



NEW LENOX

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SUMMER EVENTS IN THE NEW LENOX COMMONS

Play Day

The whole day will be dedicated to the youngest members of the family on Saturday, June 29 for Play Day in the Commons! Bring the kiddos out to the Village Commons from 11:00am to 3:00pm for some fun. Activities will include inflatables, exotic animals, face painting, foam party, science experiments, a children's business fair, and so much more! Find more details on this free event at www.newlenox.net/events.



Chalk Walk

Chalk Walk is returning to the Village Commons on Saturday, August 3rd from 9:00am to 3:00 pm. Each person that 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 16th, August 20th, and September 17th. Not a classic car owner? Then join us to catch some tunes (courtesy of RetroActive in July, The M80s in August, and Not Dead Yet 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 12 and August 23rd 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 Nashville Electric Co. performing in July and Whiskey Thunder taking the stage in August. Check out the list of participating trucks and full details on the events at www.newlenox.net/events.



Live on the Lawn

Live on the lawn features performances from local groups and organizations on select Sunday evenings of the summer! This event will be held July 14th, July 28th, and August 11th from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Live on the Lawn is a great way to support the different artists and performers within the community and provides a relaxing atmosphere for an enjoyable Sunday evening. To view the list of performing groups, visit 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 14th. Movies begin at dusk (approximately 8:30pm) and concessions are available for sale. There will be giveaways and other activities prior to the movie at 7:30pm. This year, there will also be a designated teen area. To view the full movie lineup and see the activity each week visit www.newlenox.net/events.



'Adult' Movie Nights (Not that kind of adult movie...!) These Movie Nights are geared toward older audiences with ratings of PG-13 and

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Village Officials

- Timothy Baldermann / Mayor
- Laura Zilinskas / Village Clerk
- Katie Christopherson / Trustee
- Amy Gugliuzza / Trustee
- Keith Madsen / Trustee
- Lindsay Scalise / Trustee
- David Smith / Trustee
- Jim Wilson / 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

will take place July 25th and August 29th. Food and drink will be available at the concession stand. For the 'Adult' Movie Night lineup, visit www.newlenox.net/events.

Ladies Night Out

Plan a night out with your girlfriends at Ladies Night Out on Friday, August 9th. Stroll through the Village Commons and shop from over 100 vendors while enjoying live music from River Road Trio. This event takes place from 4:00pm to 8:00pm and additional details on this event can be found at www.newlenox.net/events.



Food Fight: Taco Fest

The Village of New Lenox is excited to introduce Food Fight: Taco Fest to this summer's event lineup! Food Fight is taking place Saturday, July 20, from 11:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. in the Village Commons. Local restaurants and food trucks will be invited to put up their best taco - traditional, unique, basic, gourmet...we want to see it all! Event attendees will be encouraged to try as many tacos as possible and then vote for their favorite. The restaurant with the most votes will be crowned the Taco Fest champion! The Chihuahua Beauty Pageant will be returning along with a few other activities. To find more details about Taco Fest, visit www.newlenox.net/events.



Silent Roller Disco

The Silent Roller Disco is returning for its third year in the Village Commons! On September 7th from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. bring out your roller skates and get ready to boogie...at a silent event. Upon arrival, guests will receive a pair of wireless headphones that allow them to listen to different channels of music run by two dueling DJs. Those without headphones won't hear any music throughout the Commons - it will look like people are dancing to no music! Once you've got your headphones, you can head to one of two roller rinks that will be set up in the street. You can bring your own roller skates from home or rent a pair from us. For more details about how Silent Roller Disco works, visit www.newlenox.net/events.



Summer Concert Series

This summer the Village of New Lenox is again bringing world-renowned musical artists to the New Lenox Village Commons this summer with the 15th annual Summer Concert Series (formerly known as the Triple Play Concert Series)! The first concert of the summer is Smokey Robinson, and has been rescheduled to take place on July 6th. Tickets will continue to be on sale until the rescheduled concert date. Our second concert takes place on Saturday, September 14, and features headliner Ringo Starr & His All Starr Band – there are a limited number of tickets remaining! Tickets for both concerts are sold on the second floor of the Village Hall during regular business hours. For more information about our Summer Concert Series, visit www.newlenox.net/events.



