

The VILLAGER



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Rewarding Members for Civic Involvement and More

New Lenox area residents can now be rewarded for being more engaged. The Village of New Lenox has debuted its newest civic engagement program, “In Our Community™ of New Lenox.”

Area residents ages 18 years and older or ages 13 years and older with parent/guardian permission can join the program for free at www.InOur.Community/newlenox.

The site has various categories, each with multiple ways for members to earn points. Some of these categories include Community Pride, Supporting Area Businesses, Village Programs and more.

Points are awarded for attending Village events, eating at local restaurants, shopping in New Lenox, re-tweeting certain messages, sharing information through Facebook, or posting pictures through Instagram with a specific hashtag.

After members have earned points for being engaged, they can redeem their points for rewards and experiences found in the Redeem section of the site. Earned points can be used to bid on numerous items as well for entries into sweepstakes.

InOur.Community™ was created with the purpose of bringing a community together through its residents, institutions, and businesses.

Joining the program requires only basic information including a first and last name and a valid email address. Data privacy is a key priority of the program. Any data collected will be kept private, will be the property of the Village, and no third parties will be provided access to the specific data. Details of the privacy policy can be found on the welcome page of the site.

Further information and free membership details can be found at www.InOur.Community/newlenox.

The Village of New Lenox wants to reward YOU!

FREE PROGRAM | **COOL REWARDS**

Receive 1,000 points just for joining at www.inour.community/newlenox

Enter the following code in the “CommunityCode” box when registering to receive bonus points: **LAUNCH**

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Village Officials

- Timothy Baldermann *Mayor*
- Laura Ruhl *Village Clerk*
- Annette Bowden *Trustee*
- David Butterfield *Trustee*
- Nancy Dye *Trustee*
- Emily Johnson *Trustee*
- Keith Madsen *Trustee*
- David Smith *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.

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. Tues. Thurs. Fri. 8:30-5:00
Wed. 8:30-7:00

www.newlenox.net

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"Home of Proud Americans"

Triple Play Concerts Return To The Commons

Mayor Baldermann is happy to announce the return of the Triple Play Concerts to the New Lenox Commons for the 7th Season. Concert dates for this extremely popular concert series are Saturday, June 20th – Kenny Loggins, Saturday July 18th – Steve Miller Band and Saturday, September 5th – Lynyrd Skynyrd. The gates open at 5:30pm. Tickets will be available from April 18th through May 29th to New Lenox residents for \$75.00 for all three concerts. Village Hall will be open from 8:30am to 5:00pm, April 18th, which is a Saturday, only to sell tickets. On that day, there will be a limit of eight (8) concert tickets sold per resident. No other village hall business will be conducted that day. Starting April 20th, there will be no limit. If any tickets remain after May 29th, they will be available to purchase for \$85.00. We encourage residents to buy their tickets early since we know the concert series, like last year’s concert series, will sell out. Additional information is available by calling 815-462-6425 or at www.newlenox.net.

Help Reduce Water and Natural Gas Usage With A Free Kit From Nicor Gas

Looking for ways to reduce your energy and water use? energySMART, a Nicor Gas program, offers a free energy-saving kit to each Nicor Gas customer household.*

The kit includes:

- Massage showerhead (up to 2 per household) that conserves 40 percent more water and energy** while enhancing pressure, performance, appearance and luxury
- One dual-spray kitchen faucet aerator, saving 30 percent more water and energy**
- Two bathroom faucet aerators that save 55 percent more water and energy**
- One roll of plumber’s tape



Energy-saving kits are a great way to save on energy—and not just when the weather’s cold. The year-round savings help reduce both water and natural gas consumption, saving energy and money.

To order a kit, visit nicorgasrebates.com/getmykit or call 877.886.4239.

If you’ve already ordered a kit, take the next step and visit nicorgasrebates.com and learn about more ways to help you save energy and money in your home.

*One kit per household **Energy and water savings based on Department of Energy (DOE)/Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP) calculator data.

Village of New Lenox Announces New Utility Bill Payment Options

New Lenox's Mayor Baldermann and the New Lenox Village Board recently announced a new utility bill payment option for utility customer convenience. In addition to the current payment methods, the following option is now available:



Online Payment: New Lenox Utility customers can now pay their utility bill online with an electronic check, credit card or debit card. To sign up for "E-Billing" visit www.newlenoxutilities.com to request an account. This option also allows customers to view their utility bill online or receive bills electronically through e-mail. In addition to having the convenience of paying their utility bill at any time, day or night, the customer has the ability to view their water bill history and usage.

Current payment methods, ACH, two Drop boxes at the Village Hall, E-Pay, mail and in person payments are still available and no additional sign up is required.

For further information regarding the utility bill payment options, visit www.newlenox.net under "ON-LINE PAYMENTS" or call the Village Hall offices at 815-462-6400.

The Village of New Lenox Asks Residents To Sign-Up To Receive Local Alerts

The Village of New Lenox has partnered with Nixle to implement its Community Notification System to alert residents in real-time for localized emergency situations and relevant community advisories.



