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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

Labor Day
Monday, September 2nd

Village Board Meeting – Lansing Courthouse – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 3rd

Bears/Packers Tailgate Party – Fox Pointe – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 5th

Football – Highland @ T.F. South – 7:00 p.m.
Friday, September 6th

Fetching Market @ Ford Hangar
Friday, September 6th and Saturday, September 7th

Football – Lemont @ T.F. South – 7:00 p.m.
Friday, September 13th

Village Board Meeting – Lansing Courthouse – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 17th

Football – T.F. North @ T.F. South – 7:00 p.m.
Friday, September 20th

7th Annual L.O.O.P Bike Ride @ Fox Pointe – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 21st

T.F. South Homecoming Parade & Celebration – 5:15 p.m.
Wednesday, September 25th

Football – Homecoming Game vs. Reavis @ T.F. South – 7:00 p.m.
Friday, September 27th

Homecoming Dance @ T.F. South – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 28th

OCTOBER

Village Board Meeting – Lansing Courthouse – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 1st

Lansing AutumnFest @ Fox Pointe
Friday - Sunday
October 11th - 13th

Columbus Day
Monday, October 14th

Village Board Meeting – Lansing Courthouse – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 15th

Lansing Area Chamber Wine Walk Down Ridge Rd. – 12:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 19th

Football – Tinley Park @ T.F. South – 7:00 p.m.
Friday, October 25th

Lansing Shred Day @ Lansing Municipal Center - 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, October 26th

T.F. South Band Boosters Craft/Vendor Fair
Saturday, October 26th & Sunday, October 27th

NOVEMBER

Village Board Meeting – Lansing Courthouse – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 5th

Veterans’ Day
Monday, November 11th

Fall Musical at T.F. South
Thursday - Sunday
November 14th - 17th

Village Board Meeting – Lansing Courthouse – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 19th

Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 28th

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Village Board Meetings
First and third Tuesday of each month. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and are held at the Municipal Court Facility, 2710 170th St., Lansing, IL 60438
No meetings the first week in January, July and August

Municipal Center Hours
Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. • Saturday: Closed
(except for months of May and June)
Greetings, Lansing! I am very excited to be one of your new Village trustees.

A little about me... I have been a Lansing resident for almost 30 years. My wife, Lindsey, and I are excited to be raising our two young children here. I've grown up in this town and attended Oak Glen, Memorial, and T.F. South. I've participated in many sports/activities hosted by the sporting leagues, community organizations and churches. It's because of these experiences growing up in Lansing that I am so excited to be able to serve this community that I love by being your trustee.

This year I have been reminded of how special our community is. Whether it's been meeting residents who have lived in Lansing for over 50 years, or the newest of residents having just moved in, we've all shared a common bond in our appreciation of what this community has been and what it is today. Lansing has a history to be proud of and also a future to be excited about; it's a future where old/young, white collar/blue collar, and every ethnic group all come together to share what has been and celebrate what is to come. Taking the time to learn from others and engaging with neighbors to continue discussing positive growth for our flourishing community is the key to success.

I encourage residents to engage your community and your neighborhoods with a renewed vigor. Communicate your needs and successes with your elected officials. Learn how to dialogue with someone different than you by attending a Human Relations Commission meeting. Come party with your fellow residents at our premier Fox Pointe venue. Celebrate your neighborhoods by throwing a block party. And, mostly, share with each other the positive things you see happening around town.

I look forward to hitting the ground running this first year of being a trustee. There are exciting economic development prospects in the near future. Our downtown area is prime for growth. Our Torrence Avenue business districts are getting ready for major development and investment. Simply put: many things to be excited about.

I am honored to have been elected to serve our community. Thank you to those who took the time to vote in the April 2019 elections. A special thank you to those who chose to trust me with their vote. Regardless of whether you voted or not, I am your trustee, so please do not hesitate to contact me with questions, concerns, ideas, and positive stories to share. I look forward to many years of working on your behalf.

Message From New Village Trustee

SAAD ABBASY

Hello, fellow Lansingites! My name is Steven "Mike" Fish. I would like to again express my thanks for your support during the past election and for electing me as one of your new trustees. I am excited to be an integral part of our village government and vow to provide the residents with my utmost dedication to this position.