NEW LENOX POLICE DEPARTMENT WELCOME ITS NEWEST MEMBER K-9 HARLIE

The New Lenox Police Department is always excited to introduce its newest members. We are happy to announce



that after almost 15 years, a police canine is returning to the NLPD. We would like to introduce "Harlie" to the New Lenox community. Harlie is a seven-month-old Labrador and was purchased through Will County State's Attorney James Glasgow's K9s for Our Cops program. State's Attorney Glasgow has purchased K-9s for police

departments throughout Will County in an effort to remove dangerous drugs from communities. Through the K9s for Our Cops program, drug asset money seized from criminals is used to pay for the purchase of a dog, their training, and the related equipment installed in the police vehicle. This generous opportunity comes at no cost to tax payers and was just too good to pass up! After selecting a dog, several names for the dog were chosen by the members of the New Lenox Police Department. The names were then sent to School District 122 for the students to vote on. "Harlie" was the name that received the most votes from the students.

Officer Candace Guidry was chosen from a list of several qualified officers to be Harlie's handler. Ofc. Guidry has eight years of law enforcement experience and was selected as the best fit to partner up with Harlie. Officer Guidry and Harlie recently completed six weeks of training in narcotics detection and tracking. Upon completion of training, "Officer" Harlie was sworn-in as the Department's newest member. You can expect to see this dynamic-duo on the streets of New Lenox very soon. Welcome to the NLPD family, Harlie!



CITIZENS' ACADEMY



Want to learn more about New Lenox? A Citizens' Academy is an opportunity for residents to see how municipal government operates through weekly interesting, interactive learning

sessions with different Village departments and other taxing districts serving the community. The goal is for all participants to gain a better understanding and appreciation of the crucial partnership between the Village, other taxing districts and the residents they serve. The Citizens' Academy fosters awareness and understanding of municipal programs while empowering its graduates to share their newfound knowledge with family, friends and neighbors.

The program is a series of professionally led sessions designed to improve service and knowledge about the Village and the specific services individual departments provide, as well as the services provided by the New Lenox Community Park District, New Lenox Fire Protection District, and New Lenox Public Library District. The Academy is an eight-week course led by a designated spokesperson from each department or municipal entity. The program will run weekly for an hour and a half from September 3rd through October 22nd. The Academy is open to all Village of New Lenox residents willing to apply, but will be limited to a maximum of 25 residents. There is no cost to the residents who attend the sessions, but they must be willing to commit the time to attend **ALL SESSIONS**.

Expectations from the program include learning about the Village and all it has to offer, the roles and responsibilities of the entities providing other municipal services, encouraging community involvement, finding useful ways to volunteer in the community, learning policies and procedures of municipal

government and who to contact for specific information, and becoming better acquainted with New Lenox.

Each spokesperson will lead an engaging presentation on operational topics including, but not limited to: the New Lenox strategic plan, what it takes to operate parks, public works and your home, school district funding, the history of libraries, and how the police department and fire protection district protect our community. Additionally, tours of the Village Hall, Fire Department, Police Department, Public Works, and other involved buildings will be provided. Workshop sessions will include Administration, Finance, Community Development, Public Works, Police, Fire, Library, and Parks District. Overall, the Citizen's Academy is a great opportunity for our residents to become more engaged with their local government and experience all the ways the New Lenox is serving the community.

Applications are required to participate in the program. They will be available in July at Village Hall or on our website www.newlenox.net. Applicants for the program will be chosen at a first come, first serve basis so make sure to drop your application off at Village Hall as soon as possible! If you have any questions feel free to call 815-462-6400 or email amurphy@newlenox.net. We hope to see you there!

