

## Coming October 1, 2019 - More Convenient Payment Options for Utility Bills



The Village of New Lenox has launched a new online billing and payment solution, offering more ways to view and pay your utility bill, plus the addition of 24/7 phone payments and pay by text. This new system WILL REPLACE the existing on-line bill payment system. If you currently have your bill set up to be paid out of your checking or savings account with the Village's auto pay (ACH), NO ACTION IS REQUIRED.

Residents can receive and view bills electronically, make a payment with credit/debit card or e-check, and choose to go paperless. A quick, one-time payment can be made without registering or you can create an account to enjoy more features like setting up automatic payments, saving payment information for later use and viewing history.

- Easy-to-use online portal to access your account and make payments
- Registration is not required
- Go Paperless -- get your bills via email
- Save time with automatic payment options:
  - AutoPay –automatically pay the invoice amount on the due date with credit or debit card
  - Recurring Scheduled Payments –set up a schedule to pay a fixed amount or the invoice balance on a specific day of the month
- Receive email reminders when your bill is ready, when a scheduled payment is pending and a confirmation after making a payment
- Pay by Phone – check your account balance or make a payment 24/7
- Pay by Text –get text notifications about your bill and have the option to pay through text message with your default payment method (sign up when making an online payment or within your account)

Go to [www.newlenox.net](http://www.newlenox.net) for further information.

## “Teen Driver? What Every Parent Should Know” *Understanding Graduated Driver Licensing, Driver’s Ed Curriculum, and Parents Role for 50-Hours Behind the Wheel*

The New Lenox Safe Communities America Coalition has developed a program for parents of new teen drivers. The FREE event will take place on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 from 7:00pm to 8:00pm in the Community Room at the New Lenox Village Hall. The program will feature guest speakers from the Illinois Secretary of State’s Office, Lincoln-Way West High School Driver’s Education Department and Country Financial. There will be three components to this program:

- Review of the Illinois’ Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) Program;
- Explanation of what the Driver’s Education curriculum entails, including the classroom and behind-the-wheel portions; and
- Information for parents on how to instruct teen drivers during their 50-hours behind the wheel.

Everyone in attendance will receive a GDL Parent-Teen Driving Guide provided by the Illinois Secretary of State’s Office and a “Student Driver” magnetic car sign compliments of our event coordinator, Rocky Dellamano from Country Financial.

To register for this FREE event, visit: [www.newlenox.net/events](http://www.newlenox.net/events). For additional questions about the program, please contact Daniel Martin, Safe Community Coordinator, Village of New Lenox, at (815) 462-6493 or via email at [dmartin@newlenox.net](mailto:dmartin@newlenox.net).



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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)

## Fall 2019 Leaf Collection Program

The Leaf Collection Program for residents will begin

**Monday, October 7, 2019.**

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.



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 note that this schedule is dependent on the weather, volume of leaves to collect, equipment and crew availability. For example, crews may pick-up your leaves on a Wednesday one week and on a Friday the next week because there was more leaves to pick-up.

**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.

**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 **Saturday, November 30, 2019** (weather permitting).

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. **No Way will also pick-up leaves placed in the Kraft-type paper bags free of charge for 6-weeks.** This service ends with your pick-up date the week of November 30th every year. In 2019 it will be on Friday or Saturday due to the holiday week.

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

## FREE Family Fun at Octoberfest

On Saturday, October 5th, stop by the Village Commons to find free fun for the whole family.

The Village of New Lenox will be hosting Octoberfest from 2:00pm until 6:00pm, and the event will include a variety of entertainment and activities.

Live music will be provided by Bruce Korosa & Sons followed by Mercury Blonde. Pony rides, a petting zoo, face painting, and pumpkin decorating will also be available.

During Octoberfest, help the Friends of the New Lenox Parks fight hunger at the '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.



## Welcome - Winter 2019 / 2020

Well, we may as well embrace it since it's almost here.... winter. And winter means SNOW! 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 this winter season.