I have been a resident of Lansing for 50 years. I graduated from T.F. South and met and married my wife, Kathy, and also raised two sons in this village. Lansing is a wonderful community to raise a family in, and I am proud to call Lansing my home. Throughout the years, I have been a member of many civic and service organizations and have volunteered my time to many worthwhile causes and functions. It is a very rewarding experience to do so, and I encourage all residents to get involved – it's the small things one does for others that solidifies a great sense of community and offers the opportunity to form new friendships with others in our diverse village.

As trustee, I will serve as Chairman of the Economic Development and Airport Committee and co-chairman of Building Department and Public Works Committee. There have been many positive changes that have occurred in our village recently, and it is encouraging to welcome new companies and businesses. It is extremely important to continue to explore new avenues that will utilize our assets but not jeopardize our integrity as a family-oriented community. This is a very challenging aspect of the Economic Development Committee; I will make a very conscientious effort to do what will benefit all residents and our village. If you haven’t yet visited any of the many events held at Fox Pointe, please do so. You won’t be disappointed. It offers something for everyone and is a great place for families and friends to gather as a community. Also, don’t forget about the upcoming Lansing Autumn Fest in October.

Once again, it is an honor to serve as your trustee and I will work diligently in providing all residents the best our village has to offer in making this a community one you can be proud to call home. I will continue to be available for any questions or concerns you may have.
2019 National Night Out

The Lansing Police Department hosted a successful 2019 National Night Out event at Fox Pointe in early August. There were numerous games, activities and demonstrations for children and adults to enjoy throughout the evening. Several Lansing civic organizations graciously donated their time to help out and provided raffle prizes for some lucky youngsters in attendance. Additionally, complimentary food and beverages were also available to all attendees.

For several years the National Night Out has been a staple and cornerstone of the Lansing Police Department’s Community Policing initiative. This event provides the opportunity and backdrop for residents to come and meet each another, meet with officers from the department, and take a stand against violence and crime in our community. “With all the emphasis on the social media world today,” explained Police Chief Dennis Murrin, “many people don’t take the time or effort to get to know their neighbors, or their police officers who serve them, so this is a great event to put these two together in an informal, positive setting. Our officers are engaged daily in community policing efforts across the Village as well as in quarterly beat neighborhood watch meetings, but this event combines all of that together into an evening of fun.”

Commendations at the Lansing Police Department

Over the past couple of months, numerous officers at The Lansing Police Department received recognition in the form of commendations.

Ofc. Mike Lindemulder received a Special Arrest Achievement Award for discovering a Vehicle Burglary in progress and apprehending the subject without incident.

Ofc. Todd Kulacz and Ofc. Todd Yonker both received Life Saving Awards for their actions in saving the life of a subject suffering from severe mental anguish.

Lt. Randall Hoving, Sgt. Chuck Weeden, Ofc. Kevin LaPointe, and Ofc. Ron Mack also received Life Saving Awards for a separate incident in which they also assisted a subject that was displaying similar signs of distress.

Congratulations to all of the officers; the Village and the LPD are very proud of their heroic actions.
LPD Personnel Changes

The Lansing Police Department was proud to honor two employees who retired from service during the month of June.

On June 13th, telecommunications officer Cynthia Griffiths retired after 14 years of service to the Lansing 911 Center. Cynthia was extremely dedicated to her profession as well as to the residents of Lansing.

On June 16th, Sgt. Aaron Barnes retired from the Lansing Police Department after 22 years of service. Sgt. Barnes worked in various areas of the police department including the Patrol Division, Support Services Division, and the Investigation Division, where he served as the school resource officer. Sgt. Barnes co-authored the police department’s DANGER program that warns school children throughout the Village on the dangers of drugs, alcohol, nicotine and gangs.

With Sgt. Barnes’ retirement, Detective Tony Curtis was promoted to the rank of Patrol Sergeant. Sgt. Curtis has been a member of the police department for the past 25 years, functioning as a patrol officer, CID investigator, and South Suburban Major Crimes Investigator.

In addition to these promotions the Lansing Police Department welcomed the addition of Probationary Police Officers Steven Vierk, Victor Aviles, and James Burke. Following their graduations from basic training academies, all three officers will receive in-house field training instruction to enhance their understanding of police work.

