

## County To Replace Myers Rd Bridge By Nov. 1 Thanks To Unique Town Financing

Residents of Myers and Myers Heights will be able to drive across Salmon Creek to one another's homes without having to go up to Route 34-B by Nov. 1 under terms of a Town/County agreement to rebuild the Myers Road Bridge.

The previous bridge was originally built with timber construction in 1936 and rebuilt in 1956. Following the discovery of structural weaknesses, the bridge was closed in 1992 and subsequently dismantled. The following year, Lansing's Highway Dept installed the current pedestrian footbridge.

As a result of citizen requests and the town's desire to improve access to UC Point on the north side of Salmon Creek, our town expressed heightened interest in recent years in replacing the bridge. Yet, hopes were dim because Tompkins County's 5-year capital plan didn't include the Myers Road bridge - one of six closed bridges in the county. Unless a solution could be found, things looked as if replacement of the Myers Road bridge would have to wait until 2002.

In 1996, the Town and County began meeting to overcome the problem. Someone remembered a creative financing arrangement to construct an unbudgeted transit shelter and wondered if the same strategy could be applied to hasten the reconstruction of the bridge in Myers.

By last fall, a financing compromise had been worked out. Lansing agreed to temporarily finance the county's portion of the construction cost and the county agreed to reimburse its share to Lansing in 2002. "The interim financing is unusual," explained County Public Works Commissioner William Mobbs. "I don't remember anything like it on this scale before."

Though several design questions need to be resolved, county officials will soon meet with the Town Board and Highway Superintendent to review the preliminary design. Total costs are expected in the neighborhood of \$500,000. Construction will start this summer. "We're committed to completion by Nov. 1," said Mobbs.

# Community Calendar

### Wednesday, April 9

Lansing Village recycling day.  
 North/South Lansing Network (Business people's /breakfast at Celie's Diner), 7:00 am.  
 JV and Varsity Baseballs team meet Spencer-Van Etten away, 4:30 pm.  
 JV Softball team meets Spencer-Van Etten away at 4:30 pm.  
 Varsity Softball team meets Union Springs at home at 4:30 pm.  
 Open Swim at Lansing High School pool from 6:30 - 8:30 pm.  
 All County Music Festival Junior Chorus and High School band Concert at Dryden at 7:30 pm.

### Thursday, April 10

"Natural & Logical Consequences"- topic of this Monthly Parent Workshops & Support Group at Lansing Elementary School cafeteria from 9:15 to 10:45 am. Call 533-4183 for details.  
 PTSO Book Fair at Lansing Elementary & Middle Schools, from 8:00 am. to 3:00 pm.  
 JV Baseball & JV Softball teams meet Union Springs away at 4:30 pm.  
 Varsity Baseball & Varsity Softball teams meet Union Springs at home at 4:30 pm.  
 Lansing Central " 1997-1998 School Budget" Open Forum at high school cafeteria at 7:00 pm.  
 All Country Music Festival; Junior Chorus and High School Band Concert at Dryden at 7:30 pm.

### Friday, April 11

Cayuga Heights recycling day; set out by 7:00 am.  
 PTSO Book Fair at Lansing Elementary and Middle Schools, from 8:00 am. to 3:00 pm.  
 JV Softball & JV Baseball teams meet Chenago Valley at home at 4:00 pm.  
 Varsity Softball & Varsity Baseball meet Chenago Valley away at 4:00 pm.  
 DeWitt Middle School dance night.

### Saturday, April 12

Friendship Network distribution of produce at LUMC from 2:00 to 3:00 pm.  
 Middle School Night: pool party, music and water games at the YMCA from 7:00 to 8:50 pm.

### Sunday, April 13

National Multiple Sclerosis Society Walk at Stewart Park. Registration at 9:30 am.

### Monday, April 14

Town of Lansing recycling day.  
 Golf team meets Union Spring away at 4:30 pm.  
 Varsity Track teams meet Dryden w/Southern Cayuga away at 4:30 pm.  
 JV Baseball team meets Dryden at home at 4:30 pm.  
 Varsity Baseball & Softball teams meet Dryden away at 4:30 pm.  
 Open Swim at Lansing high school pool, 6:30-8:30 pm.  
 Lansing PTSO PIP meeting at high school cafeteria at 7:00 pm.  
 Boys Scouts Troop # 48 regular meeting at the Community Center.  
 Lansing Town Planning Board meeting at 7:30 pm.  
 Lansing Village Planning Board meeting at 7:30 pm.

### Tuesday, April 15

JV Baseball team meets Moravia at home at 4:30 pm.  
 Varsity Baseball team meets Moravia in Moravia at 4:30 pm.  
 Varsity Softball team meets Moravia in Moravia at 4:30 pm.  
 Lansing Community Council planning meeting for Lansing day at All Saints Parish Center at 7:30 pm.

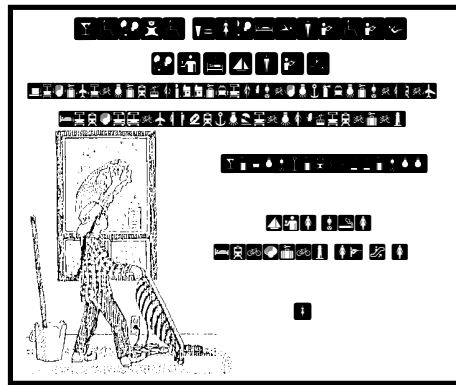


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