



# VILLAGER

## Village Board Approved "Four Seasons at New Lenox" Development

At its June 10, 2019 meeting, the Village Board approved the annexation and preliminary P.U.D. plat for a proposed development to be called "Four Seasons at New Lenox." Four Seasons will be built on the site of the Teerling Nursery along the east side of Cedar Road north of U.S. Route 6, and will include 612 single-family detached homes for residents ages 55 and older. There will be a number of ranch models available, some of which have the option of a second-floor loft. The development will also include a 12,000-square foot clubhouse and amenity center, in addition to 1.65 miles of trails throughout the property. The development will be gated and served by private roads, with an association responsible for all landscaping and snow plowing.

The developer, K Hovnanian Homes, anticipates breaking ground on the first phase later this year, with models open and homes under construction in the spring of 2020.

The project will be built in three phases. The Village is very excited to welcome this senior housing development to the community, which will assist the Village in attracting commercial development near the I-355 and U.S. Route 6 interchange.



## Mosquito Abatement Program

Most of us have had the experience of being driven indoors this summer because mosquitoes have decided it was time to make their presence. In addition to being a nuisance, mosquitoes can also carry disease, in turn posing a major health threat.

Along with other villages and cities in our region over the course of the last several years, our attention has turned to the issue of West Nile Virus. West Nile is transmitted to people only through the bite of a mosquito that has obtained the virus by feeding on an infected bird. This virus typically causes mild flu-like symptoms including mild fever, headaches, skin rashes and swollen glands.

However, the virus in its most advanced form may cause encephalitis, which is a dangerous inflammation of the brain and spinal cord. The risk of serious illness is greatest for people age 55 and older or those with impaired immune systems.

Mosquito spraying in the Village is activated when the Will County Health Department notifies us of high larvae numbers tested weekly in designated areas. The product used for mosquito fogging contains pyrethrin's, which are naturally found in chrysanthemum flowers. This product, which has been registered for use by the EPA since 1975, has gone under rigorous testing and is still one of the few approved products for outdoor residential and recreational areas.

In addition, the Village of New Lenox Public Works Department is working to reduce area mosquito populations by applying over 2,000 larvicide tablets to treat storm sewers, ponds, ditches and other low-lying areas where breeding is likely to occur. Village Staff assigned to our Mosquito Abatement Program are fully licensed and certified by the State of Illinois' Department of Agriculture.

Residents who would like to be informed the day we spray in their neighborhood can call the Public Works Department at (815) 215-4800 and we will be happy to place them on our notification list where they will receive a phone call the evening we plan to spray in their area.

### Fight the Bite!

Help protect yourself and others from mosquito bites by reducing potential breeding sites around your home. \*Village code defines the collection of untreated water where mosquitoes breed or are likely to breed as a nuisance and a danger to public health. Here are some helpful tips:



- Install or repair window and door screens so mosquitoes cannot get indoors;
- repair leaky outdoor faucets;
- eliminate standing water around your home such as ruts and puddles;
- remove old tires, tin cans and buckets and change the water in birdbaths at least once a week;
- keep gutters clear of debris; and
- keep grass cut short and shrubbery well-trimmed around your home.

## 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)

## Home Improvement Projects – Know Your Rights

If you are considering any home improvement project at your home, please be aware of your rights as a consumer. Investigate prospective contractors, get everything in writing, and follow these tips to help protect yourself from fraud:



- Seek bids from at least three companies to ensure you are paying a fair price and find a contractor that you can work with.
- Before signing a contract over \$1,000, the contractor is required to provide you with a pamphlet from the Illinois Attorney General titled "Home Repair: Know Your Consumer Rights." Make sure you receive and read this pamphlet. It contains valuable information for contracting work, and can also be found at the website below.
- Look up contractor reviews on various websites. Consider searching the Better Business Bureau ([www.chicago.bbb.org](http://www.chicago.bbb.org)), Yelp, and Google for past complaints. Be wary of contractors with many negative reviews.
- Ensure that the contract has a total cost noted, a complete description of the work to be performed, and estimated start and completion dates. The contract should state that any charges outside of those in the contract must be authorized by you in advance of the work being done.
- Be sure the contractor agrees that Village building permits will be pulled, and that work will be done in compliance with the Village Code. The contractor or homeowner can submit the permit application. The contract should state who will submit and pay for the building permit. Payment for the project should be contingent upon an approved building inspection.
- Never sign a contract with blank spaces or sections that you do not understand.
- Confirm that the contractor is fully insured and ask for a certificate of insurance indicating you as the additional insured.
- All contractors performing work in the Village are required to have a valid Contractor's Registration. Please call the Community Development Department to verify that a contractor has a valid registration.
- Maintain all paperwork related to your project, and take photos of the work site before, during, and after the construction, as a record.
- Do not sign a certificate of completion or make a final payment until the work is done to your satisfaction. When you pay, it is recommended to pay by credit card or check, and always get a receipt. It is not a good practice to pay for materials in advance or for anything that you are not already in possession of. Keep down payments as low as possible. For example, a 50% down payment exposes you to significant risks, and a loss of leverage.
- Demand lien waivers from contractors, subcontractors and suppliers to confirm payment is received and any future lien rights to your property are waived.

