



NEW LENOX

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SUMMER EVENTS IN THE COMMONS

The Village of New Lenox is excited to announce a calendar full of events and entertainment taking place



this summer in the Village Commons. The highlight of this year's schedule is again the **Triple Play Concert Series**, with a lineup featuring Big Head Todd and The Monsters (with special guests the Freddy Jones Band) on June 18th, Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo (with special guest Mark Farner's American Band) on July 23rd, and Counting Crows on August 27th. Details on ticket sales can be found at www.newlenox.net/tripleplay.



Fridays After Five will return on select Friday evenings throughout the summer. These events feature an assortment

of food trucks offering mouth-watering dishes that can be enjoyed while taking in the live music on the Performing Arts Pavilion. Fans of classic cars will be happy to know that **Cruise the Commons** is returning this year, taking place on the third Tuesday of the month from May through September. **Live on the Lawn** will return again this year, bringing performances from local organizations and showing off the talented members of the New Lenox and Lincoln-Way areas.

Fun for children will start with **Play Day in the Commons** on July 16th, a day filled with fun for the youngest members of your family. Join us for bounce houses, character visits, stage entertainment, and more. **Chalk Walk** will also return on August 6th, and this event offers the opportunity to create sidewalk chalk art throughout the Commons – artists of any age and skill level can reserve their own square and create a masterpiece!

There's something for everyone in the Village Commons this summer! Find the full schedule of events and additional details by visiting www.newlenox.net/events.

Summer Movie Nights The Village of New Lenox is excited to bring **Movie Nights**

back to the Village Commons this year, continuing a favorite summertime tradition. Every Wednesday throughout the summer, grab your blankets and lawn chairs and join us for a free evening of fun under the stars and in front of the big screen. Concessions will be available for sale courtesy of the New Lenox Community Park District. Movie Nights will take place beginning June 1st through August 10th, and the full lineup can be viewed at www.newlenox.net/events.

Loyalty Day Parade The Village of New Lenox is excited to announce the return of the annual William A. Athans 18th District VFW Posts' Loyalty Day Parade. The parade is now in its 42nd year and will be taking place on Sunday, May 1st with a 2:00 pm kick-off. The parade route begins at 4th Street and Cedar and ends in the New Lenox Village Commons.



Loyalty Day is a holiday taking place annually on May 1st and is a day reserved for showing our loyalty to our country and recognizing the heritage of American freedom. As the Home of Proud Americans, New Lenox is honored to be able to celebrate our country, our flag, and all those who have served or currently serve in our Armed Forces with this annual event.

Registration is still open for groups who are interested in participating. The registration form can be found at www.newlenox.net/events. Whether it's as a participant or as a viewer, we hope you are able to join us for the festivities!

BRANCH PICK-UP

Branch Pick up will resume the 1st and 3rd Tuesday starting April 5th continuing through October 18th. This



program is extremely popular, answering well over 1,000 requests last year. Please refresh yourself with these helpful guidelines to ensure that this service will operate quickly

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

and efficiently:

- Residents need to contact the Public Works Department by calling **815-215-4800** to be placed on the list **each time** they need a pick-up.
- **Please allow a 2-3-day buffer for pick-up.** High volume requests cannot be done in one day, but we will continue where crews left off the following day(s) until completed.
- Branches must be placed in the parkway as crews will not encroach on private property to remove branches.
- Please **DO NOT** tie or bundle branches.
- Please place branches with thorns in a separate pile.
- Only branches 1 inch in diameter or larger will be picked up, as smaller materials do not go through the chipper properly. The maximum diameter size is 12 inches.
- When placing the branches in the parkway, do not block the sidewalk, streetlight base, fire hydrants, or manholes.
- Place the cut ends of the branches towards the street.
- For longer branches that may block the sidewalk, we will require the cut ends of the branches be pointing to the left side of your property as you face your property from the curb. When the chipper pulls up to your home, the chipper opening will be facing the cut ends of the branches. This allows our crews to load the branches safely and efficiently.
- Materials that **WILL NOT** be picked-up include but are not limited to railroad ties, wood telephone poles, construction material, lumber stones, roots or root balls, vines, dirt, nails and metal. These materials will damage our equipment and present unsafe conditions for Village crews and the general public.

For any storms with wind gusts reaching 50mph and storms declared a disaster, the Village will be out patrolling the town for damage. You do not need to call in to schedule a pick up, as Public Works will be out continuously until the Village is cleaned up.

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



SPRING 2022 LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM

The Leaf Collection Program for residents will begin Monday April 4, 2022. The Village will send out leaf collection equipment and vacuum 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.

The Village's free leaf collection program will end **Friday, April 15, 2022.**

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 April 7th, 8th, 14th, and 15th, 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.

YOUR GARBAGE BILL IS GOING DIGITAL

Homewood Disposal is pleased to offer paperless billing to all the residents of New Lenox. Join hundreds of your New Lenox neighbors who already use their online services. Simply visit the website, enter your customer **number** (found on your recent postcard invoice) and enter your email address. Once your information is entered, all future garbage bills will be sent to your email address. You will no longer receive a paper postcard invoice in the mail.

