

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
NEW LENOX SAFE COMMUNITIES AMERICA COALITION**

Meeting 15-04

**Held at the New Lenox Village Hall / Community Room
1 Veterans Parkway New Lenox, IL 60451
Wednesday April 29, 2015 / 2:30pm**

Call to Order

Dan Martin called the meeting of the New Lenox Safe Communities America Coalition to order at 2:30pm.

In Attendance

Daniel Martin / New Lenox Police Department, Bill Byerley / New Lenox ESDA, Illinois Radio League and Will County ARES, Erin McClintock / Chiro One Wellness Centers, Joe Enzenberger / Dryer Vent Wizard of Will County, John Mitchell / American Red Cross, Kathie Johnson / New Lenox Township, Lauren Lotz /New Lenox Community Park District, Lisa Kline / SBT Bank, Liz Schwenke / Presence St. Joseph Medical Center, Liz Wetmore / New Lenox Public Library, Mary Jo Button / St. Jude Parish, Noe Santiago / Pinnacle Physical Therapy, and Tom Donegan / Metra.

Also in attendance were the following:

- Patricia Steinkamp, Chair of the Suicide Prevention and Awareness Task Group
- Stephen Kehoe with Silver Cross Hospital
- Mary Kate Burns with Trinity Services, Inc.
- Katie Roley with the Will County Health Department
- Meredith Dobes with the New Lenox Patriot
- Amirrah Abu Youssef with Guardian Angel Community Services
- Ron from Pride Martial Arts

Approval of the March 25, 2015 Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the March 25, 2015 meeting were sent to members via email prior to the meeting. Liz Schwenke made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Bill Byerley. After no further discussion, the motion carried and the minutes were approved.

Presentation of Service Plaque

Dan Martin recognized John Mitchell from the American Red Cross for his commitment and dedication to the New Lenox Safe Communities America Coalition and Citizen Corps Council. John is an original member of the New Lenox Safe Communities America Coalition, attending meetings since January 2009. Dan presented John with a plaque for his years of service and once again thanked him for all that he has done. John thanked Dan and everyone in attendance for the opportunity to assist our group and was very complimentary regarding our accomplishments over the years. Everyone wish John well in his retirement. Emily Krettler will be the contact person for the American Red Cross moving forward.

Presentation / Guest Speaker – Tom Donegan / Metra

Dan Martin introduced Tom Donegan from Metra for an overview of the new Operation Lifesaver presentation. Tom started out by playing a new Public Service Announcement (PSA) on train safety, which was followed by a PowerPoint presentation covering various aspects of train safety. Later in the presentation, Tom played another new PSA and provided additional information on the newly formatted Operation Lifesaver presentation. Tom took questions throughout the presentation, which ended at approximately 3:00pm. Dan and those in attendance thanked Tom for the presentation, which was excellent.

New Business

InOurCommunity (<https://inourcommunity/newlenox>)

Dan Martin provided those in attendance with an overview of “InOurCommunity,” a new web based marketing tool for the Village of New Lenox. Dan advised that it has been designed to help promote New Lenox, its businesses, and other things happening in the community. Dan encouraged everyone to sign-up at the web site and to “Like” their page on Facebook.

Old Business

Task Group Reports

Youth Sports, Health and Safety

Erin McClintock provided those in attendance with an overview of a workshop scheduled for May 13, 2015 at 7:00pm in the Community Room at the New Lenox Village Hall. Erin advised that a Chiro One doctor will provide a presentation on achieving top performance for student athletes. Erin encouraged everyone to attend the presentation as well as promote it with friends, family and colleagues.

Suicide Prevention and Awareness

Pat Steinkamp provided everyone in attendance with a summary of Healing Hearts – Survivors of Suicide Support Group, including the last meeting, which was held on April 20th. Pat advised that the meetings are going well and attendance has been steady from month-to-month. Pat went on to say there’s a different topic and group speaker each month, but there is also time for attendees to share their story. Pat advised that the next meeting will be at 7:00pm on May 18th at the New Lenox Police Department. Pat advised that the guest speaker will be Terri Bargewell, Licensed Professional Counselor, from Decision Point Counseling & Career Center. Terri’s topic will be “depression.”

In addition to a report on Healing Hearts, Pat advised that the Suicide Prevention and Awareness Task Group is tentatively planning an event for September that will support International Suicide Awareness Day. Pat advised that the Task Group will be meeting directly after the Safe Communities meeting to discuss the details. Additional information should be available at the next Safe Communities meeting.

Poisoning by Prescription Drug Overdose

Dan Martin reminded everyone about the Rosecrance event “What Can I Say to Convince Them to Quit?” Dan advised that it will be held tomorrow (April 30th) at 7:00pm in the Community Room at the Village Hall. Dan thanked Rachel Ridge from Rosecrance for putting the event together and encouraged everyone to attend.

Motor Vehicle / Traffic Safety

In Marissa’s absence, Dan Martin advised that May is Distracted Driving Awareness month. Dan advised that the National Safety Council will have a “tool kit” available and that he would pass along the information when it is received.

Older Adults Falls Prevention

Noe Santiago the following Matter of Balance classes are currently in session:

- Started March 23rd (Mondays) thru May 11th, 9:30am – 11:30am at the New Lenox VFW Post 9545.
- Started April 8th (Wednesdays) thru May 27th, 1:00pm – 3:00pm at the New Lenox Public Library
- Started April 9th (Thursdays) thru May 28th, 1:00pm to 3:00pm at Peace Lutheran Church
- Started April 28th (Tuesdays) thru June 16th, 9:30am to 11:30am at the New Lenox Police Department

Noe also advised that planning for Fit and Strong, a new evidence-based older adult falls prevention program, is moving forward. Noe advised that there will be a number of Matter of Balance Coaches that will likely go through the Fit and Strong Instructor training, which will be sometime in June. Noe advised that he hoped that shortly after the Instructor training, a class will be offered for 25 seniors, Noe advised that the Fit and Strong Class will be offered to Matter of Balance graduates first, and then to other seniors in the community.

Emergency Preparedness

Dan Martin advised that New Lenox CERT, MRC, and SAR volunteers participated in the following activities since the last meeting:

- 4/9 – New Lenox SAR Physical Fitness Test
- 4/14 – New Lenox CERT / MRC Monthly Training – Team Building
- 4/18 – New Lenox SAR Monthly Multi-Jurisdictional Training
- 4/18 – CERT / MRC - Triple Play Concert Series Ticket Sale Assistance
- 4/21 – Severe Weather Spotter Training / Health and Safety Expo

Dan also provided everyone in attendance with a copy of the New Lenox CERT / MRC / SAR April 2015 Newsletter.

Announcements / Organization Updates

Those in attendance shared current news and events relevant to their organizations. Dan advised that he would be willing to forward electronic copies of materials that would be beneficial to the group.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday May 27, 2015 / 2:30pm**. The meeting will be held in the Community Room at the New Lenox Village Hall.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:45pm.