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The Village Launches New Brand to Reflect High Quality of Life and Economic Opportunity

The people who live and work in the Village of New Lenox know that it is a great community. As the Village continues to grow and expand, the Village Board identified a need to create a brand that would make New Lenox identifiable within the community, the larger metropolitan area, and to national retailers.

The Village has launched a new brand--"Extraordinary"--that captures the high quality of life and economic opportunity in the community. The new brand identity shines a spotlight on the fast-growing community. In addition to the new brand, New Lenox has updated its web site, www.newlenox.net.

Developed by branding and digital firm a5, New Lenox aims to communicate the economic opportunities in the community and build on the community's strengths.

Located at the crossroads of Interstates 355, 55, 57 and 80 (and served by two Metra commuter rail lines), New Lenox blends village and country living with easy access to the city. The progressive Village balances a small-town feel, terrific growth opportunities and quality-of-life elements that are extraordinary:

- Highly-rated healthcare is available through Silver Cross Hospital, which opened a new campus in 2012. And in 2013, Presence Saint Joseph Medical Center completed its Healing Arts Pavilion on Route 30.
- Lincoln-Way Community School District 210 serves New Lenox. The District is routinely ranked in the top ten percent of all Illinois schools in achievement.
- Since 2010, New Lenox has been designated a "Safe Community"--the only in Illinois--by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the National Safety Council (NSC). The Safe Communities America designation is awarded to communities that demonstrate leadership in promoting safety, reducing injuries, and preparing their citizens for natural and man-made disasters.

In addition, New Lenox has been recognized as:

- One of the five Best Cities for Young Families in Illinois, according to NerdWallet.
- One of the Best Cities for Young Couples in the Chicagoland area, according to Movoto.

Known as the "Home of Proud Americans", New Lenox places a strong emphasis on family, on veterans and on opportunity. The new brand builds upon these factors to highlight how "Extraordinary" the Village is. The new brand identity will be introduced throughout the Village on banners on Route 30, Village vehicles, and printed material. The brand identity will be an important component of the Village's economic development efforts.

Rain Garden to Improve Green Infrastructure

The Village of New Lenox is excited to install a rain garden near the New Lenox Community Park District Building located near the intersection of Haven Avenue and Gear Drive. This new green infrastructure project is partially funded thru a grant from the Will County Storm Water Committee. The rain garden will be installed just west of the Park District parking lot. The goal of this new green infrastructure (rain gardens) in this area will be to manage storm water and reduce pollutant loading to the Hickory Creek Watershed and its tributaries, increase infiltration, provide aesthetically pleasing visual barriers for residences and pedestrians, and education the community on green infrastructure and native vegetation which meet NPDES MS4 permit requirements. The rain garden is adjacent to parking lot areas and/or buildings, which can contribute to pollutants such as total suspended solids and chloride.



Octoberfest

A new event is coming to the Village Commons on Saturday, October 7th! Join us from 2:00pm until 6:00 pm for Octoberfest, a celebration of all things "fall"! Food will be available from the concession stand, and beer will be served by Arrowhead Ales. Check out a variety of family-friendly activities including a petting zoo, pony rides, face painting, pumpkin decorating, and tarot card readings while Bruce Korosa & Sons and later Block 37 perform live from the Performing Arts Pavilion.



October 2017

Village Officials

Timothy Baldermann *Mayor*
 Laura Ruhl *Village Clerk*
 Annette Bowden *Trustee*
 David Butterfield *Trustee*
 Douglas Finnegan *Trustee*
 Jasen Howard *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

the Village of New Lenox
"Home of Proud Americans"

Master Sergeant Israel Del Toro Day

On Sunday September 3rd, Mayor Baldermann and the Village of New Lenox honored Master Sergeant Israel Del Toro with a parade and recognition ceremony in the Village Commons.

Master Sgt. Del Toro was seriously injured in Afghanistan when his Humvee hit a bomb in 2005. He suffered third-degree burns over 80 percent of his body and lost most of his fingers. He was given a 15 percent chance of survival, was in a coma for three months, and when he woke up, was told he might never be able to walk or breathe without a respirator again, and wouldn't be able to re-enlist.



