



NEW LENOX

VILLAGER

ROCK & ROLL SILENT DISCO

This fall, Mayor Baldermann and the Village of New Lenox are excited to invite you to a brand new, unique event! The Rock & Roll Silent Disco will *hustle* and *snap* its way into the Village Commons on Saturday, October 15th from 6:00pm to 10:00pm, offering a combination of nostalgic elements including roller-skating encompassed within a disco party feel!



What, you may ask, is a silent disco? This is a growing trend around the country where people dance to music listened to on wireless headphones, rather than using a traditional speaker system. Those without the headphones, hear no music, giving the effect of a room full of people dancing without the tunes!

At this event, the fun and excitement will begin right at the entrance gate as you receive your own pair of special wireless headphones that will allow each party-goer to listen to different channels of music, run by two dueling DJ's, competing for your attention! Two, large roller rinks will be set up in the street for those who want to skate while they listen to music, or if you prefer not, you can show off your disco dance moves near the stage with the DJ's! Food trucks will be present offering a variety of different food options, Yolo Glow Novelties will be selling glow in the dark/light up items, and beer will also be for sale.

The entry fee for this event is \$5 per person, and includes both skate rental and headphone rental. (Please bring photo ID for rental purposes). We hope that you and your family and friends can all join us!! For all of the details, please visit www.newlenox.net/events.

SCARECROW STROLL

Scarecrow Stroll is returning to the New Lenox Village Commons this October for its third 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 24th through November 2nd.

Organizations that are interested in creating a display may visit www.newlenox.net/events no later than October 14th to register for a space.

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



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 adorned 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 3rd through December 18th. Each of these dates will include the holiday market, visits with Santa, horse-drawn wagon rides, reindeer, 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.

Village Officials

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 Laura Zilinskas / Village Clerk
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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 and the Village's website, www.newlenox.net/agenda

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

BRANCH PICK-UP

The Village of New Lenox Public Works Department will wrap up the Branch Pick-Up Program Tuesday, October 18th. Crews are scheduled the **1st and 3rd Tuesdays April – October to help residents with property maintenance.**



Please follow these helpful guidelines to ensure that this service will operate quickly and efficiently:

- Because the quantity of pick-ups often exceeds what can be done in one day, **please allow crews until Thursday morning to complete the pick-up.**
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- The intent of this program is to help Village of New Lenox residents with their property maintenance and is not intended to clean up commercial debris or debris from other jurisdictions properties.

For any storms with wind gusts reaching 50mph and storms declared a disaster, the Village will be out patrolling the town for damage. We recommend that residents still call to schedule a branch pick-up where the above guidelines would apply to ensure we do not miss you.

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

FALL 2022 LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM

The Leaf Collection Program for residents will begin on **Monday October 3, 2022.** 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.

Typically, 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. Unlike the Branch Pick-Up Program, you do **not** have to call the Public Works Department for pick up. Please note that this schedule is dependent on the weather, volume

of leaves to collect, equipment and crew availability. Due to these factors, pick-up dates in your area will vary each week and no "scheduled" pickups are possible.

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 (NO stickers required).** This service will be performed on **October 20th – November 26th**, whichever dates fall on your regularly scheduled garbage pick-up day. In addition to the free leaf collection for bagged leaves, the Village offers ten free yard-waste bags per fall for our senior citizens households which may be picked up at the Village Hall in early October.

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 cars, trees, mailboxes, fire hydrants, streetlights, etc.

Reasons for not picking up leaves could include:

- Placed too far from the parkway
- There are branches, twigs or dead potted plants mixed in
- Parked car(s) were blocking the area where the leaves were placed
- Inclement weather
- Equipment failure

The Village's free leaf collections program ends Wednesday, November 30, 2022.

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

"ONE THING: SPEAK UP, SPEAK OUT"

In Support of Domestic Violence Prevention Awareness Month

The New Lenox Safe Community Coalition and its Domestic Violence Prevention Task Group is pleased to announce a FREE educational event in support of Domestic Violence Prevention Awareness Month. **"One Thing: Speak Up, Speak Out,"** will be held on Monday, October 3, 2022 at Lincoln-Way West High School, 21701 Gougar Road, New Lenox, IL 60451. Representatives that provide domestic violence / domestic violence prevention services will be on hand from 6:00pm to 7:00pm, so please arrive early to visit their tables. The Keynote Speaker and Panel Discussion will be held in the auditorium from 7:00pm to 8:00pm.

