



NEW LENOX

VILLAGER

EARLY VOTING

Early voting begins October 19th and runs thru October 31st.

Hours:

Monday thru Friday
9:00am to 4:00pm

Saturdays
8:30am to 12:00pm

Early Voting is in the Community Room at the New Lenox Village Hall, 1 Veterans Parkway, New Lenox, IL 60451.

We will be taking measures to make sure our residents and employees stay safe. Everyone is required to wear a mask while in the building.

For a sample ballot or other questions, visit: www.thewillcountyclerk.com



on someone's door, that they respect the wishes of those homeowners and walk on to the next house.

The Village and Chamber of Commerce will also be hosting a socially distant, daytime Halloween event this year called the Scarecrow Stroll. For additional information please call the Village Hall at (815) 462-6400 or visit www.newlenox.net/events.

FALL 2020 LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM

The Leaf Collection Program for residents will begin Monday, **October 5, 2020**. 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 were 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.



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



HALLOWEEN 2020

We are excited to announce our plans for Halloween 2020, here in the Village!

Trick or Treating hours this Halloween (Saturday, October 31st) will be from 3:00pm to 7:00pm. Please read through the following guidelines for more details regarding health and safety during this year's celebrations.

1. We ask that Trick or Treaters, as well as homeowners, consider wearing a mask when interacting with each other.
2. Please do not leave bowls of candy outside for multiple people to put their hands in.
3. Although what you do in your own homes is your business, the Health Department and our medical experts are very concerned about large gatherings taking place. Please consider this when making your plans.
4. If you would like to refrain from passing out candy this year, we have created a common sign that can be hung on your front door or in a front window, that will signify to Trick or Treaters NOT to ring your doorbell. This sign can be picked up at Village Hall during normal business hours OR you can print your own off of our website. We ask that if Trick or Treaters do see this sign

Fall 2020 Leaf Collection Program cont'd.

The Village's free leaf collection program ends **Saturday, November 28, 2020** (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. Nu-Way will also pick-up leaves placed in the Kraft-type paper bags free of charge for 6-weeks. This service will begin with your pick-up date on October 22nd or 23rd and ends with your pick-up date either on November 27th or November 28th. In 2020 it will be on Friday or Saturday due to the holiday week. 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.

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, please following 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 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.

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.
- Open cabinet doors below sinks on outside walls to allow warm air to circulate.
- 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 the water system

What do I do if my pipes freeze?

- Open all faucets.
- Remove insulation.
- Apply heat to frozen pipes in the form of a hair dryer or heat lamp. DO NOT use an open flame because of the fire hazard it creates.

What do I do if my pipes burst?

- Shut off water supply immediately using valve by water meter. If this cannot be done, call the Water Department at (815) 215-4800 between the hours of 7:00am and 3:30pm or (815) 485-2500 after hours or on weekends. They will turn the water off at the main.

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

SCARECROW STROLL

Visit the New Lenox Village Commons this October to view a trail of scarecrows, each created by a local business or organization. Hosted by the Village of New Lenox and the New Lenox Chamber of Commerce, this event offers a safe and distanced way to celebrate the season.

Scarecrow Stroll is a standing public display in the Commons, available for free viewing at any time from October 24th through November 1st. Organizations that are interested in creating a display may visit www.newlenox.net/events no later than October 14th to register for a space.

On October 31st from 11:00am until 1:00pm, join us at Scarecrow Stroll for a low-contact way to trick-or-treat for Halloween. After strolling through the Commons to view all of the scarecrows on display, visit our trick-or-treating station located in front of the Village Hall. The Village of New Lenox and the New Lenox Chamber of Commerce will provide a bag of candy for each trick-or-treater. Be sure to wear your costume! A set for photos of your trick-or-treaters will also be available.

For more information, please visit www.newlenox.net/events or call (815) 462-6400.



WINTER SNOW REMOVAL – INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

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.

