

NEW LENOX TOWNSHIP



Michael Hickey
Township Supervisor

The New Lenox Township is composed of many moving parts. Its employees have accomplished many things, some of those are not always obvious to the general public. Several operations working together to serve our community include our senior housing facility, our food pantry, our recycling program, and transportation department.

The Guy Sell Senior Housing Building was the tallest building in New Lenox when it was built eleven years ago. It has six 2 bedroom and eighteen 1 bedroom residences. The community room in the basement hosts New Lenox Meals on Wheels, New Lenox Park District classes and is available for public meeting space.

As we enter its eleventh year we have paid off the finance contracts. (This would be comparable to a home equity loan.) 2014 is the first year that we are obligated to pay back the non-callable bonds. The township board abated the tax guarantee element of the bond issue for 2014-2015 fiscal year. We intend to continue that practice which keeps the obligation from appearing on the tax bill of the residents of New Lenox Township. The residents rent payments are used to pay the bond obligation.

The Township now operates Maplewood and Marshall Cemeteries. We renamed the one section of Maplewood Cemetery after its former sexton, Sue Oram and the Oram Family. Their commitment to Maplewood Cemetery has been multi-generational. The township has been working with the Village of New Lenox and State Representative Renee Kosel to obtain state grants for improvements including wrought iron fencing for Maplewood and Marshall Cemetery.

Our recycling program participated in a pilot program with Will County and the Share Fest Committee. This program included collecting and recycling latex paint. The committee connected with service organizations that could benefit from using the paint for service projects. We will continue with this effort and collection will take place May through September on the 4th Saturday of the month from 8AM to noon. The general recycling program has been very successful. In order to have better control and record keeping, our hours are

now set as Monday through Friday 1:00PM to 3:30PM and the 4th Saturday of the month from 8AM to noon.

Our transportation department continues to give rides to an average 800 people a month. This past year we have added a Prius to the fleet to take advantage of its 45 mile per gallon average fuel economy. It has significantly reduced our gas costs for the past year.

The food pantry continues to serve our community with the help of dedicated volunteers and the generosity of its donors. Our staff and volunteers pick up donated food daily from our local grocery stores, stock shelves, and disperse items to families in need of assistance. Due to the growth in the volume of food that flows in and quickly out of the food pantry, it has necessitated us to enter into an intergovernmental agreement to share office space. Our township clerk has moved from the township office to the road district office. On behalf of the board, we would like to thank Dennis McPartlin for providing us office space and to Annette Boyd for her willingness to relocate. It allows us time at the township to come up with a long range plan to meet the growing needs of the food pantry.

I am grateful for the opportunity to work with dedicated employees, generous volunteers and caring elected officials who work cooperatively to meet the needs of the community.

Michael Hickey, Township Supervisor

New Lenox Township Partners with Lincoln-Way High School District 210 Transitional Vocation Program

New Lenox Township has been working with the transitional vocation program to bring in students who, with the assistance of his or her job coach, can work and learn a job skill. This seemed to be a perfect fit for our Township since we were in need of some part time labor to help us with maintenance of the community room, our Township food pantry, and provide needed help with our Clean Up Day. Our assisted vocational students are also vital in our electronic recycling project as we have the help to unload these items for our residents that bring items to our recycling center. It is truly a win -

win situation for the Township and the Lincoln-Way High School transitional vocation program.

The Township is able to provide an environment that helps students learn job skills, while at the same time we are able to have part time help for a variety of jobs. These are the type of programs that we strive to help provide our Township residents with no additional cost.

Trustee Marty Boban, Environmental Committee Chairperson



Larry Wennlund
Trustee

Things You Should Know About New Lenox Township From the Desk of the Editor, Township Trustee Larry Wennlund

Having served five terms in the Illinois House of Representatives, during which time I had the opportunity to observe the operation of governments at all levels, from the federal government down to cities, villages, park districts, counties, and of course townships, I can tell you that you, the residents and

taxpayers of New Lenox Township, are getting the best bang for your taxpayer dollars! Bar none! Township government is not only the closest to the people it governs, but it is also the most democratic form of government in existence in America. Residents and taxpayers of the township can actually participate in the governing of the Township!

Your New Lenox Township government provides the most services to the residents for the least cost! It does not borrow money to provide all the services that are available to its residents, nor does it spend money on programs that it does not have. Can you imagine that? A government that lives within its means, just like you the residents and families living in this township! The services and programs you read about in this newsletter are but a small part of those which your township government provides to its residents.

As an example of how your township government operates so cheaply, come by the township building and view our food pantry which supplies free food to those families in the township hit hardest by this recession and unemployment. All the food is donated! And those who work it and stock the shelves are volunteers and students doing their community service by working to provide township services. The past three years have seen the greatest pressure on the food pantry

and the need for help to many of our residents has never been greater. And your township is doing its part to help its resident who need it.

Our township cemeteries, Marshall Cemetery and Maplewood Cemetery, look beautiful because Boy Scouts earning their Eagle Scout badge and other volunteers work in the cemeteries keeping them groomed and respectful. All at no cost to township taxpayers! I have lived about 100 yards from Marshall Cemetery for 44 years and can tell you that it has never looked so beautiful as it does today. Even those who used to abuse and damage this cemetery now respect it and no longer disabuse it and the grave markers that date back to the Civil War which have been restored and repaired.

I have also represented many cities, towns, park districts and other units of local government over the years and had the opportunity to observe the operation of these units of government, and I am proud and honored to tell you that your NEW LENOX TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT provides the most services to its residents for the least amount of tax dollars than many other governments in the State of Illinois!