Fall Means Fire Prevention Time

Fire Prevention Week is October 6-12 this year. Though fire safety is important all year, fire prevention season in early fall is the perfect time for residents to learn good fire safety practices such as:

- Test smoke detectors every month. Replace batteries twice a year—an easy time to do it is when Daylight Saving Time starts and ends. Change your clocks, change your batteries!
- Add new or replace non-working smoke detectors as needed.
- Know two ways to get out of every room in your home.
- Have a safety escape plan for your household. Practice your plan with everyone you live with.
- Learn how to use a fire extinguisher.

For more information about these and other fire safety practices, visit www nfpa org/ Public Education, or call the Lansing Fire Department office number at 708-895-7400.

Fire Department Offers Monthly Blood Pressure/Blood Glucose Checks

The Lansing Fire Department is offering free blood pressure/blood glucose checks every month at the Village Municipal Center. Visit our table to get your levels checked at no charge. The service is available to residents and non-residents.

Upcoming dates are:
- September 9
- October 14
- November 18
- December 9

Dates are on Mondays from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted. Because we provide emergency services, times and dates are subject to change; please call ahead—708-895-7400.
Lansing Celebrates 50th Anniversary of Woodstock

3 days. Nearly 500,000 fans. 1 lifelong memory. The original 1969 Woodstock Festival held in Bethel, New York brought people together in a celebration of peace, music and love. Now, fifty years later, there have been anniversary celebrations of Woodstock large and small taking place throughout the country and around the world, along with new films, music, and books. 2019 is confirming what many already knew: the spirit of Woodstock is alive and flourishing. The global community continues to celebrate the spirit of Woodstock: a unique recipe of peace and music blended with community and love.

Residents from Lansing and many surrounding communities celebrated this iconic event at Fox Pointe on August 9th and 10th with Woodstock: A 50th Anniversary Celebration, a two-day tribute to the music and artists featured at the original event back in 1969. The Village of Lansing and the Lansing Public Library co-hosted the event, which featured artists and bands such as Fortunate Sons, Marrakesh Express, Anna Stange, Rico!, Who’s Next, and Axis. The blend of music allowed eventgoers the opportunity to relive some of the magic of that August weekend 50 years ago when history was made. Guests at the event also had the opportunity to purchase memorabilia items in addition to enjoying food and beverages from multiple vendors. The ideal weather on both days brought out some of Fox Pointe’s biggest crowds of the 2019 season.

Lansing Public Library Director Debbie Albrecht was ecstatic with the turnout for the weekend and summarized her feelings this way: “The Woodstock anniversary weekend was an incredible event. It was successful beyond my wildest dreams. I had countless hugs from complete strangers who just wanted to thank us for putting on such a great event. Lansing made many new friends that weekend who will be back for more great entertainment. I know they will share their experience with their friends. It truly was a weekend of peace, love, music and memories, both old and new.”
Village of Lansing
Shredding Day

Village Clerk Vivian Payne is announcing a Lansing Shred Day to be held on Saturday, October 26th from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Lansing Municipal Center located at 3141 Ridge Rd. The event is being sponsored by Robinson Engineering and Homewood Disposal. Lansing residents are invited to bring any personal or confidential documents that require safe destruction. Staples, paper clips, and binder clips do not need to be removed prior to shredding; the shredder can also handle spiral notebooks, hanging file folders, and manila file folders. The free shredding service applies only to documents. Plastics, office equipment, and combustible materials will not be accepted. Wet or moldy documents will also be denied due to the potentially damaging effect on the machinery. For more information, contact Clerk Payne at (708) 895-7207 or email to vpayne@villageoflansing.org with any additional questions.

Lansing’s Village-Wide Garage Sale A Huge Hit

The Village of Lansing held a community garage sale on June 8th. 95 Lansing families participated by registering their addresses with the village; in turn, the village waived the normal $5 permit fee and then promoted all the participants with signage throughout the village as well as coverage on its web site and social media platforms. Additionally, the Village designed a map showing all participating addresses to help potential customers find their way to as many of the sales as possible. Feedback from residents was incredibly positive and the goal is for the event to be an annual one that continues to grow in its number of participants.

