



NEW LENOX

VILLAGER

The Village Approves Agreements With Pete's Fresh Market and Cooper's Hawk Winery and Restaurants

At the November 27, 2017 meeting, the New Lenox Village Board of Trustees approved two agreements that would allow Pete's Fresh Market and Cooper's Hawk Winery and Restaurants to construct on a 9.5-acre parcel of land at the northwest corner of U.S. Route 30 and Vancina Lane. The two agreements are just the first steps of many that must be taken before the project can move forward.

The Village and representatives of the two businesses are currently working together on a survey of the property, site analysis, soil testing, and development of a site plan that would accommodate Pete's 65,000-square foot grocery store, Cooper's Hawk's 12,000-square foot restaurant and winery, and approximately 400 parking spaces. As set forth in the agreements, the Village will share in the cost of the site improvements



necessary to bring these highly sought after businesses to New Lenox.

The Village anticipates Cooper's Hawk to open by mid-November of 2018, with Pete's Fresh Market beginning construction in 2019 and opening in 2020.

Winter Snow Season 2018

Winter is upon us, and that means snow and ice; which brings out our snow plow crews. The Village's primary objective is keeping roads and highways free from snow and ice through our plowing and salting operations. You can help by keeping vehicles off the 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.

Depositing Snow in the Roadway

Please be advised, the practice of shoveling or blowing snow from private driveways into the public roadways is prohibited. These frozen snow piles create a hazard to 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, place the snow in your yard or in the parkway.

Our snow plow drivers try to minimize any excess snow plow windrowing into cleared driveways, however, the plowing process regrettably pushes some snow back into cleared drives. Depositing snow back to the streets simply adds more to your drive after the next plowing cycle. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding by keeping private drive snow off public streets.

Street Parking

In order to effectively clear all streets, vehicles parked on the roadways must be removed. Failure to clear the entire road hinders further removal of snow and presents a hazard with the remaining snow once it freezes. With a forecast of 2" or more, ALL vehicles must be removed from the street. It's advisable to remove your vehicle as soon as it begins to snow for any winter storm and keep in mind with overnight parking, it may snow while you are sleeping and the snow plows are already out. Village code provides for ticketing or towing of vehicles in violation of this ordinance.

Reporting Damage

While Village crews do their best to avoid hitting mailboxes, sometimes Village plows damage a mailbox while clearing the streets of snow and ice. Any mailbox that is damaged by the Village during snow removal operations will be repaired or replaced with a temporary mailbox as soon as possible following the storm. If you incur damage from a plow please contact the Villages offices at (815) 462-6400 or Public Works at (815) 215-4800. Please do not address questions, concerns or damage to the plow truck drivers directly. Approaching the trucks or climbing on the trucks is unsafe especially in the slippery winter conditions.

Snow Removal Priority

- Priority 1:** Main thoroughfares, high volume areas and potentially dangerous areas such as railroad crossings, school zones, curves, bridges and intersections.
- Priority 2:** Secondary and residential streets.
- Priority 3:** Cul-de-sacs and dead-ends will be the last areas plowed.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and cooperation in keeping New Lenox streets and roads safe in 2018.



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

Tree Pruning

Public Works plans on conducting parkway tree pruning in certain subdivisions throughout the village. The residents in these subdivisions shall be notified by letter via mail. The letters will contain information specific to this year's removal. This article is intended to inform the public and answer the most common questions about this service.

Which trees will you be pruning?

Parkway trees are the trees located next to public streets, usually in between the sidewalk and road. In areas without sidewalk, the Village maintains trees in the Right-of-Way, which typically extends fifteen feet beyond the edge of the road.

What is the purpose of tree pruning?

Trees are pruned to improve tree structure, increase crown growth, improve the look and shape of the tree, and maintain safe conditions in the parkway by providing adequate clearances over the road and sidewalk. Pruning is also a good opportunity to remove dead or diseased branches and to thin and space interior branches, which will allow the wind to pass through the tree more freely, decreasing the chance of damage during a storm.

How much will each tree be pruned?

The amount of pruning varies for each individual parkway tree, based on tree species, size, and overall health. In general, small trees will require minor pruning to start shaping the tree for upward growth. Mature trees may also require only minor pruning, as the crowns are already high and provide clearance over the road and sidewalk. Trees with trunk diameters ranging from six to twelve inches usually require the most pruning, as the lower portion of their crowns typically conflict with road and sidewalk clearances.

This picture shows a typical street after the parkway trees have been pruned.



This picture shows the same street after leaves have grown on the pruned parkway trees.



What are the clearances for the street and sidewalk? Why are branches pruned so high?

Parkway trees are pruned to allow fourteen feet of clearance in the street and eight feet of clearance over the sidewalk. This allows emergency vehicles, school buses, garbage trucks, snowplows, and Village Leaf Pick-up crews to get to the curb safely and unimpeded, and allows pedestrians and bicyclists to use the sidewalk safely. Properly pruning lower branches allows these clearances and encourages the tree to grow up and out rather than out and down.

Since pruning only for these clearances would leave the tree lopsided, Village crews attempt to prune to uniform heights around the tree.