FREE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TRAINING



The Village of New Lenox will be hosting a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) 20-Hour Basic Course starting on Tuesday, September 10, 2024. The Course is **FREE** and will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the New Lenox Village Hall as follows: 9/10, 9/12, 9/17, 9/19, 9/24, 9/26, 10/1 and 10/3. The Final Exercise, Graduation and Luncheon will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2024 from 8:00am to 12:00pm. All graduates will receive a CERT backpack containing various disaster preparedness supplies, CERT participant manual, and a certificate of completion.

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.

HOMETOWN HERO MILITARY BANNER PROGRAM

Now in its fifth year, we are proud to say that our Hometown Hero Military Banner Program has continued to grow since its start in 2019! This program honors and recognizes current

and former residents who have served or are currently serving our country in any branch of the military by displaying their photos on large banners all around our beautiful Village Commons. All banners are displayed for a two-year period, from Memorial Day through Veterans Day, and if requested, banners that are removed at the end of the two-year display period will be given to you as a keep-sake.



The application period for our next banner sponsorship opportunity will be open from December 1st through March 1st of 2025. If you would like a sponsor application form or would like to see more details about this program, please either visit www.newlenox.net or stop by Village Hall to pick up a copy of our brochure. Please call or email Megan Applegate with any questions at (815) 462-6427 or mapplegate@newlenox.net, and be sure to take a stroll around the Commons sometime this summer to honor all of our amazing veterans!

SUMMER WATERING NOTIFICATIONS



Wondering when you can water your lawn in the heat of the summer months? Lawn watering restrictions are required for communities that supply water from Lake Michigan. They are in place to help minimize evaporation during the hottest time of the day. The Village has 3 Tiers of notifications that can change throughout the summer, especially when the weather is dry with lack of rain. Tier notifications signs will be posted around the Village to inform residents when water allocation changes, with information also on the Village website: www.newlenox.net.

Water Notifications:

Tier Zero is currently in effect from May 15th – September 15th. This affects all residents with allocation of outdoor watering from 7:00am-11:00am and 7:00pm-11:00pm on odd or even calendar days depending on your address. For example, if your address is an odd number, you may *only* water on odd calendar days between 7-11am and 7-11pm. If your address is an even number, you may *only* water on even calendar days between the same hours of 7-11am and 7-11pm.

Tier 1 affects all residents and the allocation of outdoor watering is limited to 7:00 am-11:00am ONLY (NO PM Watering).

Tier 2 is enforced in extreme conditions and NO watering of any kind is allowed.

Residents with watering permits must follow Tier 1 and Tier 2 regulations if they are in effect. If you have any questions as to what Tier we are on, feel free to call the Public Works Department at 815 215-4800.

MOSQUITO ABATEMENT PROGRAM

This year, as in past years the Public Works Department will manage the Village's Mosquito Abatement Program. Employees have been licensed through the Illinois Department of Agriculture to perform the applications.



Residential spraying will be limited only to periods of excessive annoyance or notification through the Will County Health Department. Storm drains will be treated regularly since the control of larvae is critical to the success of

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any mosquito abatement program.

Residents who would like to be informed the day we spray in their neighborhood can call the Public Works Department at 815 215-4800. 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. Spraying typically occurs after 7:00 pm.

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
- Clean and chlorinate swimming pools, outdoor saunas, and hot tubs regularly. Drain water from pool covers. Mosquitos can develop in only five days.

