



NEW LENOX

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Town Hall Meeting



There will be a Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 7:00 pm. It will be held at the Village Hall, 1 Veterans Parkway. The meeting will be located in the second floor Board Room - Council Chambers. There will be updates related to village developments, improvements, and the upcoming New Lenox Fire District referendum. Please join us to listen and/or ask questions. This is a public forum and all are welcome.

Branch Pick-Up Program



The Village of New Lenox Public Works Department will now be offering a Branch Pick-up Program. The Branch Pick-up Program began on **Tuesday, September 04, 2018** and will run through **October 31, 2018**.

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

- Beginning in 2019, the program will run from **April 1 through October 31**. Depending on the weather, crews will be dispatched on the **1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month**.
- Branches must be placed in the parkway as crews will not encroach on private property to remove branches.
- Residents will need to contact the Village's Public Works Department by calling (815) 215-4800 to be placed on the pick-up list.
- Materials that will not be picked up include but are not limited to railroad ties, wood telephone poles, construction material, lumber, stones, roots or root balls, vines, dirt, nails and metal. These materials will damage our equipment and present unsafe conditions for Village crews and the general public.
- Please do not tie or bundle branches.
- Please place branches with thorns in a separate pile.
- Only branches 1 inch in diameter or larger will be picked up, as smaller materials do not go through the

chipper properly. The Maximum diameter size is 12 inches.

- When placing the branches in the parkway, please do not block the sidewalk, streetlight bases, manholes or fire hydrants. The cut end of the branches need to enter the chipper first.
- Place the cut ends of the branches towards the street.
- For longer branches that may block the sidewalk, we will require the cut ends of the branches be pointing to the left side of your property as you face your property from the curb. When the chipper pulls up to your home, the chipper opening will be facing the cut ends of the branches. This allows our crews to load the branches safely and efficiently.

For any storms with wind gusts reaching 50 mph and storms declared a disaster, the Village will be out patrolling the town for damage. We recommend that residents still call public works to schedule branch pick-up where the above guidelines would apply to ensure we do not miss your pick-up.

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

Octoberfest



The Village of New Lenox is celebrating all things "fall" on Saturday, October 6th in the Village Commons with Octoberfest. Join us from 2:00pm to 6:00pm for food, beer, and live music from Bruce Korosa & Sons and later Block 37. A variety of family-friendly activities will also be available, including a petting zoo, pony rides, face painting, pumpkin decorating, and tarot card readings.

During Octoberfest, help the Friends of the New Lenox Parks fight hunger at their first ever 'Friends of the Parks Empty Bowls' event! Purchase a bowl that's been hand-painted by a child from one of the Park District programs, and receive unlimited soup tastings from local restaurants all afternoon. Profits from Empty Bowls will go to the New Lenox Township Food Pantry and the Northern Illinois Food Bank.

Village Officials

- Timothy Baldermann / Mayor
- Laura Zilinskas / 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

Who's New in Town

- **Action Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation**
1890 Silver Cross Blvd., Ste. 425 in Pavilion A
Action is a physical medicine and rehabilitation office which provides medical care and consultations.
Website: <https://www.actionpmrehab.com/index.php>. OPEN NOW.
- **All American Pavement Solutions, LLC**
12410 Horseshoe (off Schoolhouse Road)
779-247-0281
AMPS offers sealcoating or pavement sealing services to asphalt-based pavements.
Website: <http://www.aapavementsolutions.com/>
OPEN NOW.
- **Discovery Auto Inc.**
119 W. Maple St. (in strip mall on the northwest corner of Cedar and Route 30)
Website: <https://www.carsforsale.com/used-car-dealer/discovery-auto-sales-new-lenox-il-d725732/inventory>. OPEN NOW.
- **Domino's Pizza**
13150 Lincoln Highway (in Country Charm Plaza on Route 30)
Domino's replaces the tenant space held by Italia Imports at this plaza. Pizza, pasta, wings, and sandwiches are available for delivery and carry out.
Website: www.dominos.com. OPEN NOW.
- **Golden Oaks Real Estate**
Home-based business. Residential real estate office.
Email: Donna.goldenoak@yahoo.com. OPEN NOW.
- **Jornell Builders**
12410 Horseshoe Drive (From Route 30, go south on Schoolhouse Road and turn on Harvey Dr.; Horseshoe is off Harvey).
General Contractor. OPEN NOW.



