



NEW LENOX

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VILLAGE OF NEW LENOX ANNOUNCES NEW COMMUNICATIONS PLATFORM – SIMPLICITY

The Village recently partnered with Simplicity, a company that has developed a smart city communication platform that enables us to clearly, quickly and easily communicate with members of the community. The Simplicity app can be downloaded from the Apple App Store or found on Google Play, or by scanning the QR Code from your mobile device. Once the app is downloaded, select New Lenox from the list of communities. You can also select the types of notifications you prefer to receive. From that point on, New Lenox news and events will appear.



Through the Simplicity app, you can connect with the community to receive news and information on:

- Village news, including community life, economic development, police, infrastructure and much more.
- Community events.
- Alerts for weather, construction, and more.



Unlike social media and traditional media, Simplicity enables you to receive information in a mobile app in real time, providing accurate and timely information about

New Lenox. Download Simplicity today and stay connected and informed!

SNOW REMOVAL 2022

Snow removal is one of the most visible programs provided by the Village of New Lenox. This service



affects virtually every household, resident and visitor in our community. Careful planning is essential in order to assure a timely response to winter conditions. Public Works staff monitors weather conditions hourly when a snow fall is predicted. Crews are on alert and ready to be dispatched at any hour of the day or night.

The primary goal of the snow removal is to maintain safe travel routes and to restore mobility for the traveling public within a reasonable time frame following a storm. To accomplish this goal the fleet is equipped with plows and computerized salt spreaders. The Public Works staff is trained in the use of snow removal and salting equipment to ensure safety and efficiency.

Reporting Damage

We apologize, but as much as we try, our drivers sometimes cannot avoid damaging mailboxes due to heavy wet snow, poor visibility, improperly placed mailboxes and those that are already in poor condition. If your mailbox is hit this winter, please notify the Public Works Department (815-215-4800) and we will repair or replace it with a temporary mailbox as soon as the storm is over. Reporting it to the Public Works Department is important for documentation, so come spring we have the information to provide you with the Mailbox Reimbursement form if you decide to make permanent repairs.

Street Parking

With a forecast of 2" of snow predicted ALL vehicles must be removed from the street. Keep in mind the snow may start falling in the middle of the night and the plows are already out, therefore it's best to remove your vehicle from the street prior to the snowfall. Failure to clear the entire road presents dangerous conditions once the snow freezes. Village code provides for ticketing or towing of vehicles in violation of this ordinance.

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

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

difficult. When clearing your driveway and walkways, place the snow in your yard or parkway. Depositing snow back to the streets simply adds more to your drive after the next plowing cycle. Our snow plow drivers try to minimize any excess snow plowing into cleared driveways, however, the plowing process regrettably pushed some snow back into cleared driveways. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding by keeping private drive snow off public streets.

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.

Areas Village is **NOT** responsible for:

- Laraway Road
- Gougar Road- Route 6 to Laraway
- Schoolhouse- North of Route 30
- All of Francis Road

The above are maintained by the Will County Highway Department 815-727-8478

- All of Route 6 (East and West)
- N. Cedar between Francis Road and Route 6

The above are maintained by Joliet IDOT 815-722-1215

- All New Lenox Township roads outside the Village limits

The above is maintained by the New Lenox Township Department 815-485-6484

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 – 3:30pm or (815) 485-2500 after hours or on weekends. 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 2021 Christmas in the Commons events. 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., and the New Lenox Community Park District. Additional thanks to our incredibly generous sponsors, including Christopher B. Burke Engineering Ltd., Silver Cross Hospital, ComEd, HR Green, Matthew O'Shea Consulting, Old Plank Trail Community Bank, Strand Associates,

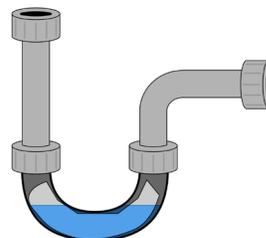
Tria Architecture, Burns Photography, Fleckenstein's Bakery, Image360, Kurtz Memorial Chapel, LincolnWay Community Bank, and Spaceco. Without the support of all these wonderful people and organizations, these events truly would not be possible.

We hope that all of the New Lenox residents and neighbors who came out to the Village Commons during the holiday season enjoyed the festivities that were brought to the village. We look forward to seeing you again in 2022!



SEWER TIP: P-TRAP REFILL

Every year the Village of New Lenox receives calls about weird smells in residents' homes. The majority of the time it's a simple fix and something all residents can and should do on an annual basis at a minimum. And that is to fill your P-Traps.



