhat amusing permanent display.

Those of us that work in The Village Clerk's office continue to strive to serve our residents in the most efficient and friendly ways possible. We are always open to suggestions. You can contact me personally at 708-895-7207 or e-mail me at peidam@villageoflansing.org.

VILLAGE OF LANSING

**3141 Ridge Road.
Lansing, IL 60438
(708) 895-7200**

Hours:

**Monday-Friday 9-5
Saturday 9-noon
www.villageoflansing.com**

Village Board Meetings:

Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Lansing Police and Court Facility, 2710 170th St.

First Tuesday: Regular meeting

Second Tuesday: Committee of the Whole

Third Tuesday: Regular meeting

No regular meetings the first week in July and August.

Reminder...Please Clean Up After Pets

Residents are asked to please be respectful and clean up after their pets when walking them through neighborhood parks and residential areas. Pet waste left behind is not only a nuisance, but a health hazard. The Village of Lansing has an ordinance prohibiting pet owners from leaving waste on public or private property, other than their own, and citations will be issued.



Assistance for residents facing foreclosure

Residents struggling to pay their mortgage or facing foreclosure are encouraged to call the Illinois Attorney General's office for assistance. The Attorney General's office can direct you to HUD-certified qualified housing counselors free of charge. There are housing counselors available in the south suburbs. For more information, please call 1-866-544-7151 or visit www.IllinoisAttorneyGeneral.gov.

Additionally, the Illinois State Attorney warns against mortgage rescue fraud. Take the following steps to protect yourself and your home from scams:

- Beware of companies that promise to save your home but demand upfront payment for these services.
- Beware of companies that promise to buy

your home and rent it back to you until you are back on your feet financially.

- Stay in touch with your lender.
- Don't send your mortgage payments to any one but your lender.
- Seek assistance from HUD- approved housing agencies only.

Community Clean-Up Day

On Saturday, May 8th the Village of Lansing will be sponsoring a community wide clean-up event from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Volunteers from throughout the community will gather in groups to help clean up our parks, schools, airport and other public areas in an effort to help beautify Lansing. A BBQ lunch will be provided to all volunteers following the event. If you would like to volunteer or have a recommendation of a particular area you would like to see cleaned up, please call 895-7208.

Please help keep Lansing clean!

Ridge Road Cruise Nights

The Lan-Oak Park Foundation will sponsor four cruise nights this year on Ridge Road between Burnham Avenue and Wentworth Avenue

**June 19th, July 24th, August 28th,
September 18th, 6 – 10 p.m.**

Lansing Police Cadet Honored



Alex Ascolani is pictured with Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart.

Alex Ascolani, 16, was a recipient of the Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart's Youth Service Medal of Honor for his work in the community and was one of 275 youths honored at a ceremony at Chicago's McCormick Place. Honorees are required to have put in at least 100 community service hours in

the past year.

Ascolani is a Lansing police cadet, holding the rank of cadet sergeant, who plans to one day be a police officer for the village. He also teaches Sunday school at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Lansing and traveled with church members to New Orleans to repair homes damaged by Hurricane Katrina. He volunteers at Heritage Middle School and is involved in peer mediation at Thornton Fractional South High School.

"I think he definitely represents what this award's about, and he represents this Police Department and the cadet program in the highest way possible," said Lansing police Cmdr. Peter Grutzius, who runs the cadet program and nominated Ascolani for the award.

Sex Offender Data Available

On March 3rd, in San Diego, CA, John Albert Gardner III, 30, was charged with murdering Chelsea King and could face the death penalty if convicted of murder. John Gardner is a registered sex offender.

Due to this horrific tragedy, the Lansing Police Department would like to remind its' citizens to be cautious of their surroundings and familiarize themselves with the sex offenders residing within the village. Detective Tony Curtis monitors all sex offenders who reside within the Village of Lansing. He takes an aggressive stance and frequently contacts sex offenders to assure they are in compliance.

Detective Curtis wants citizens to know there are three websites to check to see if a sex offender resides within a particular area. There is a National website (<http://www.nsopw.gov>), Illinois State Police website (<http://www.isp.state.il.us/sor>), and the Indiana Sheriffs' Sex and Violent Offender Registry (<http://www.insor.org/insasoweb/>).

The reason the Indiana website is included is because sex offenders residing in one state and working in another need to register with both

states. Sometimes sex offenders do not register with both states, which is a violation. If you know a registered sex offender and do not see his/her information on the above websites, please contact your local police department.