## AARP Smart Driver™ Course Announced

The Village of New Lenox, through its Safe Community Coalition, is proud to announce that an AARP Smart Driver™ Course will be offered on October 17th and 18th from 9:00am to 1:00pm. The 2-day course will be held in the Community Room at the New Lenox Village Hall. The cost of the course is \$15.00 for AARP members and \$20.00 for non-members. Cash or check will be accepted at the door on the first day. To register, contact Daniel Martin, Safe Community Coordinator, by phone (815) 462-6493 or via email at [dmartin@newlenox.net](mailto:dmartin@newlenox.net).



### Should you take the AARP Smart Driver™ Course?

Cars have changed, and so have traffic rules, driving conditions, and the roads you travel every day. Even the most experienced drivers can benefit from brushing up on their driving skills.

The AARP Smart Driver™ Course, offered by AARP Driver Safety, is the nation's largest driver safety course and is designed especially for drivers age 50 and older. By taking the AARP Smart Driver™ Course, you'll learn the current rules of the road, defensive driving techniques, and how to operate your vehicle more safely in today's increasingly challenging driving environment. In addition, you'll learn:

- How to minimize the effects of dangerous blind spots.
- How to maintain the proper following distance behind another car.
- The safest ways to change lanes and make turns at busy intersections.
- Proper use of safety belts, air bags, anti-lock brakes, and new technology found in cars.
- Ways to monitor your own and others' driving skills and capabilities.
- The effects of medications on driving.
- The importance of eliminating distractions, such as eating, smoking, and using a cell phone.

You may be eligible to receive a multi-year auto insurance discount upon completing the course (consult your insurance agent for details). AARP membership is not required to take the course and there are no tests to pass.

## Census Day - SAVE THE DATE

**SAVE THE DATE:** April 1, 2020 is Census Day! By April 1, 2020, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. Once the invitation arrives, please respond for your home in one of three (3) ways: online, by phone, or by mail. Further details will be forthcoming as the 2020 Census nears. For additional information, please visit [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov).



## Thanks for Participating in "Restaurant Week"!

On behalf of the New Lenox Chamber of Commerce and the Village, thank you to all residents who visited the 24 participating businesses which offered discounts and specials in early September. Many of the restaurants tracked an increased number of customers and we are grateful that residents chose to "eat local."



## Improperly / Illegally Connected Sump Pumps

Surface and ground water inflow carried by sump pumps into the sanitary sewer system create unmanageable flows at both area pump stations and the treatment plants. This also jeopardizes the ability to meet State and Federal Clean Water Standards and raises the cost for treatment. In addition, the collection system is incapable of handling the peak flows which are produced by sump pump discharges during heavy rains. This could cause an increased potential in the number of flooded basements for you and the residents in your neighborhood.



In 2018-2019 the Village's Wastewater Department conducted sump pump inspections in high flow residential neighborhoods. The purpose of the inspections was to find illegally connected sump pumps and assist homeowners in meeting the Village's sump pump ordinance (sec. 94-33 Discharge of unpolluted water). The inspections were successful in reducing unnecessary flow in our system. If you would like to talk to a wastewater employee about your sump pump or have an inspection, we would be more than happy to meet with you. An alternative may be to connect to the Village's storm water system, if available. Please call Public Works at (815) 215-4800 to schedule an appointment or inquire about a storm water connection.

The sewer department is available 24/7, 365 days per year. 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.

## FREE Vehicle Inspections - Seniors (60+) Get Ready for Winter

The Village of New Lenox and its Safe Communities America Coalition, in partnership with Lincoln-Way School District #210 and New Lenox NAPA, are offering FREE vehicle inspections to seniors (60+) to help them prepare for winter.



The vehicle inspections will be conducted on November 13th and 14th from 9:15am to 11:00am at Lincoln-Way Central High School, 1801 E. Lincoln Highway in New Lenox. Seniors will be directed to enter off of Schoolhouse Road at the 1st entrance north of Route 30. Lincoln-Way automotive students, under supervision of an auto shop teacher, will offer the following services:

- Check fluids – engine oil, trans fluid, brake fluid, coolant, power steering fluid and windshield washer fluid
- Check belts and hoses
- Inspect tires for tread wear, cracks and dry rot
- Inspect underside suspension and front end parts
- Load test batteries
- Check coolant strength for freeze protection
- Check headlights, turn signals, parking lamps and registration plate bulbs

Many seniors have a difficult time conducting their own vehicle inspections or don't have the funds to pay for minor services. This is a great way to provide these services and a way for the Lincoln-Way auto shop students to help seniors in our community.

