



NEW LENOX

VILLAGER

PUBLIC MEETING TO BE HELD ON CEDAR ROAD / HAVEN AVENUE INTERSECTION

The Village will be hosting a public meeting regarding the Cedar Road at Haven Avenue Intersection Improvement Project on Thursday, October 21, 2021 between 6:00-8:00 pm in the Village Hall Community Room, 1 Veterans Parkway. The public meeting will be conducted in an open house format with display exhibits organized to assist participants in navigating through the project information, including the project process and timeline, alternatives considered, fly over animation, land acquisition, and roundabout materials. Project information will also be posted to a public meeting website for those unable to attend in person. The Village will be accepting comments on the project at the public meeting and through November 8, 2021. Following the comment period, Christopher B. Burke Engineering, the project engineer, will compile the questions and comments received and post responses and Frequently Asked Questions on the webpage. Mark your calendars for October 21 and come learn about this important transportation project!

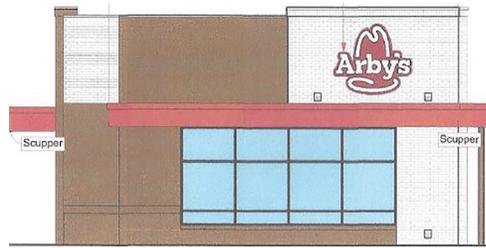


VILLAGE WELCOMES DAVID MYERS AS NEW CHIEF BUILDING INSPECTOR AS MANY PROJECTS GET UNDERWAY

David Myers joined the Village of New Lenox in August as Chief Building Inspector following the retirement of Warren Rendleman. David has more than 20 years of experience in reviewing building plans, conducting building inspections, overseeing municipal capital improvement projects, managing grant programs, and administering

zoning regulations in Oak Park, Shorewood and Maywood. David earned a Bachelor of Science in Construction Management from Western Illinois University and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Governors State University, and holds several certifications from the International Code Council. Welcome David!

David joins the Village at a time when many residential and commercial projects are under construction, and still others are in for review. Gas N Wash is under construction at the southeast corner of U.S. Route 30 and Walona Avenue, while Arby's is being built at U.S. Route 30 and Tonell Avenue. Northern Builders is constructing a 1.1 million square foot distribution facility in the Cherry Hill Business Park, and Silver Cross Hospital is finishing a 6-story addition, including a neonatal intensive care unit. Plans were recently submitted for Landings Office Center south of U.S. Route 30 and east of Cooper Road, Popeye's Chicken at U.S. Route 30 and Lincolnway Drive, Casey's at U.S. Route 30 and West Circle Drive, and Planet Fitness in the vacant space at 700 West Maple Street. In addition to these commercial and industrial developments, new residential construction remains strong in the Village's many subdivisions, and residents continue to make improvements to their homes with more than 1,000 building permits already issued during 2021.



Village Officials

- Timothy Baldermann / Mayor
- Laura Zilinskas / Village Clerk
- David Butterfield / Trustee
- Douglas Finnegan / Trustee
- Tara Kenny / Trustee
- Keith Madsen / Trustee
- Lindsay Scalise / 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

FALL 2021 LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM

The Leaf Collection Program for residents will begin Monday, October 4, 2021. 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 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.
- If you call in for the Branch Pick-up service in October, please keep branch piles separate from leaf piles.

The Village's free leaf collection program ends Saturday, November 27, 2021.

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 2-weeks. This service will be performed on October 21st, 22nd, 28th, and 29th, as well as November 4th, 5th, 11th, 12th, 18th, 19th, 26th, and 27th, whichever dates fall on your regularly scheduled garbage pick-up day.

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

NELSON ROAD WATER TOWER REHABILITATION

Work has begun on the Nelson Water Tower rehabilitation. The 300,000-gallon tank was drained near the end of August in anticipation of repairs. Repairs to the inside and outside of the tank are underway.

Once all of the repairs are made, painting will begin. The exterior of the tank will get a four coat zinc epoxy urethane coating, while the inside will get a three coat zinc epoxy urethane coating. Before the tank is placed back into service, the tank will be cleaned, chlorinated, and filled with water. Samples will be taken to ensure water quality before the water is distributed into the system. We anticipate the tank being put back into service by the middle of November, after which the temporary cell tower will be removed. Please call Public Works at (815) 215-4800 with any questions or concerns regarding this matter.

SNOW REMOVAL 2021

While it may seem like winter is still a long way away, the Village's Public Works Department has been preparing for snow and ice removal throughout the year. Ahead of winter, the Village would like to offer a few reminders for when the first snow being to fall.