The Lansing Police Department strives to make a safe community for its residents. This information is not to alarm or frighten citizens. It is simply useful information to educate citizens about who is residing in their area. Police are asking citizens to take the time to look at the websites and be aware of your surroundings. If you do not have a computer or access to the internet, the police department has a current list of registered sex offenders who reside or work within the village. Citizens should report any suspicious activity involving sex offenders to the police.

If you have any questions, Detective Tony Curtis can be reached at 708-895-7146.

Permits Needed for Home Improvements



With the warming weather, homeowners are moving into home improvement mode and are reminded that certain projects require permits. Building Commissioner, Jeff Zupan, offered some information on common projects:

Projects that do require permits:

- Decks
- New windows
- New doors
- New roof
- Swimming pools
- New concrete
- Any project that requires alteration to the structure of a building.

Projects that don't require permits:

- Painting
- Tile installation
- New kitchen cabinets
- Projects that don't require plumbing or electrical revision

If you're starting a project and are unsure if a permit is needed, please call the Building Department at 895-7193. Also, be aware that all contractors performing work within the village of Lansing must provide license, bonding and insurance information to the village before any work is started.



Visit the village's redesigned website at www.villageoflansing.com for information on village departments and services.

ABANDONED VEHICLE ORDINANCE REMINDER

Please be aware that Lansing has an ordinance regarding abandoned vehicles. It states that partially dismantled, non-operating, wrecked, junked or discarded vehicles should not remain on private property for more than 10 days or on village property for longer than 48 hours. Vehicle or property owners will be notified of violations and have 10 days to comply or the vehicle will be towed.

Vehicles on village property should be in working order, properly plated and have village stickers.

Police Officer, Firefighter Honored by Lions Club



The Lansing Lion's Club presented their annual police and fire service awards in February. Police Officer of the Year recipient was Officer Michael Hynek. He has served in the department's patrol division for the past six years. "He's been a consistent leader in self-initiated activities and arrests," said Police Chief Dennis Murrin.

Firefighter of the Year was awarded to retired Assistant Chief Tom Coster. Coster retired in 2009 after serving 41 years as a firefighter. He is also a retired P.E. teacher. "He carried himself throughout his career as a man of character and dedication," said Fire Chief Dan Gregorovic.

Village Obtains New Ambulance



A new Horton ambulance was put into service in February. The \$149,000 vehicle is one of four ambulances in the village's fleet. According to Lansing Fire Chief Dan Gregorovic, the cost was

paid through the Landings TIF District Fund and there was no expense to tax payers. It is ALS-equipped and features improved safety air bags.

New K-9 Joins Police Force



Officer Tim Harvey's new partner, Patton, an 85-pound German Shepherd born in the Czech Republic has completed training and is on the job. Patton joins Moose, a K-9 who began duties

last year. A third dog, Yaekae, is being trained to join the department later this year. Costs associated with the K-9s are paid from confiscated funds related to drug arrests.



SUMMER FLOOD NEWS



In compliance with the FEMA Program for the Community Rating System, the Village of Lansing is embarking on a public education program on flood issues.

Most of Lansing's flooding and drainage problems occur during and after heavy storms. These can happen at any time, but are more common during the summer. There are many things that can be done to prepare for the storm and the water problem that may follow.

Here are some things to do:

Keep ditches, drainage swales, detention basins and storm sewer inlets clear of debris.

During a rain, keep tuned to local radio or television stations to see if there is a tornado or flash flood hazard.

Make a record of all your personal property. Go through your basement (if not your whole house) and record what you own. Take photographs or videotapes. Inventory forms are available free from most insurance companies, or you can make your own.

FLOOD SAFETY

Do not walk through flowing water. Drowning is the number one cause of flood deaths. Currents can be deceptive; six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet. Use a pole or stick to ensure that the ground is there before you cross any area where water is not flowing.

Do not drive through a flooded area. More people drown in their cars than anywhere else. Don't drive around road barriers; the road or bridge may be washed out.

Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. The number two flood killer after drowning is electrocution. Electrical current can travel through water. Shut off your electric and report downed power lines to the Police Department by calling 911.

Look before you step. After a flood, the ground and floors are covered with debris including broken bottles and nails. Floors and stairs that have been covered with mud can be very slippery.

