



NEW LENOX

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SUMMER EVENTS & SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

The Village of New Lenox has another summer full of fun planned for the New Lenox Village Commons! **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 some live music. Fans of classic cars will be happy to know that **Cruise the Commons** is returning this year, again taking place on the third Tuesday of the month from May through September. **Live on the Lawn** will return as we showcase the talent that can be found throughout the Lincoln-Way area. Fun for children can be found at **Play Day in the Commons**, a day full of activities and entertainment for our youngest residents. Join us for bounce houses, character visits, the Young Entrepreneurs Fair, and more. And we are very excited to share that **Food Fight: Taco Fest** will return for another year. Local restaurants and food trucks will again be invited to put up their best taco for attendees to vote on, and the event will also include live music, fun for kids, and plenty of special activities.

All the details on these and the rest of our events will be shared on newlenox.net/events as soon as they are available. If you'd like to receive monthly updates about what's happening in the Commons, you can also sign up for our monthly email newsletter by visiting newlenox.net/events.

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. On Wednesday evenings, 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 take place from June 4 through August 13. The full lineup will be shared at newlenox.net/events as soon as it is available.



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, now in its 45th year, will be taking place on Sunday, May 4 with a 2:00 p.m. kickoff. Due to the roundabout construction at Cedar and Haven, the **parade route has been changed this year!** It will now kick-off at the intersection of Cedar and Joliet Hwy, head west on Joliet Hwy to Gear Dr., and then turn north, all the way to its end in the New Lenox Village Commons.



Loyalty Day, a national holiday taking place annually on May 1st 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 through April 11th. The registration form can be found at www.newlenox.net/parade. Whether it's as a participant or as a viewer, we hope you can join us for the festivities.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES:

This summer the Village of New Lenox is again bringing world-renowned musical artists to the New Lenox Village Commons with the 16th annual Summer Concert Series! There are five confirmed concerts scheduled for the summer. The Revivalists will be the first concert of the summer taking place on Saturday, June 21. Our second concert date will occur the following Friday, June 27 with Rick Springfield and the I Want My 80s Tour. The July concerts feature both Get the Led Out and Killer Queen. Get the Led Out will take the stage on Saturday, July 19 with Killer Queen performing the following weekend on Saturday, July 26. The fifth concert will take place on Saturday, August 16, and features Andy Grammer!



Village Officials

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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

This year, ticket purchases will take place online. Tickets to each concert will need to be purchased separately. For more information about our Summer Concert Series and ticket purchase, please visit www.newlenox.net/concerts. If you have any questions about the Summer Concert Series, call Village Hall at 815-462-6400.

COMING SOON: CROSSROADS SPORTS COMPLEX!

Get ready, New Lenox! This summer, the New Lenox Crossroads Sports Complex will officially open its doors for its inaugural season, ushering in a new era of sports and recreation for the community. This state-of-the-art facility boasts an impressive array of amenities designed to cater to athletes of all ages and skill levels.

The complex features:

- **Baseball/Softball:** 9 full-size diamonds, meticulously maintained for optimal playing conditions.
- **Soccer/Lacrosse:** 11 full-size fields, providing ample space for teams to practice and compete.
- **Multisport Fields:** 22 convertible youth fields, adaptable for a variety of sports and activities, ensuring year-round use and flexibility.
- **Dining:** A full-service restaurant on-site, offering a convenient and enjoyable dining experience for players, families, and spectators.



Job opportunities, both part-time and full-time, at the Crossroads Sports Complex will be available to all residents starting in the spring of 2025. If you're interested in joining the Crossroads team, watch for announcements and application details.

To learn more about the New Lenox Crossroads and stay up-to-date on the latest news and developments, visit our website at <https://newlenoxcrossroads.com/>. The website also allows residents to:

- Make online booking requests for practices and games, simplifying the reservation process.
- Inquire about hosting tournaments, making the Crossroads a prime location for competitive events.
- View a calendar of upcoming events, ensuring you don't miss any of the action.

