



NEW LENOX

VILLAGER

SCARECROW STROLL



The Village of New Lenox is proud to partner with the New Lenox Chamber of Commerce to offer Scarecrow Stroll in the Village Commons for its fourth year! Local businesses and organizations are invited to create a scarecrow to be included on a path throughout the Commons.

Scarecrow Stroll is a standing public display, available for free viewing at any time from October 16 through November 1. Organizations that are interested in creating a display may visit newlenox.net/events no later than October 1 to register for a space.

For more information, please visit newlenox.net/events or call (815) 462-6438.

PUMPKIN SMASH

New in the Village Commons this year will be a Pumpkin Smash on November 4, offering an environmentally friendly (not to mention FUN!) way to dispose of your pumpkins after Halloween. From 9:00 a.m. until noon, residents can bring their pumpkins to the Commons to drop off for composting.

By composting pumpkins instead of sending them to landfills, we not only reduce the amount of waste in landfills, but we also reduce greenhouse gas emissions and reduce the amount of water in landfills, where it has to be monitored to avoid groundwater contamination.

Residents may simply drop their

pumpkins off or may stick around to try out some of the fun ways we have for their pumpkins to be smashed. Find full details on our first Pumpkin Smash by visiting newlenox.net/events.

CHRISTMAS IN THE COMMONS



The Village of New Lenox will again be celebrating the holiday season with Christmas in the Commons, bringing a magical light display and accompanying activities and entertainment to the New Lenox Village Commons throughout the month of December.

The stunning light display will return to the Village Commons, creating a magical landscape adorned with lights and highlighted by 3D displays that make for amazing photo opportunities. The star of the show, as always, is the largest illuminated Santa Claus in the United States, standing nearly 50 feet tall and covered in 18,500 LED lights. Santa will again be accompanied by his special mailbox, and all letters submitted by December 18 will receive a response from Santa.

Christmas in the Commons will feature a calendar of events on Saturdays and Sundays from December 2 through December 23. Each of these dates will include the holiday market, visits with Santa, horse-drawn wagon rides, reindeer, souvenir mugs and hot cocoa, and much more. Full details and a complete schedule will be posted at newlenox.net/events as they are confirmed.

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

NEW LENOX POLICE DEPARTMENT NAMES NEW DEPUTY CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATION



Chief Louis Alessandrini recently named Sergeant Tim Perry as the new Deputy Chief of Administration. This promotion is the result of the recent retirement of Deputy Chief Hilary Davis who retired after 26 years of service to the Department.

Deputy Chief Perry grew up in Hanover Park, Illinois, and attended Glenbard North High School. DC Perry graduated

from Northern Illinois University in 2010 with Bachelor Degrees in both English and Psychology. He would later earn a Masters Degree in Business Administration in 2020 from Saint Francis University.

DC Perry began working for the Northern Illinois University Police Department in 2011. He later joined the NLPD in 2012.

During his time at the NLPD, Perry has served as a Patrolman, Detective, Patrol Sergeant, and a Detective Sergeant. He also served as a Division Commander on the Will/Grundy Major Crimes Task Force.

Deputy Chief Perry is a recent graduate of Northwestern University Center for Public Safety School of Police Staff & Command class #542.

Congratulations to Deputy Chief Perry and his wife Anna on this promotion.

HOMETOWN HERO

Now entering its 5th year, Mayor Baldermann and the Board of Trustees are proud to offer our Hometown Hero Military Banner Program here in the Village of New Lenox. This program honors current and former residents who have served or are currently serving our country in any branch of the military. Your Hero's banner will be displayed within our beautiful Village Commons for a two-year period, from Memorial Day through Veterans Day. 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 is open from December 1st, 2023 through March 1st, 2024. To apply for a banner or to get more details about this program, please either visit www.newlenox.net or stop into Village Hall to pick up a copy of our brochure and application form. If you have any questions, call or email Megan Applegate at (815) 462-6427 or mapplegate@newlenox.net.