If you have additional questions or concerns about this service, please contact the New Lenox Public Works at (815) 215-4800.

Tips On Preventing Sewer Problems

In the Village of New Lenox the homeowner is responsible for their sanitary service from their house until connection to the sewer main.

A clog in a service line or a sewer main can cause sewage to back up into your home. This can be a devastating experience. To



help reduce the risk of sewer back-ups in the Village's mains we maintain a cleaning, inspection and repair program. A high pressure sewer "jetter" is used to clean the lines and a mainline camera to inspect the lines. Repair work is either done in house or contracted out based on cost effectiveness.

To Protect Your Property From Sewage Back-Ups Follow These Rules

DO NOT

- Pour grease, fats and oils from cooking down the drain.
- Use the sewer to dispose of food scraps, baby wipes, diapers and personal hygiene products.
- Dispose of chemicals down the drain or toilet. Chemicals can kill "good" bacteria used for sewage treatment, cost much more to treat and could enter the creek.
- Plant trees near your sewer lateral. Tree roots seek water sources and can penetrate cracks or separated joints in your service line.
- Connect your sump pump or gutter downspouts to the sewer system as this can cause the sewer system to become overloaded and back-up into your home. It is also an ordinance violation.

DO

- Call the Village first if you believe you have a sewer backup.
- Collect grease in a container and dispose of it in the garbage.
- Place food scraps, baby wipes, diapers and personal hygiene products in your regular garbage.

Capital Improvement Update

As part of the Village's capital improvement plans, sanitary sewer line and manhole repairs are performed yearly throughout town based on funding. Some of the projects from budget year 2017-2018 were, 7 manholes completely rebuilt due to degradation. In the coming months we will also have sewer lines rebuilt through no-dig technology. The lines will be brand new inside without having to dig them up. These lines are located North of Rt. 30 on the east and west sides of Cedar Rd. up to Francis Rd. A total of 7,500 feet of sewer lines will be lined to restore them to new condition.

The Village also updated our Chadwick wastewater lift station along Gear Rd. The old control panel and generator had extensive salt

damage and was at the end of its useful life expectancy. We had a new control panel built, bought a new generator and did the installation in-house to save on costs. These projects are just a small example of the work being done to the Villages sanitary infrastructure.



Christmas in the Commons

Christmas in the Commons saw the return of the dazzling holiday light display in the Village Commons and also welcomed some exciting changes with the addition of the new holiday market.



Holiday festivities began with the Kick-Off Celebration on Sunday, December 3rd. A mild and sunny day made for a wonderful afternoon in the Commons where guests came out for skating on the New Lenox Community Park District's synthetic ice skating rink, performances by many local groups, the introduction of the holiday market, and of course visits from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Many thanks go out to the numerous people and organizations that made this event possible.

Thank you to those who helped to run the event and provide entertainment for our guests: staff, C.E.R.T., E.S.D.A., student volunteers, the New Lenox Community Television team, Santa and Mrs. Claus, the New Lenox Police Department, the New Lenox Public Library, the New Lenox Community Park District, the New Lenox Fire Protection District, Fleckenstein's Bakery, and Old Plank Trail Community Bank. Thank you as well to all the wonderful groups who performed during the event and provided outstanding entertainment: Liberty Junior High Madrigals, Martino Junior High Treble Madrigals, Lincoln-Way West Madrigals, and the St. Jude Music Ministry Bell Choir.



The holiday market continued on weekends throughout the month of December and included additional entertainment and events during the holiday season. Many thanks go out to our wonderful vendors, who joined us for this inaugural season and provided unique shopping opportunities for visitors to the Commons.

All of our Christmas in the Commons activities would not be possible without the support of our sponsors: Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd., Friends of the New Lenox Parks, Kurtz Memorial Chapel, Town Center Bank, and Burns Photography.

We hope that all of the New Lenox residents and neighbors who came out to the Village Commons during the holiday season enjoyed the new activities brought to the village. We appreciate your support, and we look forward to seeing you again in 2018. Happy New Year!



Drug Overdose Prevention / Naloxone Training

At 7:00pm on Tuesday December 12, 2017 the New Lenox Safe Communities America Coalition and Village of New Lenox hosted a FREE Narcan® (naloxone) training in the Community Room at the Village Hall. The presentation was a collaborative effort with HERO (Heroin Epidemic Relief Organization) and the Will County Executive's Office. A total of 76 citizens attended the training, including 30 New Lenox Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers.



Mayor Tim Baldermann provided opening remarks, and Dr. Kathleen Burke, Director Substance Use Initiatives, Will County Executive's Office, was the presenter. Dr. Burke emphasized that the goal of training first responders, community organizations, and bystanders to carry and deliver naloxone is to save lives. The presentation included statistical data involving opioid overdoses in Will County, an overview of Illinois legal authorizations, the identification of an opioid overdose, proper response to an opioid overdose, and how to administer Narcan® (naloxone), an opiate antidote.

