



NEW LENOX

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KIDSWORK CHILDREN'S MUSEUM IS NOW OPEN



Come discover with us at KidsWork! The children's museum opened at its new home in New Lenox on October 8, 2024. In just the short amount of time the facility has been open, thousands of people have come through and enjoyed what the museum has to offer. Whether unearthing fossils, exploring other cultures, or experimenting with sound, there is no shortage of ways to learn through play at KidsWork. For those planning to visit, especially during high-traffic periods like weekends, we highly recommend reserving your admission in advance to guarantee entry. Visit kidswork.org to learn more about what KidsWork has to offer.

THANK YOU FOR VISITING CHRISTMAS IN THE COMMONS!



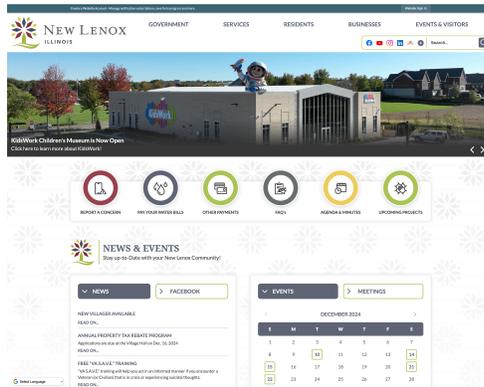
Residents and visitors were invited to experience the magic of the holiday season at the 2024 Christmas in the Commons events. On Saturdays and Sundays throughout the month, the New Lenox Village Commons came alive with activities and entertainment, all set against the backdrop of a dazzling display of holiday lights.

These events would not be possible without the time and dedication of

an incredible number of people and organizations, including (but not limited to) the Village of New Lenox staff, C.E.R.T., E.S.D.A., and the New Lenox Community Park District. Additional thanks to our incredibly generous sponsors! We are extremely grateful to have such outstanding support from so many wonderful people, and we appreciate each and every person who assisted with these events.

We hope that all of the New Lenox residents and neighbors who came out to the Commons during the holiday season enjoyed the festivities that were brought to New Lenox. We look forward to seeing you again in 2025.

INTRODUCING THE NEW VILLAGE WEBSITE



The Village of New Lenox is excited to announce the launch of our brand-new website! The brand new newlenox.net will bring a new look, easier navigation, and a few new options. Create an account on our new site to customize your experience, especially if you're a frequent visitor. Sign up to be notified about events, news articles, and other updates as they are made (<https://newlenox.net/Notifications>). Check out the brand new Guide for New Residents to find everything you need to know about our community in one location (www.newlenox.net/NewResidents). Learn about all of the Village's upcoming projects and see how your tax dollars are improving your community

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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
- Bryan Reiser / 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

(www.newlenox.net/UpcomingProjects). And there's more to come! Stay tuned for additions to our online forms and more self-service options to help make Village services more accessible and convenient.

THE VILLAGE WELCOMES CROSSROADS SPORTS COMPLEX GENERAL MANAGER!

The Village of New Lenox welcomes Scott Brost, General Manager of the New Lenox Crossroads Sports Complex. Scott is a Lincoln-Way Central graduate and returns to New Lenox with twenty-plus years of experience in the Sports industry. He previously worked for ASM Global, where managed the Morgan Park Sports Center and prior Scott was the director of operations at Players Sports & Social Group. His team will be working alongside the New Lenox Community Park District to offer camps, clinics, and sports leagues at the Crossroads. He is also preparing to welcome travel tournament teams on the weekends for large regional and national events. If you would like to contact Scott, send him an email at sbrost@newlenox.net. We are excited to have him on board!

THE CITIZENS' ACADEMY WRAP-UP

The second Citizens' Academy was a huge success! The program finished on October 28th, 2024 after the Village Board recognized the 10 residents for their dedication to learning about New Lenox. Over 8 weeks, our participants listened to fun, interactive presentations from the Village of New Lenox, New Lenox Fire Protection District, New Lenox Community Park District, New Lenox School District 122, Lincoln-Way High School District 210, and the New Lenox Public Library District. Some highlights from the program



include the Park District field trip to the Sanctuary golf course, learning CPR techniques with the Fire District, a K9 and drone demonstration at the Police Department, and tours of all the different municipal buildings. Overall, everyone loved how informative, interesting, and helpful the program was. They also admired how prepared, knowledgeable, transparent, and passionate all the presenters were about their respective agencies. Not only did the participating residents learn more about each department and agency and how they all work together, but they had fun while doing it! If you are interested in participating in the 2025 Citizens' Academy, please contact Alaina Murphy at 815-462-6417 or amurphy@newlenox.net.



