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Village Meeting Dates

Village Board meets the second, third, and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

The Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals meet the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

All meetings are in the Village Council Chambers at the Village Hall, 1 Veterans Parkway, New Lenox.

Agendas for Village Board and Plan Commission meetings are posted at the Village Hall. Village Board meetings air on New Lenox Channel 6 starting the day after the meeting.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Timothy Baldermann, Mayor
Laura Ruhl, Village Clerk
Annette Bowden, Trustee
David Butterfield, Trustee
Nancy Dye, Trustee
Keith Madsen, Trustee
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VILLAGE OF NEW LENOX INFORMATION NEWS August, 2010

Village Receives Storm Ready Community Designation

Earlier this past summer the Village of New Lenox was designated as a Storm Ready Community by the National Weather Service. As described at the National Weather Service web site (www.stormready.noaa.gov), "Storm Ready communities are better prepared to save lives from the onslaught of severe weather through advance planning, education and awareness."

An application was filed with the National Weather Service earlier this year. Aside from information regarding our community and point of contact information, the Village needed to demonstrate fulfillment of criteria set forth in the following guidelines:

- Communications – includes specifying where our 24-hour warning point (Lincoln Way Public Safety Communications Center and at the Emergency Operations Center (New Lenox Police Department) is located.
- NWS Information Reception Equipment – includes everything from a NOAA weather radio to the Internet. Must demonstrate that this equipment is available at both the 24-hour warning point as well as at the EOC.
- Local Weather & Water Monitoring Equipment – includes devices available at the 24-hour warning point as well as at the EOC.
- Local Warning Dissemination – includes everything from the outdoor warning system to cable television. Must demonstrate the ability to receive and transmit information from the 24-hour warning point and the EOC. This guideline also lists the public locations where NOAA weather radios are in place. Examples include the Village Hall, Park District and schools.
- Community Preparedness – includes annual weather-related safety talks. Examples include the recent Health and Safety Expo / Severe Weather Spotter Training held at Lincoln Way West High School.

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New Lenox receives its StormReady designation at the Village Board meeting May 17. Pictured are (back row, left to right) Dan Martin, public safety division chief; David Dima, New Lenox ESDA; Jim Allsopp, NWS; Michael Potocki, ESDA director; Peter Fattore, captain with ESDA; (front row) Ed Fenelon, Meteorologist-In-Charge, NWS; Ellen Excell, New Lenox ESDA; William Potocki, New Lenox ESDA; Jan Tobiasz, New Lenox ESDA; and Joe Grenicek, ESDA.

CERT TEAM NEWS

On June 26th the New Lenox Police Department's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) placed 2nd in the first-ever Prairie State CERT Challenge in Bensenville, IL. The Elk Grove Village CERT edged out New Lenox 899 to 898 points to win the competition; Chicago CERT finished third. The event, which was hosted by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA), brought together

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- Administrative Tools / Record Keeping – includes written policies, visits to the NWS Office in Romeoville and weather related exercises such as the one that was completed in July 2009 at Fire Station #1.

In addition to the submission of the application, an on-site assessment was also held on April 20, 2010. Assessors included individuals from the Will County Emergency Management Agency, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and of course the National Weather Service. The on-site assessment consisted of a general review of the application which included a question and answer period which covered a variety of areas. The assessors also toured the EOC to verify that the appropriate equipment was in place.

New Lenox is now listed at www.stormready.noaa.gov/com-maps/il-com.htm as one of 63 communities in Illinois with a Storm Ready Designation.

LEAF DISPOSAL PROGRAM FREE LEAF COLLECTION

We would like to remind Village residents that the Village of New Lenox offers its residents an alternative to leaf burning. Each Fall during a 6-week period and each Spring during a 2-week period, leaves that are bagged in the brown paper yardwaste bags are collected free of charge to the residents.

As part of the Village's contract with our disposal service, Village residents who place their leaves in brown paper yardwaste bags do not have to affix yardwaste stickers on the bags during these 6-week and 2-week periods. These yardwaste bags are collected by Nu-Way on the same day as your regular garbage collection.

This year's free leaf collection starts the week of October 18th. The last free leaf collection day for 2010 is Saturday, November 27th which coincides with the annual end-date of landscape waste facilities' season. Next Spring's free leaf collection begins the week of April 4th and continues through the week of April 11th.

Please note: Yardwaste bags filled

with grass clippings, garden waste, and brush still require that yardwaste stickers be affixed to each bag or bundle.

Free Leaf Bags for Senior Citizens

In addition to the free leaf collection for bagged leaves, the Village offers ten free yardwaste bags per Fall for our Senior Citizen Households. Each fall, our senior residents are provided ten free yardwaste bags as part of our refuse contract with NuWay Disposal. We would like to remind Village residents who are Senior Citizens (over the age of 65) to stop by Village Hall to get their packet of ten free yardwaste bags. Bags will be available from mid-September through the end of November.