Dr. Burke delivered the presentation via PowerPoint and made the presentation available to everyone in attendance. In addition to providing background on the heroin / opioid epidemic, Dr. Burke played a video that outlined the steps to take when administering the lifesaving drug. In addition to the video, Dr. Burke also utilized a Narcan® trainer to demonstrate how to administer the drug. Plenty of time was afforded for Q & A before everyone in attendance was provided with their FREE Narcan® kit.

Special thanks to all of our CERT volunteers that attended the training. In addition, thanks to New Lenox Safe Communities, HERO and the Will County Executive's Office for providing this training opportunity.

2018 General Primary Election

The 2018 General Primary Election will be held on March 20th. Early voting is March 5th through March 16th. The Village will be hosting early voting M-F from 9:00am to 4:00pm in the Community Room located on the first floor of the Village Hall.

You can register to vote at the Village Hall up until February 20th. You can also register online by visiting www.thewillcountyclerk.com. For additional options, please contact the Will County Clerk's office at (815) 740-4615. To register to vote, you will need two forms of ID— one must show your current address & provide proof of age like a Driver's License or State ID. Other suggested forms of ID are:

- Birth Certificate
- Utility Bill
- Employee ID Card
- Social Security Card
- Student ID Card

**17 year olds are now able to vote in a General Primary Election if the person will be 18 by the date of the immediately following General Election.





2018 Severe Weather Spotter Training / Health & Safety Expo

SAVE THE DATE! The Village of New Lenox, in

partnership with the New Lenox Safe Communities Coalition and their collaborative partners, are proud to announce the 2018 New Lenox Severe Weather Spotter Training / Health and Safety Expo. The event will be held on Thursday April 19, 2018 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 held from 7:00pm to approximately 8:30pm. The training provides those in attendance with information about what to look for during severe weather season. Attendees will learn about:

- Thunderstorms – lightning, hail, damaging winds, flash flooding and tornadoes;
- Facts and myths about severe weather hazards that impact our area;
- Advisories, watches, and warnings;
- How and where weather spotters can report information from the safety of their homes; and
- Steps that can be taken to prepare 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.

For additional information about the event, contact Daniel Martin, Safe Community Coordinator, Village of New Lenox, (815) 462-6493 or dmartin@newlenox.net.

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

The New Lenox Safe Communities America Coalition and its Older Adults Falls Prevention Task Group will be offering FREE falls prevention classes for older adults, this Spring.

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. *A Matter of Balance* is taught once per week, two hours each session, over the course of eight weeks.

Classes will be starting in March or April at locations within the Village of New Lenox. For additional information or to register for a class, please contact Daniel Martin, Safe Community Coordinator, (815) 462-6493 or via email at dmartin@newlenox.net.



A MATTER OF BALANCE
MANAGING CONCERNS ABOUT FALLS



Newly Opened Businesses to Try:

- Associated Orthodontics, 1860 E. Lincoln Hwy. (across from Lincoln-Way Central H.S.). Full service orthodontic practice which offers braces and aligners to patients for oral health purposes <http://greatbraces.com/>. *Open NOW.*
- D Mobile Communications, 354 W. Maple St. (in the plaza on Route 30 with Ace Hardware) is a cellular phone retail store. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=d%20mobile%20communications%20>. *Open NOW.*
- J. F. Bowling Pro Shop, 1009 Laraway Road in Laraway Lanes Bowling Center, is selling bowling equipment and repairing bowling balls. *Open NOW.*
- WhatZ Apparel, a home-based business. WhatZ Apparel provides screen shots of animal characters on men, women's, and kids' clothing. Visit <https://www.whatzapparel.com/>. *Open NOW.*
- Zembar Jewelers, 2457 E. Joliet Hwy., (in Bluestone Commons). Formerly located at Cedar & Francis Roads. Retail sales and repair of jewelry at the new location. Visit <http://www.zembarjewelers.com/>. *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. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/genesisvirtualreality>. Opening is January 2, 2018.
- 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. Visit www.hickorycreekbrewingil.com. Tentative opening is mid-March 2018.
- Mathnasium of New Lenox, 521 E. Lincoln Hwy. (in front of Walmart). A learning center which offers customized math tutoring services for kids in grades K-12. Visit <http://www.mathnasium.com/newlenox>. Tentative opening date is January 2, 2018.
- Oy's Thai Cuisine, 1880 E. Lincoln Hwy. (in Hickory Creek Plaza across from Lincoln-Way Central in space previously occupied by Guacamole Mexican Restaurant). The Thai restaurant will prepare food for dine-in and carryout. Visit <https://oysthaicuisine.com/>. Opening mid-December.



Did You "Shift Your Shopping" Between November 25th and December 3rd?

The Village and Chamber of Commerce are so pleased that 17 local retailers offered specials and discounts during the "Shift Your Shopping" small business promotion this year. Formerly referred to as "Celebrate and Shop New Lenox", the purpose of the renamed promotion was to encourage residents to "shop local, shop in-person, and shop New Lenox."

While not all retail participants have completed surveys as of this publication, many of them had an increased number of customers from the promotion. Thanks to all who engaged the retailer promotion to support local businesses. Please stay tuned for the next program offered in the spring 2018 which supports local businesses that offer discounts and specials on spring cleaning, home upgrades, and lawn care.