BLEEDING CONTROL TRAINING – “STOP THE BLEED”

The Village of New Lenox and its Safe Community Coalition is offering a FREE Bleeding Control (BCON) class on **Tuesday, October 17, 2023**. The class will



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be held from **7:00pm to 8:30pm** in the **Community Room (lower level) of the Village Hall, 1 Veterans Parkway, New Lenox, IL.**

Skills learned from completing **“Stop the Bleed”** training can make the difference between life and death when it comes to home injuries, work-related injuries, motor vehicle crashes or mass shootings. **“Stop the Bleed”** focuses on the immediate response to bleeding, recognition of life-threatening bleeding, and appropriate ways to stop bleeding. During the 90-minute session, participants will have an opportunity to practice with tourniquets, apply direct pressure to simulated wounds and learn how to pack (fill) wounds with medical gauze.

Registration is required and is being handled via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/free-bleeding-control-training-stop-the-bleed-tickets-711579201547?aff=oddtcreator>

Additional questions regarding this training may be directed to Daniel Martin, Safe Community Coordinator, Village of New Lenox - dmartin@newlenox.net or (815) 462-6493. Additional information regarding **“Stop the Bleed”** can be found at <https://www.bleedingcontrol.org/>.

MXU REPLACEMENTS

The Water Department will be replacing the MXU (remote water meter reading device on the outside of your home) on the outside of residents' homes beginning this winter. The technician will knock on your door to let you know they will be performing this work. You are not required to be home for this replacement. The replacement should take no more than 15 minutes. If you have any questions regarding the replacement, please call Public Works at (815) 215-4800.

TOWER BASED METER READING SYSTEM

The Village of New Lenox installed a new tower-based meter reading system. This system allows us to read meters remotely without the need to drive by each resident's home. There are also many benefits to the residents. With the new system, we are able to get on demand reads, so you can call us at any time, and we will be able to give you your current read. We are also able to obtain hourly reads, which will be able to tell residents when water was used and how much per hour. This new system also alerts the Village of New Lenox when excessive water is being used. We are then able to notify our residents that they may have a toilet running, a spigot left on, etc.

In order to receive these benefits, residents must have a newer meter installed. Your water meter is most often located in your basement, or crawl space. If you have a plastic looking meter, then you are all set. If you have a brass meter, we urge you to call Utility Billing at (815) 462-6440 to schedule an appointment to have a new meter installed. Once again, we do not receive alerts on the older meters.

If you have any questions regarding this new program, please call Public Works at (815) 215-4800.



New Meter



Old Meter

LEAD SERVICE LINES

Lead 
A dull, silver-gray color that is easily scratched with a coin.
Use a magnet - strong magnets will *not* cling to lead pipes.

Galvanized 
A dull, silver-gray color. Use a magnet - strong magnets will typically cling to galvanized pipes.

Copper 
The color of a copper penny.

Plastic 
White, rigid pipe that is joined to water supply piping with a clamp.

The Village of New Lenox is required by the IEPA to complete a Service Line Material Inventory for every service line connected to the Village's Water Supply.

Most homes in the

Village of New Lenox will have a copper water line coming into the house. The IEPA is requiring all Lead Service Lines to be replaced. If you suspect that you may have a lead service line, please contact New Lenox Public Works at 815-215-4800 and we will have a Water Operator come verify what type of material the service line is.

FALL 2023 LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM



The Leaf Collection Program for residents will begin **Monday October 2nd** and will run through **December 1st**. The Village will send out leaf collection equipment and vacuum your leaves from your parkway. Residents must place

the leaves in the parkway and not on the street. Please see below for the correct and incorrect ways to place the leaves. Typically, crews will start at the beginning of the week on the north side of town and work their way south. The goal is to collect the leaves at least once a week. Unlike the Branch Pick-Up Program, you do **NOT** have to call the Public Works Department for pick up. Please note that this schedule is dependent on the weather, volume of leaves collected at any given residence, equipment and crew availability. Due to these factors, pick up dates in your area will vary each week and no 'scheduled' pickups are possible.

