



Village Begins Update to Comprehensive Plan

A comprehensive plan sets forth the community's vision for its future. The New Lenox Comprehensive Plan was last updated in 2009, and there have been many changes in the housing, retail, office and industrial markets since then. There have also been changes in where and how people want to live, work, and play. All of these factors will be considered through the process of updating the comprehensive plan. The Village has hired a team of consultants led by Ginkgo Planning and Design to guide the community through the process, which is expected to occur over the next year.

The comprehensive plan will include a demographic and market assessment to ensure the recommendations are realistic and achievable. The plan will also include a more in-depth analysis of three key sub-areas: the “downtown” area near Route 30 and Cedar Road, the land near the intersection of Laraway and Cedar Roads, and the property surrounding the I-355 and Route 6 interchange.

There will be several opportunities for residents and business owners to be involved throughout the update, including surveys, public open houses, and public hearings, so look for further information on how you can be involved!



Independence Day Celebration

Celebrate the Fourth of July with festivities in the Village Commons on Tuesday, July 4th. The party starts at 7:00pm with live music from the Performing Arts Pavilion, followed by a patriotic performance by the Joliet American Legion Band. Sunset in New Lenox will bring a fireworks display to honor our nation's independence as we celebrate together as a community.



Specials for Eating Out

Do you like to eat out locally and haven't tried some of New Lenox's restaurants? The Village of New Lenox and the New Lenox Chamber of Commerce are launching the first ever "New Lenox Restaurant Week". Beginning Tuesday, September 5th through Sunday, September 17th, local restaurants will be touted with their special discounts and events during this time period.



Local sit-down and carryout restaurants will be contacted in late July to be included in the September promotion. Restaurant Week will be promoted through local media, social media, and Village and Chamber websites. Each participating restaurant will receive copies of brochures to share with customers and a printed window sign. If you have a favorite restaurant, ask them to participate!

The Chamber and Village are expanding the number of opportunities available to promote local businesses. In addition to co-hosting Restaurant Week, residents can look forward to special events and discounts offered during "Celebrate & Shop New Lenox" the week after Thanksgiving, and "Bring on Spring" in April, 2018.

Live on the Lawn

With two remaining occurrences throughout the summer, Live on the Lawn will feature live music and a variety of wine and food available for sale in a picnic-friendly setting. Grab your favorite blanket and bottle and come enjoy the sounds of the New Lenox Community Band on July 9th and August 27th.



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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
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Hours

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

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Mosquito Abatement

Mosquitos are an all too familiar nuisance. They can transmit several illnesses such as St. Louis encephalitis, malaria, yellow fever and West Nile Virus. West Nile Virus is of particular significance as it is more prominent to our area.



The Village of New Lenox Public Works Department is working to reduce area mosquito populations and nuisance health hazards associated with mosquitoes. Crews from the Village apply larvicide to storm sewer catch basins and spray in an attempt to reduce the adult mosquito level. Operators and applicators employed by the Village are certified by the State of Illinois Department of Agriculture for mosquito abatement. Residents of the community who desire to be notified prior to spraying because they suffer from allergies, respiratory problems, or have other concerns are encouraged to call 815-215-4800 weekdays between 7:00am and 3:30pm.

West Nile Virus and Zika Virus

West Nile virus (WNV) and Zika Virus are mosquito-borne viruses that can result in illness, cause birth defects and sometimes death. The virus can infect humans, birds and other mammals. WNV and Zika are transmitted through a mosquito's bite. Individuals over the age of 50 have an elevated risk of contracting the WNV, however, anyone living in an area where the virus has been detected is at risk. Your best bet for preventing West Nile virus and other mosquito-borne illnesses is to avoid exposure to mosquitoes and eliminate mosquito-breeding sites.

