

The **VILLAGER**



**New Businesses Locate In New Lenox**

A number of businesses have chosen New Lenox for their location in the first half of 2015. Cache Creek Animal Rescue opened at 1003 Star Lane. Cache Creek rescues stray cats and dogs and adopts them to loving families.



The adoption center is open Monday thru Saturday from 11am to 6pm, and Sunday from 11am to 3pm. If you are looking for fish and aquatic plants, check out Reef City Aquatics at 2441 East Joliet Highway, near Bulldog Ale House.

Hickory Creek Family Dental is the newest tenant in the New Lenox Town Center anchored by Wal-Mart. There is also a vacant space in their building for an additional business. There is only one outlot remaining in this commercial shopping center, and the Village has already had discussions with a developer seeking to construct a multi-tenant building. More info to come as it is available.

The Hickory Creek Plaza located on Route 30 across from Lincoln-Way Central has two new tenants. Guacamole Mexican Restaurant recently opened its doors. In addition, Moody Blues Jeans Boutique relocated to the plaza and opened earlier this year.

LA Fitness opened its newest location at Route 30 and Vancina Lane in April. In addition to traditional fitness equipment, LA Fitness offers a number of classes such as Zumba, Kickboxing, and Yoga. The facility also includes an indoor swimming pool, full indoor basketball court, spa, and sauna. Personal Trainers and Child Care are also available.



The Village continues to pursue new companies to locate in the community to meet all of the needs and desires of the residents and businesses.

**2015 Road Resurfacing Project**

The Village Board authorized spending more than \$1.25 million for the Village's 2015 Road Resurfacing Project to repair nearly 5 miles of Village roads. Streets that will be completed this year include all of the streets in the Wellington Subdivision at Schoolhouse Road and Joliet Highway; portions of Gear Drive and Anderson Road; portions of Illinois Highway west of Gear Drive; and Stone Court, Garnet Drive and Garnet Court in the Ferro Industrial Park off of Gougar Road. The Village is also working with the New Lenox Township Highway Commissioner to resurface the portions of Walona Avenue, Barbara Street, Hempstead Place, and Garfield Avenue that are under the Village's jurisdiction.



This project will include the repair and replacement of sidewalks to eliminate cracked and spalled sections and trip hazards, curb and gutter to improve storm water conveyance, asphalt pavement removal and replacement to eliminate numerous potholes and failing pavement, and landscape restoration. Additionally, the project includes improvements to storm structures in the curb to eliminate sinkholes. The bid for the construction project will be awarded in June and work will continue throughout the summer.

**Village Launches New App**

The Village is happy to announce that, in working with GovQA, there is now a Village App residents can download to quickly access Village news, information, and calendars, search the Business Directory, and Report Concerns such as street lights in need of repair, drainage issues, and abandoned vehicles. The App is linked to the Village's website so information is current. Simply go to the App Store and search for New Lenox to download the app!



**July 2015**

**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](http://www.newlenox.net)

## Village of New Lenox Summer Events

The Performing Arts Pavilion at the New Lenox Commons is the backdrop for our Summer line-up filled with movies, concerts, fireworks, vendors, food and fun!

Tickets for Mayor Baldermann's ever popular Triple-Play Concert Series sold out in a record 5-1/2 hours, but it was no surprise given this year's line-up. Kenny Loggins, The Steve Miller Band and Lynyrd Skynyrd will see what "The Home of Proud Americans" is all about! The Village is proud of our venue that provides outstanding talent year after year to our residents. Local restaurants provide food and beverages, for a fun overall experience.

However, not all events in the Commons require a ticket. The majority of our events are free!

Wednesday Night Movies at the Commons kick off on June 10th with TOY STORY! This year's line-up includes Wednesday Night Movies at the Commons kicked off on June 10th with TOY STORY! This year's line-up includes everything from family classics to current releases. Grab your blankets and chairs and get ready for a line-up of popular movies on the big screen every Wednesday at dusk. Our Summer thriller is JAWS, so get out of the water and grab a seat on the grass!

The Music and Concerts continue with everything from 45+ piece Band Concerts to featured musical talent! Friday, June 5th included a concert featuring Jayme Squires. Jayme's style of music is organic acoustic pop, and she has an album coming out days after her appearance. The Commons played host to our popular Wine and Jazz Night with "Bob Lark and his Alumni Big Band" on Friday June 12th. This 17-piece jazz band brought the crowd to their feet last year and we were pleased to have them return this year too!