As a resident, there are several simple ways to register:

1. Text your zip code (60451) to 888777 from your mobile phone
2. Go to the Village of New Lenox website www.newlenox.net/notifications and sign-up via the Nixle widget
3. Sign-up and create a User Profile on www.nixle.com

The service is secure, reliable, and easy to use.

All Alerts will be targeted geographically, allowing residents to receive localized, relevant alerts from the Village of New Lenox, including alerts from the police department and public works. Nixle Alerts can be sent via Text, Email, Web, Social Media, and the Nixle Mobile App in an instant. Nixle is partnered with NLETS for unmatched data security, as well as the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, the National Blue Alert Network, and Google for unmatched reach and two-way information exchange.

We are very excited to have you experience it for yourself!

New Lenox Community Television "Bringing Community into Focus"

NLCTV is dedicated to shrinking down our Community so it fits inside your TV.

NLCTV has been operating since 1987. Since then, NLCTV has worked to keep residents informed on what's happening in their community.



The station produces over 200 different programs during the course of a year. Some of these programs provide information on upcoming events as well as filming coverage during the event. The station has promoted and covered the big events, like the Triple Play Concert Series and ShareFest, down to the smaller events, like a Cub Scout open house or a local fundraiser – NLCTV gets around.

Original programming is also created by the station. "In the American Kitchen" is a show where secret family recipes don't stay secret. The last episode resident Raymond Glowa showed us how to make Bacon! Speaking of eating, have you ever wanted to know more about a restaurant before visiting in person? New Lenox Eats has been highlighting local restaurants for us since 2009. In each episode we meet the owners, cook in the kitchen, and try some of that great food. It's a great way to scout out some of the best food our town has to offer!

The station has a group of about 20 volunteers who help produce all the great programming. Volunteers have access to high quality equipment and obtain the training to use it. They even borrow a professional production truck off Comcast for the annual Loyalty Day Parade. All skill levels are welcome, and all skills come in handy.

If you see the station's crew on a shoot, feel free to come by and say hi!

If you don't have Comcast, you can still see our great content on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/nlctv>) or YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/user/nlctv6>)! Nobody gets left out.

Wine and Jazz Night Returns in 2015

Keep an eye on our web site for our free summer events.

Wine and Jazz Night will return with the sounds of saxophones and trumpets under the stars. Last year's bands brought a standing ovation from our distinguished audience.



"The Martini Lunch Band" will make their debut when they bring the 1960's to life. If songs like "Fly Me To the Moon," "Daydream Believer," and "What A Wonderful World" put you in a good mood, then grab your friends and settle in for an "Unforgettable" night of 60's classic vibe.

Remember, the only thing you need to bring is your chairs. Check our web site www.newlenox.net or call (815) 462-6400 for dates and details.

Water Conservation Tips

In addition to saving money on your water bill, water conservation helps prevent water pollution in nearby lakes, rivers, and watersheds.

Water Conservation In Your Home...

- **Check faucets and pipes for leaks** - A small drip can potentially waste hundreds of gallons a month. Larger leaks can waste thousands.
- **Check your toilets for leaks** - Put a little food coloring in your toilet tank. If the color appears in your toilet bowl within 30 minutes, without flushing, you have a leak.
- **Use your water meter to check for leaks** - On the older brass meters (figure 1), there is a red dial. If this is spinning when no faucets are on, you have a leak. On the newer plastic meters (figure 2), there is a digital circle that spins. If this is spinning when no faucets are on, you have a leak.
- **Install water-saving shower heads and low-flow faucet aerators**
- **Take shorter showers** - A four-minute shower uses 20 to 40 gallons of water
- **Turn water off after you wet your toothbrush**
- **Use your dishwasher and washing machine only for full loads**



Figure 1



Figure 2

If you suspect you might have a leak or are unable to check for leaks yourself, call the Water Department at (815) 462-6400 or (815) 215-4800 to schedule an appointment for a technician to visit your home.

“Going Green at Home”

Did you know the Village’s website includes important information about how residents can improve the quality and reduce the quantity of storm water runoff into area streams and creeks? You can find helpful information related to the following topics just a few clicks away...

- Why go green at your home?
- What is a Homeowner Best Management Practice (BMP)
- Lawn Care Treatment
- Rain Gardens
- Rain Barrels
- Permeable Pavers
- Integrated Pest Management – Hint: Avoid pesticide use whenever possible!
- Other Homeowner BMPs/Recommendations



Along with these topics, links are provided to other websites, such as the Environmental Protection Agency, University of Illinois Extension, Will County Green, and the Green Home Guide from the U.S. Green Building Council.

To learn more, simply go to the Village’s website www.newlenox.net, click on “Departments” and then go to “Community Development” and click on “Going Green at Home”.

Living in New Lenox

The Village’s website continues to improve. The Living in New Lenox tab now contains a variety of pages that residents can find useful.

- Report a Concern provides an opportunity to give feedback directly to the appropriate people.
- Special Events contains important information for upcoming events, such as, the Triple Play, Movie Nights, and 4th of July in the Commons – just to name a few. Information at your fingertips when they become available.
- News & Resources contains an assortment of resources to keep residents involved and informed, including past editions of this newsletter.
- The Directory contains listings for volunteer organizations, youth sports, local businesses, local officials, and much more.
- Rules and Regulations is where you can find detailed information for Garage Sales, Lawn Sprinkling, and Block Parties.