SNOW REMOVAL

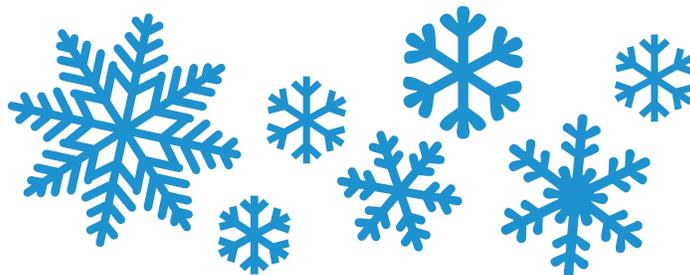
When that first snowflake begins to fall or icing conditions are present the Public Works Department begins their plowing operations. Careful planning is essential to ensure a timely response to winter conditions. Public Works staff monitors weather conditions hourly when a snowfall is predicted. Crews are on alert and ready to be dispatched at any hour of the day or night.

REMINDER: Please do not plow, blow, or shovel snow into the street. When snow is moved into the street, it not only hinders the efforts of Village crews who are trying to keep roadways clear, but it also creates a safety hazard for other drivers. In addition, please remember when 2 inches or more of snow is forecasted, parking in the street is prohibited for 24 hours or until the streets have been cleared of snow. Keep in mind the snow may start falling in the middle of the night and the plows are already out, therefore it's best to remove your vehicle from the street before the snowfall. Depositing snow and parking in the street during a storm is a violation of Village Ordinances and can result in fines.

The Village encourages you to keep the sidewalks near your home clear of snow for the safety of children walking to school, bus stops, and other pedestrians. Please consider assisting neighbors who may be unable to clear the sidewalks.

MAILBOX DAMAGE: While Village crews do their best to avoid hitting mailboxes, sometimes Village plows damage a mailbox while clearing the streets of snow and ice. Any mailbox that is damaged by Village plows during snow removal operations will be repaired or replaced with a temporary mailbox as soon as possible following the storm. If you incur damage from a plow, please contact Public Works at 815 215-4800 so your address is documented, which provides proper reimbursement information to be mailed out in the spring (*Non-Compliant Mailboxes are not eligible for spring reimbursement*).

Please do not approach any questions, concerns, or damage you may have with the plow drivers directly. Approaching the trucks or climbing on the trucks is dangerous and interrupts the clean-up efforts.



The Public Works Department takes great pride in making sure all the roads within its jurisdiction are plowed and salted during a storm event. Please keep in mind that several state and local agencies other than the Village are responsible for snow removal within New Lenox as well.

Areas Village is **NOT** responsible for:

IDOT: 815-485-2504

All of Route 30

Washington Street

***Will County Highway: 815-727-8478**

Gougar Road (South of Route 6 to Laraway Rd)
South Cedar Road (South of Illinois Hwy)
N. Cedar Road (North of Route 6)
Schoolhouse Road (North of Route 30)
All of Francis Road

***Joliet IDOT: 815-722-1215**

All of Route 6
North Cedar between Francis and Route 6

New Lenox Township Highway Department: 815-485-6424

All Unincorporated Area's

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and assistance in keeping New Lenox streets and roads safe this winter season.



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.
- Open cabinet doors below sinks on outside walls to allow warm air to circulate.
- 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 the water system.

What do I do if my pipes freeze?

- Open all faucets.
- Remove insulation.
- Apply heat to frozen pipes in the form of a hair dryer or heat lamp. DO NOT use an open flame because of the fire hazard it creates.

What do I do if my pipes burst?

- Shut off the water supply immediately using a valve by the water meter. If this cannot be done, call the Water Department at (815) 215-4800 between the hours of 7:00 AM – 3:30 PM or (815) 485-2500 after hours or on weekends. They will turn the water off at the main.

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact the Water Department at (815) 215-4800.

LEAK DETECTION

The Village of New Lenox Water Department has partnered with the contractor M.E Simpson to conduct a 24/7 Leak Detection Monitoring System in certain areas of the town. The four sections of town that will receive continuous leak detection are Silver Cross Hospital Campus, Rt. 30 & Gougar Rd., North Side, and 1st Ave-4th Ave. area. These areas were chosen based on pipe age, number of repairs completed, and demand of water. Residents will notice different color hydrant caps on fire hydrants in these areas that are being monitored.



SEWER TIP: P-TRAP REFILL

Every year the Village of New Lenox receives calls about a sewer or rotten egg odor in residents' homes. The majority of the time it's a simple fix and something all residents can and should do on an annual basis at a minimum. And that is to fill your P-Traps.

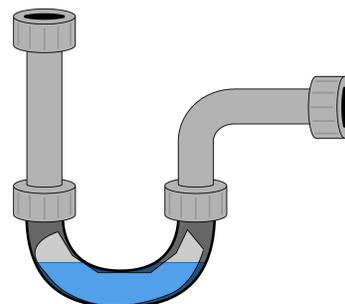
What is a P-Trap?