The New Lenox Safe Communities America Coalition and its Motor Vehicle / Traffic Safety Task Group would like to thank New Lenox NAPA for covering the costs of shop supplies that will be utilized during the 2-day event.

Appointments are needed! Seniors are asked to contact Daniel Martin, Safe Community Coordinator at the Village of New Lenox, to reserve an appointment. Email [dmartin@newlenox.net](mailto:dmartin@newlenox.net) or call (815) 462-6493.

## 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: April 2020.

**Disney Store (inside Target)** at 2370 E. Lincoln Hwy. New Lenox was chosen in the first group of 25 Disney Stores in the U.S. and the 2nd in Illinois to have a Disney store inside Target. Tentative Opening: October 4, 2019.

**Nook Coworking Space** 400 E. Lincoln Hwy., Suite 100 (1st floor of former SBT Bank Building on Route 30). This business will offer shared office space and conference room access to professionals to use on a month-to-month basis. It will also offer amenities like printing and common area access to do work within the suite. Tentative Opening Date: October, 2019.

**Tractor Supply Company** 2161 E. Laraway Rd. (east of Jewel Food Store). 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 lawn mowers. Tentative Opening Date: November 1, 2019.

## Open Now

**Awaken Station Nutrition** 336 W. Maple St. (in the strip mall on the southeast corner of Vine and Route 30. Awaken Station is a nutrition bar with healthy smoothies, energy tea, and weight loss coaching.

<https://www.facebook.com/AwakenStationNutrition/>

**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.

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

**Kiddie Academy**

674 Cedar Crossings Drive (east of Silver Cross Hospital). Educational childcare center.

<https://kiddieacademy.com/academies/new-lenox/>

**Simon Phillips**

306 W. Maple St. (former Flirty on 30 Boutique). Men's hair salon that sells shampoo and other hair products in addition to cutting and styling hair.

**Starbuck's**

211 E. Maple St. (with drive-through in the building east of CVS on Route 30.

<https://www.starbucks.com/store-locator/store/9431/new-lenox-rte-30-joliet-hwy-2550-e-lincoln-hwy-new-lenox-il-604519712-us>

## We've Moved

**MVP Chiropractic** 305 Vine Street, Suite 101 (across the street from the U.S. Post Office on Vine). MVP was formerly located at 313 W. Maple St. <https://mvpchiro.com/locations/mvp-chiropractic-new-lenox/>

**Spectrum Eye Institute** 672 Cedar Crossings, Suite 1 (east of Silver Cross Hospital).

Spectrum was formerly located at 1870 Silver Cross Blvd. <http://www.spectrumi.com/>



## Thank You For a Great Triple Play Concert Series

The eleventh 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 Cheap Trick, Joan Jett and The Blackhearts with special guest Blue Öyster Cult, and Kenny Loggins.

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 2020!



## Christmas in the Commons Returns This Winter

Be sure your holiday plans include a visit (or two!) to the Village Commons to view the Christmas in the Commons magical light display. Featuring new themes and exhibits, residents and visitors will be delighted by the changing landscape of this winter wonderland while still enjoying their favorite displays from past years. And of course, still standing as the highlight of the scene will be the largest illuminated Santa Claus in the United States.

Christmas in the Commons will feature activities and entertainment on Saturdays and Sundays from November 30th through December 22nd. Each of these days will include the holiday market, visits from Santa Claus, horse-drawn wagon rides, carolers, character visits, and much more. The full schedule of entertainment will be posted at [newlenox.net/events](http://newlenox.net/events) as it is confirmed.

Also returning to the Commons for the holiday celebrations 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 beautiful setting, you won't want to miss the opportunity to enjoy the holidays in the Village Commons this December.



## "Shift Your Shopping" for Holiday Gifts

In November, the Village and Chamber will host its annual "Shift Your Shopping" marketing promotion. Residents can shop local at participating businesses between Black Friday, November 29th and ending Sunday, December 8th, 2019. We encourage residents to support local businesses through the three annual promotions offered: Bring on Spring in May; Restaurant Week in September and; Shift Your Shopping.