The Commons is home to the 4th of July celebration! The night starts off with a rock concert and the American Legion Band, along with a stocked concession stand and culminating with fireworks. New Lenox has proven it's the place to be!

August heats up with a variety of bands and cold beverages with our 'Band and Brews Night' on Saturday, August 1st. The 1960's will come to life on August 21st, when 'The Martini Lunch Band' makes its New Lenox debut! This 5-piece ensemble will feature favorite 60's tunes, along with their signature spin on soul, swing, ballads, and pop tunes.

LADIES... Get ready, Set, and Glow at our 4th Annual 'Ladies Night Out' set for August 28th! The kids are back in school and this is your night out! Shop over 50 unique vendors, enjoy the refreshments at the concession stand and stay for the outdoor movie where we will illuminate the Commons in our pink glow necklaces. Always a great time and everyone is welcome!

The French Market has a new location this year! Stop by the Metra parking lot at Route 30 and Prairie Street between 9am and 1pm on Saturdays May through October to satisfy all your needs.

Check out our website [www.newlenox.net](http://www.newlenox.net) for details on all our summer events, or call (815) 462-6400. Come out and enjoy all the Village has to offer!



## Dwayne Wade & Chicago Sky Sports Academy

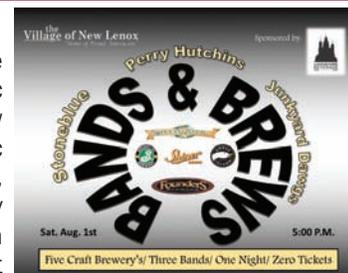
Mayor Baldermann & the Village of New Lenox present the Dwyane Wade & Chicago Sky Sports Academy. Join 3-Time NBA Champion and Miami Heat player, Dwyane Wade along with WNBA superstars, Elena Delle Donne & Cappie Pondexter of the Chicago Sky, for this year's two day sports academy! The academy features basketball and cheerleading for boys & girls ages 7 to 18. It takes place Wednesday, July 8th and Thursday, July 9th at Lincoln-Way Central High School located in New Lenox, Illinois.

For more information & to register visit [www.celebritysportsacademy.eventbrite.com](http://www.celebritysportsacademy.eventbrite.com) or call (612) 770-4575.



## Bands & Brews

Mark your calendars for the "BANDS & BREWS" Night on Saturday, August 1st. Three local bands will be performing a variety of music in the Commons. "Stoneblue" will kick off the night at 5:00pm with music by Muddy Waters, Hound Dog Taylor, B.B. King, and Otis Redding. The "The Junkyard Dawgs" will follow with music ranging anywhere from Jimi Hendrix to the Stones and Pink Floyd, which includes a dynamic rhythm section accented by killer harmonica. The feature band "Perry Hutchins" will blend styles of Rock, Blues, and Country music as he is influenced by a variety of artists like Kid Rock, The Black Crowes, Jonny Lang and Blackberry Smoke. A variety of craft beers will be sold from five different breweries and each brewery will have a representative on-hand to present their selections (NO outside liquor permitted). At the Concession Stand, JM & Company will be grilling up brats and burgers as well as serving pulled pork sandwiches! This event requires no tickets, just great weather and music lovers!



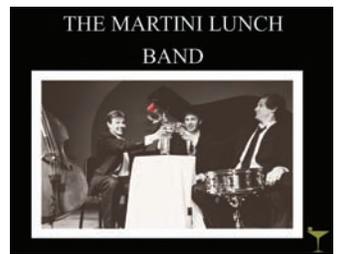
## Ladies Night Out

Ladies: Get Ready, Set, and Glow with our **4th Annual Ladies Night Out** scheduled for Friday, August 28th! Vendors will display their wares from one-of-a-kind-artisan crafts, to hand-made baby items, trendy purses, fashionable jewelry, kitchen gadgets, greeting cards, infused olive oils, and even fresh flowers! Long day? Treat yourself to a complimentary mini-massage, make-up tips, chemical free body and bath products, even a mini-manicure! Stay for the movie "Chicago" on the Big Screen with your gal-pals and light up the Commons with our Pink Glow Necklaces as we keep the party going! The Concession Stand will be open with Wine Sampling from "Aged to Perfection," and the grill will be fired up by "JM & Company," complete with a Lady-Friendly menu! Don't miss out on this delightful night in the Commons that benefits both our residents and the Community! Grab the Ladies in your life and make it a Night Out!