Be alert for gas leaks. Shut off your gas and use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Don't smoke or use candles, lanterns, or open flames unless you know the gas has been turned off and the area has been ventilated.

Carbon monoxide exhaust kills. Use a generator or other gasoline-powered machines outdoors. The same goes for camping stoves. Charcoal fumes are especially deadly – cook with charcoal outdoors.

Clean everything that got wet. Flood waters have picked up sewage and chemicals from roads, farms, factories, and storage buildings. Spoiled food, flooded cosmetics, and medicine can be health hazards. When in doubt, throw them out.

Take good care of yourself. Recovering from a flood is a big job. It is tough on both the body and the spirit. The effects a disaster has on you and your family may last a long time. Keep your eyes open for signs of anxiety, stress, and fatigue in you and your family.

FLOOD INSURANCE

Flood insurance is highly recommended. Remember, even if the last storm or flood missed you or you have done something to protect your

home from water, the next flood could be worse. Most homeowners insurance policies do not cover a property for flood damage.

The Village of Lansing participates in the National Flood Insurance Program. Local insurance agents can sell a flood insurance policy under rules and rates set by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Any agent can sell a policy and all agents must charge the same rates.

Any house can be covered by a flood insurance policy. Detached garages and accessory buildings are covered under the policy for the lot's main building. Separate coverage can be obtained for the building's structure and for its contents (except for money, valuable papers, and the like). The structure generally includes everything that stays with a house when it is sold, including the furnace, cabinets, built-in appliances, and wall-to-wall carpeting.

There is no coverage for things outside of the house, like the driveway and landscaping. Renters can buy contents coverage, even if the owner does not buy structural coverage on the building.

Don't wait for the next flood to buy insurance protection. There is a 30 day waiting period before the National Flood Insurance coverage takes effect. Contact your insurance agent for more information on rates and coverage.

Some people have purchased flood insurance because it was required by the bank when they got a mortgage or home improvement loan. Usually these policies just cover the building's structure and not the contents. During the kind of flooding that happens in Lansing, there is usually more damage to the furniture and contents than there is to the structure.

Several insurance companies have sump pump failure or sewer backup coverage that can be added to a homeowner's insurance policy. Each company has different amounts of coverage, exclusions, deductibles, and arrangements. Most are riders that cost extra. Most exclude damage from the surface flooding that would be covered by a NFIP policy. The cost varies from nothing to up to about \$75 for a rider on your homeowner's insurance premium.

When Flood Insurance is Mandated

The "mandatory purchase requirement" is Federal law. It applies to all forms of federal or federally related financial assistance for buildings located in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). This requirement affects loans and grants for the purchase, construction, repair, or improvement of any building in the SFHA, including machinery, equipment, fixtures, and furnishings contained in such buildings.

Financial assistance programs affected include loans and grants from agencies such as the Department of Veterans Affairs, Farmers Home Administration, Federal Housing Administration, Small Business Administration, and Federal Emergency Management Agency. The requirement also applied to secured mortgage loans from financial institutions, such as commercial lenders, savings and loan associations, savings banks, and credit unions that are regulated, supervised or insured by Federal agencies such as the Federal Deposit Insurance Corpo-

ration and the Office of Thrift Supervision. It also applies to all mortgage loans purchased by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac in the secondary mortgage market.

Check with the Building Department to determine if you are in a mapped floodplain. The Building Department can be visited at 3141 Ridge Road or reached by calling 895-7193 (fax: 895-2460).

How it Works: Before a person can receive a loan or other financial assistance from one of the affected agencies or lenders, there must be a check to see if the building is in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). The SFHA is the base (100-year) floodplain mapped on a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). It is shown as one or more zones that begin with the letter "A."

Copies of the FIRM are available for review in the Village's Building Department at 3141 Ridge Road. Many lenders and insurance agents also have copies. It is the agency's or the lender's responsibility to check the FIRM to determine if the building is in a SFHA.

If the building is in an SFHA, the agency or lender is required by Federal law to require the recipient to purchase a flood insurance policy on the building. The requirement is for structural coverage equal to the amount of the loan (or other financial assistance) or the maximum amount available, whichever is less. The maximum amount available for a single-family house is \$250,000.

The mandatory purchase requirement does not affect loans or financial assistance for items that are not covered by a flood insurance policy, such as vehicles, business expenses, landscaping, and vacant lots. It does not affect loans for buildings that are not in the SFHA, even though a portion of the lot may be flood prone. While not mandated by law, a lender may require a flood insurance policy as a condition of a loan for a property in any zone on a FIRM.

