



October 2026

Parks and Recreation Department Update

Recreation

Current & Upcoming Programs:

- **Youth Sports & Leagues:** Lansing Watercats Swim Team, Hitcats Fall Travel Baseball, Girls Flag Football, Youth Tackle Football, Youth Cheerleading, Flag Football, Fall Soccer and GirlStrong.
- **Adult & Community Programs:** Adult Strength & Stretch, Cardio-Step, Morning YogaChi, and Adult Co-Ed Volleyball.
- **Trunk or Treat:** Will be held at Myers Park on October 31st from 5-7pm.
- **Dugout Construction:** This began the first week of October and may not be completed until Spring. All materials will be paid for in 2026.

Program Highlights & Updates:

- **Football:** This season, both our Junior and Senior Youth Football tackle teams have made it to the playoffs—a first for our program.
- **Christopher Field Outfield Fence:** Due to poor weather, scheduled repairs have been pushed back several times. The work should be completed this week.

Parks

- **Veteran's Watch Fire:** The 35th annual Watchfire continued its cherished tradition of bringing our community together to honor and pay tribute to our servicemen and women. Thank you to Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 377.
- **Camping:** The camping season ended on October 12th.
- **Connectivity Challenges are ongoing:** Spotty Wi-Fi service continues to impact the park and weak cellular coverage within the park remains a primary concern for campers and staff.
- **Tompkins County Soil & Water:** Collaboration on boat wash station information.

- **Salt Point:** Cleanup day was held on October 10th. It was very successful with about 12 volunteers.
- **Pavilion B:** New blacktop to the east side for day camp and other event purposes. This gives that area a much cleaner look and will be beneficial for day camp games and other activities.
- **Ludlowville:** We have replaced storm damaged trees in the front of the park. We will also be doing some trimming to improve the view of the falls.

Trails

- **Routine Upkeep:** Mowing, brush clearing, and general trail maintenance continue as scheduled.
- **Planning & Governance:** The Trails Working Group review of what should be the final draft of the Greenway Master Plan. That should be in front of the Board in November for adoption.
- **Cayuga Bird Club:** Held an outing at LCT on October 15th.

Town Hall & Community Center Facilities

- **Town Hall HVAC:** The system has been switched to heating and has run into some snags along the way, but it is operational.
- **Community Center HVAC:** This building has also been switched to heating and is currently operating.
- **Groundskeeping:** Katrina Binkewicz has been working hard on the landscaping around the Town Hall. Please thank her if you have the opportunity.
- **Technology: Cybersecurity training requirement(on-going)** - Beginning January 1, 2026, as part of a new [state law](#), all local government employees who use technology as part of their official job duties must complete annual cybersecurity awareness training.
- **Website:** The new website launched on October 12th after a couple of delays. The staff has been training over the last few weeks. Some information will take time to get in place.
- **Community Center Kitchen:** This has been inspected by the health department and passed.
- **Repair of Historical Building Parking lot:** Our crew has completed parking lot repairs to improve safety for those using the parking lot to attend meetings. The repairs addressed several potholes that posed a tripping hazard for older adults.

Recent Meetings & Interdepartmental Coordination

- Department Head Meeting (canceled)
- Personnel Committee (canceled)
- Interdepartmental Coordination

- Trails Working Group
- Tompkins County Recreation Directors
- Women Swimmin collaboration
- Lansing Central School District (LCSD) – Administration/Transportation/Facilities
- Paddle-N-More collaboration
- Friends of the Lansing Community Trail (FOLCT)
- Friends of Salt Point (FOSP)
- Halco Contracting – Facilities Troubleshooting
- CAC meeting collaboration and information
- Lansing Hitcats meeting
- STYFC (football conference) meetings
- CivicPlus – website and trainings
- RecDesk – software

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.