Youth programming, including camps and clinics, will be offered through a partnership with the New Lenox Community Park District. This collaboration ensures high-quality instruction and a wide range of activities for young athletes.

The New Lenox Crossroads Sports Complex is poised to become a central hub for sports and recreation in the community. We look forward to seeing you at the Crossroads this summer!

BRANCH PICK-UP

Branch Pick-up will resume the 1st and 3rd Tuesday starting April 1st continuing through October 21st of 2025. This program is extremely

popular answering over 1,700 requests last year. Please refresh yourself with these helpful guidelines to ensure that this service will operate quickly and efficiently:



- 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 and at least 2 ft in length, as smaller materials do not go through the chipper properly. The Maximum diameter size is 12 inches (this is a branch pick-up service, not a tree removal service).
- 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.

WHY DIDN'T MY BRANCHES GET PICKED UP?

- The household failed to call in the address at least **1 day before** the scheduled pick-up (no same-day pick-ups). Please note: **You may see branches in your neighbor's parkway and assume crews will get yours as well, but unless your address is on the list they will not be picked up.** This service is offered on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday, April through October.
- Requests were at a high volume and crews 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.

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 in that scenario, as Public Works will be out continuously till 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.

COLLECTION SYSTEM MAINTENANCE 2025

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. We don't anticipate any disruption to your sewer services or traffic.

Sewer line cleaning and televising: Sewer lines are thoroughly cleaned to remove any debris that could potentially cause a blockage

and make it easier for the television crew to inspect the lines for defects. **Where:** In 2025, subdivisions along Laraway Road West of Cedar Road are scheduled to be cleaned and televised.



Manhole inspections:

Crews will be inspecting manholes looking for defects that would allow groundwater to enter our sanitary system. Too many groundwater leaks can cause our sanitary system to become overloaded and cause sewer back-ups. **Where:** In 2025, East and West of Cedar Road between Route 30 and Illinois Highway.

Manhole repairs: Defects found during manhole inspections are repaired. **Where:** In 2025, subdivisions that connect both North and South of Route 30.



Cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) repair: This 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 mains. **Where:** In 2025, Cured in Place Pipe will be installed in select sewer lines in the Country Creek and Jackson Branch service areas.

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.

50/50 PARKWAY TREE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Trees are the longest-living organisms on the planet and one of the earth's greatest natural resources. They keep our air supply clean, reduce noise pollution, help prevent erosion, provide food and building materials, create shade, and help make our landscapes look beautiful. Parkway trees can increase property value by up to 14%, but unfortunately, diseases such as Emerald Ash Borer, Dutch Elm, and Anthracnose can destroy a solid tree in a few years. The Village continues to budget funds for residential and commercial parkway areas and has replaced over 1000 trees utilizing this program.



If you think your tree is dead or dying or you would like an additional parkway tree, contact the Public Works Department at 815-215-4800 and we will assist in documenting your address and providing you with eligibility details for the 50/50 Replacement Program. The replacement forms are sent out in early June with a July deadline, planting of the parkway tree(s) is typically in late October. There is a select species of trees you may choose from which are approved under Village Code. This is because there are a variety of factors to be considered when planting parkway trees. Height (which could affect power lines), street visibility, root depth, and tree cleanliness all come into consideration when planting parkway trees,

additional details can be found on the Village website.

FUN FACTS:

- The tallest tree in the country is a Coast Redwood-growing in Northern California's Redwood National Park: It is 369 feet tall and over 2000 years old.
- The oldest tree is a Great Basin Bristlecone Pine in White Mountains, California – recorded age, 5067 years old.
- There are over 23,000 different trees around the world.

HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

As spring is upon us, please be aware that a Building Permit is required for most home improvement projects, including decks, fences, above-ground and inground swimming pools, hot tubs, driveways (including replacements), lawn irrigation systems, re-roof, room additions, sheds, solar panels, and electric vehicle chargers. Permits are also required to replace your air conditioner, furnace, or hot water heater. If the work is performed by someone other than the homeowner, the contractor must have a valid Contractor Registration with the Village. Obtaining a permit and the required inspections ensures that the work is designed and constructed in compliance with applicable codes, protecting your investment in your home and the safety of your family and neighbors. Contact the Community Development Department at 815-462-6490 for more information, or visit the Village's website to apply for many of these permits online.

NEW LENOX POLICE DEPARTMENT MAKES A SPLASH FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS ILLINOIS

The New Lenox Police Department took part in a significant milestone this year, participating in its first-ever Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run Polar Plunge to benefit Special Olympics Illinois. The event, held at Manteno Lake, saw brave participants plunging into the icy waters to raise funds and awareness for Special Olympics Illinois.

The NLPD's involvement in the Polar Plunge was a remarkable success. Not only did we embrace the challenge with enthusiasm, but we also exceeded

our fundraising goals, raising over \$2,900 for Special Olympics Illinois. This generous contribution will go toward supporting athletes in their training, competitions, and other essential programs.



The Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) is the largest grassroots fundraiser for Special Olympics, and the Polar Plunge is one of its most exciting events. Law enforcement officers and their supporters from across the state join together each year to take the plunge and show solidarity for a great cause. The New Lenox Police Department's participation underscores our commitment to supporting the community and making a difference in the lives of those with special needs.

The success of this first-time plunge has already inspired the department to continue its support for Special Olympics Illinois in the future, planning out next year's polar plunge has already begun. The New Lenox Police Department would like to express our gratitude for all the donations, community support, and participating officers, highlighting how teamwork and compassion can create a meaningful impact.

UPCOMING ROAD PROJECTS

The Cedar Road and Haven Avenue Roundabout project will begin in the spring. The Roundabout will require the intersection of Cedar Road and Haven Avenue to be closed during construction, with a posted detour using Illinois Highway, Nelson Road, and U.S. Route 30. The project will include a single-lane roundabout, new street lighting, new sidewalk, and landscaping. Weekly updates will be posted on the Village's website. As the project progresses, Village Staff and our Consultant will provide information regarding roundabout education and safety. The project is planned to take approximately 5 months to complete, weather-dependent. Village Staff will continue to monitor the project and notify residents in the project area of the ongoing construction. This project has a construction cost of approximately \$2.8 Million, and the Village secured Federal Funding that will pay 80% of the cost of the project.

Village staff is working to complete a list of streets to be resurfaced in the summer of 2025 through the annual Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) project. The budget is approximately \$2.4 Million for this project, which allows the Village to resurface about 7 miles of roads each year. The Village Board will approve the list of streets to be resurfaced this year as part of its review of the annual budget. Once a contractor is selected, more information and the anticipated schedule of work will be posted on the Village's website and updated as needed.

ECONOMICAL DEVELOPEMENT

OPEN NOW:

- **Armor Generator Services**, 12600 Old Plank Drive (off Schoolhouse Road) sells and services generators. 844-912-7667.
- **Big Rock Woodworks**, 12541 Horseshoe Dr. (off Schoolhouse Road) produces outdoor furniture. <https://www.bigrockwoodworks.com/> or 708-574-6664.
- **BounceBox Parties & Events**, 304 W. Maple St. (in the tenant space that is on the west side of the same building as Maci James Hair Salon on Route 30 and Oak St.) BounceBox is an event planning and party service specializing in the planning and décor for corporate events, weddings, showers, birthday parties, and more. Services include balloons, soft play, candy carts, marquee numbers, Sleepie Teepees, bounce houses, bubble houses, bell tents, igloos, and other items. www.bounceboxevents.com (contact through website).
- **Cedar and Oak, LLC**, 398 N. Cedar Rd. (in the building in which Ugly Duckling was housed) is a shop similar to Ugly Duckling. Cedar and Oak is an occasional, upcycle shop (that sells products made from repurposed or recycled materials) from local artists and will also include new items. <https://www.instagram.com/cedarandoakboutique/> and cedarandoaknewlenox@gmail.com.
- **Cuxcel, LLC**, 328 E. Lincoln Hwy., Unit 2E (in the white Victorian Mansion across the street from Aldi) provides consulting services to credit unions and offers direction on where to build, relocate, and design branches. www.cuxcel.com or 815-717-6195.
- **Forge Truck Centers, LLC**, 2503 W. Haven Ave. (west of Gougar on Haven Ave.) is a vehicle dealer of specialized Class 8, vocational, and specialized trailers. www.forgetruckcenters.com or 847-495-0700.
- **Lumi Aesthetics & Wellness, PLLC**, 340A W. Maple St. (in the same plaza as JBD White Horse Inn). Lumi provides botox, filler, skin care treatment, vitamin injections, and weight loss services. Skincare products are also sold. <https://www.facebook.com/lumibyky#> or 815-370-6760.
- **MBPro Servis**, 21660 S. Moni Dr. (off Schoolhouse Road) is a semi-truck repair shop. 331-270-3252.



- **North & Maple Kitchen & Bar**, 2387 E. Joliet Hwy. (in the former Bulldog Alehouse space in the Bluestone Commons strip mall). North & Maple is a full-service restaurant and bar offering dining, catering, takeout, and semi-private events. North & Maple recently opened for lunch on Fridays through Sundays and is open regularly for dinner. www.northandmaple.com.
- **Rockin' Transfers**, 1072 Star Lane (off Illinois Highway) is a tee shirt printing business that makes shirts and ships them to customers. www.rockintransfers.com or rockindtftfers@gmail.com.
- **Sharefest of Will County**, 21715 S. Moni Dr. (off Schoolhouse Road) is a food pantry offering clothes, books, and home items in addition to food. www.sharefestwillcounty.org or 815-305-9198 (call or text).
- **Silver Cross Medical Group**, 1890 Silver Cross Blvd., Suites 265-275 (primary care) - (815) 300-5998; 1890 Silver Cross Blvd., Suites 440-450 (neurology) - (815) 300-3803; 1851 Silver Cross Blvd., 1st floor (urgent care, primary care, and occupational health) - (815) 300-2727.
- **Therapy Social**, 328 E. Lincoln Hwy., Unit 2A (in the white Victorian Mansion across from Aldi) is a therapy practice. <https://thetherapysocial.com/> or 815-655-8255.

COMING SOON:

- **(The) Playful Bean**, 2465 E. Joliet Hwy. (in the same plaza as North & Maple in the tenant space formerly housed by Beast Training Academy). The Playful Bean will be an indoor playground and café for children ages 0-8. Approximately 1,500 square feet will be utilized for the coffee shop/café. The remaining 5,914 square feet will be used as the recreational area for the indoor playground. The tentative opening date is July 1, 2025.



RELOCATIONS:

- **Hope and Healing Cancer Services**, 188 W. Illinois Hwy. Relocated from Cedar Crossings Drive by Silver Cross Hospital and is open for business. Hope and Healing offers hematology/oncology consultations and services. This includes injections, immunotherapy, chemotherapy, IV iron infusions, and hydration. www.hopeandhealingcare.com or 630-560-0121.
- **Van Go Transportation**, 398 N. Cedar Road (in the same building as Cedar and Oak, LLC) transports students to school. As part of the Village's redevelopment, Van Go relocated from 114 S. Cedar Rd. 815-931-2880.

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.

BRING ON SPRING IS COMING MAY 4TH THROUGH MAY 11TH

The Village and the New Lenox Chamber of Commerce will co-host its ninth annual Bring on Spring promotion that begins on Sunday, May 4th and continues through Sunday, May 11th. The ad for participating local businesses will appear in the *Herald News'* weekend editions on April 26th and May 3rd. 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!