Appealing: If you believe that you should not be paying for a flood insurance policy because your property is not flood prone, check with the Building Department. Staff can check to see if you are in the SFHA on the Flood Insurance Rate Map that FEMA published for the Village of Lansing. If you are not in the SFHA, the Department can give you a letter stating so for you to take to your bank.

If you are in the mapped SFHA but you think your property is higher than the 100-year flood level, then you may hire a surveyor to survey more accurate ground elevations. The Building Department has the form needed to request a "Letter of Map Amendment from FEMA."

Note: Even though you have not been flooded in recent memory or you are not in the SFHA, your property may still be flooded in the future by a greater flood or a local drainage problem. Before you drop a flood insurance policy, think about your exposure and the possible costs of losing your home's contents. Also, your lender can always require insurance as a condition of a loan even if not mandated by Federal law.

Ask for a free copy of the Village's Guide to Flood Protection. It includes many helpful ideas on what you can do to be ready for the next storm.

Ted's Feed Store Expands

In 1947, Ted's Hatchery opened with chickens being raised out back, fresh eggs being sold and feed for farm animals being scooped out by the pound for customers. Over the years, the business shifted to carrying pet supplies, small animals and birds and wild animal feed.

On December 31, a groundbreaking ceremony was held for a new 4,000 square foot addition that will allow the store to expand its pet food lines and have wider aisles, said Manager Mary Rhone. Part of the old building will be used for storage.

The addition is expected to open in late spring. Ted's Feed Store is still operated by members of the Hoodgewerf family. "It's moved on to its third generation," said Rhone, who works with Kathy DeYoung, the granddaughter of the original owner.



New Lansing Businesses

ABC Medical Services, Inc.
3601 Ridge Road
418-0008
Home medical equipment and supplies
Owners: Gee Patel and Deborah Parra

Baja Enterprises Inc
3436 Ridge Road
418-0128
General contractor
Owner: Jorge Rojas

BBU, Inc.
18225 Burnham Ave., Suite 15
510-3042
Income tax service
Owner: Lorraine Rollins

The Gourmet Deli
2504 E. 173rd Street
418-9194
Dine-in, carry-out salad, sandwiches, wraps

Instant Tax Service
16775 S. Torrence Ave.
(773) 443-6119
Income tax service
Owner: Kidane Mihtsun

Studio Nails
2 River Place
Lansing, IL 60438
474-9196
Nail salon
Owner: Dung T. Hong

New Owners:
Shannon's Lansing
3280 Glenwood-Lansing Road
895-3100
Restaurant/bar
Owners: Vincent Soto, Jr., Brian Cook, Bridgett Cook

New Name:
FedEx Office and Print Services, Inc.
(Formerly FedEx Kinkos)
16701 Torrence Ave.
889-1388
Copy and printing, packaging and shipping services
Manager: Chrises Adams

Shoe Zone LLC
(Formerly Chernin's Shoe Outlet)
16917 S. Torrence
418-0900
Shoes and accessories
Manager: Christine Dean



Remember Special Volunteers

Does your organization have an outstanding volunteer who goes above and beyond in helping out in the community? This fall the annual Evening of Thanks dinner will again take place, honoring those special people who make a difference. As the year progresses, think about who you would like to nominate for this special award.

The Fourth Annual Evening of Thanks Dinner is scheduled for Friday, November 12 at Serbian Hall. Sponsorships are being sought from area businesses. If you're interested in becoming a sponsor or serving on the planning committee, contact Grace Bazylewski at 895-8542 or gbazylewski@yahoo.com.

Veterans invited to appreciation dinner

An appreciation dinner is being sponsored by the Lansing Junior Woman's Club and Lansing Lions Club to thank our local servicemen and women. Veterans and current military personnel and a guest are invited for a complimentary dinner. The dinner is planned for May 6 at 5 p.m. at the Lansing American Legion. Space is limited. To RSVP, please call 708-516-3423 by April 27.



Community Calendar

___ **April 9 – LARC Appreciation Dinner**, Center for Visual and Performing Arts.

___ **April 10 – Touch-A-Truck, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.** (rain or shine) at Lansing Municipal Airport. \$20 for family pass, \$5 single admission, children under age 1 are free. Proceeds go toward police cadet fund for the 2010 National Law Enforcement Explorer’s Conference.