## The Martini Lunch Band Is Coming To The Commons

Flash back to the early 60's when the Mad Men Execs went out for a classy Martini Lunch accompanied by the sounds of Frank Sinatra, Bobby Darin & Company! If songs like Fly Me To The Moon, Daydream Believer, Sweet Caroline, What A Wonderful World and Moon River bring back fond memories (or just plain put you in a good mood), then grab your friends and neighbors and settle in for an "Unforgettable" Night! The Martini Lunch Band also puts their signature spin on soul, blues, and pop tunes that fit that classic vibe! This is one of our free summer events so grab your chairs and enjoy a 'Moonlight Serenade' in the Commons on August 21st at 7:00pm! The 1960's & 70's are just a song away, don't miss out!



## Special Star Wars Day

It came to the attention of the New Lenox Police Department that a 5-year old New Lenox boy named Nathan Dobush is battling Leukemia. It was learned that Nathan and his family are huge Star Wars fans. On April 10, 2015, several members of the New Lenox Police Department went to Nathan's home to pick-up the family and escort them back to the police department. The police parade was led by the New Lenox Motorcycle Unit, followed by numerous police vehicles with lights and sirens.



Upon arriving at the police department, Nathan and his family were met by Darth Vader along with a Stormtrooper, Tie Pilot, and an Imperial Officer. Inside, Nathan battled Darth Vader in a light saber duel. The family spent time and took photos with Darth Vader, the Stormtrooper, Tie Pilot and the Imperial Officer.

John Wettergren, who is a teacher at Martino Junior High, brought his Star Wars collection for Nathan to see and also try on some Star Wars helmets. Mr. Wettergren also presented Nathan with an authentic light saber. The family was also treated to gifts (donated by Target), and a pizza and cake party.

## Cop on Top

On Friday, May 29, 2015 the New Lenox Police Department participated in the annual "Cop on Top" to support Special Olympics Illinois. This is a statewide event with over 190 Dunkin Donuts locations participating. 2015 marks the 13th Anniversary of the event, which has raised nearly \$1.8 million.



This year was the 7th time New Lenox Police Officers have joined in the event. Due to the threat of severe weather, the officers stayed on the ground this year making the event "Cop on Blacktop." NLPD officers, cadets and staff worked the drive thru from 5:00am to 2:00pm. For any dollar amount donation, people received a coupon for a free donut. \$10.00 dollar donations received a travel coffee mug, which was good for free refills throughout the day. Those donating \$15.00 or more, received a Special Olympics t-shirt or hat.

Thanks to the generosity of the New Lenox Community and Dunkin Donuts customers, over \$1,600.00 was collected for Special Olympics Illinois.

Special Olympics t-shirts and hats are available at NLPD for \$15.00 donations. Also, Special Olympics Illinois raffle tickets for a 2015 Harley Davidson are available for \$10.00. Raffle tickets for a 2015 Jeep Wrangler are available for \$100.00. For Special Olympics Illinois information please contact Officer Aurena Davis or Officer Mike Jurka, 815-462-6100.

## New Lenox Blue Ribbon Walk

On Saturday May 30, 2015 the first New Lenox Ribbon Walk was held in the New Lenox Commons. The event included a 1-mile walk to honor all police officers for their daily sacrifices and to remember the officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Mayor Tim Baldermann, retired Will County Sheriff Paul Kaupas and New Lenox Police Chief Bob Sterba all spoke during the opening ceremony at the New Lenox Police Department. A balloon launch kicked-off the walk while two members of the Bagpipes & Drums of the Emerald Society played throughout the event. Approximately 75 attendees walked around the New Lenox Commons during the event which ended at the New Lenox Police Department.



## Hydrant Testing

The Village of New Lenox Water Department, in conjunction with the New Lenox Fire Protection District, will be pressure testing the fire hydrants throughout town this summer and fall. The Fire Protection District is attempting to lower its Insurance Services Organization (ISO) rating. This could result in lower home insurance premiums for our residents. This process will also allow the Water Department to make sure all of our fire hydrants are in good working condition, and to repair those that are not.



The testing process could lead to rusty or cloudy water from harmless mineral deposits in the water main. In the event this happens we recommend running a faucet for 15 minutes or until water clears up. It is also highly recommended that you do not do laundry between 7:00am and 3:30pm on days they are flushing in your neighborhood. Signs will be posted in advance to notify residents when we will be in your area.

