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What's Here to Shop Local?

If residents want an easy place to find a list of local businesses, stop your search engines. Go to the "Shop New Lenox" icon on the home page at www.newlenox.net. You can click on groups of local businesses or search by name. Did you know that the shopping directory has . . .

- 64 medical, dental and health services businesses?
- 40 restaurants?
- 35 automotive-related businesses?
- 29 salons for hair, nails and spas?
- 10 pet grooming, veterinary or food stores?
- 7 home improvement or hardware stores?

If a business isn't claimed, don't worry. When the business has time to put in more information, it will. Only businesses in the Village's corporate limits are in the directory if their business is registered.

New Lenox Residents Can "Keep It Local" By Visiting The Following Businesses:

- Jacob's Automotive, 1078 Star Lane (off Illinois Highway and east of South Cedar Rd.): General auto repair. Open NOW.
- Lisa Eckenstein, DDS, MS. LTD., P.C. (Orthodontist), 1425 E. Lincoln Hwy. (in plaza with Coldwell Banker on Route 30). Open NOW.
- Pico de Gallo, 1938 E. Lincoln Hwy. (east side of Atrium Point on Schoolhouse Rd. and Route 30). Fast carryout Mexican restaurant with some seating. Open NOW.
- Starbuck's in each of the New Lenox Jewel Food Stores on Laraway and Nelson Roads. Open NOW.
- Southwest Gastroenterology, 678 Cedar Crossings Drive (east of Silver Cross Hospital on Route 6) opened a new office building.



Look Forward To These Establishments:

- Volver Mexican Cantina, 701 E. Lincoln Highway (next to Papa John's east of Walmart). Authentic Mexican restaurant with bar. Tentative opening date: April 17, 2017
- Tara Bella Salon, 336 W. Maple (on west end of the strip center at the southeast corner of Vine and Route 30). Tentative opening date: May 1, 2017
- Dunkin' Donuts, 273 Haven St. (across the street from Mattina's Café on Route 30). Tentative opening date: To be determined.
- New Lenox Horizon Senior Living Community, a 53-unit age and income restricted senior housing development, northwest corner of South Cedar Road and Otto Drive. Tentative opening date is to be determined however a waiting list is being maintained. Please contact Jeanne Baker at 630-499-9718. Informational packets are to be mailed in fall 2017 to those on the waiting list.

Buy Local, Be Local with Bring on Spring!

If special offers encourage residents to shop local, we've got them for you. The Village of New Lenox and the New Lenox Chamber of Commerce are launching "Bring on Spring in New Lenox!" this month. Look forward to window signs, brochures, and media ads which tout the local businesses who are participating with special offers. The promotional offers are effective during any date(s) beginning April 15th through April 30th, 2017 and a complete list of participants is scheduled to be published in the April 14th edition of The New Lenox Patriot.



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April 2017

Village Officials

- Timothy Baldermann *Mayor*
 Laura Ruhl *Village Clerk*
 Annette Bowden *Trustee*
 David Butterfield *Trustee*
 Douglas Finnegan *Trustee*
 Emily Johnson *Trustee*
 Keith Madsen *Trustee*
 David Smith *Trustee*
 Kurt T. Carroll *Village Administrator*

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Village Meeting Dates

Village Board Meetings
 second and fourth Monday of each month at 7pm

Council of the Whole Meetings
 third Monday of each month at 7pm

Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals
 first and third Tuesday of each month at 7pm

All meetings are held in the Village Council Chambers at the Village Hall

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.

New Lenox Village Hall
 1 Veterans Parkway
 New Lenox, IL 60451
 815.462.6400

Hours

Mon. thru Fri. 8:30am-5:00pm

www.newlenox.net

Spring 2017 Leaf Collection Program

The Leaf Collection Program for residents will begin **Monday April 3rd, 2017**. The Village will send out leaf collection equipment and vacuum your leaves from your parkway. Residents must place the leaves in the parkway and not on the street. Please see below for the correct and incorrect ways to place the leaves.



Crews will start at the beginning of the week on the north side of town and work their way south. The goal is to collect the leaves at least once a week.

Please follow these helpful guidelines to ensure that this service will operate quickly, safely and efficiently:

- Place leaves on the parkway parallel to the street and immediately behind the curb or the edge of pavement. Leaves **must not** be placed in the street or in the curb/gutter. If the leaves are placed in the street or gutter, they have a greater chance of blowing and will obstruct the flow of storm water and cause street flooding during rain events.
- **Do not** include any debris such as garden materials, brush, cans, paper, bottles, etc. These foreign materials can cause damage to leaf collection personnel and equipment.
- **Do not** place leaves behind obstacles such as: parked vehicles, trees, mailboxes, fire hydrants, streetlights, etc.