Alternative Options are also encouraged. In some neighborhoods where trees are not mature, utilizing a mulching lawn mower adds the leaves back into the lawn - providing nutrients to the soil. **Nu-Way will also pick-up leaves placed in the Kraft-type paper bags free of charge (NO stickers required).** This service will be performed on **October 19th – November 25th**; whichever dates fall on your regularly scheduled garbage pick-up day. In addition to the free leaf collection for bagged leaves, the Village offers ten free yard-waste bags per fall for our senior citizens households which may be picked up at the Village Hall in early October.

Please follow these helpful guidelines to ensure that this service will operate quickly, safely and efficiently:

- Place leaves on the parkway parallel to the street and immediately behind the curb or the edge of pavement. Leaves **must not** be placed in



the street or in the curb/gutter. If the leaves are placed in the street or gutter, they have a greater chance of blowing and will obstruct the flow of storm water and cause street flooding during rain events.

- Do not** include any debris such as garden materials, brush, cans, paper, bottles, etc. These foreign materials can cause damage to leaf collection personnel and equipment.
- Do not** place leaves behind obstacles such as: parked car, trees, mailboxes, fire hydrants, streetlights, etc.

Reasons for not picking up leaves could include:

- Placed too far from the parkway
- There are branches, twigs or dead potted plants mixed in
- Parked car(s) were blocking the area where the leaves were placed
- Inclement weather
- Equipment failure
- Crews are inundated and removal process is going slow

The Village's free leaf collections program ends Friday, December 1st, 2023.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please call the Public Works Department at (815) 215-4800.

NEW LENOX POLICE HOST NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The New Lenox Police Department again held its annual National Night Out event in the Village Commons on August 1st. This event is part of a nationwide effort to promote and maintain positive relationships between police and the communities they serve. The New Lenox Police Department has been hosting a National Night Out event for the past fifteen years.

This year's event was another huge success with several hundreds of people in attendance. In addition to members of the NLPD, there were many representatives from other

local law enforcement agencies, and from the New Lenox Fire Protection District. Police cars, fire trucks, and public works equipment were available for people to check out. The Chicago Police Department even did a fly-by in one of their police helicopters. There were plenty of free raffle drawings for donated prizes including bicycles and hover boards. Additionally, there was live music throughout the night and all of the food and refreshments were free and provided by our gracious donors.



A great time was had by all!

Thank you to...



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- Community Policing Officer Kristine Kioltyka for all of her hard work and planning!
- To all those who volunteered their time and to all of the local vendors in attendance.
- To our sponsors Walmart New Lenox Target Store New Lenox Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurant AuntieAnne's Gas N Wash AMC Theatres TCBY Berkot's Super Foods
- Thank you to New Lenox CERT New Lenox Emergency Services New Lenox Fire District Will County Sheriff's Office
- Thank you to the Village of New Lenox, Illinois
- To Dave Bellah for the music he provides every year
- To Chicago Police Department for the Helicopter Fly-By
- and a BIG thank you to the citizens of New Lenox for the continued support of our officers and department!