Keynote Speaker - Rachel D. Miller, LMFT

Rachel is a Licensed Couple and Family Therapist, adjunct professor and PhD candidate at Adler University. Her research focuses on the needs of children who experienced the combination of domestic violence and high conflict divorce / custody. As a domestic violence survivor herself whose children lived this and a therapist who works with this population, her research is both professionally and personally significant. Rachel is also the founder of "Hold the Vision Therapy,"



a private practice in Chicago, where she works with individuals, couples, and families throughout Illinois and Indiana to build healthy, thriving relationships. **Rachel's presentation will define and recognize domestic violence, explain how family courts are used, explain why the community should care and what's needed to prevent domestic violence.**



Panelist - Amirrah Abou-Youssef, MA, CDVP

Ms. Abou-Youssef currently serves as the Coordinator for the 12th Judicial District Family Violence Coordinating Council. Ms. Abou-Youssef received her Bachelor of Science from the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign in Psychology, with a Minor in Gender and Women's Studies in 2010. She completed her Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy from Adler University in 2012. Ms. Abou-Youssef has worked in family violence for over 10 years in the Will

County community. She is a Certified Domestic Violence Professional and currently sits on the Board of Directors for the Illinois Certified Domestic Violence Professionals, Inc. **Ms. Abou-Youssef will talk about her experience working with children, how domestic violence affects children, and how the community can play a role in keeping children safe.**

Panelist - Erin Hanrahan

Erin Hanrahan is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. She received her Bachelor's degree in psychology from Eastern Illinois University and her Master's degree in Social Work from Saint Louis University, in Missouri. Erin has 23 years of clinical practice working in the field of community outpatient mental health, substances abuse, and domestic violence.

In 2019, Erin became the Intimate Partner Violence Assistance Program Coordinator at Edward Hines Jr VA Hospital, which provides comprehensive services to Veterans, their partners/caregivers, and VA employees impacted by intimate partner violence. Erin is a White Ribbon VA Facility Champion working to eliminate sexual harassment, sexual assault, and domestic violence by promoting a positive culture of change and joining the movement of men and boys working to end violence against women and girls, promote gender equity, and healthy relationships. **During her presentation, Erin will explain the Hines Intimate Partner Violence Assistance Program (IPVAP) and the Strength at Home (SAH) Programs.**



Panelist - Ariel Ruttenberg

Ariel Ruttenberg, LCPC, is the Police Social Worker for the New Lenox Police Department. She is the first and only Police Social Worker for the department, having developed the position from the ground up, and is currently one of five police social workers working within Will County.

Ms. Ruttenberg will be discussing her role within the New Lenox Police Department with regard to survivors

of domestic violence, domestic-related incidents, courtroom advocacy, Orders of Protection, the investigation process, linkage to community resources, and other services she provides through the NLPD.

No registration is needed for this event. 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.

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
- 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 water system

What do I do if my pipes freeze?

- Open all faucets
- Remove insulation and wrap pipe in rags
- Apply heat to frozen pipes

What do I do if my pipes burst?

- Shut off water supply immediately using valves by water meter. If this cannot be done, call the Water Department at (815) 215-4800. 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.

“OPERATION LIFESAVER” – FREE RAIL SAFETY PRESENTATION



Two METRA Commuter Rail Service Lines run through New Lenox; the Rock Island District (RI) to Joliet and the SouthWest Service (SWS) to Manhattan. Although we see METRA trains all the time, do we REALLY know how they operate? Please join us for an informative presentation on rail safety by METRA safety personnel on **Monday, October 10, 2022 from 7:00pm to 8:00pm in the Community Room at the New Lenox Village Hall.**



METRA, in conjunction with the State of Illinois Operation Lifesaver Program, offers this FREE training throughout their service areas.

This event is being hosted by the Village of New Lenox, and the New Lenox Safe Community Coalition, in partnership with METRA. Registration is being handled through Eventbrite via this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/operation-lifesaver-free-rail-safety-presentation-tickets-421570798607>.

Operation Lifesaver is a program designed to promote railroad safety and awareness for children and adults of all ages. Even professional drivers can benefit from the topics that will be discussed during this 60-minute presentation. Additional information regarding Illinois Operation Lifesaver is available at the Illinois Commerce Commission web site via this link: <https://www.icc.illinois.gov/ilol/>

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 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, October 12, 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/mental-health-first-aid-class-free-tickets-422542153957>

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.