Please do not plow, blow or shovel snow into the street. When snow is moved into the street, it not only hinders the efforts of Village crews who are trying to keep roadways clear, it also creates a safety hazard for other drivers. This is a violation of Village ordinance and violations can result in fines. In addition, please remember when 2" or more snow is forecasted, parking in the street is prohibited for a period of 24 hours or until the streets have been cleared of snow.

The Village encourages you to keep the sidewalks near your home clear of snow or the safety of children walking to school or bus stops and other pedestrians. Please consider assisting neighbors who may be unable to clear the sidewalks.

While Village crews do their best to avoid hitting mailboxes, sometimes Village plows or pushed snow damage a mailbox while clearing the streets of snow and ice. Any mailbox that is damaged by the Village plow 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 Public Works at (815) 215-4800 so your address will be documented, which you will then be provided reimbursement information via mail in the spring (Non-Compliant Mailboxes are not eligible for spring reimbursement).

Please do not approach the plow truck or drivers directly with questions, concerns or damage reports, approaching the trucks or climbing on the trucks is unsafe especially in the slippery winter conditions. Call the Public Works number above to report these concerns.

*Keep in mind some streets within the Village are the responsibility of governmental bodies other than the Village of New Lenox. Examples include the following:

*IDOT – (815) 485-2504

All of Route 30
Washington Street

*Will County Highway – (815) 727-8478

Gougar Road (South of Route 6 to Laraway Rd)
South Cedar Road (South of Illinois Hwy)
N. Cedar Road (North of Route 6)
Schoolhouse Road (North of Route 30)
All of Francis Road

*Joliet IDOT – (815) 722-1215

All of Route 6
North Cedar between Francis and Route 6

New Lenox Township Highway Department – (815) 485-6424

All Unincorporated Areas

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and assistance in keeping New Lenox streets and roads safe this winter season.



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 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.

SCARECROW STROLL

Scarecrow Stroll is returning to the New Lenox Village Commons this October for its second year. Hosted by the Village of New Lenox and the New Lenox Chamber of Commerce, Scarecrow Stroll will bring a trail of scarecrows created by our local businesses and organizations to the Commons.

Scarecrow Stroll is a standing public display, available for free viewing at any time from October 23rd through November 1st. Organizations that are interested in creating a display may visit www.newlenox.net/events no later than October 13th to register for a space. For more information, please visit [newlenox.net/events](http://www.newlenox.net/events) or call (815) 462-6400.



FINAL BRANCH PICK-UP

The final branch pick-up of the year will be on Tuesday, October 19th. Call Public Works at (815) 215-4800 to be added to the list.



CHRISTMAS IN THE COMMONS

The Village of New Lenox will again be celebrating the holiday season with Christmas in the Commons, bringing a magical light display and accompanying activities and entertainment to the New Lenox Village Commons throughout the month of December.

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 18th will receive a response from Santa.

Christmas in the Commons will feature a calendar of events on Saturdays and Sundays from December 4th through December 19th. Each of these dates will include the holiday market, visits with Santa, horse-drawn wagon rides, souvenir mugs and hot cocoa, and much more. Full details and a complete schedule will be posted at www.newlenox.net/events as they are confirmed.



COMING SOON

- **Dermatology Associates** 420 Nelson Road (in the same plaza with Buffalo Wild Wings). Will provide general dermatology care to patients. Tentative open date: October 1, 2021.
- **Gracie Barra New Lenox** 1005 W. Laraway Rd. (in the strip mall on the northwest corner of Nelson and Laraway Roads). A martial arts school that teaches Brazilian JiuJitsu to children and adults. Contact: 815-463-9327. Tentative Opening: December 1, 2021.
- **Planet Fitness** 700 W. Lincoln Hwy. (in the strip mall with Beggars Pizza). Tentative Opening: By year-end 2021.
- **Savour The Taste Snack Bar** 1820 E. Lincoln Hwy. (in the plaza across from Lincoln-Way Central H.S.). Will sell ice cream, popcorn and pretzels. Tentative Opening: November 1, 2021.

