



NEW LENOX

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VILLAGE ANNOUNCES TWO LEGACY PROJECTS

The Village of New Lenox is excited to be moving forward with two legacy projects that will bring tourism to the community, benefit existing businesses, and serve as economic development catalysts to attract new businesses to the Village.

KidsWork Children’s Museum will be relocating from downtown Frankfort to a new, 12,000-square foot building south of U.S. Route 30 in the New Lenox Commons. The new facility will include expanded displays, an interactive outdoor play area and picnic area. Construction is expected to begin this summer, with a June 2024 targeted opening. KidsWork opened in Frankfort in 2007, and is the only children’s museum operating in Will County. It brings in nearly 40,000 visitors

per year in its current, 6,500-square foot space. The Children’s Museum will be a great addition to the Commons, which already hosts special events such as movie nights, car shows, the Triple Play Concerts, and Christmas in the Commons.

The second project involves development of a multi-sport, regional Sports Complex on 103 acres south of U.S. Route 6 at I-355, east of Silver Cross Boulevard. The complex will consist of baseball fields, soccer fields, multi-sport fields, and an approximately 100,000-square foot fieldhouse for indoor recreation such as basketball and volleyball. The project is expected to draw teams from a multi-state area. The project will also include additional land for hotels, restaurants, and retail uses. Surrounding vacant land will also benefit from the activities occurring at the Sports Complex, making these parcels

more desirable for commercial development that will bring more dining and shopping options to the Village, as well as additional revenues. Design of the Sports Complex will begin in 2023, with construction beginning in late 2023 or early 2024, with the goal of hosting the first tournaments in 2025.

Both of these exciting projects will serve the Village of New Lenox and surrounding communities for years to come and enhance the already stellar reputation New Lenox has as a desirable community to live, work and play.



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- 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

SUMMER EVENTS IN THE NEW LENOX COMMONS

Play Day:

The whole day will be dedicated to the youngest members of the family on Saturday, July 8 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 much more! Find full details on this free event at www.newlenox.net/events.



Chalk Walk:

Chalk Walk is returning to the Village Commons on Saturday, July 29th 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 18th, August 15th, and September 19th. Not a classic car owner? Then join us to catch some tunes (courtesy of Bottomz Up Band in July, Smoke & Mirrors 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 August 11th and September 1st 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 Poison'd Crue performing in August and The MaryJane Breakdown taking the stage in September. Check out the list of participating trucks and full details on the events at 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 9th. Movies begin at dusk (approximately 8:30pm) and concessions are available for sale. This year there will also be giveaways and other activities prior to the movie at 7:30pm. To view the full movie lineup and see the activity each week visit www.newlenox.net/events.



New to the Commons this summer are **Adult Movie Nights** (Not that kind of adult movie...!) These Movie Nights are geared toward older audiences with ratings of PG-13 and will take place July 27th and August 31st. Wine and charcuterie will be available as well as non-alcoholic food and

beverages sold in the concession stand. For the movie lineup, visit www.newlenox.net/events.

Ladies Night Out:

Plan a night out with your girlfriends at Ladies Night Out on Friday, August 18th. Stroll through the Village Commons and shop from nearly 100 vendors while enjoying live music from Meritage. 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 15, 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! There will also be a Chihuahua Beauty Pageant and a Hot Pepper Eating Contest. To sign up for the pageant, hot pepper eating contest, or to find more details about Taco Fest, visit www.newlenox.net/events.



Silent Roller Disco:

The Silent Roller Disco is returning for its second year in the Village Commons! On August 5 from 6:00 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.

CITIZEN'S ACADEMY

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 12th through November 7th. 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. Classroom 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 August 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.

HAINES AVE. & KIMBER DR. WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT

As part of the Village of New Lenox's plan to replace aging infrastructure, we plan to replace and up size sections of water main in a couple locations.

- Kimber Dr. from N. Cedar Rd. to Elm Dr.
- Elm Dr. from Kimber Dr. to Haines Ave.
- Haines Ave. from N. Cedar Rd. west to the end of Village limits (Haines School).



P.T. Ferro Construction was the winning bidder and will be performing this work. This project is expected to start this Summer and be substantially complete by the end of November.

If you have any questions regarding these projects, feel free to call the Water Department at (815) 215-4800.

SUMMER WATERING NOTIFICATIONS

It really wasn't that long ago when our fore-fathers had be conscious as to where to build their home around the nearest water source for survival, or when you had to go out to use water pumps to carry buckets into your home. We are lucky to live in a time where we just go to any indoor faucet and out comes clean water, hot or cold, your choice on demand AND have water supplied from one of the cleanest bodies of water on earth; Lake Michigan!

Getting the water from Lake Michigan to your coffee pot is something you probably don't think too much about, but many layers of both paperwork and pipeline is bringing you this priceless commodity.

Illinois' Lake Michigan Diversion is made up of three components, domestic water supply, direct diversion, and storm water runoff. Domestic water supply is used to serve communities and industries within Cook, Lake, DuPage, Kane and Will Counties.