Look Forward to These Establishments

- **Chipotle Mexican Grill**
641 E. Lincoln Hwy. (on west end of new strip mall in front of Walmart).
Website: <https://www.chipotle.com/>
Tentative Opening: December 15, 2018.
- **Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurant**
2307 E. Lincoln Hwy., (west of Five Guys Restaurant on Route 30 & Vancina Lane).
Website: <https://chwinery.com/>
Tentative Opening: November, 2018
- **CVS**
115 E. Maple St. (northeast corner of Route 30 and Cedar Road).
Website: <https://www.cvs.com/>
Tentative Opening: November, 2018
- **Kiddie Academy**
674 Cedar Crossings Drive (east of the hospital campus and on the south side of Cedar Crossings Drive).
Website: <https://kiddieacademy.com/>
Tentative Opening: June 1, 2019.
- **MOD Pizza**
651 E. Lincoln Hwy. (on east end of strip mall in front of Walmart).
Artisan-style pizzas and salads are individually sized, and made on demand.
Website: <https://modpizza.com/>. *Tentative Opening: Mid-January 2019*
- **Simon Philips**
306 W. Maple St. (formerly Flirty on 30 Boutique).
Men's hair salon that sells shampoo and other hair products in addition to cutting and styling hair.
Tentative Opening: December, 2018.
- **Tractor Supply Co.**
Tower & Laraway Roads (east of Jewel Foods on Laraway Road).
Retail store which sells equine and pet supplies, tractor/trailer parts and accessories, lawn and garden supplies, sprinkler/irrigation parts, power tools, fencing, welding and pump supplies, clothing, and riding mowers.
Website: <https://www.tractorsupply.com/>
Tentative Opening: Spring 2019



Similar Services Under New Ownership



- **Cornerstone Jewelers and Engraving**

1876 Lincoln Highway (in Hickory Creek Plaza across the street from Lincoln-Way Central High School on Route 30).

Cornerstone replaces David Anthony Jewelers at this plaza and manufactures, sells, and repairs jewelry. Engraving is also available.

Website: <http://jewelrybycornerstone.com/>

Fall 2018 Leaf Collection Program

The Leaf Collection Program for residents will begin **Monday October 1st, 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 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, 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 November 30, 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 for 6-weeks on your regularly scheduled garbage day. This service begins the week of October 25th and ends November 30th. 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.

Triple Play Concert Series

The tenth annual Triple Play Concert Series has come to a close after bringing an exciting summer full of music to the Village Commons. This year's series featured Melissa Etheridge with special guests Dennis Quaid & The Sharks, Chris Isaak with special guests The Ides of March, and Bruce Hornsby and the Noisemakers with special guest Joan Osborne.



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 2019!

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 for Christmas in the Commons. Standing tall as the highlight of the display is the largest illuminated Santa Claus in the United States.



The Holiday Market will take place on Saturdays and Sundays from December 2 through December 23 and will bring a variety of vendors to the Commons. This year's market will be accompanied by visits from Santa, wagon rides, and plenty of other activities throughout the season. The full schedule of entertainment and vendors will be posted at www.newlenox.net/events once confirmed.

Also returning in 2018 will be the synthetic ice skating rink, presented by the New Lenox Community Park District. With skating, lights, shopping, and fun all available in this magical setting, you won't want to miss the opportunity to enjoy the holidays in the Village Commons this December.



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 installed. 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.

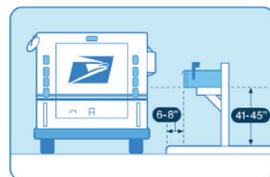


Figure 1: Proper Mailbox Placement

- Bury your post no more than 24" deep

Before the winter season arrives, Public Works staff will evaluate the mailboxes on Village roads. By using this proactive approach, Village staff will assess the condition of mailboxes and create a list of mailboxes that have deficiencies which should be addressed prior to the winter season.

Guidelines and graphic found on USPS Website - <https://www.usps.com/manage/mailboxes.htm>

Questions & Reporting Damage

Should you have any questions about "Snow Tow", discharging snow into the roadways or would like to report 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.

Next Campaign is "Shift Your Shopping" Week



The Village and Chamber of Commerce are pleased that participating restaurants for the September promotion of Restaurant Week increased business at local restaurants at the discounts and specials offered. While survey results are still coming in, as of this writing there are several restaurants who stated that there were more customers during the promotion.

The next marketing program, "Shift Your Shopping," is planned for the end of November/early December. We appreciate the convenience of online shopping, however, for those gifts/ purchases that need to be seen, tried on, or given right away, there will be several local businesses offering specials to encourage residents to shop local.

New Lenox Safe Communities America Coalition



Interested in public safety and injury prevention? Does the thought of doing something to keep your community SAFE interest you? If you have an interest in suicide prevention, substance abuse prevention, older adults falls prevention, traffic safety, emergency preparedness or other areas related to safety please let us know. The New Lenox Safe Communities America Coalition is always looking for residents and businesses to help keep our community SAFE. Contact Daniel Martin, Safe Community Coordinator, at 815-462-6493 or dmartin@newlenox.net for additional information.