The Village's free leaf collection program ends Thursday, **April 13th, 2017**.

Alternative Options are also encouraged. In some neighborhoods where trees are not mature, utilizing a mulching lawn mower adds the leaves back into the lawn - providing nutrients to the soil. **Nu-Way will also pick-up leaves placed in the Kraft-type paper bags free of charge for 2-weeks**. This service will be performed on April 6th, 7th, 13th, and 14th, whichever dates fall on your regularly scheduled garbage pick-up day.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions please call the Public Works Department at (815) 215-4800.

Severe Weather Watches and Warnings

Although everyone is happy to see the snow gone and flowers starting to bloom, Spring is also time for severe weather. Sometimes it gets a bit confusing with all the watches and warnings so here's a quick synopsis of what they mean:



Severe Thunder Storm Watch—National Weather Service (NWS) meteorologists have determined that severe thunderstorms are likely to occur in your area. Watch the sky and stay tuned for NWS warnings.

Severe Thunder Storm Warning—NWS meteorologists have determined that a severe thunderstorm is occurring or likely to occur. Warnings indicate imminent danger to life and property.

Tornado Watch—NWS meteorologists have determined that tornadoes are possible in your area. Remain alert for approaching storms. Know if your location is in the watch area by listening to NOAA Weather Radio, visiting www.weather.gov or by tuning into your favorite radio or television weather information broadcast stations.

Tornado Warning—NWS meteorologists have determined that a tornado is occurring, or likely to occur within minutes, in the specified area. Warnings indicate imminent danger to life and property.



Outdoor Warning Sirens

Outdoor Warning Sirens are in place at strategic locations throughout New Lenox Township. As the name suggests, the Outdoor Warning Sirens are designed to alert people outdoors to take shelter. There should be no expectation of hearing the sirens indoors, especially with doors and windows shut. While indoors please stay tuned to your NOAA Weather Radio, news radio or television broadcasts for additional information, including alerts via the Emergency Broadcast System.

Pursuant to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, the testing of the Outdoor Warning Sirens occurs on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00am. The sirens are typically tested for approximately one minute. During an actual event, the siren will sound for approximately three minutes. It should be noted that the warning siren is continuous with no interruptions and there is no audible alert for "all clear." Any questions during business hours may be directed to the New Lenox Police Department by calling 815-462-6100. After hours inquiries should be made to the Lincoln-Way Public Safety Communications Center by calling 815-485-2500.

New Lenox Police Department Adopts “Second Chance Program”

Unintentional heroin overdose is the leading cause of injury-related death in the United States for people between the ages of 35-54 and the second leading cause of injury-related death for young people. Drug overdose deaths now exceed those attributed to firearms, homicides or HIV/AIDS. New Lenox is not immune from this national statistic and has incurred numerous overdoses and overdose deaths over the past several years. Most of these deaths are preventable, but the “tough on crime” rhetoric of the drug war and the stigma associated with drug use have blocked the widespread adoption of life-saving overdose prevention policies. Incarcerating heroin addicts can be counterproductive and an inefficient allocation of criminal justice resources.



To help reduce the number of fatal and nonfatal overdoses in New Lenox, we are changing the way we handle addicts who request help with their addiction to heroin. It is widely recognized there is a narrow window, generally 12 – 24 hours, to help a heroin addict when they have decided they want help. This program provides heroin addicts with resources for treatment. Treatment centers, counseling and support groups are the tools which can help heroin addicts get clean and stay sober for life.

There are many resources available in New Lenox to help with this disease, but too often people do not know how to access these services. The Police Department is in a unique position to offer help to those seeking it by partnering with local heroin intervention programs. The New Lenox Police Department has adopted the “Second Chance Program” to address the needs of any person who comes into the New Lenox Police Department requesting help with their addiction.

Any person who enters the police station and requests help with their addiction to heroin will immediately be screened into the “Second Chance Program.” If this person is in possession of drugs or drug paraphernalia (needles, etc.), they will not be charged or prosecuted. Any questions regarding the “Second Chance Program” may be directed to Officer Susan Sperling at (815) 462-6100.