In addition to receiving your invoices via email, you can also access your account online and pay your invoices online.

- Save money on stamps each year
- Pay your garbage bill online through your bank account or by credit card. (Never send a check!)
- Choose to have your bill paid automatically
- Access and review your secure online account

Get Started Today: www.mydisposal.com/bill



Stop the postcards!
Your garbage bill can be sent to your inbox.
You can pay online too!

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www.mydisposal.com/bill

ARBOR DAY 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - WIN A FREE TREE!

The National Arbor Day Foundation is celebrating their 150th Anniversary and to help commemorate this celebration the Village will be raffling off 10 trees to our residents - a \$350.00 value!

Arbor Day celebrations will be taking place throughout the country to mark the first American Arbor Day in Nebraska City on April 10, 1872 where an estimated one million trees were planted. This was after J. Sterling Morton recognized the importance of planting trees and was the American founder of Arbor Day.

Each year the Village of New Lenox drafts an Arbor Day Proclamation and Resolution, officially recognizing Arbor Day. It's typically celebrated with a tree planting ceremony in the Commons as part



of the agenda on Student Government Day. However, with this year marking the 150th Anniversary, we are pleased to offer this opportunity for Village residents to receive a free tree and be part of the Arbor Day recognition and celebration.

A 2-Inch diameter Red Maple will be delivered and planted for you this spring, either on your private property or parkway, whichever you prefer (parkway restrictions may apply). To enter, go to www.newlenox.net and submit an entry form (1 entry per household) - it's that easy! (**Deadline for Entry is Friday, April 22nd**). Names will be drawn on Arbor Day, April 29th, 2022 and recipients will be notified by the Public Works Department, with a scheduled planting in May.

The Village of New Lenox is proud to be a recipient of the "Tree City USA" award sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation. This is achieved by meeting 4 core standards each year:

1. Maintaining a tree board or department;
2. Having a community tree ordinance;
3. Spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry; and
4. Celebrating Arbor Day.

Applications for this award are submitted annually and then approved by the Arbor Day Foundation.

New Lenox is proud to be a recognized as a 'Tree City USA' community for the last 22 years!

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY IN THE COMMONS ON APRIL 24, 2022

Mark your calendars to celebrate Earth Day in the New Lenox Commons on Sunday, April 24, 2022! The event will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Information will be available about several sustainable practices including solar energy, composting, green consumerism, plastics, and water use from organizations such as Will County Green, Master Gardeners, Pachamama Alliance, and the Sierra Club. In addition, the Conservation Foundation will be there to take your orders for rain barrels and the Rotary Club of New Lenox will be hosting a bike drive. There will be many family-friendly activities as well such as stations to decorate a reusable shopping bag, participate in a scavenger hunt, or make nature collages, seedling pots and bird feeders. Look for more information on the Village's website closer to the event date!



WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT

As part of the Village of New Lenox's capital plan to replace aging infrastructure, we intend to replace and upsize sections of water main in a couple locations in 2022.



The 6" water main on Vine St. from Route 30 to Old Hickory, and Old Hickory from Vine St. west to the Village limits (end of VFW parking lot) will be replaced with 8" water main, including new valves, B-Boxes and hydrants. Also, the 6" water main on Oakview from Cedar to S. Cooper will be replaced with 8" water main, including new valves, B-Boxes and hydrants.

These projects are expected to go out to bid in the spring with substantial completion by winter.

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



GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION JUNE 28, 2022

Early Voting begins June 13th and runs thru June 24th.

Early Voting will be held Monday thru Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm in the Community Room of the New Lenox Village Hall, 1 Veterans Parkway.

For a sample ballot or other questions visit

www.thewillcountyclerk.com

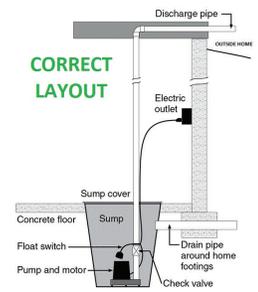
IMPROPERLY / ILLEGALLY CONNECTED SUMP PUMPS

Sump pumps that are connected to the sanitary collection system are considered illegally connected (Village Ordinance, sec. 94-33 Discharge of unpolluted water).

The Village of New Lenox sanitary sewer system is not designed to handle sump pump flow. The additional flow from sump pumps hydraulically overloads the system and cause water to back up into people's homes, causing damage and devastation to your fellow neighbors or even yourself.

Where should your sump pump discharge?

Sump pumps should discharge outside your home to a location where the water will flow away from your house while not being a nuisance to your neighbor's property. This can be done with a simple sump pump hose, if you are worried about aesthetics a buried drain tile ran to a yard discharge would also be adequate.



In some areas a storm sewer may be close enough for you to connect to. Public Works can evaluate whether that is an option for you. If feasible and requested, the Village will run a connection point from the Village's storm sewer into your yard for you to connect to.

