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Fall 2015 Leaf Collection Program

The Leaf Collection Program for residents will begin **Monday October 5th, 2015**. 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.

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.

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 vehicles, trees, mailboxes, fire hydrants, streetlights, etc.



The correct way to place leaves for pickup



The wrong way to place leaves for pickup

The Village's free leaf collection program ends **Friday November 30th, 2015** (weather permitting).

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 for 6-weeks. This service begins the week of October 26th and ends the week of November 30th. In addition to the free leaf collection for bagged leaves, the Village offers ten free yard-waste bags per fall for our senior citizen households which may be picked up at the Village Hall.

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

Sustainability For All Local Businesses

The Village is once again offering local businesses the opportunity to be showcased in the program entitled "Celebrate & Shop New Lenox". Conducted from "Small Business Saturday" on November 28th through Sunday, December 6th, 2015, flyers and posters will be distributed to remind residents to shop in local establishments during the official start of holiday shopping. Letters will be sent to non-industrial businesses in the Village in October to determine if a business wants their name included with any special holiday offers for the Celebrate & Shop Program.

On a year-round basis, businesses are given an opportunity to be listed on "Shop New Lenox", the Village's on-line business directory. On the Village's home page (www.newlenox.net), a link to a "Shop" page of local businesses is posted. Click on it and registered Village businesses are listed. The list can be sorted by the type of business, and business owners can customize their listings with business hours, a summary or specials, and coupons. It is a great reference point for residents to seek local services. If a business is not listed, it is because the business needs to "claim" it on the website to make it active. Please contact the Community Development Department at 815-462-6490 for questions in this regard.

October 2015

Village Officials

- Timothy Baldermann *Mayor*
 Laura Ruhl *Village Clerk*
 Annette Bowden *Trustee*
 David Butterfield *Trustee*
 Doug Finnegan *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

Winter Snow Removal & Parking Regulations

The winter season brings inclement weather conditions making travel difficult. One of the Village's primary objectives during the season is to keep roads and highways free from snow and ice through plowing and salting operations. As residents, you can help us keep our streets and roads safer by keeping vehicles off public streets and roads during a snow storm and by depositing snow from private drives and walkways on your own property and not on Village streets.



On Street Parking Prohibition - Snow Tow

In order to effectively clear all streets from curb to curb, any vehicle parked on the roadway must be removed. Failure to clear the entire road surface hinders further removal of snow and presents a hazard when the remaining snow on the roadway freezes. As soon as the snow depth reaches 2" or greater, ALL vehicles must be removed from the street. It is advisable, however, to remove your vehicle as soon as it begins to snow. When parking overnight, keep in mind it may snow while you are sleeping, creating a problem early in the morning. Village code provides for ticketing or towing of vehicles in violation of this ordinance.

Depositing Snow in the Roadway

The practice of pushing or blowing snow from private driveways into the public roadways is prohibited. Frozen snow piles from private snow removal operations create a hazard to vehicular traffic and make subsequent snow removal efforts difficult. Village code provides for ticketing violators of this ordinance.

We ask that when clearing your driveway and walkways, snow is placed in your yard or in the parkway, not the street. Our snow plow drivers try to minimize any excess snow plow windrowing into cleared drives, however, the plowing process regrettably pushes some snow back into the cleared drives. Depositing snow on the street simply adds more to your drive after the next plowing cycle. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding by keeping private drive snow removal off public streets.



Questions

Should you have any questions about "Snow Tow" or discharging snow into the roadways, please feel free to contact the Village offices at 815-462-6400 or Public Works at 815-215-4800. Thank you in advance for your assistance and cooperation in keeping New Lenox streets and roads safe.

NLCTV's Community Announcements Are Now Online!

A big part of New Lenox Community Television has always been its Community Announcements. Traditionally, it has taken up the most screen time of any program on the station. In the pre-internet era it was the way to stay informed about upcoming events in our town. To this day, it is still one of the most comprehensive listings as to what is coming up in the Village. NLCTV is proud to announce that it is now online.

