

**Lansing Youth Services  
Town Board Report  
January 2024**

**Annual Gingerbread House Build:** Youth were excited to have this event occur this year, as it was cancelled last year due to snowy weather. Participants always anticipate this event and it was well attended this year! Participants made a wide range of structures, including beautiful houses with gorgeous landscapes, and “candy garages”, which are always a hit! Many students brought their favorite candy to donate and build with, adding lots of fun features to their houses! 25 youth served.

**Upcoming programs:**

**Mini Olympics:** This is a program all about friendly competitions through mini and non-traditional activities. The activities will include cotton ball snowball games, pizza box curling, cup stacking relays, and much more! Students will also be creating their own original games using a wide range of provided materials.

**Outdoor Adventure- Winter Edition:** Cold weather activities will be the focus, including how to find and procure water, build snow shelters, make tasty warm treats around the fire, youth will hone winter preparedness skills.

**Train Your Brain:** This is a brand new program driven by a wide interest in Rubix Cubes. Speed competitions, challenging friends with scrambling Cubes of all shapes and sizes, brain teaser puzzles, writing and solving riddles will be part of this fun and innovative programming.

**Fun with Food:** This food focused program purposely has fun in the title. Students will make edible experiments such as, slime, marshmallow towers and structures, rock candy, as well as creating art with skittles, and making their own ice cream!

**Youth Employment:** Youth employees are kicking off the year assisting with LYS programs, chaperoning the Town Recreation Department’s Ice Skating program, assisting teachers at the high school and working at the Lansing Public Library. There will be two new employees beginning once all of their paperwork is completed and there is a plan to teach the new employees skills for the Dungeons and Dragons programs. 14 youth served.