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Town Board Member Report
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Lansing Housing Authority, June 22

- Woodsedge senior apartments experienced downed trees and siding damage during the mid-June storms. Management will get quotes for repairing the damage and fixing gardening boxes.
- LHA decided on a renovation contractor and cabinet supplier to be able to upgrade kitchens during unit turnovers at Woodsedge.

Tompkins County Youth Services Advisory Board, June 22

- We learned that DHS (Department of Homeland Security) is instituting a program to identify youth who might threaten their schools, etc, based on certain behaviors. The County Youth Services Director went to training on the program.

Conservation Advisory Council, July 1

- Members brought to the group two ideas that Cornell professors and their students have launched locally, and which the CAC could participate in:
 1. One is setting up networks of neighbors to help residents in emergencies, such as checking on elderly neighbors or those who might need generators. These could be developed as part of a climate resiliency or emergency plan, which help a town attain Climate Smart Community status and elevate grant applications. The Town of Caroline has a report about how they set up these neighborhood networks with Cornell at <https://labs.aap.cornell.edu/sites/aap-labs/files/2025-12/Caroline%20rural%20resilience%20-%20final%20report%20v2.pdf>
 2. Another Cornell class helps local communities plan and build light structures, such as bridges on trails and stream control systems. Information about Engineering In The Community is at <https://news.cornell.edu/stories/2026/06/student-built-bridges-connect-communities-thanks-engineering-course>
- The CAC is finalizing plans for its BioBlitz on Saturday, August 8 at the Lansing Center Trail. Experts will give talks at times throughout the day that are good for seeing species of birds, insects, bats, fungi and plants. Anyone can log their observations in the iNaturalist link that will be distributed along with advertising for the event. The object is to have a record of the plants and animals living in the meadow. Coordination of education, schedules, parking, and restrooms was discussed.