

VILLAGER

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.

MOSQUITO ABATEMENT PROGRAM

Most of us have had the experience of being driven indoors because mosquitoes have decided it was time to make their presence known. In addition to being a nuisance, mosquitoes can also carry disease, in turn posing a major health threat.



Along with other villages and cities in our region, over the course of the last several years, our attention has turned to the issue of West Nile Virus. West Nile is transmitted to people only through the bite of a mosquito that has obtained the virus by feeding on an infected bird. This virus typically causes mild flu-like symptoms including mild fever, headaches, skin rashes and swollen glands. However, the virus in its most advanced form may cause encephalitis, which is a dangerous inflammation of the brain and spinal cord. The risk of serious illness is greatest for people age 55 and older or those with impaired immune systems.

Early each June, larvicide tablets are placed in storm-sewer inlets, catch basins, retention ponds, and other areas that hold water for extended periods of time. These tablets are effective for up to 180-days, are non-toxic, and eliminate potential breeding sites for mosquitos.

Mosquito spraying in the Village is activated when the Will County Health Department notifies us of high larvae numbers tested weekly in designated areas. The product used for mosquito fogging contains pyrethrin's, which are naturally found in chrysanthemum flowers. This product, which has been registered for use by the EPA since 1975, has gone under rigorous testing and is still one of the few approved products for outdoor residential and recreational areas. The Village Staff assigned to our Mosquito Abatement Program are fully licensed and certified by the State of Illinois' Department of Agriculture. Residents who would like to be informed

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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

the day we spray in their neighborhood can call the Public Works Department at (815) 215-4800 and we will be happy to place them on our notification list where they will receive a phone call the evening we plan to spray in their area.

Fight the Bite!

Help protect yourself and others from mosquito bites by reducing potential breeding sites around your home. (Village code defines the collection of untreated water where mosquitoes breed or are likely to breed as a nuisance and a danger to public health.)

- Install or repair window and door screens so that mosquitoes cannot get indoors.
- Repair leaky outdoor faucets.
- Eliminate standing water around your home such as ruts and puddles.
- Remove old tires, tin cans and buckets and change the water in birdbaths at least once a week.
- Keep gutters clear of debris.
- Keep grass cut short and shrubbery well-trimmed around your home.

Learn more about the West Nile Virus and the mitigation efforts throughout Will County at

<https://willcountyhealth.org/west-nile-mosquito-mitigation/>

SUMMER EVENTS IN THE NEW LENOX COMMONS

Play Day in the Commons

The whole day will be dedicated to the youngest members of your family on Saturday, July 16th for Play Day in the Commons! Bring the kiddos out to the Village Commons from 11:00am to 3:00pm and you'll find something fun for them all. Activities will include inflatables, exotic animals, face painting, a magic show, science experiments, a children's business fair, and much more! Find full details on this free event at www.newlenox.net/events.



Chalk Walk

Chalk Walk is returning to the Village Commons on Saturday, August 6th from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Each person who registers for Chalk Walk will be assigned a square in the sidewalk in the Village Commons where they can create a masterpiece with sidewalk chalk. This event is open to anyone including children, adults, families, professional and aspiring artists, and registration is free! To participate at this event as an artist, please register for your space by visiting www.newlenox.net/events. If creating a work of art isn't for you, then join us to stroll through the Commons and enjoy the art on display!

Cruise the Commons

Cruise nights have come to the New Lenox Commons with Cruise the Commons! Classic car owners are invited to bring out your cars, trucks, Jeeps, or bikes on July 19th, August 16th, and September 20th. Not a classic car owner? Then join us to catch some tunes (courtesy of NXLife in July, Little Giant in August, and Fifty One Lincoln Band in September), grab a cold drink, and check out the vehicles on site. Food will be available for sale from the concession stand and various food trucks will be featured at each event. Full details can be found at www.newlenox.net/events.