To reduce your own exposure to mosquitos, here is a helpful checklist:

- Eliminate standing water in your yard. Mosquitos breed in pools of standing water.
- Unclog roof gutters.
- Empty unused swimming pools.
- Change water in birdbaths and plant pot drop trays at least weekly.
- Remove old tires or any unused containers that might hold water and serve as a breeding place for mosquitoes.
- Make sure your backyard pool is properly cared for while you're on vacation.
- Keep grass cut short and shrubbery well-trimmed around your house. This eliminates hiding places for adult mosquitos.
- Watch for sick or dying birds and report them to the Will County Health Department 815-727-8480.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants when you go into mosquito-infested areas.



For more information on these and other mosquito-borne illnesses please go to the following websites:

- <http://www.willcountyhealth.org/Public-Health-and-Safety/Environmental-Health/EHD/category/108/West-Nile-Virus>
- <http://www.willcountyhealth.org/Home/Zika>
- <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/>

Sprinkling Information

Between **May 15th and September 15th** of each year, sprinkling and watering of lawns shall be permitted for properties with **ODD** number postal addresses on **ODD** numbered calendar days, and at properties with **EVEN** numbered postal addresses on **EVEN** numbered calendar days. Lawn watering and sprinkling with water supplied by the Village water system is permitted only between the hours of **7:00am and 11:00am** and **7:00pm and 11:00pm**, irrespective of the time of the year. This is an Illinois Department of Natural Resources regulation adopted by the Village for communities that receive their water supply from Lake Michigan. Residents who fail to follow these guidelines may be subject to fines.



Emergency Restrictions

The Village of New Lenox purchases Lake Michigan Water from the Village of Oak Lawn. Should drought conditions or other water supply emergencies occur, the Village of Oak Lawn may notify the Village of New Lenox to impose emergency restrictions. Should this be necessary, we ask that residents cooperate in seeing that we have enough water for fire protection, domestic, and other necessary uses. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Public Works Department at (815) 215-4800.

Under emergency circumstances or extended drought conditions, water usage may be restricted as defined below:

Tier 1 (Conservation Emergency):

Sprinkling or irrigation of lawns or gardens shall be permitted only on an odd/ even basis between the hours of 7:00 am and 11:00 am (evening watering is not allowed under this restriction).

Tier II (Total Ban):

Sprinkling or irrigation of lawns or gardens (manually or by an automatic lawn sprinkler or irrigation system) is prohibited.

Parkway Trees

Did you know The Village removed over 1,200 Dead Parkway Trees due to the Emerald Ash Bore disease last summer? In addition, every resident who turned in an application for the 50/50 Replacement Program were provided trees.



If you have a dead parkway tree please call the Public Works Department (815) 215-4800 and they will assist in documenting your address, scheduling removal, and providing you with details for the 50/50 program.

Bands & Brews Returns

Bands & Brews will be back in the Village Commons this summer on Saturday, August 19th. This afternoon will feature a variety of craft beers for guests to enjoy along with live music from three local bands. This event does not require a ticket to enter. No coolers or outside food and beverages will be permitted. Guests



of all ages are permitted to attend, but guests must be at least 21 years of age to purchase alcohol.

New Businesses to Try

- **Direct Family Med**, 210 West Maple Street, Suite B (south of BMO Harris Bank, N.A. Route 30 and Cedar Road). Family medicine doctor who runs a clinic to provide acute and chronic care for medical problems. Visit their website at www.directfamilymed.com. Open NOW.
- **Irish Spring, Inc.**, home-based business. Mobile power washing company that washes trucks, and trailers at customers' sites. Also washes residential homes and concrete surfaces. Visit www.irishspringinc.com for more information. Open NOW.
- **Law Office of Theresa A. Berkey**, 1938 East Lincoln Highway (Atrium Point on Schoolhouse Road and Route 30). Real Estate and estate planning law firm. Visit www.BerkeyLaw.com. Open NOW.
- **Top Driver**, 1800 East Lincoln Highway (Hickory Creek Plaza across from Lincoln-Way Central High School). Formerly A-Orland Driving School. Visit www.topdriver.com. Open NOW.
- **Volver Mexican Cantina**, 701 East Lincoln Highway (next to Papa John's east of Walmart). Authentic Mexican restaurant with bar. Visit www.volverbmexicangrill.com. Open NOW.
- **Yogaface & Body Spa, Inc.**, 1215 North Cedar Road, Unit 1 (north of the Fire Station 2 on Cedar Road). Facials, waxing, spray tan (skin treatment). Visit www.yogafacespa.com. Open NOW.

