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Everyone Counts! New Lenox Counts!

With only a few months left until Census Day on April 1, 2020, the Village of New Lenox is looking to increase participation in the 2020 Census. The Census is an official count of the population of the United States that takes place once every ten years; which ultimately determines the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as funding for state and local governments. An accurate count of Illinois' population is essential to ensure that the State receives the funding it needs to properly care for its residents and provide critical services and programs.

By completing the Census questionnaire, it will help the Village of New Lenox obtain state shared revenue, which includes income tax, use tax and motor fuel tax. Based on information obtained from the Illinois Municipal League (November 2019), it amounts to approximately \$165 per person living within the Village corporate limits. Although this figure does not seem like a substantial dollar amount per person, when multiplied by our population, it adds up to more than 4 million dollars for our Village.

Beginning mid-March, nearly every household will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census through the mail. Every household will have the option of responding online, by mail or by phone. When completing the census, you should count **EVERYONE** (babies/newborns, senior citizens, unrelated individuals, undocumented individuals, etc.) who is living in your household on April 1, 2020. The initial mailing will be followed by four additional mailings if a household has not self-responded. Starting in May 2020, Census takers will begin in-field operations and personally visit households that have not responded.

It is important to know that your Census responses are confidential and secure, as it is against the law for any Census Bureau employee to disclose or publish any Census information that identifies an individual or business. Your answers can only be used to

produce statistics. The Census Bureau will never ask for your Social Security number, bank or credit card account numbers, money or donations, or anything on behalf of a political party.

To learn more about the 2020 Census and/or to apply for a Census job, please visit www.2020census.gov.



Stop by the Village of New Lenox to Register to Vote

You will need two forms of identification.

Acceptable forms of identification include:

- Driver's License
- State ID Card
- Utility Bill
- Checkbook
- Library Card
- Credit Card
- Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card
- Employee ID Card
- Student ID Card
- Insurance Card

If you're not sure if you are a registered voter or want to find your correct polling place, check out the Will County Clerk's website at www.thewillcountyclerk.com and click on Election Services.

You can now also register to vote at your Polling Place on Election Day. Two forms of identification will be required. One form must show your current name and address.

The General Primary Election is March 17, 2020

Early voting for the General Primary Election starts March 2, 2020 and runs through March 13, 2020. Voting hours are Monday thru Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm in the Community Room at the New Lenox Village Hall, 1 Veterans Parkway.

For questions, contact the New Lenox Village Clerk at 815-462-6414 or the Will County Clerk at 815-740-4615.



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

2020 Severe Weather Spotter Training / Health & Safety Expo

SAVE THE DATE!



The Village of New Lenox, in partnership with the New Lenox Safe Communities America Coalition and their collaborative partners, are proud to announce the 2020 New Lenox Severe Weather Spotter Training / Health and Safety Expo. The event will be held on Tuesday March 24, 2020 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 approximately 8:30pm. The training provides those in attendance with information about 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 additional information about the event, contact Daniel Martin, Safe Community Coordinator, Village of New Lenox, (815) 462-6493 or dmartin@newlenox.net.

RPZ Survey – Spring 2020

Keep an eye out for a survey being mailed to every resident this Spring from 'BSI' (Backflow System Incorporated).



This survey is asking residents if they have an RPZ (Reduced Pressure Zone) and, if you do possess one, what purpose its being used for. An RPZ is a backflow preventer, typically used in sprinkler systems. They are usually installed by a licensed plumber or your sprinkling system company, removed every fall/winter, then reinstalled with the activation of your system in the spring. Residents may have an RPZ without having a sprinkler system, but this would be atypical.

It is very important that all members of the community respond to this survey, even if you do not have an RPZ. We are mandated by the EPA to send out this survey every three years. This allows us to keep an active database of cross-connections to our village water supply.

If you have any questions regarding this survey call the Water Department at (815) 215-4800 or BSI at (800) 414-4990.

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 Rules 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.
- Connect your sump pump or gutter downspouts to the sewer system, 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.
- 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, 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 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.

Snow Removal / 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. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.



Rain Barrels and Other Ways to Save Water

When we think of stormwater as a precious fresh water resource, it doesn't make sense to manage it like a waste product. There is a finite amount of fresh water on earth and we can all take steps to protect it, starting with collecting it where it falls!

When we catch and keep the rainwater that falls on our yards, we reduce flooding and stress on sewer system infrastructure, keep pollutants out of our rivers, creeks and streams, and end up with clean water that is perfect for watering lawns and gardens, washing cars or the family dog.