Village of Lansing Day at Guaranteed Rate Field

On Saturday, July 27th, the Village of Lansing and the Chicago White Sox again combined forces for the 2nd Annual Village of Lansing Day at Guaranteed Rate Field in Chicago. Over 350 tickets were purchased through a discounted ticket promotion for the event. From those who purchased tickets, a total of seven Lansing Little League and Lansing Girls’ Softball participants were selected to take the field before the game and stand beside position players during introductions. Other pre-game on-field activities included one young Lansing fan who accompanied one of the White Sox assistant coaches to home plate to meet the umpires and participate in the exchange of lineup cards. As an added bonus, Lansing’s longtime Little League President and lifelong White Sox fan Ray Nommensen was chosen to throw out the first pitch right before the game started. A large contingent of Ray’s family and friends was on hand to cheer him on.

Village of Lansing Night was arranged by Sam Lawson, Manager of Group Sales Development for the Chicago White Sox, who worked with Ken Reynolds, Director of Communications for the Village of Lansing, to make arrangements for this year’s event and on-field activities. The two agreed on a date for 2019, and tickets were handled by the White Sox through a special online portal or a more traditional mail-in procedure. Participants enjoyed beautiful weather, a White Sox victory, and an exciting fireworks show after the game.

Both the Village and the White Sox agreed to conduct the event again in 2020 and look forward to increasing the attendance and the range of pre-game activities for all who participate.
Focus on Fox Pointe

BY DAN BOVINO
Village News

7th Annual Loop Bicycle Ride Now Held During The Fall

Saturday, September 21st - This evening bicycle ride will take riders on an estimated 15-mile journey to appreciate the beauty of Lansing and its bike trails and to have fun with your friends and neighbors. Event check-in will start at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 21st at Fox Pointe! The ride will start at 5:00 p.m. Sign up today! Register now by visiting www.chamberoflansing.com for more details.

Village Works with ComEd On Lighting Upgrade

In the early spring of 2019, the Village began working with ComEd to upgrade the Village’s ComEd-owned street lights to LED and save the village approximately $43,000 per year. The change from the existing fixtures to smart LED fixtures will reduce the cost of the delivery service charges as well as the energy cost to operate the fixtures. Additionally, the fixture replacement cost will be offset by an Energy Efficiency credit equivalent to the fixture replacement cost. Effectively, participating municipalities such as Lansing will not incur any out of pocket costs to replace the fixtures.

In early June, the Lansing Public Works Department began replacing the fixtures in several municipal parking lots in the downtown Lansing area. Residents will continue seeing ComEd crews performing this work on streetlight poles throughout the community for the rest of the summer and fall seasons.

LED STREETLIGHT BENEFITS

» Reduced energy consumption lowers cost
» Long LED lifespan saves maintenance expenses
» Enhanced visibility improves safety and security
» Decreased light trespass — provides illumination where you want it
» Instant on
» No mercury
Fox Pointe Update

The inaugural season at Fox Pointe is winding down, and after a rough start weather-wise, the crowds and the fun have been steadily increasing. Feedback from residents and non-residents alike has been overwhelmingly positive, and with a handful of events still on tap in 2019, the Fox Pointe staff is working diligently to close out this very successful first season on a continuing high note.

Starting in late May, weekly Wednesday night concerts showcased diverse musical acts such as Hairbanger’s Ball, The Unity Reggae Band, Latin Satin Soul, and Dick Diamond & the Dusters. In late July, “Blues, Brews and BBQs,” the first two-day event of the season, included multiple well-known blues performers, headlined by Ronnie Baker Brooks. The Village also partnered with the Lansing Association for Community Events (L.A.C.E.) organization to add entertainment at Fox Pointe by scheduling three Saturday concerts to supplement each of the Cruise Nights held this summer.

Throughout the season, local food vendors J.J. Kelley’s, Ace Catering, and Lynnie Ques were prominently featured to give guests dining options while enjoying the shows. Other Lansing vendors who have participated include Mancino’s, Ooo Wee Chicken & Ribs, and Boz Hot Dogs. Local microbrewer One Trick Pony has also been in attendance with a variety of new beers for guests to enjoy.

