



NEW LENOX

VILLAGER

SUMMER EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE 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**. Join us for three fun nights over the summer to enjoy live music from both the openers and main acts. Gates open at 5:30 and a variety of food and drinks are provided from local vendors. Foldable lawn chairs, blankets, and empty, collapsible coolers are welcome inside the venue.



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**, 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 this year, 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! The full schedule will be at newlenox.net/events as soon as its available.

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 7 through August 9, and the full lineup can be viewed at 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 43rd year and will be taking place on Sunday, May 7 with a 2:00 p.m. 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 1 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 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 beginning in April and continuing through October. This program is extremely popular, answering well over 1,000 requests each year. Please refresh yourself with these helpful guidelines to ensure that this service will operate quickly and efficiently:

Village Officials

Timothy Baldermann / Mayor
Laura Zilinskas / Village Clerk
David Butterfield / Trustee
Katie Christopherson / Trustee
Douglas Finnegan / 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 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

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.

FREE Falls Prevention Class Offered for Older Adults



New Lenox seniors, 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!

"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.

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

Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30am to 11:30am in the Community Room (lower level) at the New Lenox Village Hall, 1 Veterans Parkway, New Lenox, IL. The class includes 8 sessions as follows:

April 17th, April 19th, April 24th, April 26th, May 1st, May 3rd, May 8th and May 10th (final session & graduation).

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

"Stop the Bleed"



SAVE A LIFE
BLEEDINGCONTROL.ORG

The Village of New Lenox and its Safe Community Coalition is offering a FREE Bleeding Control (BCON) class on

Tuesday, April 18, 2023. The class will be held from **7:00pm to 8:30pm** in the **Community Room (lower level) of the Village Hall**, 1 Veterans Parkway, New Lenox, IL.

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.

Registration is required and is being handled via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/free-bleeding-control-training-stop-the-bleed-tickets-588269498907>.

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. Additional information regarding "Stop the Bleed" can be found at <https://www.bleedingcontrol.org/>.

PUBLIC WORKS



Collection System Maintenance

The Sewer Department will start its annual inspection and maintenance program in the spring and continue through the fall. Sewer line cleaning, televising, manhole inspections and most manhole repairs are all done in-house.

Sewer line cleaning and televising this year will be starting in the Cherry Hill and

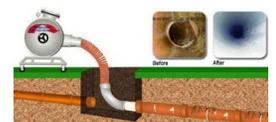
Wildflower subdivisions and then moving on to Prairie Ridge and Silver Cross area. Sewer lines are thoroughly cleaned to remove any debris that could potentially cause a blockage and makes it easier for the television crew to inspect the lines for imperfections.

Manhole inspections will be taking place on the north side of town between Francis and Rt 30 along Cedar Rd. Crews will be inspecting manholes for signs of inflow and infiltration (I&I) of groundwater, manholes are a major source of I&I. Over time leaks can develop from manhole ring connections, stub outs, precast joints, loose mortar and cracks caused by shifting and expanding soil along with subsidence from traffic loading. We also look for Hydrogen Sulfide damage. We have found that regularly inspecting every manhole in town and making necessary repairs greatly reduces our I&I at a low cost.

Manhole repairs will be taking place on the south side of town in the subdivisions along Laraway Rd. from Gougar. Rd to Schoolhouse Rd.

Cured in place pipe (CIPP) repair also

takes place every year by an outside contractor, we find these repairs that need to be made through our in-house televising program. CIPP is a technique for repairing leaks or restoring structural stability to an existing pipeline. CIPP is completed by installing a smaller, carrier pipe into a larger host pipe, grouting the annular space between the two pipes, and sealing the ends. The trenchless method is generally a cost-effective rehabilitation method to replace water and sewer force mains.



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.

WATER-SEWER BILL ONLINE PAYMENT OPTIONS

The Village of New Lenox offers multiple ways to view and pay your utility bill. One option is to pay via our online portal. Payments made through our online portal do incur a convenience fee. These fees are collected by an outside service (Invoice Cloud) who provides the Village with this payment option. These fees have been the same since we started using Invoice Cloud in 2019. Residents can receive and view bills electronically, make a payment with credit/debit card or e-check, and choose to go paperless all on the Village of New Lenox website through Invoice Cloud. A quick, one-time payment can be made without registering or you can create an account to utilize more features such as setting up automatic payments, saving payment information for later use and viewing bill and payment history. Registered customers receive email reminders when your bill is ready, when a scheduled payment is pending and a confirmation after making a payment. You can also pay via a phone call to (855) 386-9152. Fees for this service are as follows:

\$3.95 per credit card transaction (up from \$3.75 per transaction as of March 6, 2023)

\$1.95 per online e-check transaction

For an additional \$0.95 per transaction, payment can be made with credit card or e-checks via a phone call to (855) 386-9152.