For more information on consumer rights, or if you think you were defrauded by a contractor, bring your concerns to the Illinois Attorney General by calling 1-800-386-5438 or by visiting [www.IllinoisAttorneyGeneral.gov/consumers](http://www.IllinoisAttorneyGeneral.gov/consumers).

## 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.

The Village maintains the network of sewer mains that take the sewage to one of our 3 treatment plants. 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 the Guidelines Below

### 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; and
- 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'S

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

### Some Additional Tips

If you know you have roots in your service line have them cut out regularly by a licensed plumber.

For additional protection, an ejector pit with a check valve can be installed in your basement. The village also offers a cost sharing program for ejector pit installations, call for details.

The sewer department is available 24/7. 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 Public Works at (815) 215-4800. If your issue occurs after normal hours you can call the Village non-emergency number (815) 485-2500 and an employee will contact you.

## Route 30 Water Main Replacement

The Village of New Lenox is in the final stages of acquiring the needed easements to replace the water main on Route 30 from just west of I-80 to Church Street. A new larger water main will be installed in the parkway on the south side of Route 30 to replace the aging infrastructure that is currently in the middle of the eastbound driving lanes. Once work begins, use caution when traveling in this area.

## MXU Replacements

The Water Department is in the process of replacing the MXU (remote water meter reading device) on the outside of resident's homes. 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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## 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 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 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.

We are currently replacing meters in the following areas: Heather Glen, Sky Harbor, Bristol Park, Rachel Ridge, Water Chase, and Calistoga. If your meter needs to be updated, you received a postcard in the mail. Please call to schedule an appointment as soon as possible.

Once we have completed replacements in the above neighborhoods the following will be receiving postcards: Wildflower, Cherry Hill, Prairie Ridge, and Walker Country Estates.

If you do not live in one of these subdivisions and would like your meter changed, feel free to give us a call and we'll schedule an appointment for you, as well.

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

## New Building Code Adoption

The Village recently adopted the 2018 editions of the International Building Code published by the International Code Council (ICC). The updated codes promote safe, resilient, energy efficient and cost-effective construction. The process of updating model codes happens every three years and is optimal to ensure new technologies, materials and methods can be incorporated into the next generation of buildings to help us build better, smarter buildings as cost effectively as possible. Research has shown that strong building codes are our first and best line of defense against natural disasters and can reduce insurance premiums.

Model codes set the minimum standards for all new construction. The primary objective of a building code is to provide minimum safety, guard public health and provide energy efficiency in new buildings. Existing structures are generally required to meet the code that was in place when the project was constructed; however, any alterations to an existing building and any new construction must meet the current codes.

Since the building code is a minimum standard, the Village has made amendments to specific sections of the code to make it more stringent and require standards above the minimum model code. These local amendments are all available on the Village's website, [www.newlenox.net](http://www.newlenox.net) and should be reviewed if you are planning on a building project. Any questions regarding the code or projects can be addressed by contacting the Building Department at (815) 462-6400.

## Emergency Water 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 7:00am and 11:00am. 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.

If this becomes necessary, signs will be placed on the side of the road notifying you of these restrictions. In addition, a Nixle alert will be sent, and the information will be on the Village website, [www.newlenox.net](http://www.newlenox.net), as well as on the Village Facebook page.

## FREE Training – Learn How to Prepare for Emergencies and Disasters



The Village of New Lenox will be hosting a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) 20-Hour Basic Class starting on Wednesday September 11, 2019. The Course is **FREE** to residents and will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the New Lenox Village Hall. The Final Exercise and Graduation will be held on Saturday October 26, 2019 from 8:00am to 12:00pm.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.



People who go through CERT training have a better understanding of the potential threats to their home, workplace and community and can take the right steps to lessen the effects of these hazards on themselves, their homes or workplace. If a disaster happens that overwhelms local response capability, CERT members can apply the training learned in the classroom and during exercises to provide critical support to their family and neighbors until help arrives. When help does arrive, CERT members provide useful information to responders and support their efforts, as directed, at the disaster site. CERT members can also assist with non-emergency projects that improve the safety of the community. CERT volunteers have been utilized to assist in the aftermath of natural disasters by staffing shelters, assisting with storm clean-up and the management of donation collections. CERT volunteers have also been utilized to install smoke alarms, distribute disaster education material during community events, and provide services at special events, such as parades, 5K races, concerts and more.