OPEN NOW:

- **Bakehouse on Highview**, is a home-based business that offers home-baked cookies, cupcakes and cake items. bakehouseonhighview@gmail.com
- **Blooming Minds Counseling Group LLC**, 1938 E. Lincoln Hwy., Suite 207B (in Atrium Point on the southwest corner of Route 30 and Schoolhouse Road). <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/therapists/teresa-daversa-new-lenox-il/833767> (contact information is on the website)
- **El Sombrero**, 338 W. Maple St. (former Pizza Hut building on the southwest corner of Vine St. and Route 30). Sit-down Mexican restaurant that serves liquor. <https://www.elsombreronewlenox.com/> or 815-320-6071
- **JM Training**, 418 Nelson Rd. (in the same plaza as Buffalo Wild Wings). JM Training offers personal safety training, consultation, and will host classes. Books, clothes, and hats will be sold. <https://joemalonetraining.com/> (872) 262-7519 or training@southerncross.company
- **Stay Grounded Coffee II**, LLC, 2111 Calistoga Dr. (in the plaza west of Berkot's on Laraway Road). Coffee shop and café serving coffee, teas, lemonade, and light fare (donuts, pastries, grab and go). Seating area for studying, remote working, and leisure. <https://www.thegroundedcoffeebars.com/> or 815-717-8815
- **Take 5 Oil Change**, 442 E. Lincoln Hwy. (on the southwest corner of Roberts Rd. and Route 30). Stay in your car oil change. <https://www.take5.com/locations/oil-change/illinois/new-lenox/31488/> 815-783-6024 or "Contact Us" on website
- **Tri-Star Martial Arts Academy, Inc.**, 122410 W. Horseshoe Dr. (on the northeast corner of Horseshoe and Harvey Drives off Schoolhouse Road). Martial arts instruction, with retail sales such as uniforms, sparring gear, and t-shirts. www.tristarkarate.com or 815-932-5425



COMING SOON:

- **SBARRO Pizza**, 2020 E. Laraway Road (inside Speed Trek on the southeast corner of Laraway and Schoolhouse Roads) is a drive-through/carry-out pizza shop. <https://sbarro.com/> Tentative Open Date: TBD
- **The S'Wet Effect**, 2360 E. Lincoln Hwy. (in the strip mall on the west side of the Target parking lot with TCBY Yogurt). Infrared sauna use and cold plunge. Tentative Open Date: July 1, 2024

NEW OWNERS:

- **Burns Photography**, 2555 E. Lincoln Hwy. (across the street from Lowe's on Route 30). Christopher Jones acquired the studio from Bruce Burns, which services children, families, and sports photos. Mr. Burns is still active in the business www.burnsphoto.net or 815-485-4802
- **Smoothie King**, 643 E. Lincoln Hwy., (in the same strip mall as Chipotle and MOD Pizza on Route 30). <https://locations.smoothieking.com/ll/us/il/new-lenox/643-east-lincoln-hwy/> (contact information is on the website)
- **Tobacco & Cigars**, 328 W. Maple St. (in the same plaza as Subway). Sale of retail cigarettes, cigars, vape & grocery (cookies, ice cream & chips) (815) 462-6300 or UStobacco8@gmail.com

UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP

NOTE: Businesses are published once they register with the Village of New Lenox. Residents may hear that an establishment is forthcoming to the Village but it is not publicized until a completed registration is submitted.

THANK YOU FOR SHOPPING LOCAL DURING "BRING ON SPRING"



The Village and the New Lenox Chamber of Commerce want to thank residents for shopping local during the seventh annual Bring on Spring promotion that occurred in early May. Out of the 24 businesses that participated in the promotion, many of them reported that they had customers patronize their business and use their special offer or discount. Shopping local helps more people than you realize, given the number of independent business owners in the Village.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR RESTAURANT WEEK



The 8th annual Restaurant Week that is also co-hosted by the Village and Chamber begins the Tuesday after Labor Day, September 3, 2024, and continues through Tuesday, September 10th. The brochure of participating restaurants will be available at the end of August. One of the most popular promotions offered, we look forward to offering discounts and specials at local eating establishments as a great way to end the summer!

NEW LENOX IS VOTED THE BEST MUNICIPALITY FOR 4TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

The Village was voted the "Best Municipality" for a fourth consecutive year in the *Herald News/Shaw Media's* Best of Lincolnway contest. All businesses who were voted the best or one of the best will be publicized on July 8th. Thanks to all who voted for New Lenox!