Chicago is the 'Gate-Keeper' of the actual allocation of Lake Michigan water to surrounding communities. If you look at it

as a pyramid, Chicago would be at the tip and then dispersing to the next in line. For us, Oak Lawn is number 2, then Tinley Park, who disperses the water to Mokena and the Village of New Lenox. 167 miles of pipeline, countless pump stations and endless intricate underground service lines provide the Village with Lake Michigan water. On an average 2 million gallons of water is pumped through our water mains every day, and close to 5 or 6 million gallons in the summer months. The Public Works Water Department reserves are controlled in case of a drought or dry spell – that's where Tier 1 and Tier 2 notifications may appear in the heart of summer.

Please note the following Water Notifications:

- **Tier Zero** is currently in effect (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/even calendar days depending on your address.**
For example, if your address is 219 Main Street, 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 banning outdoor watering altogether.
If the Village administers a Tier 1 or Tier 2 level, signs will be placed at the entrances to your neighborhood, alert will be sent via Nixle and Facebook, and restrictions will be posted on the Village website, www.newlenox.net.

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 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 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

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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.

FREE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TRAINING

20-Hour Basic Community Emergency Response Team Class



The Village of New Lenox will be hosting a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) 20-Hour Basic Course starting on Wednesday, September 6, 2023. The Course is **FREE** and will be held on Wednesday evenings (9/6, 9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 10/11 & 10/18) from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the New Lenox Village Hall.

The Final Exercise, Graduation and Luncheon will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2023 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.

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.

COMING SOON:

- **Ace & Vine Two, Inc.**, 412 Nelson Rd. (located in the strip mall with Buffalo Wild Wings). Restaurant that will serve pizza, sandwiches, and breakfast that includes a bar and video gaming. Tentative open date: October 1, 2023.
- **Shangri-La Spa**, 280 E. Lincoln Hwy., Suite G (located in the same strip mall as Bourbon's Smokehouse) will offer massage and spa services. Tentative open date: September 1, 2023.
- **Sugar Shack Cookie Co.**, 280 E. Lincoln Hwy., Suite F will offer baked goods e.g., cookies, cakes and tarts. www.sugarshackcookieco.com or 708-408-8102



OPEN NOW:

- **Beyond Nails**, 352 W. Maple St., Suite C (in the strip mall on Route 30 with JBD White Horse Inn and Ace Hardware) offers manicure services that utilize a European Dry Technique. <https://beyondnails.us/> or 331-771-0004 (text)
- **iBoba The Bubble Shop**, 1824 E. Lincoln Hwy. (in the strip mall on Route 30 across the street from Lincoln-Way Central High School). Serves bubble tea (also known as boba milk tea, a cold, frothy drink with a tea base shaken with flavors, sweeteners, and/or milk with tapioca pearls) and bubble waffles. <https://www.ibobausa.com> or 630-272-5918
- **New Lenox Auto Care**, 335 W. Maple St. (across the street from the United Methodist Church on Route 30). Specializes in automotive mechanic repairs, e.g., oil changes to brakes and suspension to full-engine replacements. <https://newlenoxautocare.com/#> or 815-717-8098



- **Streamline Services (home-based business)**. Pressure washing, repairs and renovations conducted on site (not at residence). www.facebook.com/streamlineservicesinc or 708-601-5055

NEW OWNERS:

- **Cedar Point Pizza & Pub**, 1300 N. Cedar Rd., acquired The Original Little Joe's Pizza in April and opened its carryout and delivery business. The Little Joe's Pizza recipe is offered in addition to other menu items found at www.cedarpointpizza.com. Contact 815-463-1099 for orders. The full-service restaurant with sit-down dining, a bar, and video gaming is under construction. The open date of the full restaurant will be subsequently announced.
- **Expert Plumbing**, 1020 Star Lane (off Illinois Highway and east of South Cedar Road) has new owners as of April. www.expertplumbers.com or 815-485-3900
- **Vapor Cabin 2, Inc.**, 428 Nelson Rd. (in the same plaza as Buffalo Wild Wings, west of De Re Tire), a retail tobacco and smoke shop, has new owners as of March. Vaporcabin2023@gmail.com or 815-717-6263



RELOCATED BUSINESS:

- **true MEDSPA** relocated to 280 E. Lincoln Hwy., Suite H (located in a space in the same plaza as Bourbon's Smokehouse). Medical spa that offers botox, filler, PDO threads (uses polydioxanone threads), chemical peels, lasers, cool sculpting, skincare, and PRP (platelet rich plasma) therapy. www.truemedspacenter.com or (815) 462-5544. The business was formerly housed in 410 E. Lincoln Hwy.



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 28 businesses that participated in the promotion, 85% of them reported that they had customers patronize their business and use their special offer or discount. Local purchasing power benefits the community!



RESTAURANT WEEK IS COMING

Mark your calendars for the next Restaurant Week that is also sponsored by the Village and Chamber. This year's promotion is scheduled to start the Tuesday after Labor Day, September 5th, and continue through September 12th! The brochure of participating restaurants for this most popular event will be announced in mid- to late August.



NEW LENOX IS VOTED BEST MUNICIPALITY FOR 3RD CONSECUTIVE YEAR!

The Village was recently named "Best Municipality" for a third consecutive year by Herald News' readers who voted in the Best of Lincoln-Way contest. Businesses, municipalities, and other organizations located in the "Lincoln-Way Area," which is considered Mokena, Frankfort, and Manhattan in addition to New Lenox were nominated and voted on by readers. There are many reasons to live in New Lenox and receiving this recognition is humbling.



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