Rain Barrels

One simple, efficient, low-cost method to reduce the amount of stormwater runoff from your property is to use **rain barrels**. Estimates indicate that a quarter-inch of rain falling on an average home yields over 200 gallons of water. **Rain barrels are simply large containers that capture stormwater from your roof that would otherwise be lost as runoff.** Modern rain barrels are sealed, safe around children and insect resistant – they can even be painted or decorated to your liking. You can divert water from your downspout to fill your rain barrel and a hose spigot on the front makes the water easy to access and use.



Around 40% of total household water used during the summer months is for watering lawns and gardens. Rainwater doesn't contain chlorine, lime or calcium which makes it ideal for watering your flowers and vegetable garden or washing your car or

windows. You may notice a decrease in your water bill! Even if you don't have an intended use for the water, emptying the rain barrel after a storm reduces the rate and volume of stormwater the sewer system and our rivers and streams have to manage at a peak time.

The Village of New Lenox sells rain barrels year-round through our partnership with Upcycle Products, Inc. Our 55-gallon rain barrels are made of recycled food-grade plastic, come in a variety of colors and can be purchased online for **\$66 (plus tax)** and delivered to your home. For more information, visit the "Going Green at Home" page of the Village's website www.newlenox.net.

Route 30 Water Main Replacement

Beginning in the early spring, the Village of New Lenox will be replacing the water main on Route 30 from Nelson Road to Church Street. The bid opening is January 17th with awarding of the bid to take place on January 28th. The majority of this main is currently 8" and has had numerous repairs done to it throughout the years. The contractor will be upsizing to a 12" main on the south side of Route 30, with most of the main being placed in the parkway area and out of the driving lanes of Route 30. Every effort will be made to minimize the impact on local businesses and the community while this project is taking place. Substantial completion of this project is expected to be completed by November of 2020.

In addition, as part of the Route 30 / I-80 project, the Village will also be replacing the main on Route 30 from Nelson Road to Providence Catholic High School.

If you have any questions regarding these projects, feel free to call the Water Department at (815) 215-4800.



Preventing Frozen Pipes

The water inside pipes can freeze when outdoor temperatures drop below freezing. As the frozen water expands, the pressure inside the pipes increases, which can lead to bursting pipes and water meters.



How do I prevent pipes from freezing?

- Insulate pipes, especially those close to outside walls, attics, or crawl spaces
- Seal air leaks surrounding or near pipes
- Keep garage doors closed
- Disconnect all outdoor hoses and turn off water to exterior faucets
- Keep heat at 55 degrees F or higher even when you are out of town
- During extreme cold, allow both hot and cold faucets near outside walls to trickle
- If you are going to be away from home for a prolonged period of time, drain water system

What do I do if my pipes freeze?

- Open all faucets
- Remove insulation and wrap pipe in rags
- Apply heat to frozen pipes

What do I do if my pipes burst?

Shut off water supply immediately using valves by water meter. If this cannot be done, call the Water Department at (815) 215-4800. They will turn water off at the main.

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact the Water Department at (815) 215-4800.

Christmas in the Commons

Residents and visitors were invited to experience the magic of the holiday season with the 2019 Christmas in the Commons celebrations throughout the month of December. On Saturdays and Sundays throughout the month, the New Lenox Village Commons came alive with activities and entertainment, all set against the backdrop of a dazzling display of holiday lights.



Thank you to all those who helped to make these events possible, including Village of New Lenox staff, C.E.R.T., E.S.D.A., student volunteers, and the New Lenox Community Park District. Additional thanks to our incredibly generous sponsors, including Berkots

Super Foods, Burns Photography, Carey Animal Clinic, Century, Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd., Fleckenstein's Bakery, Image360, Kurtz Memorial Chapel, LincolnWay Community Bank, Old Plank Trail Community Bank, Ozinga, RS Corcoran, Silver Cross Hospital, Spaceco, and Strand Associates, Inc. Without the support of all these wonderful people and organizations, these events truly would not be possible.

We hope that all of the New Lenox residents and neighbors who came out to the Village Commons during the holiday season enjoyed the splendor and excitement that was brought to the village. We look forward to seeing you again in 2020!



