

VILLAGER



FROM MAYOR BALDERMANN

To all New Lenox residents and business owners,

I would like to start off this message by thanking each and every one of you for the contributions you make to our incredible community. New Lenox is truly a unique village. In my 19 years as mayor, I have seen firsthand how passionate the people in this community can be. Whether it's coming together en masse to support someone in need or just doing a kind deed for a neighbor, the residents of this community always come through.

Another truly unique characteristic of New Lenox is the partnerships between all of the governing bodies. As the mayor, I am extremely appreciative of the

relationships that we have with our school districts, fire protection district, park district, library and the New Lenox Township. We are also represented well by our county board members and state legislators. Each and every one of the individuals elected to serve this community, in one position or another, understands the benefit of teamwork.

The Village of New Lenox is seen as one of the most desirable areas to live in or to operate a business in. Our residential and commercial growth is unmatched in the area. Despite this growth, New Lenox continues to maintain its "small-town" charm. For a town of 30,000 people, the events that we offer provide friends and families to come together in our beautiful Commons area, to celebrate as one. Whether it's our widely recognized Christmas in the Commons, our phenomenal Summer Concert Series, expanding Farmers Market, Ladies Night Out, or any of the dozens of other events we host, people gather in this public space with a tremendous sense of pride for the community that they live in.

Although I believe it's very evident, as residents, we are served by some of the most dedicated and passionate employees and volunteers that I have ever had the pleasure of working with. Our police department, public works department, village hall staff, boards, commissions, and community volunteers (Safe Communities, CERT, SAR and ESDA) see their positions here as more than just employment/service. They come to work each day committed to ensuring that we can enjoy the quality of life that we've come to expect in this town.

In closing, through this newsletter, I look forward to sharing updates with all of you on community development, events, and matters of interest. Transparency and communication are not only important from government officials, but are truly a requirement of those wanting to serve the people. That's what you can expect from us as we strive to represent you.

Have a prosperous 2026,

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Timothy Baldermann Mayor

Katie Christopherson Trustee

Amy Gugliuzza Trustee

Keith Madsen Trustee

Bryan Reiser Trustee

Lindsay Scalise Trustee

Jim Wilson Trustee

Kurt Carroll Village Administrator

Laura Zilinskas Village Clerk

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.

GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION

March 17, 2026

*EARLY VOTING BEGINS MARCH 2ND
AND RUNS THRU MARCH 13TH*

Vote:
Monday thru Friday
9:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.
Community Room of the New Lenox Village Hall
1 Veterans Parkway

For a sample ballot or other
questions visit
www.thewillcountyclerk.com



CEDAR ROAD AND HAVEN AVENUE ROUNDABOUT OPENS TO TRAFFIC!

After years of planning, property acquisition, demolition, engineering, utility relocation, and construction, the new roundabout at Cedar Road and Haven Avenue officially opened to traffic on October 29, 2025. The single-lane, elliptical design replaces two offset T-intersections that had long contributed to crashes, confusion, and delays. The \$4.5 million project was funded primarily through federal support secured by the Will County Governmental League, covering 80% of construction costs. The Village provided the remaining local match and funded the design engineering. Keeping the intersection fully closed during construction shortened the timeline and eliminated the safety challenges that come with building a roundabout while traffic is active. The project was delivered on time and under budget! The Village is now developing a plan for the roundabout's center, including new signage and landscaping. We extend our sincere thanks to residents—especially those living near the intersection and detour routes—for their patience throughout the closure!



SNOW SAFETY

Parents, please keep children away from snow piles along the road. Tunneling or playing in these piles is dangerous, and crews may continue pushing them back even after the storm. Drivers also cannot see inside or behind them. For everyone's safety, do not approach plow drivers with questions or concerns, and never climb on the trucks. Contact the Village directly with any issues.

Street Parking With a forecast of 2" of snow predicted ALL vehicles must be removed from the street. Village code provides for ticketing or towing of vehicles in violation of this ordinance.

Shoveling snow into the roadway The practice of shoveling or blowing snow from private driveways into the public roadways is prohibited. These frozen snow piles create a hazard to traffic and make subsequent snow removal efforts more difficult.

Reporting Snow Plow Damage 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. Any mailbox that is damaged by Village plows during snow removal will be repaired or replaced with a temporary box as soon as possible following the storm.



CHIEF TILTON GRADUATES FROM SPSC

The New Lenox Police Department is pleased to announce the recent graduation of Deputy Chief Brandon Tilton from Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety, School of Police Staff & Command (SPSC). This is a significant professional accomplishment and one of the most respected leadership programs in policing. Since 1983, when its first class commenced, approximately 22,000 law

SAFE COMMUNITIES COALITION

The Safe Community Coalition is a volunteer-driven group dedicated to reducing injuries, promoting wellness, and strengthening safety throughout New Lenox. Each year, its programs reach more than 1,000 individuals locally and nationwide through inspiring in-person and virtual events. The coalition's work is guided by five core task groups—Older Adults Fall



Prevention, Substance Use Prevention & Suicide Awareness, Motor Vehicle Traffic Safety, Emergency Preparedness, and Domestic Violence Prevention—each creating engaging, data-informed initiatives. Learn more about the coalition's events by following New Lenox Safe Communities America on Facebook.



Register at <https://www.facebook.com/safenewlenox/>

WHY ARE THERE FLAGS ON MY PROPERTY?

Have you ever seen those colored flags on or near your property and automatically wonder "what's going on"? 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, as well as residents, call for J.U.L.I.E. locates daily without having to notify the Village. Be safe, call JULIE first! Simply go online 24/7 to illinois1call.com or call **811** or **800-892-0123** at least two business days in advance.