Residents can sign up for FREE ACH WITHDRAWAL as well.

Customers may sign up for automatic payment withdrawal from a checking or savings account by filling out the **Automatic Payment Withdrawal Form**. This form can be found on the New Lenox website (www.newlenox.net) by selecting Pay Your Water Bill. Submit the completed form with the requested information to the Village Hall. Your water/sewer bill will automatically be deducted from your account on the due date. A monthly bill is mailed (or emailed) to support the amount deducted from your account.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why does the Village have so many chicken restaurants, pizza places, gas stations, auto parts stores, etc.?

Each property in the Village is classified by a zoning district, and most of the Village's commercial properties have the same zoning district. Each zoning district has a list of uses that are permitted, as well as the required building setbacks and number of parking spaces required for the use. It is up to the business to determine that a location will be successful, and the Village cannot restrict the number of competitors in a community. Thus, if one property along U.S. Route 30 is zoned for a (fill in the blank), it is likely the properties surrounding it also permit that use. If a property is zoned for the use and the layout of the property complies with the Village Code, the Village does not have a reason not to welcome a business to the community.

Why doesn't the Village have a Trader Joe's, Chick-fil-A, or (fill in the blank with your favorite business)?



Businesses decide where they will open new locations based on demographics of other, successful locations, as well as target thresholds for things such as the number of households within a certain radius, average household income, and distance from their other locations. Some businesses look at the percentage of college graduates, and restaurants also look for a high daytime employment population. The Village's Economic Development efforts include reaching out to businesses that are missing and would be a good fit for the community, but ultimately it is the business's decision whether to open in New Lenox or not.



What home improvement projects require a building permit and why are permits required?

The Village requires building permits for most home improvement projects, with the exception of regular maintenance, landscaping, and concrete or paver patios. By applying for a permit, the Village's Building Department can determine that the proposed work complies with the Village Code with respect to items such as setbacks from property lines, height, energy code standards, and structural standards. Inspections as a project is completed confirm that the work was done in compliance with the approved plans. Please contact the Building Department if you plan any of the following home improvement projects:

- Deck
- Driveway, incl. Replacement
- Electric Car Charger
- Fence
- Lawn Irrigation System
- Reroof
- Shed
- Solar Panels
- Swimming Pool or Hot Tub
- Water Heater, Furnace or Air Conditioner
- Windows, Doors or Siding
- Any project involving Electrical or Plumbing work
- Basement Remodel
- Detached Garage
- Room Addition

Does the New Lenox Police Department assist motorists who have locked their keys inside their vehicle?

Yes. The NLPD does provide this service. Please call the non-emergency number 815-485-2500 and officer will be dispatched to your location to help you get back into your vehicle as soon as possible.

Can criminal or suspicious activity be reported anonymously?

Yes, by calling the NLPD Anonymous Tip Line at 815-462-6111. You can also report a concern on the Village of New Lenox website <https://www.newlenox.net/>. However, these two options are for activities NOT IN PROGRESS. For criminal or suspicious behavior IN PROGRESS and requiring an officer to respond please quickly please call the NLPD at 815-485-2500 (for non-emergencies) or in the case of an emergency dial 9-1-1.

Why Are There Flags in My Parkway?

Flags in the easement area typically mean there will be some kind of excavation in the near future. This doesn't necessarily mean it is a Village project, or that the Village knows what was called in. Major utilities, contractors as well as residents call for J.U.L.I.E. locates daily without having to notify the Village. Colored flags indicate what's been identified for a locate:

Red: Electric, Yellow: Gas, Oil or Petroleum, Orange: Communications, Blue: Water, Green: Sewer, White: Proposed Excavation, Pink: Temporary Survey. A curious homeowner is best served contacting J.U.L.I.E. at 800-892-0123 for the information.

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Why Didn't My Branches Get Picked Up?

- Residents may see branches in their neighbor's parkway and assume crews will get theirs as well, but unless their address is on the list they will not be picked up. Residents must call each time they need this service at least 1 day **prior** to the scheduled pick-up (no same day pick-ups). This service is offered the 1st and 3rd Tuesday, April – October.
- Requests were at a high volume and we were unable to finish in one day. Please be patient and allow a 2–3-day buffer as crews will continue where they left off until completed.
- The material placed in the parkway will damage the equipment or staff. Branches must be at least 1 inch in diameter but no more than 12 inches, and at least 2 feet in length.
- Inclement weather affected the scheduled date.
- A vehicle was parked in the street thus interfering with safe removal.
- Equipment failure.
- Branches were placed on private property.

