



August 2026

Parks and Recreation Department Update

Recreation

Current & Upcoming Programs:

- **Camps & Clinics:** Horseback Riding Camp (7/6–8/28), Sports Academy (7/7–7/9), Cheerleading Camp (7/13–7/17), Summer Art & Nature Camp (8/3–8/21), Wizarding Camp, Pitching Clinics, and Youth Softball Skills Clinics.
- **Youth Sports & Leagues:** Lansing Watercats Swim Team, Hitcats Fall Travel Baseball, Girls Flag Football, Youth Football, Youth Cheerleading, Flag Football, and Summer GirlStrong.
- **Adult & Community Programs:** Wednesday Adult Sailing (7/8–8/19), Adult Strength & Stretch, Cardio-Step, and Morning YogaChi.

Program Highlights & Updates:

- **Myers Park Day Camp:** Successfully concluded another great season.
- **Adam Heck Soccer Camp:** Celebrated its 30th anniversary with record-breaking attendance, hosting over 330 participants.
- **Fall Athletics:** Registration and preparations for fall sports leagues are underway.

Parks

August has seen a high volume of activity across Myers Park. I want to recognize our staff for their hard work and commitment, which ensured our recent community events executed seamlessly.

- **Destination Event (Aug. 6):** Hosted a highly successful evening with strong community turnout.
- **Women Swimmin' for Hospicare (Aug. 8):** Successfully hosted the event with immense support from local volunteers. Discussions are underway regarding making Myers Park the permanent venue.
- **Storm Damage (July 18):** Severe weather caused notable damage across Myers Park, resulting in lost trees, downed limbs, and damage to several camper units. Cleanup efforts remain ongoing.

- **Connectivity Challenges:** Spotty Wi-Fi service continues to impact park revenue, and weak cellular coverage within the park remains a primary concern for campers and staff.
- **Water Quality Monitoring:** Lifeguards and staff continue daily monitoring for Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs).

Trails

- **Hazard Mitigation:** Crews cleared standing dead ash trees to improve trail safety.
- **Easement Development:** Preparations are pending to begin work on the easements granted by Jack Young.
- **Routine Upkeep:** Mowing, brush clearing, and general trail maintenance continue as scheduled.
- **Planning & Governance:** The Trails Working Group convened on August 13.

Town Hall & Community Center Facilities

- **Town Hall HVAC & Site Restoration:** Carpentry work inside Town Hall is complete, and remaining system adjustments are being addressed. Contractor crews from Halco completed topsoil restoration and reseeded the field behind Town Hall. HVAC installation continues to move toward final completion.
- **Community Center HVAC:** The AC units continue to experience weekly operational failures. While staff successfully troubleshoot and restart the system each time, a long-term solution or overhaul is becoming increasingly necessary.
- **Groundskeeping:** Maintenance staff removed several dying trees and trimmed surrounding foliage near Town Hall.

Recent Meetings & Interdepartmental Coordination

- Department Head Meeting
- Personnel Committee
- Interdepartmental Coordination
- Trails Working Group
- Tompkins County Recreation Directors
- Women Swimmin' for Hospicare Planning
- Lansing Central School District (LCSD) – Administration & Scholarships
- Paddle-N-More
- Friends of the Lansing Community Trail (FOLCT)
- Friends of Salt Point (FOSP) – Site Walkthrough
- Halco Contracting – Facilities Troubleshooting

This summary highlights key operational activities and facility updates across the department. Please reach out directly if you have questions or would like to schedule an individual briefing.