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Town Board Member Report  
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**Lansing Youth Services, March 19**

- Since I am the board's representative to the county youth services board, I wanted to understand how Lansing Youth Services functions and fits in with the county-wide programs. Cornell Cooperative Extension is tasked by the county Department of Youth Services to run Rural Youth Services (RYS) in multiple towns in the county. I met the RYS coordinator from CCE, the Lansing Program Educator, and the rest of the Lansing Youth Commission, a group of parents and educators involved in oversight of the Lansing program. The program educator listed the fun afterschool activities he offered over the last few months, many of which were outdoors in the winter. He has great representation from enthusiastic boys. The RYS coordinator went through annual reports for the county and Lansing, and also the budget for Lansing Youth Services.

**Lansing Housing Authority, March 23**

- The management company for Woodsedge Housing said that their insurance doesn't like pull cords in the units because of liability issues if they malfunction. The board decided to keep them for now and asked for options so residents can have a free alternative.
- The board discussed how to get the vegetable beds at Woodsedge fixed so the residents can start working in them.

**Tompkins County Youth Services Advisory Board, March 30**

- The department has a job opening for a youth services specialist and a deputy director.
- NYS has formed the Empire State Results Leadership program and Tompkins Co. has set up their group to get more collaboration between the Youth Services Dept, Dept of Social Services, Probation and Whole Health.
- Youth Services has made Youth Wellness Surveys to hear from both youth and adults. These surveys will be active until the end of April.
- We heard from Tompkins Childrens' Single Point of Access (CSPOA) for mental health services. The Racker Center administers the program, which connects families to services, family therapy, and clinics.

Here are the QR codes for the youth wellness surveys, depending on whether you are a youth or an adult:

**YOUR VOICE MATTERS**  
**Youth Wellness Survey**



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**YOUTH WELLNESS SURVEY**



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**Conservation Advisory Council, April 1**

- A representative from Friends of the Lansing Center Trails attended to discuss the strategy for habitat maintenance. CAC will set up a BioBlitz this summer for the meadow so we will know what plants and animals are currently living there.