You'll know what's below by the different flags, stakes or paint.

-  Red - Electric
-  Yellow - Gas, oil or petroleum
-  Orange - Communications
-  Blue - Potable water
-  Purple - Reclaimed water, irrigation
-  Green - Sewer
-  White - Proposed excavation
-  Pink - Temporary survey

JULIE, Inc. neither owns nor marks underground lines, however we alert our member utility companies so they can mark your property for safe digging.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CITIZENS' ACADEMY PARTICIPANTS

On November 10th, the Village Board proudly celebrated the 2025 Citizens' Academy participants! Residents dedicated their Tuesday evenings—September 2 through October 21—to dive behind the scenes of what makes New Lenox run. From learning about the Village and Police Department to discovering the work of the New Lenox



Community Park District, New Lenox Fire District, New Lenox Public Library, New Lenox School District 122, and Lincoln-Way School District 210, these residents truly got to know their community from the inside out.

A huge thank you to our incredible participants for their enthusiasm, curiosity, and commitment to making New Lenox an even better place to call home. We can't wait to see how you'll put your new knowledge into action! Interested in participating? Contact Alaina Murphy at 815-462-6417 or amurphy@newlenox.net.



WINTRUST CROSSROADS COMPLEX CELEBRATED A SUCCESSFUL INAUGURAL YEAR

The Wintrust Crossroads Sports Complex has wrapped up a remarkable inaugural year, quickly becoming a premier destination for regional sports and community events. From hosting major tournaments to welcoming local programs, the complex has celebrated an exciting and successful first season. We are deeply grateful for the community's outstanding support, both on the field and throughout our opening year.

Looking ahead to 2026, the complex is preparing for a dynamic season filled with tournaments, leagues, and expanded weekday rental opportunities. From team practices to clinics and corporate gatherings, we're excited to serve the community and look forward to welcoming you!



Learn more at www.newlenoxcrossroads.com/

KIDSWORK CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

KidsWork Children's Museum celebrated its 1-year anniversary on October 13, 2025! Discover all things KidsWork and join the fun today.



Learn more at kidswork.org/

VILLAGE COMMONS

NEW LENOX

Events

NEW LENOX FARMERS MARKET

The New Lenox Farmers Market is returning to the Village Commons this summer for its second season! We're excited to be bringing an expanded market with even more fresh produce and homemade goods to the community on Thursday evenings beginning in May. To sign up to participate as a vendor, please visit newlenox.net/market.



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

The United States is celebrating its 250th birthday this year on July 4, and New Lenox is ready to celebrate in a big way! Make your plans to join us in the Village Commons for an evening of live music, fireworks, and some patriotic surprises!



EARTH DAY COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

New this year! The Village of New Lenox is excited to host its first Community Clean-up project this spring. This project will offer members of our community a great way to put an environmentally-friendly foot forward and keep your hometown looking beautiful. Stay tuned for more details in the coming months!



Learn more at newlenox.net/EVENTS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

NEW BUSINESSES

- **A Beauty Lounge** is a salon and spa at 344B W. Lincoln Hwy. Hair cutting and color, facials, and waxing services are offered. Contact them at 815-370-6130.
- **Alliance Coaching & Counseling of Illinois, LLC** is a counseling office offering mental health support located at 326 Alana Drive. Learn more at <https://www.alliancepotential.com/> or 815-467-8181.
- **Carie Ludvik Physical Therapy** is a physical therapy practice that evaluates and treats patients with injuries located at 12504 W. Harvey Dr. Contact them at 708-522-8154 or carieludvik@gmail.com.
- **Genesis Psychiatry, LLC** located at 125 W. Maple St., was previously referred to as Premier Psychiatric Services. The practice continues to provide mental health care to child, adolescent, and adult patients. Medication management services are also provided. Learn more at www.genesis-psychiatry.com or 815-408-0988.
- **Los 2 Burritos Company** is a Mexican restaurant at 1938 E. Lincoln Hwy. – Unit 105 that does not serve alcohol. Contact them at 815-670-3801.
- **Polales Horton & Leonard, LLP** is a law firm at 328 E. Lincoln Hwy. – Suite 2C with the practice areas of civil litigation, white collar crime, intellectual property and patent litigation, insurance recovery litigation on behalf of insureds, corporate compliance, and probate administration and litigation. Contact them through their website, <https://www.phl-firm.com/>.

- **The Pony Xpress** (inside the Thomas E. Hartung American Legion Post 1977 off South Cedar Road). The Pony Xpress, which was originally on Howell Drive, is now in a new kitchen and catering location that offers dine-in, carryout, and catering. There will also be banquets for special occasions and events for up to 250 people. They are located at 14414 Ford Drive. Find them at <https://www.ponyexpresscatering.com/> or 815-215-8300.

COMING SOON

- **Tru Country Bar & Grill**, opening in the former TJ's building at 222 W. Maple, is anticipated to open beginning in March.

NEW OWNERS:

- **Mainstream Boutique**, at 2340 E. Lincoln Hwy, has a new owner. Check them out at <https://mainstreamboutiquenewlenox.com/> or 815-263-0255.



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1 Veterans Parkway
New Lenox, IL 60451
815.462.6400

Hours
Monday thru Friday
8:30am-5:00pm

Non-Emergency Contacts
Public Works Non-Emergency 815-215-4800
Police Department Non-Emergency 815-485-2500
In the event of an emergency please dial 911

Contact Us
Community Development 815-462-6490
Public Works 815-215-4800
Police Department 815-462-6100
KidsWork Children's Museum 815-469-1199