FREE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TRAINING– NEW LENOX COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

The Village of New Lenox is offering FREE training in Disaster Preparedness through its Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Participants will also be afforded an opportunity to enhance their skills beyond this initial offering by attending monthly training that's offered by our CERT. In addition, a multitude of volunteer opportunities exist through the Village's CERT program for those interested in serving our community.

New Lenox CERT has trained approximately 500 citizens in disaster preparedness. How will this year's class be different from others? The answer is that the bulk of the class will be offered online!

Participants will complete approximately 12 hours of online CERT training between now and October 17th. The training is "go at your own pace" and allows participants the ability to resume training at the point where they left off. Then, on Saturday, October 17, 2020 from 9:00am to 1:00pm, participants will meet to practice the hands-on skills needed to complete the course. The skills portion of the course will be completed in a safe manner with current safety protocols in place.

This training is being offered to anyone high school age and up. Those under 18 must have permission from their parent / legal guardian to participate. For additional questions or to register, contact Daniel Martin, Safe Community Coordinator, Village of New Lenox, via email dmartin@newlenox.net or by phone (815) 462-6493.

The CERT program educates citizens about disaster preparedness for the 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. CERT offers a consistent, nationwide approach to volunteer training and organization that professional responders can rely on during disaster situations, allowing them to focus on more complex tasks. To learn more about CERT, visit <https://www.ready.gov/cert>.



FREE NARCAN® (NALOXONE) TRAINING

The New Lenox Safe Communities America Coalition, in partnership with the Will County Executive's Office, is offering FREE Narcan® training on Monday, November 2, 2020 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm, via Zoom.

Narcan® (Naloxone) is a medicine that blocks the effects of opioids and reverses a drug overdose. The combination of training and having a Narcan® Nasal Spray Kit can save a life!

Dr. Kathleen Burke, Director of Will County Office of Substance Use Initiatives, will be the instructor for this class. Dr. Burke will also provide everyone in attendance with a Narcan® Nasal Spray Kit, upon completion of the training. Arrangements for the pick-up of the kits will be announced during the Zoom videoconference.

For additional questions or to register, contact Daniel Martin, Safe Community Coordinator, Village of New Lenox, via email dmartin@newlenox.net or by phone (815) 462-6493.



OPEN NOW

Baum Designs 21765 S. Center Ave. (off Schoolhouse Road). Manufactures and ships personalized gifts for home décor, office supplies, and special occasions. <https://baum-designs.com/>

Bay Property Services, Inc. 315 W. Maple (across the street from the United Methodist Church on Route 30). Property management company. <https://www.baypropertyservices.net/>

Life Storage 1991 W. Haven Ave. (on the northeast corner of Haven and Gougar Roads). Staffed, self-storage leasing that is climate-controlled and includes RV storage.

<http://www.blueribbonmgt.com/life-storage-new-lenox>

Mainstream Boutique 2340 E. Lincoln Hwy. (in the strip mall by Target and directly south of Portillo's Hot Dogs). Apparel and fashion company offering women's clothing, shoes, and accessories.

<https://mainstreamboutique.com/pages/mac-me>

Midwest Respiratory, Ltd. 678 Cedar Crossings Drive at the Silver Cross Hospital Campus (inside the Southwest Gastroenterology building). Provider of pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine. www.midwestresp.com

Orangetheory Fitness 2081 E. Laraway Rd. (in the plaza with Jewel Food Stores). The health/fitness club is reservation based and includes interval training. www.orangetheoryfitness.com

Senior Love Concierge Home-based business providing services to seniors, e.g., helping with errands, home organization, wellness checks, and accompanying to social events, etc. www.seniorloveconcierge.com

Silver Cross Hospital's Urgent Care 1851 Silver Cross Blvd.