Master Sgt. Del Toro went on to undergo more than 100 surgeries, and in 2010 became the first airman to re-enlist after becoming eligible for a medical retirement with a 100 percent disability rating. He went on to serve as Tactical Air Control Party Instructor for five years, and also became a Paralympian athlete, setting world records in shot-put, discus and javelin, and winning a gold medal at the Invictus Games. He was also the first disabled airman to be selected for the World Class Athlete Program in Colorado Springs, and participated in the 2017 Department of Defense Warrior Games which was held in Chicago this past July.

Master Sgt. Del Toro has been awarded a Purple Heart and Army Commendation Medal in recognition of his actions while serving in the US Air Force in Afghanistan. He also was recently awarded the Pat Tilman Award for Services from ESPN at the ESPY awards.

Master Sgt. Del Toro is a former resident and graduate of Providence Catholic High School in New Lenox.

A big thank you to all of the organizations who participated, Harry E. Anderson VFW Post 9545, Thomas E. Hartung American Legion Post 1977, The Military Order of the Purple Heart, Operation Welcome You Home, Lincoln-way Central AFJROTC, Lincoln-Way West AFJROTC, New Lenox Fire Protection District and the New Lenox Police Department.

A special thank you to all who came out to help honor this amazing American Hero!



Rob Ninkovich Day - Parade & Rally

On Sunday, August 13th Mayor Baldermann and the Village of New Lenox hosted a short parade and rally in the Village Commons for Lincoln-Way Central Graduate and New England Patriot's Veteran, Rob Ninkovich.



Rob Ninkovich is a role model and inspiration to all of the young athletes in our community.

A special thank you to the following groups that came out and participated: Lincoln-Way Central Marching Band Drum Line, New Lenox Mustangs Football Team and Cheerleaders, New Lenox Youth Football Association and Cheerleaders, Lincoln-Way Central and Lincoln-Way West Football Teams, New Lenox Police Department, ESDA and New Lenox Fire Protection District.

A big thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate #50's phenomenal career and retirement.

Fall 2017 Leaf Collection Program

The Leaf Collection Program for residents will begin Monday October 2, 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.



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, the curb/gutter, or on the sidewalk. 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 Friday December 1, 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 6-weeks on your regularly scheduled garbage day. This service begins the week of October 26th and ends December 1st. In addition to the free leaf collection for bagged leaves, the Village offers ten free yard-waste bags per fall for our senior citizen households which may be picked up at the Village Hall.

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

How was New Lenox Restaurant Week?

The Village and Chamber of Commerce are so pleased that 22 local restaurants offered specials and discounts during Restaurant Week in September. Here is some feedback from local restaurant owners (permission to quote them was received):

- Arrowhead Ales Brewing Company offered a 20% discount excluding alcohol, tip and taxes: Mike Bacon, the Owner/Brewer said “The people coming in during Restaurant Week were using the discount and we saw new customers. Overall, it was totally worth participating.”
- Gatto’s Restaurant and Bar offered a buy one full-priced adult entrée/get two kids’ meals free between Monday and Thursday. Frank Gatto, said “We’ve seen new customers and new families come into the restaurant which was great. I appreciate the support of local businesses.”
- Tear Drop Café offered \$1 off Red Velvet French Toast and \$1 off Chicken Parmesan Panini. There was also a contest to win a \$25 Tear Drop Gift Certificate by guessing the number of coffee beans in a jar. Gina Buck, Tear Drop’s Owner said “We’ve had a pretty decent week and more customers than usual. When numerous customers wanted to guess the number of coffee beans, we knew they came in because of Restaurant Week.”

Please stay tuned for the next program supporting local businesses which offers discounts and specials during the year-end holiday season. The program will start on Small Business Saturday following (Black) Friday, November 24, 2017.