VILLAGE SPONSORS 50/50 PARKWAY TREE PROGRAM

The Village of New Lenox is pleased to once again offer its popular 50/50 tree program. Under this program, Village residents pay 50% of the cost of a parkway tree, including planting and mulch. The Village pays the other half and contracts for the purchase and planting of the trees through our membership in the Suburban Tree Consortium. We have budgeted 70 trees for this Fall's tree planting program.

In an effort to reforest subdivisions that were constructed prior to the Village's parkway tree requirements, priority will be given to participants living in the following subdivisions: Aerohaven Estates (Units 1-3); Chadwick; Country Creek; Coventry Heights; Eagle Estates; Fieldstone; Meadowview; Royal Meadow (Units 1 and 2); Schoolhouse Manor; Springview; Stonebridge; Walker Country Estates (Units 1 and 2); Wellington (Single-Family); Wildwood Club Estates; Windermere East; Windermere East, 1st Addition (Units 1 and 2); Windermere West.

Village residents not living in the above subdivisions are welcome to submit an order form. Any trees not allocated to the above subdivisions will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis to residents of other subdivisions in the Village. Residents may select from the following tree species: Little

Leaf Linden, Honeylocust, Maple, Hackberry, and disease resistant Elm. The residents cost per tree is \$75.00. Prior to ordering, Village Staff will verify that the trees can be planted in accordance with our Village's spacing requirement (30 feet from any other parkway tree and 10 feet from all driveways, streetlights, fire hydrants, and other utilities located within the parkway.) The deadline for the 50/50 Parkway Tree Program is September 10, 2010

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volunteer emergency response teams from 13 communities located in northern Illinois. The day-long event tested the teams' skills through 10 different exercises in real-life settings. The challenges included size-up, search & rescue, fire suppression and hazardous materials recognition, triage, transport, treatment, evidence identification, cribbing, team building and incident command. The Prairie State Challenge offered a unique opportunity to train and compete in situations that were as close to real life as possible. Ten individuals represented New Lenox in the competition and will now teach other CERT volunteers what they learned during the event.

CERT in New Lenox is made up of approximately 115 volunteers from the community who represent many different walks of life and age groups. These are people just like you, who might naturally turn out to help if a disaster or other emergency occurred. CERT volunteers are pre-trained over a period of seven weeks in many of the areas that were tested during the Prairie State CERT Challenge. Volunteers also receive on-going monthly training to keep their skills sharp.

Additional information regarding Community Emergency Response Teams can be found at <http://www.citizencorps.gov/cert/>. If you would like to receive the free training and participate with the New Lenox CERT, contact Dan Martin at the New Lenox Police Department at (815) 462-6100 or via e-mail at dmartin@newlenox.net.

Village Tax Rebate Information

Watch for future information regarding the Village's Property Tax Rebate Program. We are in the process of developing the final guidelines necessary to ensure that the process is efficient and relatively easy to understand. Please note, the property tax rebate program is only open to owner-occupied residential property owners who have paid their entire 2010 property tax. The 40 percent rebate is only on the Village's portion of the property tax bill. Once the final details are completed, the Village will announce what each qualified homeowner will need to do to receive their rebate. This information will not be available until later this fall when the final details are completed.

Cops Care Coat Drive



2009 Cops Care - Officer Mike Jurka, Officer Aurena Davis, and Community Service Officer Carl Teska display some of the coats collected.

The Police Department is pleased to announce the upcoming dates for the second annual New Lenox Police Department coat drive. In conjunction with the New Lenox School District #122, the department will lead an effort to aid those less fortunate in staying warm this winter, while teaching the students the valuable lesson of service to the community. Residents wishing to donate new or gently-used coats are asked to drop off their donations at the New Lenox Police Department, New Lenox Fire Station 1, New Lenox Chamber of Commerce or any District 122 Grade School, between October 4 and October 29.

Over 2,000 coats were donated to the Cops' Care Coat Drive by New Lenox residents in 2009. Morning Star Treasure Chest II, 2571 East Lincoln Hwy., New Lenox, will also participate in this event. It will have coats available for anyone in need. Morning Star Treasure Chest II will provide a coat for anyone presenting a voucher. Vouchers will be available at the New Lenox Police Department, School District 122 and at the New Lenox Township building. The Cops' Care Coat Drive, along with the Cops' Care Food Drive, conducted each spring are annual events coordinated by the police department's Community Services Division and its School Resource Officer with the cooperation of New Lenox School District 122.

EMERALD ASH BORER FOUND IN NEW LENOX



As reported at the July 12th Village Board Meeting, Emerald Ash Borers have been discovered in the Village of New Lenox. A tree located on private property on Gum Street was discovered with the Emerald Ash Borer. The tree has been removed. The Village

Board has agreed with the Illinois Department of Agriculture to report any infested trees and to follow the requirements for removal of the wood.