Fridays After Five

Fridays After Five brings food trucks and live music to the Village Commons for a relaxing way to welcome the weekend. This event will be held July 29th and August 12th from 5:30pm to 9:00pm. With a full line-up of food trucks, you'll find something to satisfy every member of your group. Live music will be held at each event as well, with Friday At Five Band performing in July and The MaryJane Breakdown taking the stage in August. Check out the list of participating trucks and full details on the events at www.newlenox.net/events.

Movie Nights

Summer wouldn't be the same without Movie Nights in the Village Commons on Wednesdays! Join us for this family-favorite tradition weekly through August 10th. Movies begin at dusk (approximately 8:30pm) and concessions are available for sale. To view the full movie lineup and additional information, please visit www.newlenox.net/events.



Ladies Night Out

Plan a night out with your girlfriends at Ladies Night Out on Friday, August 19th. Stroll through the Village Commons and shop from nearly 100

vendors while enjoying live music from Cheryl Rodey. This event takes place from 4:00pm to 8:00pm and additional details on the event can be found at www.newlenox.net/events.

Last Call Before Fall

Say goodbye to summer at Last Call Before Fall, where we'll be enjoying the last few days of warm weather with beer, music, and fun for the kids, too! Last Call Before Fall is taking place in the Village Commons on Saturday, September 17th, from 2:00pm to 6:00pm. The Friends of the New Lenox Parks will also be featuring their Empty Bowls fundraiser as part of this event. Find everything you need to know about Last Call Before Fall and Empty Bowls by visiting www.newlenox.net/events.



TIPS ON CONSERVING WATER AND HAVING A HEALTHY LAWN

1. Water deeply **NOT** frequently. Your lawn will be healthier if it receives around 1" of water every 3 – 4 days. Providing more will over-saturate the soil, causing water to run-off.
2. Make sure you are watering your lawn and not the pavement. Water that falls on sidewalks or streets goes into our sewer system, running up your water bill and wasting water.
3. Use a rain gauge. Rain gauges will tell you how much rain fell and how much more water, if any, you should add by sprinkling.
4. Sprinklers are available with dials that can be set to specific water amounts. Check your local hardware store or garden center for them.
5. If you have an automatic system, make sure it has a rain meter installed. This will prevent the system from running during rain events.



Additional information about lawn care and maintenance can be found at the University of Illinois Extension web site www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/lawntalk.

FREE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TRAINING

The Village of New Lenox will be hosting a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) 20-Hour Basic Course starting on Thursday, September 1, 2022. The Course is **FREE** and will be held on Thursday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the New Lenox Village Hall. The Final Exercise and Graduation will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2022 from 9:00am to 1:00pm.



The CERT Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their community and trains them in basic disaster response skills. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist during disasters when first responders are not immediately available to help. For additional information about the FEMA's CERT program, including the CERT Basic Class, visit https://community.fema.gov/PreparednessCommunity/s/about-cert?language=en_US.

CERT members that wish to continue with the New Lenox CERT Program upon conclusion of the Basic Class may do so. Graduates will have an opportunity to attend monthly training as well as volunteer for a variety of special events. For additional information about New Lenox CERT, visit <https://www.facebook.com/NewLenoxCERT>. Those interested in registering for the CERT Course should contact Daniel Martin, Safe Community Coordinator, Village of New Lenox, at (815) 462-6493 or via email at dmartin@newlenox.net.

“YOUR LIGHT STILL SHINES” – In Support of International Overdose Awareness Day

On Wednesday, August 31, 2022, with the support of Lincoln-Way School District #210, the Village of New Lenox and its Safe Community Coalition are hosting "Your Light Still Shines." In support of International Overdose Awareness Day, residents are encouraged to attend this event to learn more about the heroin epidemic, substance use disorders, and what can be done to save lives. The event will be held at Lincoln-Way West High School, 21701 Gougar Road, New Lenox, IL 60451. Attendees are encouraged to enter the campus off of Gougar Road as most of the activities are inside or just outside of the auditorium.