Coming Soon

The Body Architects, LLC, 304 W. Maple St. Body Architects is a personal training facility. Tentative Opening Date: January 2020. <https://www.vagaro.com/thebodyarchitectsllc/>



Future Diagnostics Group & Women's Center for Breast Health ("FDG") at 672 Cedar Crossings Drive is a tenant in Spectrum Eye Institute's building. FDG is an outpatient medical imaging center providing MRIs, CT scans, PET Scans, x-rays and ultrasounds. Tentative Opening Date: January 23, 2020. <https://futurediagnosticgroup.com/>

Forever Family Dental of New Lenox, 202 Vancina Lane (north of Five Guys Restaurant on Route 30). Tentative Opening Date: April 2020

Fresenius Kidney Care, 662 Cedar Crossing Drive (Cedar Crossings Drive is east of Silver Cross Hospital). Tentative Opening Date: April 2020

Joey's of New Lenox Red Hots, 217 E. Maple (in same plaza as Starbucks that is east of CVS on Route 30). <https://www.joeyredhots.com/>. Sit down restaurant which will also offer catering services. Tentative Opening Date: March 1, 2020.

Silver Cross Hospital's Urgent Care, 1851 Silver Cross Blvd. <https://www.silvercross.org/care-treatment/urgent-care/>. Tentative Opening: March, 2020.

Open Now

Cricket Wireless, 1824 E. Lincoln Hwy. (in strip mall across the street from Lincoln-Way Central H.S.). The store is an exclusive, authorized, retailer for Cricket Wireless and provides wireless and Internet services, phone retail, bill payment, and phone accessory sales. <https://www.cricketwireless.com/>



Delia Home Services, LLC is a home-based business which offers home repairs. (708) 715-6536

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. https://www.target.com/c/disney-store-at-target/-/N-tmomh#!nk=snav_rd_disney_store

Giamanco Law Partners, 1938 E. Lincoln Hwy., Suite 560 (Atrium Point). <https://www.glawpartners.com/>. Law office servicing existing and new clients.

Gonzalez Home Repairs is a home-based, handyman business that performs interior painting, replacement or repair of doors, light fixtures, outlets, trim work, cabinets, vanity, and toilets. Drywall repair is also available. gonzalezhomerepairsllc@gmail.com

Move Pilates, LLC, 327 W. Maple St. (directly north of the United Methodist Church on Route 30). Move Pilates offers mat and reformer Pilates and barre classes. Low weight, low impact and small class sizes are available. <https://mindbody.io/fitness/studios/move-pilates-studio-2>

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

Nutrition Hub New Lenox, 1005 W. Laraway Rd., Unit 290 (in the Country Creek Commons strip mall on the northwest corner of Nelson and Laraway Roads). Nutrition Hub sells smoothies and bowls designed to be meal replacements. Meal plans and coaching are also available. <https://www.nwi24.org/>

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. https://www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/store-NewLenox-IL-60451_2360

Valor Underground Construction is a home-based business. The home office is an underground utility construction company specializing in directional boring, but also does excavation and specialized trenchless technology. Work is concentrated on the installation of telecom, electric, sewer, water, and gas. Valor is a veteran-owned business. www.varorug.com

New Ownership

AMITA Health, 410 E. Lincoln Hwy. (in building formerly known as Presence Health across from Aldi on Route 30). Presence became a part of AMITA Health, a joint venture of Ascension's Alexian Brothers Health System and Adventist Midwest Health in 2018. AMITA will continue to offer outpatient services to residents similar to the services offered by Presence.

NAME CHANGE

Thanks for Participating in "Shift Your Shopping" for Holiday Gifts!

On behalf of the New Lenox Chamber of Commerce and the Village, thank you to all residents who visited the 18 participating businesses which offered discounts and specials between Black Friday and December 8, 2019. We look forward to offering "Bring on Spring" to residents in May 2020.



It's Leap Year – Fun Fact!

Did you know we owe leap years to Julius Caesar, and also to his successor, the Emperor Augustus?

The Ancient Romans used to follow a calendar that had 355 days a year, but it eventually grew hopelessly out of sync with the seasons, making it difficult to celebrate festivals at the same time each year. So, in 45 BC, Julius Caesar decreed that a new, reformed calendar would be adopted that had 365 days a year, with an extra day every "leap year" in order to keep the seasons and calendar properly in sync.

However, the Roman priests who devised the new calendar initially made a mistake. They set the leap year to occur every third year. The priests realized soon enough that this wouldn't work, and in 8 BC Emperor Augustus officially corrected the calendar so that leap years came every fourth year.

So, Caesar can take credit for leap years in general, but the four-year tradition is Augustus.

And have you ever wondered why February is shorter than every other month? That's also because of Augustus. The Roman Senate, to honor him, renamed the month of Sextilis as Augustus (August). But originally August was only 30 days long, and this was a problem because Julius Caesar's month (July) was 31 days long. It wouldn't do for Augustus to have a shorter month than Caesar!

To make August as long as July they borrowed a day from February, reducing it from 30 days during a leap year to only 29, and 28 days every other year. This permanently left February as the odd, shortened month that it is.