___ **April 22 – Lansing Public Library Jazz Video Program** featuring bandleader Steve Cooper, 6:30 p.m. To register call 474-2447.

___ **April 26 – Lansing Historical Society Program “Chicago’s Plymouth Rock”** at Lansing Public Library, 6 p.m.

___ **April 30 – “Sounds of Mexico” Mariachi Band** concert at Lansing Public Library, 6:30 p.m..

___ **May 1 – Good Neighbor Day Parade**, 2 p.m. from Ridge Road and Wentworth Avenue.

___ **May 1 – Lan-Oak Park District’s Just a Little Run in Memory of Bill and Helen Evans.** For more information, call 474-8552.

___ **May 6 – Veteran Appreciation Dinner**, Lansing American Legion Post, 5 p.m. Complimentary dinner for veteran or current military and a guest. To RSVP, call 708-516-3423 by April 27.

___ **May 8 – Community Clean-up Day.** Residents are invited to be good neighbors and take part in a community clean-up project. For more information or to volunteer, contact Vivian at 895-7208.

___ **May 8 – U.S. Postal Service Food Drive.** Non-perishable food items can be left by your mailbox to be picked up by mail carriers for the local food pantry.

___ **May 13 – Bowling Memories video program** at Lansing Public Library, 6:30 p.m.

___ **May 15 – Girl Scout’s Ten Penny Carnival**, Lan-Oak Park, 1 – 4 p.m.

___ **May 15 – “Keep Your Home” Borrower Outreach Day**, Hillcrest H.S. 9 am-Noon.

___ **May 17 – Lansing vehicle stickers go on sale.**

___ **May 23 – LARC Steps for Support Walk-a-thon.**

___ **May 24 – Lansing Historical Society annual dinner** at Knights of Columbus, 6 p.m. The theme is “Let’s go back 55 years to 1955.” For more information, call 708-895-2671 or e-mail budpatty@sbcglobal.net.

___ **May 30 – Memorial Day Service** at Lansing Veterans Memorial, 2 p.m.

___ **May 31 – Lansing Memorial Day Service** at Memorial Junior High, 10:00 a.m.

___ **June 2 – Farmer’s Market opens for season.** It will be held every Wednesday from 4 – 8 p.m. at Park Plaza.

___ **June 4 – Lansing Public Library Community Block Party**, 6:00 p.m.

___ **June 13 – EAA Pancake Breakfast** at Lansing Municipal Airport.

___ **June 19 – Ridge Road Cruise Night.** Between Burnham Avenue and Wentworth Avenue. 6 - 10 p.m.

___ **June 25 – Friends of the Lansing Library Wine Tasting**, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. For more information, call 474-2447.

___ **July 1 – Deadline to display vehicle stickers.**

___ **July 4 – Lan-Oak Park District Grand Ole Fourth Celebration.** Fireworks display at 9:30 p.m. at Lan-Oak Park.

___ **July 17 – Lansing Historical Society Garage Sale** in Lansing Public Library’s Community Room from 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

___ **July 17 – Annual Ridgeway Fest Car Show.** Ridgeway Chevrolet, 17730 Torrence, Registration from 4 - 6 p.m., show from 5 - 10 p.m.

___ **July 24 – Ridge Road Cruise Night.** Between Burnham Avenue and Wentworth Avenue. 6 - 10 p.m.

Old Timers Offer Scholarship

The Lansing Old Timers organization will be awarding six-one time grants. Grants of \$1,000 and \$500 will be awarded to three male and three female high school seniors who have participated in a Lansing Old Timers-sponsored program.

Applicants must be graduating high school seniors enrolled in or accepted by a four-year college or university with

a “B” average on their latest transcript and have participated in a school athletic program. Grants will be awarded by lottery to all eligible applicants.

Visit LANSINGOLDTIMERS.COM for an application, which must be completed and returned by May 1 to Lansing Old Timers, C/O Frank Kiefer, P.O. Box 133, Lansing IL 60438.





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Farmer's Market returns

The popular Wednesday evening farmer's market will return to Park Plaza beginning June 2nd and running on Wednesdays from 4 – 8 p.m. until September 29. Shop for locally grown fruits, vegetables and flowers, jams, breads, cheese, meats and more. Interested vendors should contact Oralethea Davenport at 474-8552.