Timetable

5:00pm to 7:00pm - H.E.R.O. and Will County Sheriff's Police "Hidden in Plain Sight Trailers" | Drive at Entrance

Take a tour of both "Hidden in Plain Sight" trailers. The trailers are set-up as teenagers' bedrooms to educate parents about potentially dangerous items that are often "hidden in plain sight." Teens engaging in substance abuse and other risky behaviors (sexual, suicidal) often find clever ways to hide what they're doing. Learn about the latest trends and concealment methods from trained staff members and volunteers from these organizations.



5:00pm to 7:00pm - Unwanted Medication Takeback | Drive at Entrance



Each year, millions of Americans resolve to clean out their medicine cabinets. Medicines unsecured in the home can cause confusion and medication misuse, resulting in serious health implications. Medications, especially opioid-based pain killers, can fall into the hands of teens and lead to addiction. Please use this

opportunity to properly dispose of over-the-counter and prescription medications at the New Lenox Police Department's table, which will be located at the doors leading into the building. Items not in their original containers must be packaged in non-leaking containers. Unacceptable items include needles, sharps, IV bags, thermometers and medical waste.

5:00pm to 7:00pm - Informational and Memorial Tables | Outside Auditorium

It's estimated that there will be over 20 organizations that specialize in substance use disorders, including treatment, counseling, and prevention. Attendees are encouraged to visit the tables, speak with representatives, and pick-up helpful literature.



In addition to the informational tables, there will be a number of tables that will serve as memorials to those that lost their battle with addiction. Attendees that have lost a loved one to a drug overdose are invited to bring a framed photo that will be displayed during the event. Grief support team members will be on hand to provide assistance and additional resources to those in need.

6:30pm to 7:00pm - Narcan® Training | Auditorium

Dr. Kathleen Burke, Director of Will County Office of Substance Use Initiatives, will provide FREE Narcan® training to the public. Narcan® (naloxone) is a medicine that blocks the effects of opioids and reverses an overdose. Everyone in attendance will receive a Narcan® Nasal Spray Kit upon completion of the training.

7:00pm to 8:00pm - Main Presentation | Auditorium

Tom Farley, brother of the late actor and comedian Chris Farley, who died in 1997 as a result of substance use, will be the keynote speaker. Mr. Farley will also serve as moderator for a distinguished panel of substance use prevention experts who will discuss lived experiences (in opioids and mental health), harm reduction, medical assisted treatment, the stigma of a substance use disorder, and more.

For additional information regarding this event please contact Daniel Martin, Safe Community Coordinator, Village of New Lenox, via email dmartin@newlenox.net or by phone (815) 462-6493.

“A PATHWAY TO HOPE AND HEALING” - In Support of World Suicide Prevention Day

On Wednesday, September 21, 2022, with the support of Lincoln-Way School District #210, the Village of New Lenox and its Safe Community Coalition are hosting "A Pathway to Hope and Healing." In support of World Suicide Prevention Day, residents are encouraged to attend this event to learn more about suicide prevention. The event will be held at Lincoln-Way West High School, 21701 Gougar Road, New Lenox, IL 60451. Attendees are encouraged to enter the campus off of Gougar Road and use the auditorium entrance.

Breakout Sessions – 4:00pm to 5:00pm and repeated from 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Breakout Session #1 - "Learning to Live With Loss"

This session will be presented by Linda Pacha, who lost her teen son to suicide in 2013. She is the founder and president of Nick's Network of Hope nicksnetworkofhope.org, a suicide prevention and grief support nonprofit. Linda's book, *Saving*



Ourselves from Suicide—Before and After: How to Ask for Help, Recognize Warning Signs, and Navigate Grief, is an Amazon best seller. Linda practiced law before raising her family. Prior to receiving her law degree, she received her undergraduate degree in psychology and completed postgraduate studies in clinical psychology. Linda and her husband live in Naperville.