What is a P-Trap?

A P-Trap is a plumbing connection that is designed to hold water so that sewer gas doesn't come into your homes. Sinks,

tubs, floor drains and any other fixture that connects to your homes sewer drain system should have a P-Trap.

Why is it dry?

Most P-Traps in your home will stay filled because you use that sink, tub or drain on a daily basis. Those traps will never dry out if used regularly. It's the drains that rarely get used that dry out. Oftentimes it's a basement shower, sink or utility sink that people don't use on a regular basis will dry out and let sewer gas into the home.

Just add water!

The simplest solution to rarely used drains is to just add some water. Run the shower or sink for a minute and that will refill your P-trap and stop those sewer gases from coming back into your house. Another option is to add a diluted bleach water mix to the drain, a mix of 10% bleach to 90% water would be sufficient. It won't last longer than just water but may add a fresher scent to the space.

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 (M-F 7:00am-3:30pm) 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 Bleeding Control Training - "Stop the Bleed"

The Village of New Lenox and its Safe Communities America Coalition is offering a FREE Bleeding Control (BCON) class on Tuesday, January 18, 2022. The class will be held from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Community Room (lower level) of the Village Hall, 1 Veterans Parkway. Class size will be limited and current safety protocols will be adhered to.

Skills learned from completing "Stop the Bleed" training can make the difference between life and death when it comes to home injuries, work-related injuries, motor vehicle crashes or mass shootings. "Stop the Bleed" focuses on the immediate response to bleeding, recognition of life-threatening bleeding, and appropriate ways to stop bleeding. During the 90-minute session, participants will have an opportunity to practice with tourniquets, apply direct pressure to simulated wounds and learn how to pack (fill) wounds with medical gauze. Additional information regarding "Stop the Bleed" can be found at <https://www.bleedingcontrol.org/>.

Registration is required and is being handled via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/free-bleeding-control-training-stop-the-bleed-tickets-228502766927>.

Additional questions regarding this training may be directed to Daniel Martin, Safe Community Coordinator, Village of New Lenox - dmartin@newlenox.net or (815) 462-6493.

FREE TRAINING - "Surviving an Active Shooter Event"

A course entitled "Surviving an Active Shooter Event" is being offered by the Village of New



Lenox, through its Safe Communities America Coalition. This FREE, 2-hour interactive course, was designed by the National Safety Council and will be held on Thursday, January 20, 2022 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm in the Community Room at the New Lenox Village Hall. Class size will be limited and current safety protocols will be adhered to.

Registration is required and is being handled via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/free-course-surviving-an-active-shooter-event-tickets-228525284277>.

Active shooter incidents are deadly and intended to inflict the most harm in the least amount of time. Knowing the right course of action can be the difference between life and death. This course will provide participants with information on how to respond to an active shooter situation, regardless of where it might occur.

Everyone in attendance will receive a participant guide that compliments the instructor's lecture as well as videos shown during the presentation. This course is recommended for anyone high school age and up.

For additional information or questions, contact Daniel Martin, Safe Community Coordinator, Village of New Lenox, (815) 462-6493 or dmartin@newlenox.net.

FREE Falls Prevention Classes Offered for Older Adults "A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls"

The New Lenox Safe Community Coalition is offering FREE "A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls" classes as follows:



January 18, 2022 thru February 10, 2022 (Tuesdays and Thursdays) from 9:30am – 11:30am **via Zoom**

March 7, 2022 thru March 30, 2022 (Mondays and Wednesdays) from 9:30am to 11:30am in the Community Room at the New Lenox Village Hall, 1 Veterans Parkway, New Lenox, IL.

March 29, 2022 thru April 21, 2022 (Tuesdays and Thursdays) from 9:30am to 11:30am in the Community Room at the New Lenox Village Hall, 1 Veterans Parkway, New Lenox, IL.

For additional information or to register, please contact Daniel Martin, Safe Community Coordinator, (815) 462-6493 or via email at dmartin@newlenox.net.

Have you turned down a chance to go out with family or friends because you were concerned about falling? Have you cut down on a favorite activity because you might fall? If so, "A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls" is a program for you!

Fear of falling can be just as dangerous as falling itself. People who develop this fear often limit their activities, which can result in severe physical weakness, making the risk of falling even greater. Many older adults also experience increased isolation and depression when they limit their interactions with family and friends. "A Matter of Balance" can help people improve their quality of life and remain independent.