What Do I Do If I Think I Have a Dead Parkway Tree?

Call the Public Works Department to notify them and they will come out to determine the condition of the tree. If we do deem it dead or a hazard, we will remove it at no cost to the homeowner. You will then be placed on the '50/50 Parkway Tree Replacement Program' if you choose to replace the tree.

What Is The 50/50 Parkway Tree Replacement Program?

Under this program, residents pay 50% for the cost of a parkway tree and the Village pays the other half, delivers and plants the tree(s). This program is offered in late summer where residents choose from a variety of approved parkway tree species, with a scheduled planting in early November.

Can I Water as Much as I Want in The Spring and Summer?

No, water restrictions are implemented every year, **May 15th – September 15th** with the following Tiers:

- **Tier Zero** affects all residents with permission of outdoor watering from 7-11am and 7-11pm on odd/even calendar days. (For example, if your address is 219 Main Street, you may **only** water on odd calendar days between 7-11am and 7-11pm. The Village is always in Tier Zero, unless conditions warrant.
- **Tier One** affects all residents, and the allocation of water is limited to 7-11:00 am ONLY (NO PM Watering-odd/even calendar days).
- Tier Two is enforced in extreme conditions limiting outdoor watering altogether.
- Sod Permits are allowed through the Building Department.

My Mailbox Got Damaged by The Plow, Will You Replace It?

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. It is important to call the Public Works Department to document your address of the damage, as we will come out after the plowing process is over to repair the mailbox. Reimbursement letters are sent out in the spring to assist with the damage, but replacing them is the responsibility of the homeowner.

COMING SOON

- **Comise's Bar & Grill**, 1005 W. Laraway (located in the strip mall on the northwest corner of Nelson and Laraway Roads) is a bar and grill restaurant. Comise's plans to open in April.



OPEN NOW

• **Ace Handyman Service of Lincoln Way**, 12410

W. Horseshoe Dr. (off Schoolhouse Road),

is part of the Ace Hardware family and provides home improvement and home repair services to residential and business customers in the Lincoln Way area. Multi-skilled craftsmen provide services relating to carpentry, drywall repair, doors, furniture assembly, flooring, painting and staining, and preventative maintenance.

lincolnway@acehandymanservices.com or 815-418-6336

• **Farmers Insurance**, 1938 E. Lincoln Hwy., Suite 205E. Auto, home, life, business, and flood insurance are offered.

amos@farmersagent.com

• **JC Licht Benjamin Moore Paint**, 2405 E. Lincoln Hwy. (in the strip mall with Five Guys Burgers & Fries). Retail store that sells paint, sundries, window treatments, and wall coverings.

<https://jclicht.com/> or 815-449-4292

• **Koehler Dog Spa**, 2071 Calistoga Dr. (by Arrowhead Ales Brewing off Laraway Rd.). Dog grooming services are offered, e.g., haircuts, nail trims, baths, ear cleaning, etc.

<https://www.facebook.com/KoehlerDogSpa/> or 708-639-3142

• **Rescue Counseling**, 1234 North Cedar Rd., Suite E (located approximately one block south of Francis Road), is a mental health therapeutic office. The practice sees individuals, couples, and/or families for counseling services.

www.rescuecounseling.com or 815-900-9090

• **Restoration 1 of Chicago Southland**, 252 Stone Court (in an industrial strip mall off Ferro Drive, east of Gougar Road) provides services relating to water, fire, and mold remediation. The office provides 24-hour, 365-day service.

<https://www.restoration1.com/chicago-southland/> or 815-669-1700

• **Rose & Rae Hair Studio**, 210 W. Maple, Unit 2, is in a building on the southwest corner of Maple and Pine Streets. The hair stylist offers hair cutting and coloring services.

<https://www.facebook.com/thestationinley> or 815-212-1820

NEW OWNER

• **Simon Philips Men's Hair**

Salon, 306 W. Maple, have new owners as of February 1, 2023.

www.simonphilipsmenshairsalon.com or 815-717-8706.

UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP

BRING ON SPRING IS COMING MAY 8TH THROUGH MAY 15TH

The Village and the New Lenox Chamber of Commerce will co-host its seventh annual Bring on Spring promotion that begins on Monday, May 8th and continues through Monday, May 15th. The ad of participating local businesses will appear in the Herald News' weekend editions on May 5th and May 12th. In addition, all offers will be posted on the Village's and Chamber's websites and social media pages. Check out what's offered for Mother's Day and graduation gifts as well as spring cleaning and repair ideas. Residents are encouraged to support the local businesses in our community where we live, work, and play!