A P-Trap is a plumbing connection that is designed to hold water so that sewer gas doesn't come into your home. Sinks, tubs, floor drains, and any other fixture that connects to your home's sewer drain system should have a P-Trap.

Why is it dry?

Most P-Traps in your home will stay filled because you use that sink, tub, or drain daily. Those traps will never dry out if used regularly. It's the drains that rarely get used that dry out. Oftentimes it's a basement shower, sink, or utility sink that people don't use regularly that will dry out and let sewer gas into the home.

Just add water! The simplest solution to rarely used drains is to just add some water. Run the shower or sink for a minute and



that will refill your P-trap and stop those sewer gases from coming back into your house. Another option is to add a diluted bleach water mix to the drain, a mix of 20% bleach to 80% water would be sufficient. It won't last longer than just water but may add a fresher scent to the space.

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The Wastewater 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 a Wastewater Department employee will contact you.

OPEN NOW:

- **Crash Champions**, 114

Oak St. (on the street that is north of Hickory Creek on Cedar Road). Crash Champions acquired Service King earlier this year, which was the business



previously located at this location.

<https://crashchampions.com/locations/crash-champions-new-lenox-oak> and 815-463-1325.

- **Gender Reveal on Wheels ("GROW")**, 227 W. Lincoln Hwy.,

Suite A (in the green, two-tenant building that is east of Speedway on Route 30) provides non-diagnostic ultrasounds for gender reveals.

<https://www.growultrasoundstudio.com/> and 815-215-8808.

- **Hog Wild**, 1300 N. Cedar Rd. (in the plaza on the northeast

corner of Cedar and Francis Roads). Fast casual restaurant and bar with full liquor sales and includes video gaming.

<https://www.originalhogwild2.com/> and 815-717-883.

- **J. D. Harps Inc.**, is a home-based business that is a family-owned HVAC and appliance repair company.

<https://www.facebook.com/jdharps>.

- **Milk**, 1824 E. Lincoln Hwy. (in the former IBoba space across

the street from Lincoln-Way Central High School) is a Boba shop. www.milkboba.com.

- **Rebuilt Performance**, LLC, 21739 S. Center Ave. (in the

industrial park off Schoolhouse Road). Rebuilt Performance will hold group fitness classes that will enhance athletic strength, speed, and agility.

<https://www.rebuiltperformance.io/> and 815-416-9008.

- **Scooter's Coffee**, 700 E. Lincoln Hwy. (inside Lenny's Gas &

Wash on Route 30) serves coffee and food.

<https://www.scooterscoffee.com/> and 815-717-8035.

- **SF Aesthetics Med Spa S C**, 2071 E. Laraway Rd. (in the

plaza east of Jewel Food Stores on Laraway & Schoolhouse Roads). Full-service medical spa. www.sfmedaesthetics.com and 815-802-0099.

- **The S'Wet Effect**, 2360 E. Lincoln Hwy. (in the strip mall west

of Target). Infrared sauna and cold plunge.

<https://thesweteffectsaua.com/> and 815-263-2055.

- **Toy Tyme**, 132 W. Illinois Hwy. (in the same plaza as Rising

Sun Restaurant). Toy Tyme sells new/sealed toys, action figures, and trading cards such as Pokemon, One Piece, and Yu-Gi-Oh as well as reselling toys and trading cards.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61557641974143> and 815-717-8366.

COMING SOON:

- **Aji Sushi**, 651 E. Lincoln Hwy.

(in the space in front of Walmart where MOD Pizza was located).

Aji Sushi is a full-service restaurant offering an all-you-can-eat sushi dining experience. An open kitchen concept allows customers to watch chefs as they prepare each dish.

In addition, take-out and delivery options are available. Aji tentatively plans to open on January 6, 2025.

- **North & Maple Kitchen + Bar**, 2387 E. Joliet Hwy. (in the

former Bulldog Alehouse space in the Bluestone Commons strip mall). North & Maple Kitchen + Bar is a full-service restaurant and bar offering dining, catering, takeout, and semi-private events. Activities include serving food and beverages and hosting occasional entertainment.

www.northandmaple.com.



NEW OWNERS:

- **Kiddie Academy**, 674

Cedar Crossings Dr. (just east of Silver Cross Hospital) has a new franchisee. The change in ownership is tentatively planned for January 1, 2025.



- **New Lenox Auto Care 1, Inc.**, 335 W. Maple St. (across the street from the strip mall with Subway on Route 30) has a new owner.

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 "SHIFT YOUR SHOPPING"

The Village and the New Lenox Chamber of Commerce want to thank residents for patronizing businesses that participated in the annual Shift Your Shopping promotion on Black Friday and Small Business Saturday. The objective of hosting this and other marketing promotions is to remind residents of the amazing businesses that exist in the Village. Remember to shop local all year round!