Joliet Highway Booster Pump Installation

As many of you have seen, work continues at our Joliet Highway Pump Station. Work began in November to install booster pumps to increase pressure to the east and southeast portions of town. The project is anticipated to be complete in April. Pressures will be increased substantially for the subdivisions off of Schoolhouse and Laraway Rd. (Sky Harbor, Heather Glen). Increased pressures will also be seen just east of the tower (Windermere East 1st Addition, Schoolhouse Manor, Wellington, Eagle Estates, Crystal Springs, Bluestone Bay, Crystal Cove). All areas west of the tower should continue to see the same pressures they have in the past. If there are any questions regarding this project, please call Public Works at (815) 215-4800.



Summer Movie Nights

Beginning in June, the Village Commons will again be home to Movie Nights, a family-favorite summertime tradition. Every Wednesday throughout the summer, grab your blankets and lawn chairs and join us for an evening under the stars and in front of the big screen.

This year’s lineup will feature new hits that will delight your child along with some classic favorites. Movies begin on Wednesdays at dusk starting June 7th. Stay tuned to the Village website and Facebook page for the release of the full Movie Night schedule.



FREE Question, Persuade, and Refer (QPR) Class Offered

The New Lenox Safe Communities America Coalition, in partnership with Sertoma Centre, Inc., is offering a QPR (Question, Persuade, and Refer) class on Wednesday April 19, 2017 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Community Room at the New Lenox Village Hall. The class is FREE and is recommended for anyone high school age or above.



QPR stands for Question, Persuade, Refer and is the CPR of mental health. This 1 ½ hour class increases public awareness of suicide and improves one's ability to identify and refer those at risk for suicide. Participants learn about the impact of suicide in America, common myths and facts surrounding suicide, warning signs, risk factors and protective factors. Participants are equipped to intervene early by learning how to question, persuade and refer persons who are at risk for suicide. Participants are identified as Gate Keepers at the completion of the training.

To register, please contact Daniel Martin, Safe Community Coordinator, at the Village of New Lenox, (815) 462-6493 or via email at dmartin@newlenox.net.

FREE - Severe Weather Spotter Training & Health and Safety Expo

The Village of New Lenox, in partnership with the New Lenox Safe Communities America Coalition and Citizen Corps Council, with the assistance of the National Weather Service, Will County Emergency Management Agency and Lincoln-Way West High School, is proud to announce the 2017 New Lenox Severe Weather Spotter Training / Health and Safety Expo. The event will be held on Wednesday April 26, 2017 at Lincoln-Way West High School, 21701 Gougar Road New Lenox, IL 60451 in the Performing Arts Center.



The FREE Health and Safety Expo will be held from 5:00pm to 7:00pm just outside the Performing Arts Center. Visit approximately 50 organizations from the health, safety, fitness, preparedness and emergency response industries. Attendees will have the opportunity to receive free literature, giveaways, and health screenings while visiting the tables.

The FREE Severe Weather Spotter Training will be presented by the National Weather Service and will take place in the Performing Arts Center at 7:00pm. The training will last approximately 1 ½ hours. Those in attendance will also receive a chance to win some great preparedness-related prizes as well!

Thunderstorms pose a number of life-threatening hazards, including lightning, hail, damaging winds, flash flooding, and tornadoes. Preparedness is the key to surviving a weather disaster. Learn the facts and myths about the severe weather hazards that impact our area. Learn how to monitor the weather, how to receive and understand watches and warnings, and how to PREPARE yourself, your family and co-workers for severe weather. This program is perfect for students (middle school and up), parents, scouting groups, amateur radio operators, emergency services, public works, police, fire, schools and anyone else wishing to learn about severe weather.

Crime Tip Hotline

The New Lenox Police Department maintains a Crime Tip Hotline for the reporting of information regarding actual or suspected criminal activity. The Crime Tip Hotline allows callers, wishing to remain anonymous, to leave information as to suspected drug or criminal activity. Persons wishing to report such activity are encouraged to call the Crime Tip Hotline at 815-462-6111.



The Crime Tip Hotline rings directly into a voice mailbox. Callers will be asked to leave a message that provides as much of the information listed below as possible:

- Type of suspected criminal activity or information
- Date and Time that crime occurred
- Location of crime
- Suspect(s) name
- Suspect(s) age or date of birth
- Suspect(s) physical description (sex, race, height, hair & eye color, etc.)
- Suspect(s) clothing description
- Suspect(s) places of frequency (work, school, bars, etc.)
- Suspect(s) methods of transportation (car, bus, bicycle, etc.)
- Suspect(s) vehicle description (color, make, model, year, etc.)
- Any pertinent information regarding the crime

Through the Crime Tip Hotline, we encourage members of the community to assist the New Lenox Police in our fight against crime so that we may enjoy a safer community. Remember, all calls, anonymous or otherwise, will remain confidential.