

# Conservation Advisory Council "Greens Up" The Village of Lansing

Cleaner village highways, a residential street tree program, footpaths and trailways, village beautification activities and support services to the Village Planning Board are some of the concrete outcomes that have taken place since the Lansing Village Trustees created the Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) in 1990 to broaden resident involvement in local government and "to preserve and improve the quality of the natural and man-made environment."

## Street Tree Planting

Since 1990, the CAC has worked to promote plantings of shade trees in commercial areas of the village. In 1994, a residential street tree-planting program was inaugurated to promote the long-term development of both deciduous trees and conifers along residential road frontage -- particularly in subdivisions that were virtually devoid of shade.

Under the program, homeowners are reimbursed 75 percent of the cost of up to two trees and labor each year (up to \$75 per tree), subject to the Highway Department's verification that the projected planting site is not above buried lines.

While not every type of tree qualifies, the CAC's list of 28 eligible species includes both native and less common varieties that will thrive in Lansing. Limited funds are available for spring and fall plantings on a first-come, first-served basis and applica-



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**ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY** - Since the program was established in the autumn of '95, seven of 10 segments of village highways are picked up twice yearly by local businesses and community groups. tions may be picked up at the village offices on No. Triphammer Road.

## Village Beautification

The aesthetics of the split rail fencing on Burdick Hill and No. Triphammer so pleased village residents that the CAC developed a timetable to install similar fencing on along village gateways on the No. Triphammer Road corridor. Segments of fencing have already been added near Friendly's, at the M&T Bank and Tompkins County Trust Co. (which also collaborated with the CAC on the vest-pocket park and bench area in front of the bank) with a third phase just approved for Graham Road West to Squeaky Clean.

Flower boxes have been posted at most village boundaries. They're planted each spring by Suzanne Lorbeer and subsequently watered and maintained by neighbors.

## Community Chorus To Perform Handel's Messiah

Parts II and III of Handel's *Messiah* will be performed Saturday, May 3 at 8:00pm at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Ithaca by the Community Chorus & Chamber Singers. Music Director Gerald Wolfe will conduct the chorus, a full orchestra and soloists Loralyn Light, Tamara Wright, David Parks, Keith Earle and Aleeza Meir.

Advance tickets are \$8 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. For information, contact Elizabeth Rudan at 277-7676.



Photo: STAFF

**JAWS OF LIFE** - Vehicle extrication, using the hydraulic cutting tool known as the "Jaws of Life", has already freed and speeded care to accident victims on Lansing highways. Last week's training was just one example of the continuing education courses Lansing firefighters must take to maintain a variety of skills.

## Health Expo '97 At Pyramid May 3rd

Wellness and Prevention are this year's twin themes as the Cayuga Medical Center brings 27 health screenings, exhibits and demonstrations together throughout Pyramid Mall in Lansing to celebrate Health Expo '97 on Saturday from 10:00am to 2:30 pm.

All demonstrations and screenings (other than blood cholesterol at \$5) are free.

## TC3 Seeks Local Artists For New Gallery Space

Local artists wishing to exhibit their two-dimensional work in the TC3 Boardroom's newly designated gallery space during the next academic year are invited to submit portfolios and resumes to the college. Artists interested in a fall show must apply by June 1; those interested in a spring '98 show must apply by December 1.

For a copy of the Gallery Exhibition Procedures, contact TC3's Office of Public Relations at 844-8211 (x-4366).

## Hartill, Fresinski & Kahin Elected In Village

A modest turnout of 89 voters marked the uncontested Village of Lansing municipal elections last Tuesday (Apr 22) that saw Mayor Donald Hartill and Trustees Larry Fresinski and Audrey Kahin succeed themselves. Hartill and Kahin each received 87 votes while Fresinski got 85 ballots.



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**SPRING CLEANING** - The Lansing Highway crew covered both the Town and Village over the past two weeks chipping brush residents had placed by the road.

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