



NEW LENOX

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

The Village of New Lenox, in partnership with the New Lenox Safe Communities America Coalition and their collaborative partners, are proud to announce the 2019 New Lenox Severe Weather Spotter Training / Health and Safety Expo. The event will be held on Tuesday April 30, 2019 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 9:00pm**. 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 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 planning purposes, please register via

Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/severe-weather-spotter-training-the-basics-new-lenox-tickets-53607045115>. Those in attendance will also receive a chance to win some great preparedness-related prizes as well!

## New Tower Based Meter Reading System

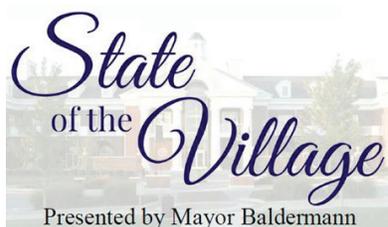
The Village of New Lenox recently installed a new tower-based meter reading system. This system allows us to read meters remotely without the need to drive by each resident's home. There are also many benefits to the residents. With the new system, we are able to get on demand reads, so you can call us at any time, and we will be able to give you your current read. We are also able to obtain hourly reads, which will be able to tell residents when water was used and how much per hour. This new system also alerts the Village of New Lenox when excessive water is being used. We are then able to notify our residents that they may have a toilet running, a spigot left on, etc.

In order to receive these benefits, residents must have a newer meter installed. Your water meter is most often located in your basement, or crawl space. If you have a plastic looking meter, then you are all set. If you have a brass meter, we urge you to call Utility Billing at (815) 462-6440 to schedule an appointment to have a new meter installed. Once again, we do not receive alerts on the older meters.

If you have any questions regarding this new program, please call Public Works at (815) 215-4800.

## Mayor Baldermann's State of the Village Address

The Mayor's Annual State of the Village Address was held at Silver Cross Hospital on March 13, 2019. If you missed the presentation and are interested in viewing the Power Point presentation, please go to [www.newlenox.net](http://www.newlenox.net). The link to the address is found on the home page under "Featured Links."



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

## Branch Pick-Up

The Village of New Lenox Public Works Department offers a Branch-Pick-Up Program April 1st through October 31st. Depending on the weather, crews will be dispatched on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.

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

- Residents need to contact the Public Works Department by calling (815) 215-4800 to be placed on the list each time they need a pick-up.
- 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.
- Branches must be placed in the parkway as crews will not encroach on private property to remove branches.
- 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, do not block the sidewalk, streetlight base, fire hydrants, or manholes.
- 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 50mph and storms declared a disaster, the Village will be out patrolling the town for damage. We recommend that residents still call to schedule a branch pick-up where the above guidelines would apply to ensure we don't miss you.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a pick up, please call the Public Works Department at (815) 215-4800.



## "Bring on Spring" 2019 is Coming!

The next marketing program, "Bring on Spring," is planned for May. Once again, the New Lenox Chamber and Village of New Lenox look forward to presenting discounts and specials offered from local businesses as we prepare for warmer weather and spring celebrations. Look for the ad in a forthcoming edition of The New Lenox Patriot.

## 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 7:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. and 11:00 P.M. 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.

### Tips on Conserving Water and Having a Healthy Lawn

1. Water deeply NOT frequently. Your lawn will be healthier if it receives around 1" of water every 3 – 4 days. Providing more will over-saturate the soil, causing water to run-off.
2. Make sure you are watering your lawn and not the pavement. Water that falls on sidewalks or streets goes into our sewer system, running up your water bill and wasting water.
3. Use a rain gauge. Rain gauges will tell you how much rain fell, and how much more water, if any, you should add by sprinkling.
4. Sprinklers are available with dials that can be set to water specific amounts. Check your local hardware store or garden center for them.
5. If you have an automatic system, make sure it has a rain meter installed. This will prevent the system from running during rainstorms.

## MXU Replacements

The Water Department will be replacing the MXU (remote water meter reading device on the outside of your home) on the outside of residents' homes beginning this winter. The technician will knock on your door to let you know they will be performing this work. You are not required to be home for this replacement. The replacement should take no more than 15 minutes. If you have any questions regarding the replacement, please call Public Works at (815) 215-4800.



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## RPZ Survey and Inspections

As a reminder, all RPZ's need to be inspected and tested once a year by a certified backflow device inspector. This is mandated by the EPA, and the Village will continue to enforce these rules. Thank you to all who had theirs tested last year.



All residents who have an RPZ or backflow prevention device will be receiving a reminder later from BSI to have their device tested. BSI, from Worth, IL is the company the Village has contracted to maintain our database. **THIS YEAR AND GOING FORWARD, ALL DEVICES MUST BE TESTED BY JUNE 1st OR JULY 1st**, depending on the due date in your letter. Failure to have your device inspected will result in service to your home being discontinued.