New Businesses to Try:

- Honey & Lace with Natalie, a home-based business. Honey & Lace offers clothing and jewelry. Natalie is an independent consultant with business primarily online. Visit www.facebook.com/HLwithNatalie/. Open NOW.
- Midwest Wheelz, Inc., 204 N. Cedar Road (south of the 7-Eleven on Route 30 & Cedar Road) Offers a full line of tires and rims for cars, trucks, and motorcycles. A line of accessories will also be available. Visit <http://midwest-wheelz.business.site/>. Open NOW.
- R & R Orthodontics, 1938 E. Lincoln Hwy., Suite 121 (Atrium Point) – Orthodontics’ office for adults and children. Visit <http://www.redandritcheyortho.com/index.html/>. Open NOW.
- Zen Wellness Spa, 330 W. Maple Street (in the plaza with Subway on Route 30). Oriental therapy treatments are utilized for neck, back, leg, and foot circulation therapy. Open NOW.



Look Forward to These Establishments:

- Genesis VR, LLC, 416 Nelson Road (next to Buffalo Wild Wings Restaurant on Route 30 and Nelson). The business is a virtual reality arcade (<https://www.facebook.com/genesisvirtualreality>). Tentative Opening is mid-October.
- Hickory Creek Brewing Company, LLC, 1005 W. Laraway Rd., Unit 260 (in the plaza on the northwest corner of Laraway and Nelson Roads). A brewery and tap room that will brew and serve beer and mead (honey wine) on premises (www.hickorycreekbrewingil.com).

Tentative Opening is year-end 2017.

Wastewater Treatment Past, Present and Future

The Village of New Lenox began treating wastewater in 1960 for its 1,750 residents at what is now known as Wastewater Treatment Plant #1 located at Cedar Road & Route 30. Since that time our community has grown to 26,217 and includes 3 wastewater plants, 700,000 feet of sewer and 11 full-time employees to oversee the operation and maintenance of the plants and collection system.

In 1960 Wastewater Treatment Plant #1 was essentially put in the center of town because of convenience. The plant was next to Hickory Creek at one of the lowest elevations in town and these factors made the location ideal at the time. Since 1960 the plant has seen many revisions and expansions to keep up with residential and business growth and new environmental regulations, all the while remaining in the center of town and now landlocked for further improvements.

Due to the distance from WWTP #1, Wastewater Treatment Plant #2 was constructed in 1973 to service the homes being built on the south side of the Village. Originally built for Jackson Heights and Stonebridge (Country Creek) subdivisions, the plant was expanded in 1996 to handle growth to the east down Laraway Road as this was the most cost effective solution.

With major investments needed at an aging WWTP #1, along with capacity and IEPA regulatory needs at WWTP #2, it was time to look at our options for improving the Village’s wastewater treatment needs. The Village hired Strand engineering to look at our current systems and determine what our future costs will look like over the next 20 years. We also had them determine costs if we combined treatment plants to one central location. The Village is proactively taking steps to fully explore this option.

Currently there are flow meters placed into sewer mains throughout town. These flow meters will collect flow data so a flow model can be built. The flow model will help us determine the most efficient route for sewage for the system. This work will also help us implement a major wastewater infrastructure plan for our community and to build a better future for our community.



New Lenox Police Department Crime Tip Hotline / 815-462-6111

Over the past several years, the New Lenox Police Department has developed a Crime Tip Hotline which affords citizens the opportunity to provide intelligence to the police department. The information could be used during an investigation and ultimately aide in putting a stop to criminal activity. All crime tips are reviewed and followed up. Crime Tip Hotlines are inherently tied to anonymity; however, you can leave you information for future contact with the New Lenox Police Department. Information such as the type of crime, date and time it occurs or occurred, suspect(s) committing the crime and identifying information of the suspect(s). Information about the suspect could include: physical description (sex, race, height, hair and eye color, age), places of work or places they frequent, and method of transportation. Please assist the New Lenox Police Department by calling the Crime Tip Hotline at 815-462-6111.

Winter Snow Removal & Parking Regulations

The winter season brings inclement weather conditions making travel difficult. One of the Village's primary objectives during the season is to keep roads and highways free from snow and ice through plowing and salting operations. As residents, you can help us keep our streets and roads safer by keeping vehicles off public streets and roads during a snow storm and by depositing snow from private drives and walkways on your own property and not on Village streets.