Not sure if your sump pump is illegally connected?

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. 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.

NELSON ROAD WATER TOWER PAINTING

The Nelson Road Water Tower Painting is now complete. Cellular carriers have moved their antennas back onto the tower and, as weather permits, the temporary tower installed on-site will be removed.



FREE MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID CLASS

The Village of New Lenox and its Safe Community Coalition, in partnership with Sertoma Centre, Inc., is offering a **FREE** Mental Health First Aid Class on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 from 8:30am to 4:30pm. The class will be held in the Community Room at the New Lenox, Village Hall, 1 Veterans Parkway, New Lenox, IL 60451. All materials, as well as lunch, will be provided for those in attendance.

Mental Health First Aid teaches **how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders.**

This class is ideal for behavioral health professionals, social workers, counselors, first responders and anyone who wants to learn about the warning signs of major depression and suicidal behavior. Attendees will also learn about the history of MHFA in the United States, risk factors and warning signs for non-suicidal self-injury, warning signs of substance abuse dependence, and the MHFA action plan for individuals addicted to substances. The training will be based on new curricula that has been in development for more than a year. It includes expanded content on trauma, addiction, and self-care.

Registration for this class is being handled through Eventbrite via this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/free-mental-health-first-aid-class-tickets-300979105607>

For questions regarding CEUs, please contact Gia Washington, Director of Community Education, Sertoma Centre, Inc., at (708) 748-1951 or via email gwashington@sertomacentre.org.

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



OPEN NOW

• Bourbon's Smokehouse

280 E. Lincoln Hwy., will sell slow smoked meats and sides and offer a full bar with gaming machines.

www.bourbonssmokehouse.com or 708-719-1585.



• Caitlin Miller Beauty

278 E. Lincoln Hwy. (inside Studio 10 Salon Suites). Haircuts, color applications, hair extension applications, hair styling, and sales of hair products are offered. (815) 641-3647 or

studio10salonsuites@yahoo.com.

• Charlie Rose Salon

336 W. Lincoln Hwy. (same strip mall as Subway). Charlie Rose replaced that of Tara Bella Salon at this location and is a nine-station rental salon that provides hair cutting, styling, coloring, perming, etc.

<https://www.facebook.com/charlierosesalon> or 815-405-4264

• DDV Law, Ltd.

1938 E. Lincoln Hwy., Suite 219 (in the same building as Gatto's Restaurant) is a law firm with the practice areas of real estate, elder abuse and exploitation, nursing home contracts, guardianship, Medicaid, living trusts, and probate.

www.ddvlawyers.com or 708-675-7156.

• Diamond, Detail & Tint, LLC

1070 Star Lane, offers luxury automotive detailing, window tinting, and auto mechanics.

www.thediamondtints.com/ or 708-256-6840.

• Emily Benedict Beauty

278 E. Lincoln Hwy. (inside Studio 10 Salon Suites). Haircuts, color applications, hair extension applications, and hair styling are offered.

<https://www.facebook.com/emilybenedictbeauty> or 815-641-4660.

• Fast Track Covid Care

340 W. Maple St. (in the strip mall by JBD White Horse Inn). Fast Track Covid Care works with individual vendors to operate Covid testing collection facilities in various cities.

• Great Adjusting and Great Roofing

1750 Ferro Dr. (at the east end of Ferro Drive). Great Roofing repairs and installs roofs, gutters, and soffits. Great Adjusting works with insurance companies on roofing-related claims.

www.greatroofingllc.com or 708-646-0057.

• Wild West Kebobs

456 Nelson Rd. (in the space formerly housed by En Lai carryout restaurant). Serves various kebobs and sides.

<https://www.facebook.com/WWKebobs> or 815-717-8128.

NEW OWNERS

• CZ Family Dentistry

196 Illinois Hwy. CZ, which is owned by Dr. Christopher Zwiercan, acquired the dental practice at this location that was formerly owned by Dr. Glen Kulig.

www.czfamilydental.com/ or 815-485-8188



• Financial Servicer

1938 E. Lincoln Hwy., Suite 108. Provides financial planning and wealth management services.

www.fscmoney.com or 815-485-5200.

• Sunshine Nutrition

336 W. Maple St. – Unit 3. The new owner acquired The Healthy Hut which was previously housed at this location. Sunshine Nutrition is a nutrition bar with healthy smoothies and teas to support health and energy.

BRING ON SPRING IS COMING MAY 2ND THRU MAY 9TH

The Village and the New Lenox Chamber of Commerce will co-host Bring on Spring, a marketing promotion for local retail and service establishments held starting on May 2nd through May 9th. The ad of participating vendors will appear in the April 30th / May 1st weekend edition of the Herald News and will also appear on the Village's and Chamber's websites and social media pages. Check out the ad for Mother's Day and graduation gifts as well as spring cleaning ideas. Our local businesses appreciate residents' patronage!



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!