If you choose not to have your device tested, you must cut and cap your sprinkler system. It must then be inspected by Village personnel. You can find more information on these policies at <http://www.newlenox.net/backflow>

## Collection System Preventative Maintenance Program

The Village has been committed to improving and investing in the wastewater infrastructure throughout town for many years now. With over 676,645 feet of sewer lines, 2,995 manholes, 12 pumping stations, 3 treatment plants and an excess flow lagoon, wastewater infrastructure is one of the Villages 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 2019, we will be cleaning and televising the sewer lines east of Cedar Road and North of Illinois Highway to Bluestone Bay.

In addition to sewer line cleaning and televising, we will have teams out performing sanitary manhole inspections. Any defects found in a manhole get recorded and put on a repair list to be repaired either in house or by outside contractors.

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

Public Works is available 24/7 365. Any time you suspect a sewer issue, call Public Works first to determine if the problem is located in the sewer main or your service line. During normal business hours you can call Public Works at (815) 215-4800 to have a Wastewater Department employee dispatched to your home. If your issue occurs after hours you can call the Public Works Non-Emergency number (815) 485-2500 and request a Wastewater Department employee contact you.



## Village Mailbox Reimbursement Policy



We apologize, but as much as we try, our drivers sometimes cannot avoid damaging mailboxes due to heavy wet snow, poor visibility, improperly placed mailboxes and those that are already in poor condition.

As long as damage to your mailbox was documented by the Public Works department this winter, and in compliance with the U.S. Postal System, a reimbursement letter will be mailed out to you in early May.

Residents may purchase material needed for permanent repairs and submit the receipts along with the letter by September 1st, 2019 for reimbursements up to \$125.00. Questions can be directed to the Public Works Department (815) 215-4800.

To avoid having your mailbox damaged by snowplows, please follow these guidelines when installing your mailbox:

- 1 The bottom of the box or crossbar should be 40 inches above the top back edge of the curb.
- 2 No point of the mailbox or sub-frame should be closer than 8 inches behind the back of the curb.
- 3 Support structures for mailboxes should be constructed of break-away material, either 4" x 4" lumber or 2" diameter, thin wall steel pipe with a wall thickness less than 0.155". The support structure should not be buried any more than 24" into the ground. Any other mailbox support structure is not acceptable.

\*Unacceptable support structures include, but are not limited to, brick, block, stone or concrete masonry columns, wagon wheels, steel pipes in excess of the previously defined 2" diameter and 0.155" thickness and lumber posts in excess of 4" x 4".

*Please note: \*Non-Compliant mailboxes are not eligible for reimbursements as stated in previously sent letters.*

## Summer Events in the Village Commons

A summer filled with fun awaits New Lenox residents in the Village Commons! For the 11th year, the highlight of the summer is Triple Play Concert Series, bringing world-renowned musical acts to New Lenox including Cheap Trick on June 8th, Joan Jett and The Blackhearts with special guests Blue Öyster Cult on July 20th, and Kenny Loggins on August 31st. Details can be found at [www.newlenox.net/tripleplay](http://www.newlenox.net/tripleplay).

The Village is excited to introduce new events to the summer calendar, including Cruise the Commons and the Chalk Walk. Fans of traditional cruise nights will enjoy Cruise the Commons as a variety of vehicles will be on display, accompanied by live music and food and beverages. The Chalk Walk will offer the opportunity to create sidewalk chalk art throughout the Commons – anyone can reserve their own square and create a masterpiece!

Returning to the Village Commons this summer are fan favorites including Fridays After Five, Live on the Lawn and Play Day in the Commons. On select Friday evenings, plan to grab your dinner from one of the mouth-watering food trucks we'll have on site for Fridays After Five. Live on the Lawn will give the opportunity to enjoy performances from local organizations. Play Day in the Commons will be a day filled with fun for the youngest members of your family, with bounce houses, character visits, stage entertainment, and more.

There's something for everyone in the Village Commons! Find the full schedule of events and additional details by visiting [www.newlenox.net/events](http://www.newlenox.net/events).



## Look Forward to These Establishments

### 3 Corners Grill & Tap

901 E. Lincoln Hwy. (former Floyd's Restaurant)  
<https://www.facebook.com/3-Corners-Grill-Tap-New-Lenox-288644925141979/>

Full-service restaurant and bar serving American grill fare. Private parties/events. Outdoor patio with bar service. Tentative Opening: Spring, 2019

### Blue Ribbon Management Self-Storage Facility

(northeast corner of Gougar Road and Haven Ave.)  
Climate controlled self-storage facility and two accessory 18-unit RV storage buildings. Tentative Opening: November 2019

### Classy Nails & Spa

645 E. Lincoln Hwy. (in the same plaza in front of Walmart with Chipotle and MOD Pizza). Nail salon. Tentative Opening: May 2019

### Simon Phillips

306 W. Maple St. (former Flirty on 30 Boutique)  
Men's hair salon that will sell shampoo and other hair products in addition to cutting and styling hair. Tentative Opening Date: Spring 2019.