Look Forward to These Establishments

- **Associated Orthodontists**, 1860 East Lincoln Highway (across from Lincoln-Way Central High School). Full service orthodontic practice which offers braces and aligners to patients for other health purposes. *Tentative opening: End of July, 2017*
- **Midwest Wheelz, Inc.**, 204 North Cedar Road (south of the 7-Eleven on Route 30 and Cedar Road). Offers a full line of tires and rims for cars, trucks, and motorcycles. A line of accessories will also be available. *Tentative Opening: July 1, 2017.*

Fridays After Five

Wind down after a long week and get ready for the weekend with Fridays After Five, featuring food trucks and live music in the Village Commons. July 14th will feature food from Ofrenda and The Cookout On Wheels with live music from 95th Street Band, and August 11th will feature food from Mimi's Humble Pie and Smokin' Z BBQ with live music from Fifty-One Lincoln Band. Coolers, blankets, and lawn chairs are all welcome as you spend the evening enjoying the tastes and the tunes.



**LOOK
WHAT'S
NEW!**

RPZ Inspection

Option #1- Residents who continue to use their Lawn Sprinkling Systems for present or future use, **MUST** have the RPZ device inspected annually by a Licensed Cross-Connection Service or Plumber. Documentation of this inspection then needs to be sent to 'BSI On-Line', (the Liaison service between the Village and the EPA, usually completed by the inspector).



See *Example 1*.

Example 1

Option #2- Residents who decide to no longer use the Sprinkler System and do not want to be responsible for the Annual RPZ Inspection, have the option to 'Cut and Cap' the service line inside the home. This option then requires an appointment for the Village of New Lenox to inspect the disconnection. See *Example 2*.



Example 2

Option #3 - If the Resident would like the RPZ device removed, but still utilize their Deduct Meter, they may install a spigot to the outside service line. This will allow the deduction for outdoor water use. The spigot must be anti-siphon or have a vacuum breaker. See *Example 3*.



Example 3

Any questions on these Options, please call the Village of New Lenox Public Works Department at 815-215-4800.

Summer Movie Nights

Grab your blankets and lawn chairs and head to the Village Commons on Wednesday nights for our summer movie night series. The full schedule of movies can be viewed at www.newlenox.net/events, and you'll want to be sure you don't miss out on special movie nights that feature activities for the kids in attendance! On Wednesday, July 12th, children can enjoy giveaways and a "safari" prior to the showing of 2016's *The Jungle Book*. Wednesday, August 9th will feature a performance by the New Lenox Community Band and an instrument petting zoo prior to the showing of *Zootopia*.



Breaking Ground

The New Lenox Horizon Senior Living Community, a 53-unit affordable senior apartment facility, recently broke ground. Located at the southwest corner of South Cedar Road and Otto Drive, there is a waiting list for the facility that is tentatively scheduled to be opened in spring 2018. Senior housing is in demand in New Lenox as the Guy Sell Township Center also has a waiting list of potential residents. The Horizon facility will have full access from both Cedar Road and Otto Drive.

Another groundbreaking that the Village is working on is for the new CVS and the 8,400 square foot building on the northeast corner of Route 30 and Cedar Road. Plans for this development are going through the approval process and the Village is hoping to get movement on this parcel in the near future.