Those interested in registering for the FREE class should contact Daniel Martin, Safe Community Coordinator, Village of New Lenox, (815) 462-6493 or [dmartin@newlenox.net](mailto:dmartin@newlenox.net).

## Look Forward to These Establishments

**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.

### Clean Beauty Boutique, LLC

1310 N. Cedar (in the plaza on the northeast corner of Cedar and Francis Roads). Hair salon/cosmetic boutique specializing in organic hair color and extensions. Cosmetic boutique specializing in organic beauty products. Tentative Opening is July 2019.

### Kiddie Academy

674 Cedar Crossings Drive (east of Silver Cross Hospital). Educational childcare center. Tentative Opening is early fall, 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 is in July, 2019.

## Who's New in Town

### 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.

### Classy Nails & Spa

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

### Mystic Collision, Inc.

12616 Old Plank Drive (off Schoolhouse Road). Mystic is an automotive body shop.

### Paragon Tech Inc.

201 W. Maple St., Ste. 2 (the second floor of Kathy Miller's State Farm Office on Route 30). Paragon offers IT consulting and related maintenance services. <https://www.paragoncnc.com>

### Zin Café

2461 E. Joliet Hwy. (in Bluestone Commons by Zembar Jewelers and Dr. Candice Gibbons' dental office). Zin Café offers a wine bar. <https://www.facebook.com/zincafewineandwin/>.

## "Restaurant Week" 2019 is Coming!

The next marketing program, "Restaurant Week," is planned for September 3rd through September 10, 2019. Once again, the New Lenox Chamber of Commerce and Village of New Lenox look forward to presenting discounts and specials offered from local restaurants. The promotion gives residents an opportunity to visit their favorite participating New Lenox restaurant or eat at a local restaurant for the first time using special offers. Look for the ad in a forthcoming edition of *The New Lenox Patriot*.



## Independence Day Celebration

Celebrate the Fourth of July in the Village Commons with music, activities, and an amazing display of fireworks! Taking place on July 4th, our Independence Day Celebration starts at 6:00pm with music from rock cover band Epic. The Joliet American Legion Band will follow, and their patriotic performance will lead into a fireworks show that begins at dusk. Don't miss this celebration of our nation in the Home of Proud Americans!



## Live on the Lawn

Join the Lincoln-Way Area Chorale and the New Lenox Community Band for an evening of live music in the Village Commons. On July 14th, these groups will take the stage on the Performing Arts Pavilion with performances beginning at 6:00pm. Join us as we showcase the talent of our local organizations!



## Cruise the Commons

Bring your car, truck, Jeep, or motorcycle out to the Village Commons on July 30th and August 27th and put it on display for Cruise the Commons. Not a vehicle owner? Then join us to catch some tunes (courtesy of The Walk Ins in July and Electric Avenue in August), grab a cold drink, and check out the vehicles on site. Food will be available for sale from the concession stand, and guests ages 21 and over may purchase beer and wine as well. Full details can be found at [www.newlenox.net/events](http://www.newlenox.net/events).



## Fridays After Five

On August 2nd and August 23rd, we're starting your weekends off with great food and live music in the Village Commons at Fridays After Five! With a full line-up of food trucks with mouth-watering menus on each night, you'll find something to satisfy the taste buds of every member of your group. Plus, live music from LUPO on August 2nd and Worth the Risk on August 23rd will keep your toes tapping all night. Check out the list of participating trucks and full details on the events at [www.newlenox.net/events](http://www.newlenox.net/events).



## Chalk Walk

Chalk Walk is a new event in 2019 that offers the opportunity to create a masterpiece in the Village Commons with sidewalk chalk. This event is open to everyone, including families, students, professional artists, aspiring artists – all who are interested are welcome! If creating a work of art isn't for you, then join us to stroll through the Commons and enjoy the art being created by your neighbors. Chalk Walk will take place on August 10th from 10:00am to 4:00pm. In addition to the artwork that will be found on the Commons sidewalk, the event will include music, food and beverages, and other fun art-based activities. Visit [www.newlenox.net/events](http://www.newlenox.net/events) to register for your own space on the sidewalk.



## Ladies Night Out

Ladies Night Out brings an evening of shopping, sipping, and entertainment to the Village Commons on Friday, August 16th. Enjoy live music from CK and The Gray while you shop from over 100 vendors. Don't forget to grab a glass (or two!) of wine from Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurants while you check out all of the jewelry, clothing, home décor, candles, bath and body products, and more! This event takes place from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., and you can find more information, including a list of vendors, at [www.newlenox.net/events](http://www.newlenox.net/events).