"A Matter of Balance" is designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels among older adults. Participants learn to set realistic goals to increase activity, change their environment to reduce fall risk factors, and learn simple exercises to increase strength and balance.

Seating is limited so please register today to reserve your seat!

COMING SOON

- **Bourbon's Smokehouse** 280 E. Lincoln Hwy. (in the space formerly occupied by Mattina Café on Route 30) will sell slow smoked meats and sides and offer a full bar with gaming machines. <https://www.bourbonssmokehouse.com/>. Phone 708-719-1585. Tentative Open Date: February 1, 2022.



- **Chicken-N-Spice** 400 W. Lincoln Hwy. (to be built on the empty parcel on Route 30 between Taco Bell and BMO Harris Bank). <https://www.chicken-n-spice.com/>. Construction expected to begin in Summer 2022.
- **Dermatology Associates** 420 Nelson Road (in the same plaza with Buffalo Wild Wings). Will provide general dermatology care to patients. <https://www.mydermdocs.com/>. Tentative Opening: March 1, 2022.

OPEN NOW

- **Bobby Bear Fun & Fitness** 1325 E. Lincoln Hwy. (in the kids' room inside ReClaim Fitness). Fitness & nutrition curriculum offered to children ages 2-6 offered each weekday from 9:00am to 12:00pm. (708) 323-9449 or www.bobbybearfunandfitness.com.
- **Do-Rite Donuts & Chicken** 700 E. Lincoln Hwy. (inside Lenny's Gas N Wash). Donuts, chicken sandwiches, and beverages will be served between 4:00am and 8:00pm each day. (815) 320-5303 <https://www.doritedonuts.com/>.
- **Lenny's Gas N Wash** 700 E. Lincoln Hwy. (on the southeast corner of Walona and Route 30). The facility will include a gas station, car wash, convenience store, and Beggar's Pizza will be sold by the slice on a carousel. <https://www.gaswash.net/>.
- **The Local Parlor** 2131 Calistoga Dr. (next to Berkot's). Hair salon. Contact: 815-717-8205
- **Premier Suburban Medical Group** 1890 Silver Cross Boulevard, in Suite 315 of Pavilion A of Silver Cross Hospital. Obstetrics/ gynecology practice. <https://www.premiersuburban.com/premier-suburban-medical-group/our-locations/>
- **Spin Taco Company** 1005 W. Laraway Road (located south of Nutrition Hub on the east side of the strip mall by Laraway Lanes). The restaurant menu includes tacos, burritos, taco bowl, taco fries, and other sides. Contact: info@spintaco.com.



NEW OWNERS

- **Duly Health and Care** formerly DuPage Medical Group has 4 offices in the Village that recognize this change:

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- 668 Cedar Crossings Drive (Hematology & Oncology);
 - 1890 Silver Cross Blvd., Suite 240 (Various Medical Specialties);
 - 410 E. Lincoln Hwy., Suite 250 (Cardiology) and;
 - 751 E. Lincoln Hwy. (Physical & Occupational Therapies).
- **The Huntington Bank** 2400 E. Lincoln Hwy. (formerly TCF Bank that is along Route 30 in the Lowe's/Target shopping plaza). 815-463-4000 <https://www.huntington.com/Community>.

RELOCATION

- **Advanced Urology Associates** 1851 Silver Cross Boulevard (on the second floor above Silver Cross's Urgent Care, in the building that is west of the hospital) was previously located in an office in Pavilion A of the hospital building. <https://advuro.com/>.



THANKS TO RESIDENTS WHO SUPPORTED "SHIFT YOUR SHOPPING"

The Village and the New Lenox Chamber of Commerce co-hosted Shift Your Shopping, a marketing promotion for local retail and service establishments held between November 26th and December 5th. It was a perfect opportunity to shop local for year-end holiday gifts as opposed to ordering online, particularly since deliveries have been impacted in 2021 with supply chain issues. It's a win/win when the community comes out to support all local businesses!



Shop Local. Shop New Lenox.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SOUTHLAND YOUR TIMES WINNERS!

In October, the Southland Your Times newspaper released the results of its readers' poll which voted for the best businesses in the following seven communities: New Lenox; Frankfort, Homer Glen, Lockport, Mokena, Orland Park, and Tinley Park. According to Chris White, Publisher of the Southland Your Times' October 27th issue, "More than 97,000 votes were cast in 150 categories in this first go-around." The Village is proud to announce that 67 businesses placed in the top three of "best" or "one of the best." In addition, the Village of New Lenox was voted the "best place to live." Thanks to all who support our local businesses!