OPEN NOW:

- **Cuts by Verence**, 278 E. Lincoln Hwy., Suite 109 (located in Studio 10 Salon Suites near Bourbon's Smokehouse on Route 30). Sells hair care products and cuts hair. 708-491-6959
- **Extended Beauty Bar Extension & Color Specialist**, 313 W. Maple St. (in a strip mall across the street from the United Methodist Church) will offer salon services, e.g., hair extensions, color specialist, and retail products. 708-699-1848
- **The Forward Group**, 329 W. Maple St. (across the street from the United Methodist Church on Route 30) is a real estate office. 708-568-0068 or www.theforwardgroup.net
- **Gene's Wheels and Tires**, 1108 Star Lane (off Illinois Highway and Cedar behind Tri-Star Cabinets). Sells and services wheels and tires. 331-246-5136 or geneswheels@hotmail.com
- **Joliet Powersports**, 1020 Star Lane (off Illinois Highway and Cedar Road behind Tri-Star Cabinets). Cobra Moto youth motorcycle dealer offers five different models of youth racing motocross motorcycles, built race ready from Cobra Moto. Parts and services for Cobra Moto as well as many brands of gear for youth motocross riders are also available. 815-582-6043 and www.jolietpowersports.com
- **Popeye's**, 1715 E. Lincoln Hwy. (west of Fuller's Car Wash). Fast food restaurant that offers spicy chicken, chicken tenders, fried shrimp and other regional items. 779-803-2449 and www.popeyes.com.
- **Sugar Shack Cookie Co.**, 280 E. Lincoln Hwy., Suite F will offer baked goods, e.g., cookies, cakes and tarts. 708-408-8102 and www.sugarshackcookieco.com. Please check the website for hours that the business is open.
- **Mindful Healing Counseling**, 1234 N. Cedar Rd., Suite D (a block south of the Cedar & Francis Road intersection). Mental health counseling services for depression, anxiety, grief, and trauma. 847-790-4741 or www.mindfulhealingcounselingcenter.com
- **The Pony Express**, 21950 Howell Drive – Unit 1 (in the space formerly occupied by Songbird Café). Primarily a takeout



restaurant and catering kitchen with limited seating. 815-215-8300 and www.ponyexpresscatering.com

- **Ultimate Force Tumble & Cheer**, 21739 S. Center St. (off Schoolhouse Road). Ultimate Force Cheer & Tumble is a training facility that specializes in tumbling for cheerleading including All Star teams, high school teams, recreational teams and individual athletes. Gym rentals, cheer camps, and clinics are offered to local teams looking for training along with team choreography and individual instruction. 815-714-3344 and www.gomotionapp.com/team/ilufc/page/home

COMING SOON:

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- **Affinity Healthcare and Wellness, LLC**, 305 Vine St. (in the two-story building across the street from the U.S. Post Office). Affinity will offer healthcare visits for the purpose of treating sickness and promoting wellness practices in the community. Tentative opening date: end of October. 815-846-3737
- **Curaleaf**, 709 E. Lincoln Hwy. (in the strip mall that is east of Discount Tire). Medical and recreational marijuana dispensary. Tentative opening date: mid-October
- **Flourish Family Chiropractic**, 327 W. Maple St. (across the street from the United Methodist Church) is a family chiropractic office that offers services throughout full layout. 815-545-8660 and www.flourishfc.com. Tentative opening date: mid-October
- **Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers**, 552 E. Lincoln Hwy. (formerly the parking lot for Hickey Funeral Home). Restaurant specializing in chicken fingers. www.raisingcanes.com/home

THANK YOU FOR EATING LOCAL DURING "RESTAURANT WEEK"

The Village and the New Lenox Chamber of Commerce want to thank all residents for supporting the local restaurants who participated in the 7th annual Restaurant Week which was held between September 5th and September 12th. New Lenox has approximately 80 eating establishments to try out and enjoy all year round!



September 5 - 12, 2023

Sponsored by the Village of New Lenox and the New Lenox Chamber of Commerce

PLAN TO "SHIFT YOUR SHOPPING" IN NOVEMBER

Mark your calendars for the next promotion that is also sponsored by the Village and Chamber. Shift Your Shopping is scheduled to occur on Black Friday, November 24th and Small Business Saturday on November 25th. Offers from local businesses will be published in early November. Shift Your Shopping encourages residents to support community businesses as opposed to online retailers outside of the Village.



Shop Local. Shop New Lenox.