The Learning Objectives for "Learning to Live With Loss" include:

- Learning a more practical understanding of grief stages and how skills obtained from past abrupt life changes can be used to work through grief.
- Learning to identify choices after loss and reasons to keep pushing on.
- Learning to understand the importance of forgiveness for healing and how to train your brain to stay positive.
- Learn tips for navigating grief and helping someone who is grieving.

Breakout Session #2 - "QPR - Question, Persuade and Refer"

Gia Washington, Director of Community Education, Sertoma Centre, Inc., will teach QPR, which is the CPR of mental health. This 1-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.



Keynote Speaker – 5:00pm to 6:00pm

Linda Pacha will present "Suicide Prevention: Hindsight, Warning Signs, and Hope." Linda will talk about her son's story, share missed warning signs, and discuss the importance of kindness and compassion. Learn the risk factors and warning signs for suicide, including real-life examples. Obtain tips for helping someone who is struggling.

Informational Tables / Food / Beverages / Raffle – 6:00pm to 6:30pm

Please visit informational tables, pick-up literature, and speak to representatives from numerous organizations that specialize in mental / behavioral health. Also, grab a bite to eat and a beverage while you network with others. We will have a drawing for some nice raffle prizes during this segment, which you won't want to miss.

For additional information regarding this event please contact Daniel Martin, Safe Community Coordinator, Village of New Lenox, via email dmartin@newlenox.net or by phone (815) 462-6493.

COMING SOON

- **Bright Lights Production**, 12600 Old Plank Trail Rd. leases event lighting, e.g., moving lights, effects lighting, stage decks hazers/foggers, etc. www.brightlightsstagelighting.com/index 708-421-3283 or info@brightlightsstagelighting.com. Tentative Open Date: October 1, 2022.
- **Neuro Assessment Services, PLLC**, 2081 Calistoga Drive (in the office building west of Berkot's on Laraway Road) is a neuropsychology practice which evaluates and treats people with various types of nervous system disorders. Tentative Open Date: Late September.
- **Pride Martial Arts, Inc.**, 1005 W. Laraway Rd., Unit 200 (in the plaza east of Laraway Lanes Bowling Alley). Martial art school that teaches martial arts to children and adults. info@pridemarts.com or 779-803-3170. www.pridemarts.com Tentative Open Date: July 21, 2022.
- **Silver Pharmacy**, 1890 Silver Cross Blvd., Suite 120 (at Silver Cross Hospital in the location formerly held by Walgreens). Retail pharmacy that sells prescribed medications to patients, OTC (over the counter), DME (durable medical equipment), snack foods, and drinks. Tentative Open Date: September 1, 2022.
- **The Hacker's Hangout**, 706 W. Maple (in the strip mall directly east of DeRe Tire). An indoor golf simulator experience, video gaming / slots, and a full-service bar. Tentative Open Date: August, 2022.



OPEN NOW

- **Arby's Roast Beef**, 672 E. Lincoln Hwy. (across the street from the Walmart Plaza). 779-803-3184 or www.arbys.com.
- **Circled Squared Real Estate**, 305 Vine St. (across the street from the U.S. Post Office). Real estate office. <https://www.circledsquaredealestate.com/>. 773-494-3631 and info@csrsells.com.
- **Dermatology Associates**, 420 Nelson Rd., (in the same plaza with Buffalo Wild Wings). Provides general dermatology care to patients. 708-444-8300 or contact through <https://mydermdocs.com/>.
- **Fairway Independent Mortgage Corp.**, 400 E. Lincoln Hwy. (in lower level of New Lenox Pediatrics across the street from Aldi) is a mortgage lender. www.loanswithmegan.com, 708-904-1414, or megan.wendtlund@fairwaymc.com.
- **Glow Getter Airbrush, LLC**, 227 W. Maple St. – Suite B (east of the Speedway that is across the street from Aurelio's Pizza on Route 30) will provide spray tan services and will sell at-home self-tanning products and body lotion. <https://glow-getter-airbrush.square.site/>, glowgetterairbrush@gmail.com, and 708-717-0713.
- **Hope With Me**, 305 Vine St., Unit 102 (across the street from the U.S. Post Office) provides individual, couples and family psychotherapy. www.hopewithme.com or 815-496-0820.
- **IFix and Repair**, 501 E. Lincoln Hwy. (inside Walmart) is a retail store selling all kinds of cellular accessories for smart phones, tablets, smart watches and doing repairs for these devices. www.maneusa.com or sales@masportsusa.com.
- **John G. Bush, DO & Associates**, 1890 Silver Cross Boulevard – Suite 420 is an obstetrical/gynecology practice in Pavilion A of the hospital. 815-320-6030.
- **LGM Balloon Décor LLC**, 336 W. Maple St., Suite 1 (west of Subway on Route 30) offers custom balloon decorations and retail party supplies. Balloon decorations include balloon arches, bouquets, and arches. www.lgmballoondecor.com, 815-685-4787, or events@lgmballoondecor.com.