Once this process is complete, your hydrant will have a colored strip of tape around the bonnet. This is to let the Fire Protection District know how many gallons per minute they can expect out of each hydrant. **Please do not remove this tape.**

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. If you have any questions or concerns, please give us a call at (815) 215-4800.

## Mosquito Abatement

Mosquitos are an all too familiar nuisance. They can transmit several illnesses such as St. Louis encephalitis, malaria, yellow fever and West Nile Virus. West Nile Virus is of particular significance as it is more prominent to our area.



The Village of New Lenox Public Works Department is working to reduce area mosquito populations and nuisance health hazards associated with mosquitoes. Crews from the Village apply larvicide to storm sewer catch basins and spray in an attempt to reduce the adult mosquito level. Operators and applicators employed by the Village are certified by the State of Illinois Department of Agriculture for mosquito abatement. Residents of the community who desire to be notified prior to spraying because they suffer from allergies, respiratory problems, or have other concerns are encouraged to call 815-215-4800 weekdays between 7:00am and 3:30pm.

### West Nile Virus

West Nile virus (WNV) is a mosquito-borne virus that can result in illness, and sometimes death. The virus can infect humans, birds and other mammals. WNV is transmitted through a mosquito's bite. The mosquitos get the virus by biting an infected bird. Individuals over the age of 50 have an elevated risk of contracting the virus, however, anyone living in an area where the virus has been detected is at risk. Your best bet for preventing West Nile virus and other mosquito-borne illnesses is to avoid exposure to mosquitoes and eliminate mosquito-breeding sites.

To reduce your own exposure to mosquitoes, here is a helpful checklist:

- Eliminate standing water in your yard. Mosquitoes breed in pools of standing water.
- Unclog roof gutters.
- Empty unused swimming pools.
- Change water in birdbaths and plant pot drip trays at least weekly.
- Remove old tires or any unused containers that might hold water and serve as a breeding place for mosquitoes.
- Cover trash containers to keep out rain water.
- Empty plastic wading pools at least once a week and try to store them indoors when not in use.
- Make sure your backyard pool is properly cared for while you're on vacation.
- Keep grass cut short and shrubbery well-trimmed around your house. This eliminates hiding places for adult mosquitos.
- Watch for sick or dying birds and report them to the Will County Health Department 815-727-8480.
- Avoid unnecessary outdoor activity when mosquitoes are most prevalent, such as at dawn, dusk and early evening.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants when you go into mosquito-infested areas.



## Cross Connection Testing

By now, many of you have received a letter from BSI Online stating that you need to get your backflow prevention assembly tested. Title 35, Section 653.802 of the Illinois Administrative Code, as well as, Section 890.1130 of the Illinois Plumbing Code require these devices to be tested upon installation and, at the minimum, tested once a year thereafter.



The Village of New Lenox has contracted BSI Online to handle the notification and record keeping for this program. They will be sending letters once a year to remind residents and businesses that it is time to have their assemblies tested. They must be tested by a certified Cross Connection Control Device Inspector.

To have your backflow device tested, you may contact the company that installed the sprinkler system or any licensed plumber with IEPA certification to test backflow preventers.

These backflow devices prevent contaminants from entering not only your home, but also the Village of New Lenox water system and potentially injuring hundreds or thousands of our residents. It is for the safety of yourself and your neighbors that these devices must be checked.

### FAQ's

#### What is backflow?

Backflow occurs when a loss in water pressure (commonly due to a fire hydrant being opened, a water main break, or abnormally high water usage) causes the water in your pipes to flow in the opposite direction. This could allow contaminated or polluted water to travel back into the drinking water supply possibly contaminating thousands of people.

#### What is a backflow prevention device?

A backflow prevention assembly is a testable mechanical device which uses valves, in different configurations, to prevent contaminated water or chemicals from flowing back into the public drinking water supply system.

#### Why do I need one?

Cross connections can occur at both commercial and residential properties. For commercial customers, cross connections exist in many forms, from carbonated beverage machines and ice makers, to fire sprinkler systems and x-ray machines.

On the residential side, the most common cross connections occur with lawn irrigation and fire sprinkler systems.

#### Does a lawn irrigation system really need a backflow prevention device?

YES. Lawn irrigation systems are considered a hazardous cross connection. All particulates that are in your lawn can seep into the underground pipes and enter the drinking water supply. This can be anything from fertilizers to animal feces. Properly working backflow prevention devices protect this from happening.

**If you have any questions or concerns, call the Public Works Department at (815) 215-4800.**