Living in New Lenox is a great resource for residents. We hope you get a chance to check it out - www.newlenox.net.

Wednesday Night Movies at the Commons

The Wednesday Night Summer Movie Line-Up is taking shape for 2015! Don’t let this summer pass you by without joining us for an outdoor movie on the big screen. We have current blockbusters, along with unforgettable family favorites you may have forgotten about, or your children have never seen! We also included a summer thriller (PG-13) to mix things up a bit!

Check our Facebook page weekly, as we will have surprises prior to selected movies. Bring your kids, neighbors, family, friends, chairs and blankets, and make a fun summer memory at the Commons. Admission is always free and the concession stand is open for snacks every week!

Movies are scheduled to begin Wednesday, June 10th at dusk. Movies will be cancelled if inclement weather is present or approaching. Remember to check our website www.newlenox.net and Facebook page for current updates.



A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls - FREE Classes For New Lenox Seniors

Have you turned down a chance to go out with family or friends because you were concerned about falling? Have you cut down on a favorite activity because you might fall? If so, A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls is a program for you.

Fear of falling can be just as dangerous as falling itself. People who develop this fear often limit their activities, which can result in severe physical weakness, making the risk of falling even greater. Many older adults also experience increased isolation and depression when they limit their interactions with family and friends. A Matter of Balance can help people improve their quality of life and remain independent.

A Matter of Balance is designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels among older adults. Participants learn to set realistic goals to increase activity, change their environment to reduce fall risk factors, and learn simple exercises to increase strength and balance.

The New Lenox Safe Communities America Coalition, through collaborative partnerships with member organizations, is offering the following Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls, classes:

*Starting April 8th (Wednesdays) thru May 27th, 1:00pm – 3:00pm
at the New Lenox Public Library, 120 Veterans Parkway, New Lenox, IL 60451.*

*Starting April 28th (Tuesdays) thru June 16th, 9:30am – 11:30am
at the New Lenox Police Department, 200 Veterans Parkway, New Lenox, IL 60451.*

For additional information or to register for one of the classes, please contact Daniel Martin, Public Safety Division Chief, New Lenox Police Department, (815) 462-6128 or via email at dmartin@newlenox.net



MANAGING CONCERNS ABOUT FALLS



Christmas in the Commons – December 7, 2014

This year's Christmas in the Commons was another success thanks to all of the staff, Lowes of New Lenox, CERT, ESDA, the many volunteers, Santa, Mrs. Claus, Comet, Cupid, Old Plank Trail Bank, Martin Boban, the New Lenox Police Department, the New Lenox Fire Protection District and the New Lenox Youth Coalition. Santa and Mrs. Claus had a delightful afternoon visiting with the children who stood in line with their parents to share Christmas wishes. Our student volunteers handed out free hot cocoa and sugar cookies. The New Lenox Police Department handed out free Children's IDs throughout the event. Throughout the afternoon, guests enjoyed the horse-driven carriage rides around the Commons Park. Comet and Cupid received quite a bit of attention and affection as they posed for pictures with all who visited them.



The Community Room was very busy and filled with children taking part in the coloring contest. We received many submissions from each age group. The winner of age group 1 - 4 was 4-year old Michael Lavey of New Lenox Park District Kiddie Kampus, the winner of age group 5 - 8 was 6-year old Tyler Doran of Nelson Prairie School and the winner of age group 9 - 12 was 9-year old Haley Ramos from Spencer Crossing School.

A big thank you to the musical entertainers who provided those in attendance with some musical holiday cheer. Throughout the event, Liberty and Martino Junior High Madrigals, Lincoln-Way West Madrigals and St. Jude School Bell Choir performed and as usual they all shined in the 1st floor rotunda area of Village Hall. The Sonata Squad Quartet was new to the musical performances this year and they too shined and spread wonderful holiday cheer!

A special thank you to our sponsor Old Plank Trail Bank for generously donating and preparing bags of freshly popped corn during the entire event.

A great big thank you to our sponsor Lowes of New Lenox who donated more than 30 trees for this event! This year's winner of the Tree Decorating Contest was Cub Scout Pack 94. Congratulations to all the boys of Pack 94 for a job well done! Once the master switch was turned on at 5:00pm, all the trees were lit!

The Village would also like to thank resident Martin Boban who donated a freshly cut tree from his cabin in Michigan. It was a wonderful addition to our beautifully decorated Commons area. The tree was decorated by students from the Lincoln-Way High School L.I.F.E. Transition Program.

As always, many thanks to our Cable Access Team for the hours spent preparing and photographing this event.

Many thanks go out to all who volunteered and supported this event. Thank you to the many families who came out to share in all of the wonderful holiday activities. We hope you enjoyed this year's activities and we look forward to seeing you out in 2015. It is always a pleasure having our community join us during this festive season. Have a safe and happy holiday season and we wish you a happy and prosperous New Year!



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