On Street Parking Prohibition - Snow Tow

In order to effectively clear all streets from curb to curb, any vehicle parked on the roadway must be removed. Failure to clear the entire road surface hinders further removal of snow and presents a hazard when the remaining snow on the roadway freezes. As soon as the snow depth reaches 2" or greater, ALL vehicles must be removed from the street. It is advisable, however, to remove your vehicle as soon as it begins to snow. When parking overnight, keep in mind it may snow while you are sleeping, creating a problem early in the morning. Village code provides for ticketing or towing of vehicles in violation of this ordinance.

Depositing Snow in the Roadway

The practice of pushing or blowing snow from private driveways into the public roadways is prohibited. Frozen snow piles from private snow removal operations create a hazard to vehicular traffic and make subsequent snow removal efforts difficult. Village code provides for ticketing violators of this ordinance.

We ask that when clearing your driveway and walkways, snow is placed in your yard or in the parkway, not the street. Our snow plow drivers try to minimize any excess snow plow windrowing into cleared drives, however, the plowing process regrettably pushes some snow back into the cleared drives. Depositing snow on the street simply adds more to your drive after the next plowing cycle. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding by keeping private drive snow removal off public streets.

Mailboxes & Reporting Damage

An area of concern for homeowners and the Village is the damaging of mailboxes present in the parkway during snow removal operations. This can be very frustrating for both parties, as residents expect to be able to receive mail daily and snowplow drivers often cannot avoid damaging mailboxes because they are improperly placed or are already in poor condition.

Mailboxes are private property and they must meet very specific guidelines when installed¹. According to United States Postal Service:

- The mailbox is required to be 6-8 inches behind curb and 41-45 inches off the ground;
- The post should be constructed from a wooden "4x4" post or a two-inch diameter standard steel or aluminum pipe; and
- Mailbox-posts cannot be constructed of potentially dangerous supports, such as heavy metal pipe or concrete posts. Guidelines and graphic found on USPS Website - <https://www.usps.com/manage/mailboxes.htm>

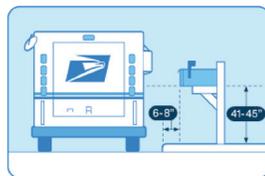


Figure 1: Proper Mailbox Placement

Questions & Reporting Damage Should you have any questions about "Snow Tow", discharging snow into the roadways or plow damage please feel free to contact the Village offices at 815-462-6400 or Public Works at 815-215-4800. **Please do not address questions or concerns with the plow drivers directly. Approaching the trucks or climbing on the trucks is unsafe especially in the slippery winter conditions.** Thank you in advance for your assistance and cooperation in keeping New Lenox streets and roads safe.

Christmas in the Commons

The Village Commons will again turn into a winter wonderland as a stunning display of lights and sculptures returns to light the Commons throughout the holiday season. The Village of New Lenox is excited to welcome back the highlight of the display, the largest illuminated Santa Claus in the United States. Also returning in December is the synthetic ice skating rink, presented by the New Lenox Community Park District.



A new addition to the Christmas in the Commons festivities will be a holiday market, taking place every weekend in December through Christmas. A variety of vendors will be featured, and the full schedule of vendors, once confirmed, will be posted at www.newlenox.net/events.

The Christmas in the Commons Kick-Off Celebration will take place Sunday, December 3rd and will bring your favorite holiday traditions back to New Lenox. Santa, Mrs. Claus, and



Santa's reindeer are sure to make an appearance as we wait until dusk for the official throwing of the switch to light up the Commons. Please save the date and stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks.

Triple Play +1 Concert Series

The ninth annual Triple Play Concert Series again brought world-class artists to New Lenox this summer with a bonus fourth concert added to the line-up. This year's ticket featured Richard Marx with special guests The Tubes, BoDeans with special guests The Smithereens, Collective Soul with special guests Gin Blossoms, and Barenaked Ladies with special guests Living Colour.

Our sincere thanks go to the sponsors, local food vendors, ESDA, CERT, New Lenox Fire Protection District, New Lenox Police Department, and the Village employees who gave their time and their support. And finally, thank you to all the residents who came out to support the concerts and enjoy some great nights of music. We look forward to seeing you again in 2018!

