



NEW LENOX

# VILLAGER

## FREE - Severe Weather Spotter Training / Health & Safety Expo

The Village of New Lenox, in partnership with the New Lenox Safe Communities America Coalition, National Weather Service, Lincoln-Way West High School and the Will County Emergency Management Agency, is 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 specializing in health, safety, fitness, preparedness and emergency response. 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 on 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 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 planning purposes, please register via Eventbrite <https://new-lenox-spotter-class.eventbrite.com>. Those in attendance will also receive a chance to win some great preparedness-related prizes as well!

## New Lenox Police Host Albanian National Police Force Representatives

The New Lenox Police Department is proud to announce they hosted seven international guests from the Albanian National Police Force at a course on Sex Crimes Investigation, which was held March 5-9th, 2018, at the New Lenox Police Department. The Albanian contingency are all members of a task force spearheading the training of the entire Albanian Police Force on investigating crimes with some sexual component, and they also will be establishing the investigative process, procedures and policies regarding sex crimes and how they are handled in their country. This course was sponsored by the Southern Police Institute at the University of Louisville. The U.S. Department of State partnered with the Albanian National Police to bring the participants to the U.S. to enhance collaboration and information sharing between the two countries. The New Lenox Police Department is honored to have been chosen to host this training and to host our international guests and look forward to the professional relationships this training and teamwork will foster.



## 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](http://www.newlenox.net)

## Water Conservation Tips

In addition to saving money on your water bill, water conservation helps prevent water pollution in nearby lakes, rivers, and watersheds.

### Water Conservation In Your Home:

- **Check faucets and pipes for leaks** - A small drip can potentially waste hundreds of gallons a month. Larger leaks can waste thousands.
- **Check your toilets for leaks** - Put a little food coloring in your toilet tank. If the color appears in your toilet bowl within 30 minutes, without flushing, you have a leak.
- **Use your water meter to check for leaks** - On the older brass meters (figure 1), there is a red dial. If this is spinning when no faucets are on, you have a leak. On the newer plastic meters (figure 2), there is a digital circle that spins. If this is spinning when no faucets are on, you have a leak.



Figure 1



Figure 2

- **Install water** - saving shower heads and low-flow faucet aerators.
- **Take shorter showers** - A four-minute shower uses 20 to 40 gallons of water.
- **Turn water off after you wet your toothbrush**
- **Use your dishwasher and washing machine only for full loads**

### Water Conservation Outside Your Home:

- **Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants** - Mulch will slow evaporation of moisture while discouraging weed growth. Adding 2 - 4 inches of organic material such as compost or bark mulch will increase the ability of the soil to retain moisture.
- **Don't water the gutter** - Position your sprinklers so water lands on the lawn or garden, not on paved areas. Also, avoid watering on windy days.
- **Water your lawn only when it needs it** - A good way to see if your lawn needs watering is to step on the grass. If it springs back up when you move, it doesn't need water. If it stays flat, the lawn is ready for watering. Letting the grass grow taller (to 3") will also promote water retention in the soil.
- **Deep-soak your lawn** - When watering the lawn, do it long enough for the moisture to soak down to the roots where it will do the most good. A light sprinkling can evaporate quickly and tends to encourage shallow root systems
- **Water during the early parts of the day; avoid watering when it's windy** - Early morning is generally better than dusk since it helps prevent the growth of fungus. Early watering, and late watering, also reduce water loss to evaporation. Watering early in the day is also the best defense against slugs and other garden pests.
- **Turn off hoses when not in use**

If you suspect you might have a leak or are unable to check for leaks yourself, call the Water Department at (815) 462-6400 to schedule an appointment for a technician to visit your home.

## Collection System Preventative Maintenance Program

The Village has been committed to investing and improving the wastewater infrastructure throughout town for many years now. With over 656,000 feet of sewer lines, 2,891 manholes, 12 pumping stations, 3 treatment plants and an excess flow lagoon; wastewater infrastructure is one of the Village's biggest assets.

The wastewater collection system in the Village is a combination of sewer lines, manholes and lift stations that all work to get the sewage from your homes to one of our sewer treatment plants. In an effort to minimize problems in our collection system we began a rigorous maintenance program in 2009. One portion of this program is sewer line cleaning and television inspection. Sewer cleaning and television inspection helps us locate issues before they become a sewer back up. Every year a portion of the Village is scheduled for cleaning and inspection. In 2014 we completed the Plant 1 service area which is roughly everything from Illinois Highway north to Francis Rd. In 2015 we began the Plant 2 service area which is everything south of Illinois Highway, that was completed in 2016-2017. As of 2017 all sewer lines in the village have been cleaned. In 2018 we will go back to the Plant #1 service area and start over.

In New Lenox, we understand that in order to maintain a healthy and vibrant community, investing in infrastructure is of the upmost importance. We are committed to investing in our community to keep New Lenox a great option for residents and businesses.

The sewer department is available 24/7 365. Any time you suspect a sewer issue, call the Village first to determine if the problem is located in the sewer main or your service line. During normal business hours you can call the Village Hall (815) 462-6400 to have an employee dispatched to your home. If your issue occurs after hours you can call the Village's non-emergency number (815) 485-2500 and an employee will contact you.



## Community Notification System

The Village of New Lenox has partnered with Nixle to implement its Community Notification System to alert residents in real-time for localized emergency situations and relevant community advisories.

As a resident, there are several simple ways to register:

1. Text your zip code (60451) to 888777 from your mobile phone
2. Go to the Village of New Lenox website [newlenox.net/notifications](http://newlenox.net/notifications) and sign-up via the Nixle widget
3. Sign-up and create a User Profile on [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com)

The service is secure, reliable, and easy to use.