OPEN NOW

- **Alder Grove Counseling, Ltd.** 321 W. Maple St. (in the two-story office building across the street from the United Methodist Church on Route 30). The counseling practice offers child and family counseling services. Contact 630-206-0272 or info@aldergrovecounseling.com.
- **Benavides Financial Group** 328 E. Lincoln Hwy. (in the Victorian Mansion that is across the street from ALDI on Route 30). Benavides offers insurance and financial services. Contact (888) 733-0933 or contactus@benavidesfinancialgroup.com.
- **Cardinal Surgical Associates** 678 Cedar Crossings Drive (on the second floor of the Endoscopy Center by the Silver Cross Hospital Campus). General surgeon's consulting office which performs basic procedures in the office, e.g., wound care, mole removal. Contact 815-730-0202.
- **Dr. Gadget Express** 335 W. Maple St., Suite B (in the former Roberts Tire building across the street from the United Methodist Church). Contact: 630-340-5563.
- **Jack of All Fades** 354 W. Lincoln Hwy. (in the strip mall with Ace Hardware). Full service salon that will provide services relating to cuts, color, gray tinting, and facial waxing. Contact 779-435-5359 or jackofallfades21@gmail.com.
- **Key Autism Services** 164 W. Illinois Hwy. (in the strip mall on the southwest corner of Illinois Hwy. and South Cedar Rds.). ABA (Applied Behavior Analysis) therapy is provided. Contact: 779-803-1373 or info@keyautismservices.com.
- **Merlin Complete Auto Care** 335 W. Maple St., Suite A (in the former Roberts Tire building across the street from the United Methodist Church). Merlin provides services relating to auto repair parts and installation. Contact: 815-463-9666.
- **Rowan, Inc.** 2370 E. Lincoln Hwy. (inside the Target Store), sells jewelry and provides ear piercing services. Services are provided on an appointment-only basis on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. <https://heyrowan.com/pages/target-ear-piercing?calendarID=5830698> or support@heyrowan.com
- **Tire Zone & Auto Repair** 204 N. Cedar Rd. (south of the 7-11 on the corner of Route 30 and Cedar Road. Contact 708-722-9974.
- **Waffles Kafe** 411 E. Lincoln Hwy. (in the former IHOP building in front of Walmart). Breakfast/lunch restaurant that is open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Contact: 815-717-8135.



NEW OWNERS

- **EM Lash Studio** 501 E. Lincoln Hwy. (inside Walmart). EM offers eyebrow threading services. Contact: 815-320-6222.
- **Subway** 334 W. Maple, (in the strip mall directly west of the United Methodist Church). Contact: 815-463-0400.

RELOCATION

- **Midwest Wheelz** 290 E. Lincoln Hwy. (in the building across from Dunkin on Route 30) moved from 205 N. Cedar. Contact: 815-320-6104 or midwestwheelz@gmail.com.
- **The Kennedy Center for Counseling** 305 Vine St., Suite 201 (across the street from the U.S. Post Office) moved from 1938 E. Lincoln Hwy. Mental health counselling services provided. Contact: 815-320-3749.

THANKS TO RESIDENTS WHO SUPPORTED "RESTAURANT WEEK!"



The Village and the New Lenox Chamber of Commerce co-hosted Restaurant Week, a marketing promotion for local eating and drinking establishments held between September 7th and September 14th. It was a perfect opportunity to take a break from cooking at home and order food from any of the 20 participating businesses that offered either 20% off, buy one / get something free or a special offer. It's a win/win when the community comes out to support all local businesses.

"SHIFT YOUR SHOPPING" BETWEEN NOVEMBER 26TH AND DECEMBER 5TH



It'll soon be time to start creating lists for year-end holiday gifts! Residents who support local businesses are very special to the Village and Chamber of Commerce and we're asking that you mark your calendars to "Shift Your Shopping" from online to local retail and service establishments between November 26th and December 5th. Specific, participating businesses offering discounts and specials will be announced in mid-November.

FREE 90-MINUTE CLASS CAN SAVE A LIFE – QUESTION, PERSUADE AND REFER (QPR)

The New Lenox Safe Communities America Coalition, in partnership with Sertoma Centre, Inc., is offering a QPR (Question, Persuade, and Refer) class on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm, at the New Lenox Village Hall, 1 Veterans Parkway, New Lenox, IL 60451. The class is FREE and is recommended for anyone high school age or above.

QPR stands for Question, Persuade, Refer and is the CPR of mental health. This 1 ½ hour class increases public awareness of suicide and improves one's ability to identify and refer those at risk for suicide. Participants learn about the impact of suicide in America, common myths and facts surrounding suicide, warning signs, risk factors and protective factors. Participants are equipped to intervene early by learning how to question, persuade and refer persons who are at risk for suicide. Participants are identified as Gate Keepers upon completion of the training.

To register for this FREE class, please contact Daniel Martin, Safe Community Coordinator, at (815) 462-6493 or via email at dmartin@newlenox.net.