NLCTV Community Announcements
To Submit a Non-Profit Event or Fundraiser
Email: nlctv@comcast.net
We try and post items on the TV Channel
10-14 days before an Event
NLCTV Community Announcements is
Intended for Non-Commercial Entities
to promote Upcoming Events.
For more Upcoming Events: Check out our Webpage!

You can find the NLCTV Community Announcements on the Village Webpage: www.newlenox.net/NLCTVAnnouncements

Christmas In The Commons – Save The Date

SAVE THE DATE! Christmas in the Commons will be held on Sunday, December 6th from 1pm – 5pm at Village Hall and the Commons area. Bring the kids to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus and even Comet and Cupid, two of Santa's reindeers will be there for some pictures. The popular horse drawn wagon rides will be back this year for all to enjoy!



There will be free hot cocoa and popcorn for everyone along with Christmas Caroling throughout the event. The Youth Coalition will conduct their annual Christmas Tree Decorating Contest and the finale will be the lighting of the Christmas trees at 5:00pm.

Check out our website at www.newlenox.net and Facebook in the coming weeks for all updates. We hope you are able to share in the fun and excitement of this wonderful event.



The Primary Election for 2016 is fast approaching and will be held on March 15, 2016. Voting is a way to make your voice heard! If you have not already done so, please come in to the Village Hall and register to vote. Thanks for making a difference.

IWEA Wastewater Tour

On July 16, 2015 the Wastewater Department welcomed members of the Illinois Water Environmental Association for a presentation on the Village of New Lenox's award winning collection system program and equipment, our state of the art Alum chemical feed system for phosphorus removal, and a tour of Treatment Plant #1.

Our collection system program is very wide ranged. We have a 5-year rotating program to clean and inspect all of the sewer mains in New Lenox. Then all clay pipe sewer joints are pressure tested and sealed by outside contractors to prevent infiltration which can overload the system and cause home backups and sewer system overflows. All other repairs are categorized based on severity and repaired accordingly.



The Villages Alum feed system for phosphorus removal was built in 2013 at Treatment Plant #1. The Illinois EPA mandated the reduction of phosphorus from wastewater in 2011. Estimated to cost \$100,000 a year in chemical costs to reduce phosphorus to 1.0 mg/l into Hickory Creek, the Wastewater Department set out to find the most cost effective way to feed the Alum to keep costs down. They were able to effectively meet the State standard of 1.0 mg/l at a cost of \$60,000, for a savings of \$40,000 per year.



In The American Kitchen – Looking for Family Traditions!

Every family has their little traditions. Maybe a certain dish made for every family party or a recipe passed down through the generations.

5 years ago NLCTV started a show to highlight these traditions. They have been seeking traditions out and sharing them with our neighbors. Sharing not just the recipe, but the stories and names behind them.

NLCTV is now looking for the next story to share. While some think it may be intimidating, once started they find the taping couldn't be any easier. Our host will be standing alongside you, helping you when you need it, and stepping back when you don't. If you know someone who would like to share, please contact NLCTV at 815-462-6428 or nlctv@comcast.net.

If you would like to see some of the stories already recorded, please visit their YouTube at www.youtube.com/nlctv6 and search for "In the American Kitchen."



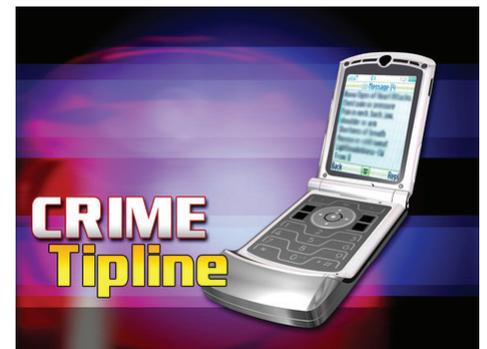
Crime Tip Hotline

The New Lenox Police Department maintains a Crime Tip Hotline for the reporting of information regarding actual or suspected criminal activity. The Crime Tip Hotline allows callers, wishing to remain anonymous, to leave information as to suspected drug or criminal activity. Persons wishing to report such activity are encouraged to call the Crime Tip Hotline at 815-462-6111.