- **Streamline Services**, home-based business. Streamline is a pressure washing contractor that provides maintenance, repair and renovation to surfaces. 708-601-5055, <https://www.facebook.com/streamlineservicesinc>, or info.streamlineservicesinc@gmail.com.
- **SunKissed Greenz**, 252 Stone Ct. is a production facility of CBD products, e.g., topicals, gummies, oils, and pet treats. This is not a retail facility and products must be ordered at www.SunKissedGreenz.com. 779-254-1261 or info@sunkissedgreenz.com.
- **Tresses by Pearl**, 13150 E. Lincoln Hwy. - #3 (in the strip mall west of Country Charm Restaurant) is a hair salon that will provide haircuts, colors, waxing, and treatments. 815-463-8012 or tressesbypearl@gmail.com.
- **U.S. Foundations**, a home-based business, offers basement and crawlspace waterproofing and offers sump pump replacement. usfoundationswaterproofing@gmail.com.
- **Voorn, Jaworski & Preston, PLLC**, 1938 E. Lincoln Hwy., Suite 219 (in Atrium Pointe on the southwest corner of Route 30 & Schoolhouse Rd.). is a law firm that specializes in elder abuse and exploitation, guardianship, probate, living trusts, and real estate. 815-215-8777, info@vjlawyers.com, and www.vjlawyers.com.
- **Wing Stop**, 1820 E. Lincoln Hwy. (in the plaza directly south of Lincoln-Way Central High School). Quick service restaurant specializing in chicken wings. www.wingstop.com.

NEW OWNER

- **Pawsitively Pampered Dog Spa**, 1271 N. Cedar Rd. (on the southwest corner of Francis and Cedar Rds.) is a dog grooming salon with retail store. Previously StylaPet. 815-463-9800, facebook.com/PawsitivelyPamperedDogSpa, or pawsitivelypampereddogspa@gmail.com.



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING "BRING ON SPRING"

The Village and the New Lenox Chamber of Commerce want to thank all residents who supported businesses in "Bring on Spring," a marketing promotion for local retail and service establishments that was held between May 2nd through May 9th. 75% of the participating businesses received more customers from the promotion. It "takes a Village" to support our local establishments and we are grateful for all residents who patronized them.



RESTAURANT WEEK IS COMING

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, September 6th through Tuesday, September 13th. It's time for Restaurant Week! By far, this promotion is the most popular and the brochure of participating restaurants will be available at the end of August. Ask your favorite restaurant to participate in the promotion.



NEW LENOX RESIDENTS LIVE IN THE "BEST MUNICIPALITY"

The Herald-News/Shaw Media on May 27, 2022 announced the names of the first and second place winners in the Best of Lincoln-Way Readers' Choice Awards. The Village of New Lenox was voted to be the best municipality in the Lincoln-Way area for the second consecutive year. We wish to thank all those who voted for the Village and congratulate the winning businesses who serve our residents.