FREE Disaster Preparedness Training

The Village of New Lenox will be hosting a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) 20-Hour Basic Class starting on Wednesday September 13, 2017. The Course is **FREE** to New Lenox residents and will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the New Lenox Village Hall. The Final Exercise and Graduation will be held on Saturday October 28, 2017 from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

Those interested in registering for the class should contact Daniel Martin, Safe Community Coordinator, Village of New Lenox, (815) 462-6493 or dmartin@newlenox.net.



Ladies Night Out

Ladies Night Out will take place on Friday, August 25th. Spend some well-deserved girl time with the Village of New Lenox as we offer an afternoon and evening full of entertainment. First, shop from a variety of vendors who will be set up in the Village Commons from 4:00pm to 8:00pm, offering everything from clothing, jewelry, kitchen gadgets, home accents, and more. After shopping, stay and enjoy a movie in the park beginning at 8:00pm. Get your favorite ladies together and treat yourselves to this night out!



FREE Falls Prevention Class Offered for Older Adults - "A Matter of Balance"

A Matter of Balance is designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels among older adults. Participants learn to set realistic goals to increase activity, change their environment to reduce fall risk factors, and learn simple exercises to increase strength and balance.

Classes will be held starting September 11th (Mondays) thru October 30th, 9:30am – 11:30am at New Lenox Village Hall, 1 Veterans Parkway, New Lenox, IL 60451. For additional information or to register for the class, please contact Daniel Martin, Safe Community Coordinator, (815) 462-6493 or via email at dmartin@newlenox.net.



Severe Weather – Outdoor Warning Sirens

Outdoor warning sirens are only designed to be heard outside - they are not intended to penetrate inside residential and commercial structures. Warning sirens only have an audible footprint of one to two miles, meaning that you have to be within that distance (in any direction) of the siren in order to be able to hear it. Keeping that in mind, during the rain and hail that oftentimes accompanies many severe storms, it becomes even harder to hear a siren at a distance. Wind speed and direction also will affect that sound range.

Outdoor warning sirens exist for one purpose only – to alert people who are outdoors that something dangerous is happening, and that they should go inside. Once inside, people should use a radio or the television to get current and updated information.

Ultimately, while outdoor warning sirens can be instrumental in warning citizens who are outdoors about impending danger, residents who are already inside need to depend on other options to stay updated on impending danger.



What To Do If You Hear A Siren

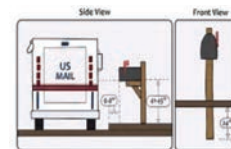
If the sirens are sounded:

1. Be alert. A tornado warning siren will consist of a 3- to 5-minute steady siren blast.
2. Seek shelter immediately.
3. Turn on your radio or television for further information.

Note: Residents should not call 9-1-1 to find out why sirens are sounding. Only dial 9-1-1 if you need to report an emergency.

Is Your Mailbox Compliant?

What does this mean? Most mailboxes are 'Compliant' however, there are many in the Village that are considered 'Non-Compliant.' The majority of Non-Compliant mailboxes are usually improperly placed in the parkway; meaning they are 'protruding too far from the curb.' The front of the box must be 6-8 inches behind the curb (not the post, but the actual box). Placing the post farther behind the curb will result in proper placement per the United States Postal Service guidelines. They also need to be 41-45 inches off the ground.



Another Non-Compliant factor is potentially dangerous supports, such as heavy metal pipe, brick or concrete posts. Posts should be constructed from a wooden "4x4" post or a two-inch diameter standard steel or aluminum pipe. If your mailbox does not meet standard conditions or needs maintenance after many years, this could also be considered Non-Compliant. Summer months are a great time to inspect your mailbox and make any necessary changes.

Triple Play +1 Concert Series

Haven't gotten your Triple Play +1 tickets yet? A limited number of tickets are still available at the Village Hall, and there are three concerts left to attend this summer!

Don't miss the chance to see world-class bands perform in your hometown, featuring BoDeans and The Smithereens on July 22, Collective Soul and Gin Blossoms on August 5, and Barenaked Ladies and Living Colour on September 2. Tickets are available at the Village Hall during regular business hours for \$75 each.