# What Is An RPZ And Why Do I Have To Get It Tested?



Letters will be sent out soon from BSI Online stating that you need to get your backflow prevention assembly tested (pictured above). Title 35, Section 653.802 of the Illinois Administrative Code Section 890.1130 of the Illinois Plumbing Code, as well as, New Lenox Municipal Code (Section 94-401 through 94-435) requires these devices to be tested upon installation and, at the minimum, tested once a year thereafter. **Failure to have these devices tested annually could lead to your water service being terminated.**

The Village of New Lenox has contracted BSI Online to handle the notification and record keeping for this program. They will be sending letters once a year to remind residents and businesses that it is time to have their assemblies tested. **Please do not disregard these letters.** Beginning in 2017, all devices must be tested by June 1st or July 1st. BSI will send out letters 30 days before your due date. They must be tested by a certified Cross Connection Control Device Inspector. The best time to get it tested is when it is installed for the season.

Follow this link to find an Inspector certified in Illinois: [http://www.siu.edu/ertc/cross\\_connection\\_control.shtml](http://www.siu.edu/ertc/cross_connection_control.shtml)

These backflow devices prevent contaminants from entering not only your home, but also the Village of New Lenox water system and potentially injuring hundreds or thousands of our residents. It is for the safety of yourself and your neighbors that these devices must be checked.

## FAQ's

### What is backflow?

Backflow occurs when a loss in water pressure (commonly due to a fire hydrant being opened, a water main break, or abnormally high water usage) causes the water in your pipes to flow in the opposite direction. This could allow contaminated or polluted water to travel back into the drinking water supply possibly contaminating thousands of people.

### What is a backflow prevention device?

A backflow prevention assembly is a testable mechanical device which uses valves, in different configurations, to prevent contaminated water or chemicals from flowing back into the public drinking water supply system.

### Why do I need one?

Cross connections can occur at both commercial and residential properties. For commercial customers, cross connections exist in many forms, from carbonated beverage machines and ice makers, to fire sprinkler systems and x-ray machines.

On the residential side, the most common cross connections occur with lawn irrigation and fire sprinkler systems.

### Does a lawn irrigation system really need a backflow prevention device?

YES. Lawn irrigation systems are considered a hazardous cross connection. All particulates that are in your lawn can seep into the underground pipes and enter the drinking water supply. This can be anything from fertilizers to animal feces. Properly working backflow prevention devices protect this from happening.

### Do I have to get it tested if I don't use my sprinkler system anymore?

If you decide to no longer use your sprinkler system, you may cut and cap the pipe inside your home that leads to your sprinkler system. Once this is complete, the Water Department will need to be notified so they can inspect it.

### If you have any questions or concerns, call the Public Works Department at (815) 215-4800.

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## 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. Residents who fail to follow these guidelines are subject to fines up to \$750 per infraction.

### 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 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. (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.





## Look Forward To These Establishments

- **Dunkin Donuts**, 273 Maple St. (across from Mattina Café). Tentative opening is May, 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](http://www.hickorycreekbrewingil.com). Tentative opening is mid-April 2018.
- **New Lenox Horizon Senior Living Community**, northwest corner of South Cedar Road and Otto Drive, consists of 53 apartments for seniors. Visit <https://www.thealdennetwork.com/our-locations/new-lenox-horizon-coming-soon/>. Tentative opening is July, 2018.

## Spring 2018 Leaf Collection Program

The Leaf Collection Program for residents will begin **Monday, April 2, 2018**. 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 way 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.



Correct



Incorrect

- **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, April 13, 2018**.

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 (NO stickers required) for 2-weeks. This service will be performed on **April 5th, 6th, 12th, and 13th**, 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.



## Spring Promotion for Local Businesses

What do you do when it finally "feels" like spring? Start a remodeling project or spring clean? Get a new look or plan a vacation? You might also need to start planning for graduations, Mother's Day, or prom.

The Village and Chamber of Commerce are pleased to offer local businesses an opportunity to be marketed throughout the Village. Any retailer that wishes to offer merchandise or services at 20% off or buy one/get one free this spring will be marketed in The Patriot newspaper, on the Village's and Chamber's websites and Facebook pages, as well as through brochures circulated in the community. If gift cards are available from participating vendors, we will market those as well. Think spring!

**Remember to shop local, shop in-person, and shop New Lenox.**



## Who's New In Town

- **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>.
- **Hometown Design Studio** (a home-based business) is a marketing company for the small to mid-sized business. Offering web design, graphic design, email marketing, etc. Visit <https://www.hometowndesignstudio.com/>.
- **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>.
- **Next Home Select Realty**, 1938 E. Lincoln Hwy., Unit 214 (in Atrium Point on the corner of Schoolhouse Road and Route 30). Dave Fixel is the broker.
- **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 prepares food for dine-in and carryout. Visit <https://oysthaicuisine.com/>.
- **Ridgeway Petroleum**, 121 W. Laraway Rd. (northwest corner of Laraway and South Cedar Roads). In addition to selling gasoline, there is a convenience store and car wash.



**WE'VE MOVED!**

## Stop in at these Relocated Businesses

- **Bella Fiori Flower Shop** has moved to a bigger tenant space at the east end of Hickory Creek Plaza across from Lincoln-Way Central High School at 1888 E. Lincoln Hwy.
- **New Lenox Pediatrics/George Skarpathiotis, MD** has moved to 400 E. Lincoln Hwy. (the former SBT Bank Building across from Aldi), 2nd floor. The practice was formerly in Nelson Plaza.