The Emerald Ash Borer was first discovered in Michigan in 2002, and in 2006 was discovered in Kane County Illinois. According to the Department of Agriculture, the Emerald Ash Borer natural spread is moderate, but its artificial spread can be rapid by people unwittingly transporting the Ash Borer through firewood and landscape waste. Unfortunately, with the movement of landscape waste and fire wood, the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer has worsened.

The Emerald Ash Borer is a small metallic green beetle, 1/2" to 3/8" long. It is smaller than a penny. This invasive pest lays eggs on the trunks of ash trees in the summer months. The life cycle of the Emerald Ash Borer is as follows: The adult borer emerges in May - July, and the female lays numerous eggs in bark crevices and between layers of bark. The eggs hatch in 7 to 10 days into larvae which then bore into the tree. The larvae chew the inner bark and phloem creating winding tunnels as they feed. This cuts off the flow of water and nutrients in the tree, thus causing the die back and death of the tree.

Signs and symptoms of infected ash trees include crown die back. Branches at the top of the tree will die with more branches dying in each subsequent year. As the top branches die, new branches will sprout from the base of the tree. The bark may also split vertically. Adult Emerald Ash Borers emerging from an ash tree will leave a unique "D" shaped exit hole. The exit hole is 1/8" in diameter and may appear anywhere on the trunk of the tree or on the upper branches. Unfortunately the Emerald Ash Borer is difficult to detect when it first arrives on a tree. An ash tree can host Emerald Ash Borers for three to five years before symptoms become noticeable.

We would like to remind our residents that Northeastern Illinois is under quarantine which prohibits both the interstate and intrastate movement of potentially contaminated wood products, including ash trees, limbs and branches, and all types of firewood regardless of their point of origin. Residents who suspect that they may have an infested tree are asked to contact the Will County Extension office at 815 727-9296 or the Village Public Works Department at 815 462-6480.

Commons Has Another Eventful Summer

As the summer winds down, the Village is taking this opportunity to thank the many sponsors that have made the concerts and movies a smashing success. The following companies have generously helped underwrite the costs of the Village's Triple Play Concert Series, Heat the Hoops Basketball Tournament, Kids Fest, 4th of July and Movie Nights: Christopher B Burke Engineering, Silver Cross Hospital, STAR 96.7, RXQ 100.7, Kurtz Memorial Chapel, Mesirow Financial, Harris Bank, Suburban Bank and Trust, Old Plank Trail Bank, The Creamery, Espresso Express, Charleston's Bar and Grill, Pizza Mia, Lazy Dog Restaurant, EmbroidMe, and Burns Photography.

Our Triple Play Concert Series featured the national recording acts Soul Asylum, Smitherreens, Fastball, Survivor, Blue Oyster Cult and Kansas.



Kathy Miller · Kevin Molloy



Lazy Dog



MAYOR BALDERMANN'S THIRD ANNUAL HEAT THE HOOPS COMPETITION



Mayor Baldermann's Third Annual Heat the Hoops Competition took place this year on Wednesday, August 4, 2010. Once again this was an opportunity for New Lenox youth to display their athletic skills in a 3 on 3 basketball tournament. Joining Mayor Baldermann this year were NBA superstars, Dwyane Wade and Quentin Richardson. Winners in each of the divisions are as follows:

Division 1 – Ages 11-12 Girls: Splash: Nicole McCabe, Valerie, Connolly, and Bailey Kramer

Division 1 – Ages 11-12 Girls: Lady Knights: Courtney O'Donnell, Brittany Schultz, Yasmine Chavez, Ally Dalstrom, and Teagan Lyke

Division 1 – Ages 11-12 Boys: Brand X: Marco Pettinato, Kevin Quinlan, Brandon Hurt, Devon Dotson, and Bobby Hawkinson

Division 1 – Ages 11-12 Boys: Diket: Isaac Panfil, Cameron Gavin, Keaton McCahill, and David Eggert

Division 2 – Ages 13-14 Boys: The Takeover: Dalen Dotson, Jeremy Jordon, Tyler Jackson, Kijanna Crawford, and Dillon Harris

Division 2 – Ages 13-14 Boys: Dream Team: Franco Pettinato, J.T. Limon, Hayden Witt, and Julian Hylton

Division 2 – Ages 13-14 Girls: Wolverines: Kara Krolicki, Emma Cornfield, Haley McCabe, and Nicole Perozzi

Division 2 – Ages 13-14 Girls: Fab 5: Mariel Leibovitz, Morgan Thomalla, Deja Dickens, Danielle King, and Katherine Strong

Division 3 – Ages 15-16 Boys: K B Select: Kevin Ward, Luck Horvath, Grant Bartell, and A. J. Carlstrom

Division 4 – Ages 17-18 Boys: Thundercats: Brad Foster, Dan Brice, Alex Severson, and Mike Moratta

Team chosen to compete against Mayor Baldermann, Dwyane Wade and Quentin Richardson was: J-Town Thunder comprised of: Matthew Kinsella, Cade Earl, Brian Ward, Andriana Acosta, and Jake Kinsella