Police Department gives Merit Awards

Special arrest commendations were awarded to Det. Sgt. Scott Bailey and Det. Chuck Weeden for their work related to fatalities at a January 4 house fire.

Special arrest commendations were awarded to Officers Robert Garcia, Todd Heintz, Eric Morey, Joshua Sheeringa for their work related to February graffiti incidents.

Clash of the Bands

Some of the area's most talented musical youths will be performing at the Clash of the Bands on June 18 at Park Plaza. The competition is open to bands with members age 12 to 17. Interested groups should contact Oralethea Davenport at the Lan-Oak Park District at 474-8552.

New Information Technology Director

The Village of Lansing welcomed a new Information Technology Director, Jerry LaMonte, on January 4th. LaMonte comes to the village with 20 years experience in the information technology field with Harris Bank, Fidelity National Financial Information Services and Caterpillar. He is the father of three; his oldest son is serving in the U.S. Marines and he has a son and daughter who are high school students. Jerry is an 18-year resident of Lansing.

Pre-register for run

The annual "Just a Little Run in Memory of Bill and Helen Evans" will take place on May 1st, sponsored by the Lan-Oak Park District. Early registration is taken through April 23 for \$15. After April 23, registration is \$20. Registration is available on the day of the race. The park district is also seeking volunteers for the event. For more information, call 474-8552.

ComEd Recycles Old Refrigerators

While funding is available, ComEd is offering \$25 to remove your old working refrigerator or freezer, pick it up and recycle it for free. If you have an old working window air conditioner they will recycle it as well. For more info or to schedule a pick up visit: www.ComEd.com or call 888-806-2273.

Post Office Food Drive

On May 8, postal carriers will take part in an annual food drive to benefit local families in need. Residents who would like to donate non-perishable food items can leave items by their mailbox to be collected by a carrier.

Park District offers summer camp

The Lan-Oak Park district will be offering four-week summer camp sessions for ages 3 to 12. The sessions begin June 14. Summer camp ends August 6. Ages 3 to 5 meet three times a week and ages 6 – 12 meet daily.

Grand Ole Fourth returns to Lan-Oak Park

The Lan-Oak park district's annual 4th of July festivities will take place at Lan-Oak Park with family games, activities and food vendors. Fireworks take place at Lan-Oak Park 9:30 p.m.

LARC offers Market Day

If you like Market Day products and are not ordering from one of the local schools, you can place an order with LARC. Sales take place monthly and proceeds go toward LARC programs. LARC supports developmentally challenged adults through independent living arrangements and work programs.

Village Vehicle Stickers on sale soon

Vehicle stickers will go on sale starting May 17 and must be purchased and displayed by July 1. Prices are \$30 for passenger cars and truck stickers start at \$37.50. Senior vehicle stickers are \$3 (one is available per household for those age 65 by June 30th.) Prices double on August 1st.

Pet licenses will also be on sale for \$5 each and must be purchased by July 1.

Girl Scouts Ten Penny Carnival

The 60th Annual Lansing-Lynwood Girl Scouts Ten Penny Carnival will be held at

Lan-Oak Park on May 15 from 1 – 4 p.m. All games will be just ten cents. Face painting and bake sale items will be 25 cents. For more information, call Janet Bockel at 895-4344.

Historical Society seeking military information

The Lansing Historical Society would like to update their "Honoring Our Military" list of Lansing residents. Members are seeking name, military branch, rank and dates for current military personnel. Please call 474-6160 or e-mail LansingHistoricalSociety@yahoo.com.

Chamber Publishes Cookbook

The Lansing Chamber of Commerce is publishing a cookbook with recipes from chamber members. It will be available for sale at the Good Neighbor Day Parade. Chamber Cards can also be purchased at the parade with discount offers for local businesses. Both will be available for purchase after May 1 at the Chamber of Commerce office. For more information, call 474-4170.

Golden Opportunities books for 2010 are now being offered at half-price. Suburban Chicago and Northwest Indiana editions are available for \$13 each. Coupons are good through October 31st.

Be the First to Know

If you'd like to be informed of Chamber of Commerce happenings or events hosted by its members, subscribe to the weekly "Be the First to Know" e-newsletter at www.chamberoflansing.com or by calling 474-4170.

Promote Your Event

If your group or organization has an event or has news to share with residents in the Village Vision, please e-mail it to gbazylewski@villageoflansing.org or vpayne@villageoflansing.org or drop it off at the Village Municipal Complex.

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