### Taylor Street Deli

701 E. Lincoln Hwy. (formerly occupied by Volver Mexican Grill in a strip mall east of Walmart) will offer deli, pastries, and liquor. Tentative Opening Date: Spring 2019.

### Zin Café

2461 E. Joliet Hwy. (in Bluestone Commons by Zembar Jewelers and Dr. Candace Gibbons' dental office). Zin Café offers a wine bar. Tentative Opening: Spring 2019.

## New Owners

### First Choice Catering, Inc., d/b/a Irish Pig BBQ

280 E. Lincoln Hwy. (in the same plaza with Mattina's Café). <https://www.facebook.com/TheIrishPigBbq/>  
The restaurant with new owners, is staying in the same location serving and catering food. Carryout only until 3 p.m. Restaurant dining after 3 p.m. OPEN NOW.

**Natural Choices, LLC** has a new owner at the store located at 2425 E. Lincoln Hwy. (in Bluestone Commons near Bulldog Ale House). The store is renamed LaFemina's Natural Choices, LLC.

<https://www.naturalchoicesnewlenox.com/>

**7-Eleven** on the southwest corner of Cedar Road and Route 30 is now a corporate-owned store.

## First Think Tank for Local Businesses

The Village and the New Lenox Chamber of Commerce partnered to host the first "Think Tank" networking group for local businesses. We are grateful for the businesses who came to the inaugural session and appreciate the presentation given by Theresa Berkey, Esq. on "Protecting Your Business." If you know a local business owner who might benefit from interacting with others on topic(s) of interest in managing one's business, the next Think Tank is planned for the second quarter in 2019.

## Summer Movie Nights

Beginning in June, the Village Commons will again be home to Movie Nights, a family-favorite summertime tradition. Every Wednesday throughout the summer, grab your blankets and lawn chairs and join us for an evening under the stars and in front of the big screen.

This year's lineup will feature new hits that will delight your child along with some classic favorites. Movies begin on Wednesdays at dusk starting June 12th. Find the full Movie Night lineup at [www.newlenox.net/events](http://www.newlenox.net/events).



## Who's New in Town

### The Barre Code New Lenox

2544 E. Lincoln Hwy. (in the former tenant space that was occupied in Bluestone Commons by Super Cuts, west of Starbucks). The Barre Code is a group fitness studio specializing in HIIT (high intensity interval training), Restore and Barre training (both of which are full body workouts), and Kickboxing classes. There is a Kids Care Room for children as parents work out. Website: [www.thebarrecode.com](http://www.thebarrecode.com) OPEN NOW.

### CPR Cell Phone Repair

1820 E. Lincoln Hwy. (in Hickory Creek Plaza on the south side of Route 30 across the street from Lincoln-Way Central High School). Repairs electronic consumer products, including but not limited to phones, personal computers, tablets, drones, and video game systems. The business also sells used cell phones, used personal computers, and other electronics. Website: <https://www.cellphonerepair.com/new-lenox-il/> OPEN NOW

### CVS

115 E. Maple St. (northeast corner of Route 30 and Cedar Road). Website: <https://www.cvs.com/> OPEN NOW

### Hampe's Towing

1750 Ferro Drive (east end of Ferro Drive in the cul-de-sac). In addition to running a transport business from this location, the owner plans to run a high-end auto accessory company. Auto detailing paint correction will also be provided. OPEN NOW.

### Joseph Fox d/b/a Woodshop Fox

A home-based business. Website: <https://www.facebook.com/Woodshop-Fox-374187333364529/> Mr. Fox makes custom-made furniture and refinishes old pieces. OPEN NOW.

### Julie's Pet Grooming

201 Church Street (in the former pet grooming salon that is south of Carey Animal Clinic on Route 30). Website: <https://www.facebook.com/Juliespetgrooming24/> OPEN NOW.

### Law Office of Mark J. Weidman

1938 E. Lincoln Hwy., Suite 108 (in the Atrium Point Building on the southwest corner of Schoolhouse Road and Route 30). OPEN NOW.

### MOD Pizza

651 E. Lincoln Hwy. (on east end of new strip mall in front of Walmart). Fast casual pizza chain restaurant serving pizzas, salads, milkshakes, beer, and wine. Website: [www.modpizza.com](http://www.modpizza.com) OPEN NOW.

### Silver Oaks Behavioral Hospital

1004 Pawlak Parkway (on the west side of Pawlak Parkway, west of the hospital). 100-bed facility which provides acute behavioral health care for adolescents, adults, and senior adults. OPEN NOW.

### Sprint

466 Nelson Road (inside Walgreens on the southeast corner of Route 30 and Nelson Road). Sprint is operating a kiosk inside the Walgreen's store. OPEN NOW.