Increasing crowds and almost perfect weather in July and August saw crowds continue to fill up the lawn seating area with chairs and blankets, while the pavilion area remained another comfortable option for patrons to socialize and enjoy the music or other entertainment.

For all remaining Fox Pointe dates, guests are strongly encouraged to utilize several municipal parking lots located around the venue, as well as open spots on Ridge Road. Parking on side streets is allowed, but patrons are reminded to obey all posted signage for legal parking and to be respectful of private property. Earlier in 2019, the Village debuted a new website (foxpointe.org) to help those interested in learning more details about the venue. Please visit the site for a detailed parking map and other useful information.

The final event scheduled at Fox Pointe for the 2019 season is L.A.C.E.’s Annual Autumn Fest, which will be held October 11th-13th. At the end of the season, the Village will review all aspects of the venue to identify necessary improvements and adjustments for 2020 and beyond. A major change coming for 2020 will be extended fencing and gating around the perimeter of the grounds to allow for better regulation of access during events and a more secure environment when Fox Pointe is not in use.

Fox Pointe is also available for private events. Any group or organization interested in this option should call Tony Troncozo at (708) 895-7204 or email to troncozo@villageoflansing.org. for more details and available dates.
Bears vs. Packers Tailgate Party @ Fox Pointe

On Thursday, September 5, the Village of Lansing will help kickoff the 2019 National Football League season and the 100th anniversary of the league by hosting a Chicago Bears vs. Green Bay Packers Tailgate Party at Fox Pointe beginning at 5:30 p.m. Kickoff is at 7:20 p.m. The game will be broadcast on a giant 20’ x 12’ video wall with additional screens set up throughout the venue. Other activities scheduled throughout the event include a Punt, Pass & Kick competition and a pre-game karaoke opportunity for all fans.

Additionally, the Thornton Fractional South High School and Highland High School varsity football teams will be in attendance and participate in the night’s festivities to enhance the sense of community between the two schools. The two teams play each other the next evening (September 6th) in Lansing at 7 p.m. A 50/50 raffle will be conducted during the evening, with half the proceeds being split between the two schools.

Admission to the event is free. Multiple food vendors will be on site and all concessions will open at 5:30. No outside coolers, food or beverages are allowed into Fox Pointe. For those looking for an even more authentic Soldier Field experience, a limited amount of traditional tailgating will be allowed in the parking lot located at 3380 181st Place (known as Clock Tower Plaza). The first 50 cars to arrive will be allowed to bring their own grills and coolers to enjoy. ONLY propane grills will be allowed...NO CHARCOAL. A $10 per vehicle cover charge will be assessed upon entering the lot. Tailgating in the lot will only be allowed between 4 to 7 p.m. After 7 p.m., all food and beverages must be purchased inside the venue. Please visit foxpointe.org for more details on this unique Fox Pointe event. Come out and enjoy the fun!
Stay Connected to the Village with CodeRED™ Notification for Lansing Residents

CodeRED™ is a FREE emergency notification service provided to all residents within Lansing that will notify you of an emergency or other important information through phone calls, text messages, emails and the CodeRED™ Mobile Alert app. The system will be used to keep you informed of local events that may immediately impact your safety or those that may be of general importance to a majority of Lansing residents. As a local resident, the Village of Lansing encourages you to take action and register your cell phone for this service and verify your home location to receive targeted notifications that directly impact your home or business.

The CodeRed™ system will be used to send critical and time-sensitive communications such as:

**EMERGENCY**
- Missing Person Cases
- Criminal Activity
- Evacuation Notice
- Drinking Water Contamination

**GENERAL**
- Road Closures or Road Work
- Water Main Breaks
- Important Village Events
- Important Deadline Dates

ENROLL TODAY! Visit villageoflansing.org and click the “Residents” tab near the top of the page. Then choose “CodeRED™ Signup” on the pull-down menu and follow the prompts. In addition, please follow other news from the Village by reviewing the “Latest News” section on our main web page or by following us at the following social media addresses:

- [facebook.com/VillageofLansing](https://facebook.com/VillageofLansing)
- [twitter.com/VillageLansing](https://twitter.com/VillageLansing)