The Crime Tip Hotline rings directly into a voice mailbox. Callers will be asked to leave a message that provides as much of the information listed below as possible:

- Type of suspected criminal activity or information
- Date and Time that crime occurred
- Location of crime
- Suspect(s) name
- Suspect(s) age or date of birth
- Suspect(s) physical description (sex, race, height, hair & eye color, etc.)
- Suspect(s) clothing description
- Suspect(s) places of frequency (work, school, bars, etc.)
- Suspect(s) methods of transportation (car, bus, bicycle, etc.)
- Suspect(s) vehicle description (color, make, model, year, etc.)
- Any pertinent information regarding the crime

Through the Crime Tip Hotline, we encourage members of the community to assist the New Lenox Police in our fight against crime so that we may enjoy a safer community. Remember, all calls, anonymous or otherwise, will remain confidential.



Fourth Annual Job and Resource Fair

The fourth annual Job and Resource Fair was a collaborative effort between Gary Cheney and other ShareFest volunteers, the Village of New Lenox, and the New Lenox Chamber of Commerce. We were pleased that 55 employers were present to interact with approximately 600 job seekers.



The New Lenox Library allocated space for resume reviews to be conducted concurrent with the Job Fair between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. CERT volunteers were available to help with the traffic flow in the parking lots and in the Village Hall. The employers present were from numerous different industries and job seekers' traffic was consistent during the three-hour period. The Village is a proud partner of this worthwhile Job Fair!

Ladies Night Out

Ladies Night Out was held on August 28, 2015. There were 55 vendors and approximately 400 attendees. Attendees were able to "shop" at many vendors such as the one pictured until 8 p.m. when the movie "Chicago" with Renee Zellenger and Catherine Zeta Jones was shown.

The Village is very grateful for the generous sponsorship from Presence's Healing Arts Pavilion. The Village charged each vendor a fee to host a table and the table revenues resulted in an \$850 check being donated to Kathy Johnson for the New Lenox Food Pantry. A raffle of 2016 Triple Play Tickets donated by Mayor Baldermann resulted in \$180 being donated to ShareFest.



The timing of this year's Ladies Night Out fit well with the Village of New Lenox being designated as one of the best cities in the U.S. for women entrepreneurs to launch a business. A new report by data-science group, GoodCall, reported that New Lenox ranked #20 out of 405 cities across the country.

"New Lenox ranked highly due to positive GDP growth, low unemployment and a large percentage of women business owners: 30.98% of the cities' establishments are owned by women," says Eppie Vojt, founder of Goodcall.

The "Home of Proud Americans" is very proud of its women entrepreneurs!

7th Annual Triple Play Concert Series and Country in the Commons

The 7th Annual Triple Play Concert Series had one of its most successful runs to date at the Village Commons! Tickets went on sale on April 18th and were sold out in just 6 hours! Headliners for the 2015 Series were Kenny Loggins on Saturday, June 20th followed by The Steve Miller Band on Saturday, July 18th and Lynyrd Skynyrd closed out the series on Saturday, September 5th.

Country music fans were treated to two country concerts this summer. The first country concert was held on Sunday, August 16th and featured country music artist Joe Nichols. The second country concert was held on Sunday, August 30th and featured 2015 Grammy winners The Band Perry.

Thank you to our local food vendors, concert sponsors, ESDA, CERT, volunteers, New Lenox Fire Protection District, New Lenox Police Department and Village staff & employees for helping to make the Triple Play Concerts a huge success for the past 7 years. Thank you to all of the loyal fans for coming out to the Commons and supporting our performing arts! We have already begun working on next year's series! We look forward to seeing you next summer!