COMING SOON

- **Casey's**, 2601 E. Lincoln Hwy. (northeast corner of Joliet Hwy. and Route 30). Gas station and convenience store. www.caseys.com. 815-463-9517. Tentative Open Date: October 14, 2022.
- **European Wax**, 521 E. Lincoln Hwy. (in the strip mall in front of Walmart with Jersey Mike's) is a waxing salon. Tentative Open Date: October 10, 2022.
- **Lenny's Gas N Wash**, 1951 E. Laraway Rd. (on the northwest corner of Laraway and Schoolhouse Roads). Gas station, car wash, convenience store with Dunkin' Donuts and Ta Canijo Tacos. Tentative Open Date: November 4, 2022.
- **Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers**, 552 E. Lincoln Hwy. (formerly the parking lot for Hickey Funeral Home). www.raisingcanes.com Tentative Open Date: 2023.
- **Silver Pharmacy**, 1890 Silver Cross Blvd., Suite 120 (at Silver Cross Hospital in the location formerly occupied by Walgreens). Retail pharmacy that sells prescribed medications to patients, over the counter medications, durable medical equipment, snack foods, and drinks. Tentative Open Date: November, 2022.
- **Systemic Wellness**, 2081 Calistoga Dr. – Suite 2N (in the two-story building that is west of Arrowhead Alehouse off Laraway Road). Services offered that relate to mental health are: intensive outpatient program; individualized outpatient psychotherapy; treatments for anxiety; depression, trauma and; eating disorders. Clientele served are adolescents (13+ years old) and adults. 708-609-7227 and cmosull90@gmail.com. Tentative Open Date: December 1, 2022.



OPEN NOW

- **Advanced Integrated IT Systems**, home-based business. (815) 717-2641 and AIIITSR20@gmail.com. Repairs computers, servers, sell cables, etc.
- **Bright Lights Production**, 12600 Old Plank Trail Rd. leases event lighting, e.g., moving lights, effects lighting, stage decks' hazers/foggers, etc. 708-421-3283, www.brightlightsstagelighting.com/index or info@brightlightsstagelighting.com.
- **Bosco's All-Natural Pet Supplies**, 340A W. Lincoln Hwy. (in the same plaza as Ace Hardware and JBD White Horse Inn). Sells all-natural pet supplies for dogs and cats, including food, toys, beds, and other pet-friendly supplies. 708-595-2325, rae@boscosallnatural.com and www.boscosallnatural.com.
- **Boxed Gift Co.**, 327 W. Maple St. (in the strip mall across the street from the United Methodist Church on Route 30). Boxed Gift is a gift box company designing and selling gifts for any and all occasions. Sales are solely online through www.boxedgiftco.com.
- **Corporate Strategy Partners**, 1938 E. Lincoln Hwy. – Suite 205C (in Atrium Point on the southwest corner of Route 30 and Schoolhouse Road). Management consulting firm. 630-234-0302.
- **LaMonte Law & Consulting, LLC**, 1938 E. Lincoln Hwy. – Suite 207B (in Atrium Point). Legal practice specializing in the areas of real estate, estate planning, and contract law. www.lamontelaw.com. 708-882-0050 and david@lamontelaw.com.



NEW OWNERS

- **New Lenox Car Wash**, 451 Vine St. (on the northwest corner of Vine and Route 30) provides self-service and automatic car wash services. Previously Super Wash. 815-485-0541.
- **Nutrition Hub**, 1005 W. Laraway (in the strip mall that is east of Laraway Lanes Bowling Alley on the northwest corner of Laraway and Nelson Roads). The establishment will continue to sell smoothies, acai bowls, boba tea, food items, and prepacked food items. www.nutritionhubs.com. 815-919-1660.



THANK YOU FOR SHOPPING "RESTAURANT WEEK"

The Village and the New Lenox Chamber of Commerce want to thank all residents who supported restaurants during Restaurant Week, the marketing promotion that was held between September 6th and September 13th. This was the sixth annual event and we are so appreciative of residents who patronized the establishments during Restaurant Week.



NEXT PROMO TO SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES – "SHIFT YOUR SHOPPING"

Shift Your Shopping, the year-end holiday promotion for small businesses, is a two-day event that will be held on Black Friday, November 25th and Small Business Saturday, November 26th. Stay tuned for the offers that will be circulated in time for your holiday shopping.