<https://www.silvercross.org/care-treatment/urgent-care/>

Smoothie King 643 E. Lincoln Hwy. (in the strip mall with Chipotle and MOD Pizza). Smoothie King offers fitness, wellness, slim, and kids' blends of smoothies. <https://www.smoothieking.com/>

Teardrop at the Library 120 Veteran's Pkwy. (inside the New Lenox Library). An additional Teardrop Café location with inside sales of coffee, non-alcoholic beverage, snacks, sandwiches, salads, soups and more. <https://www.facebook.com/TeardropAtTheLibrary>

Van-Go Transportation LLC 114 N. Cedar Road (south Route 30 on the east side of Cedar Road between Route 30 and Haven Avenue). Van-Go transports special needs children to out of district schools. Contact vangotransportation@yahoo.com or 815-931-2880 for information.

Westside Children's Therapy 2320 E. Lincoln Hwy. (in the strip mall by Target and directly south of Portillo's Hot Dogs). Westside is an outpatient pediatric therapy center that offers services in physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech, feeding, applied behavior analysis (ABA), as well as child and family therapy (<https://westsidechildrenstherapy.com/>).

WE'VE MOVED

Crash Champions 1429 E. Lincoln Highway (east of the Coldwell Banker Plaza on Route 30).

The collision repair company was previously located at 290 E. Lincoln Hwy.

<https://crashchampions.com/auto-body-shop-new-lenox/>

Kidney Care Center 662 Cedar Crossings Drive. The nephrology office was previously open in 1890 Silver Cross Boulevard.

<https://kidneycares.com/>

COMING SOON

Chicago Makeup Academy 320 Alana Drive. Offers workshops on makeup application to the public. Tentative Opening: mid-October 2020.

Mike More Miles 335 W. Maple St. (on the north side of Route 30 across from the United Methodist Church). Mike More Miles is an



automotive repair facility that is moving into the space formerly occupied by Roberts Tire and Auto.

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

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS OF INTEREST

Arby's: Arby's purchased land on the southwest corner of U.S. Route 30 and Tonell Avenue. The vacant white house on the site will soon be demolished. The building permit is currently under review and Arby's hopes to break ground before the end of the year.

Pete's Fresh Market: Pete's plans to apply for building permits this fall to open in fall 2021.

Silver Cross Hospital: The award-winning hospital is constructing a four-story, 56,060 square foot addition on the east side of the hospital. The expansion will include one floor for neonatal intensive care unit and two floors for operating rooms for cardiovascular surgeries. The addition is anticipated to open by the end of the year.

"RESTAURANT WEEK" IS COMING IN OCTOBER

The New Lenox Chamber of Commerce and the Village are co-hosting the fourth annual "Restaurant Week" from October 4th through October 15, 2020. The list of restaurants offering discounts and specials will be posted on social media and website pages. Road signs will be posted on prominent corners as well as door signs posted in participating restaurants to remind residents to look into the 20% off, buy one/get something free, or special offers at their establishments. We regularly encourage residents to shop local but given the impact of the mitigation measures to restaurants and bars, the time to support local eating and drinking establishments is NOW.

CHRISTMAS IN THE COMMONS

This December, the Village of New Lenox is planning to host a modified version of Christmas in the Commons. Our hope is to provide our residents and visitors with a way to enjoy the holiday season in a safe manner that adheres to the State's most current COVID-19 guidelines.

The stunning light display will return to the Village Commons, creating a magical landscape dripping with lights and highlighted by 3D displays that make for amazing photo opportunities. The star of the show, as always, is the largest illuminated Santa Claus in the United States, standing nearly 50 feet tall and covered in 18,500 LED lights. Santa will again be accompanied by his special mailbox, and all letters submitted by December 16th will receive a response from Santa.

Christmas in the Commons will feature activities and entertainment on Saturdays and Sundays from December 5th through December 20th. While this year's schedule will look different than it has in past

years, the Village still plans to bring you the holiday market, horse-drawn wagon rides, carolers, souvenir mugs, and (distanced) visits with Santa. Full details and a complete schedule of events will be posted at www.newlenox.net/events as they are available.

Christmas in the Commons is subject to alterations and cancelation depending on the State's most current COVID-19 guidelines. The most updated information will be available at www.newlenox.net/events.

