



BEFORE THE FLOOD - Volunteer workers sorted, tagged and arranged donations in 10 classrooms and two fellowship rooms as the Lansing United Methodist Church held its annual rummage sale last Friday and Saturday. When all was tallied, sale co-directors Joan and Dave Hardie reported that nearly 900 families had been through Lansing's largest community recycling event.

Community To Celebrate Montessori School's Successful Move To Its New Lansing Campus

On Tuesday, April 29, the Ithaca Montessori School will share the happiness of its arrival in Lansing with a Community Appreciation Day that will celebrate the present and keep an eye on the future by putting together a time capsule filled with children's and adults' mementos of the school's first year at the new building on Ascot place.

The time capsule will be buried for Montessori children to excavate in 2047 and will contain an issue of the Lansing Community News, Ithaca Journal, toys that are in vogue today and items that may be obsolete in another fifty years, such as audio and videocassettes, fax paper, computer discs

and coins.

The celebration will honor the contributions of parents, community organizations and individuals whose vision, donation and physical labor converted what was just a clearing in the woods last summer to a one-story complex that combines modern accoutrements with the personalized Montessori approach to early childhood education. Montessori Board president David Fernandez will present certificates of appreciation to those who went beyond the call of duty.

All are invited from 10:30 am - noon, *rain or shine* to Ascot Place in Lansing for this event. Refreshments will be served.

Community Voices

Letters To The Editor

Courteous, signed letters on any topic may be sent to the Lansing Community News, 204 Wilson Road, Lansing, 14882. Letters of 300 words or less will receive preference.

Dear Editor,

It wasn't a good week last week. When we moved to Lansing, we did so to live in a town that let us escape some of what inevitably exists in busier places and in all of our lives during parts of the day -- crowds and noise and sand litter and hassles.

Our places aren't much to look at yet, but little by little we're putting them back together. All we hear are the birds and an occasional cat and the sound of the stream when it's rained fairly hard. All we look at really is trees and fields and deer.

The bad news is that, without so much as discussing his idea with the people it would effect, a neighbor is planning to put in a Go Cart track in immediate proximity to many of our homes. He apparently doesn't understand why the noise, hour after hour on weekends and in the weekday evenings; the asphalt track surrounded by rubber tires; the increased traffic and the noise of even small crowds should upset us.

The trip to the town board was depressing. We were all but told that we were foolish to move to an unzoned area (most of the Town of Lansing) and that the lack of zoning made them powerless to help us. But, by the way, the Town Board has not yet begun to formally review the Planning Board's recommendations regarding zoning though they were submitted more than six months ago. The fact that the Supervisor is wary because zoning was defeated 12 or 13 years ago doesn't seem sufficient grounds for the delay.

It might be argued that a person has a right to support his family on his own land in whatever way he wishes. Is that really true when it robs property value and quality of life from neighbors who also work very hard and have invested in their homes? It's isn't really a legal answer, but a moral one, that this question seeks.

To those who might be thinking of moving to Lansing -- Beware! No zoning, no rights! The concept of neighbors respecting neighbors as a way of life has apparently become impotent in its old age.

Susan Miller
Kathy Miller
Bill Miller

Dear Editor,

I have spoken to Glenn Fenner about the Go Cart track he is 'thinking' about building on the northwest corner of Buck and Conlon Roads. Glenn has done a lot of investigation into the costs and operation of such a facility. He has investigated car design as far away as the mid-west. He has investigated the cost of insurance. He has looked into the town approval process required to have food, electricity and sanitary facilities on the site. All of these activities are prudent preparations for the establishment of a business. All of this investigation has taken time and energy.

However, none of these activities included speaking to the surrounding neighbors about the proposal. It also appears that his plans for the facility are designed to circumvent any need for town approvals. There will be no food service and no permanent sanitary facilities, both of which would require approval.

Glenn's protestations that no one spoke to him to raise concerns about his plans rings hollow. These plans were kept secret. And with good reason considering the noise and traffic such a facility will bring to essentially a quiet family neighborhood. This facility will be built with several hundred yards of at least 15 family homes. One house is within 100 feet of the proposed facility.

If Glenn has developed a business plan which indicates how the business will be successful, it probably includes a survey of how many, and from where, the potential customers will be drawn. If this information exists I would like to see it. I would also like the town and state traffic departments to review the information so that they can estimate the impact on roads leading to the facility. I would like an environmental review to look at the proposed disposal of waste, oil, gas, tires, etc. These reviews will take time. Perhaps Glenn should delay for a while so we can take a more reasoned look at this plan.

Lansing still has a small town flavor to it. One where we see each other at school, in the markets and on the playing fields of the town, on a regular basis. I am sure we all like it that way. There is a friendly neighborliness to the town. Glenn's planning flies in the face of that neighborliness. I urge all who have an interest in this proposal or who know Glenn to speak with him personally to let him know how you, his neighbors, feel about this plan.

Peter DeLorme

Lansing Holds Apr. 30 Kindergarten Orientation

A presentation on the Lansing kindergarten program, registration procedures and pre-K screening will be open to all parents of children who will be entering kindergarten next September at the Raymond S. Buckley Elementary School cafeteria at 7pm next Wednesday, April 30.

"We're way beyond our usual kindergarten registrations for this time of the year," said Superintendent Andrea Price. Normally, about 70 children would have registered by mid-April; this year the figure exceeds 90 and this week the District sent out another dozen preregistration packets.

If you have a child who will be 5 years old on or before Dec. 1 and have not yet received notification of this meeting, call the elementary school office at 533-4183.



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