Please take the opportunity to see what this Township does for YOU, THE RESIDENTS of NEW LENOX TOWNSHIP. Thanks for reading,

Larry Wennlund, Trustee

New Lenox Township Environmental Committee Update Spring 2014

*The New Lenox Township Environmental Committee
Chairperson: Township Trustee Martin J. Boban*

Mark your calendar for May 3rd.

We will conduct our 25th Annual Township wide “Clean Up Day” on Saturday, May 3rd.

Items will be picked up from 6:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.

Please have your items at the curb no later than 6:00 A.M.

This service has been provided to our Township residents **free of charge** for many years, and it continues to grow each spring. Look for signs posted around the community as a reminder for you to take advantage of this great program. Simply place your items at the curb just as you would on a normal “garbage day”. We can accept most appliances, furniture, carpet, water heaters, and many other household items.

Please **do not** dispose of electronics, paints, chemicals, tires or any liquids as the refuse company cannot accept these items. Visit www.newlenox.org for more details or call our Township office at 815-485-6431. Also, if your items have not been picked up by 12:00 noon, please call our the office, and we will do our best to get them picked up in the afternoon. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

We will be conducting a **latex paint exchange and we will collect used motor oil, anti freeze, automotive tires (must be off the rim) automotive style batteries and traditional recyclables** at our Township offices at 1100 South Cedar Rd. **from 9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. on May 3rd.** This is a perfect chance to dispose of these items.



Marty Boban
Trustee

Help keep your community **clean and green** by participating in this event. This service is provided at **no cost** to all Township residents, whether you live within the village or in an unincorporated area. **Thank you.**

Trustee Marty Boban,
Environmental Committee Chairperson



New Lenox Township's 25th Annual TOWNSHIP WIDE CLEAN UP DAY

MAY 3, 2014

Once again we will be providing all Township residents (Village and Unincorporated areas) with this great environmental service, at **NO ADDITIONAL COST**.

There will be a curbside pick up of most large household items such as furniture, carpet, bedding, appliances, and small amounts of building material placed in containers. Just set your items on the curb as you would on your normal trash pick up day. Collection begins at 6:00 AM and continues through 12:00 Noon. In order to ensure pick up, place your items at the curb **NO LATER**

THAN 6:00 AM. For additional information, please call the New Lenox Township office at **815-485-6431**.

Also on May 3rd, we will collect the below listed items at our Township office/yard at 1100 S. Cedar Road from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. **Proof of residency is required.**

Please do not bring any household hazardous waste on May 3rd. Collection of household hazardous waste is very costly. New Lenox Township taxpayers already pay Will County Land Use to process this waste. New Lenox Township (in partnership with Will

County Land Use & Sharefest) will be providing a special household hazardous waste collection on **Sat. Sept. 13th, 2014** at the **Sharefest** event held at Spencer Trail campus located on Spencer Rd. just north of Laraway Rd.

On May 3rd from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, we will also be collecting traditional recyclables at our recycle center located in our township yard at 1100 S. Cedar Road. Visit our website at www.newlenox.org for more information.

DO BRING

- Used Motor Oil
- Used Anti-Freeze
- Used tires (limit 4 per household): car & light truck – No large truck or tractor tires please - **MUST BE OFF RIM**
- Used automotive batteries
- Used electronics: TV's, computers, keyboards, printers, monitors, microwaves, etc.
- Traditional recyclables: paper, plastic, glass, aluminum, tin, cardboard

DO NOT BRING

- Household chemicals
- Oil based products
- Smoke detectors
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Aerosols
- Stains/varnishes
- Propane bottles
- Pressurized containers
- Any hazardous materials

New Lenox Township to Accept Latex Paint on Assigned Days

New Lenox Township in partnership with the "Sharefest" organization will be collecting good usable latex paint on the following dates in 2014:

May 24	9am – 12noon
June 28	9am – 12noon
July 26	9am – 12noon
August 23	9am – 12noon
September 27	9am – 12noon

Please note that these are the only dates we can accept latex paint. It is unlawful to "drop off" paint at any other times. We cannot accept paint from commercial sites.

This paint will be used by volunteer service groups here in New Lenox. Please bring us only **good** usable latex paint. We **cannot** accept paint that is:

- Semi solid
- Containers with no label
- Rusted containers
- Oil based
- Any other paints or solvents

Unusable latex paint can be disposed of **legally** by residents as long as the following guidelines are followed:

Please dispose of unusable latex paint yourself, by mixing the paint with

oil dry, kitty litter, sawdust or cloth. Leave the cans open to the air until the paint becomes a paste like consistency. The paint can then be disposed of as normal trash.

We, the Township, by law, **cannot** dispose of latex paints. Thank you for helping us keep New Lenox Township clean and green.

Marty Boban, *Trustee*

New Lenox Township Transportation Services

New Lenox Township offers a wide variety of services to the people of the township one of those being transportation to better enable those individuals whom would otherwise not have the ability to get around as easily. The services offer a wide variety of help from an individual needing a ride to the store to a group of people going on an outing; we handle it all at little cost to those who would appreciate the help. The single biggest requirement needed to avail these services is that you are a resident of New Lenox Township. What many do not realize is that New Lenox Township is comprised of New Lenox proper, a portion of Mokena, a small corner of Joliet as well as the unincorporated areas. So as you can tell we service a large population of residents over three municipalities and the unincorporated areas.

Transportation services are conveniently provided within New Lenox Township on Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Trips may

be scheduled to adjacent townships for medical purposes, physical therapy and visits to nursing homes. Twenty four hour advanced scheduling is required for rides but same day calls can be accommodated by availability, The Para-transit 24 hour phone number is 815-485-6431.

A door to door bus service is available to residents of New Lenox Township. This service is for senior citizens, handicapped, youth, or any person desiring transportation. 24 hour advance notice is desirable, but same day service is also available, based on availability. We have bi-monthly mall trips: The 2nd Wednesday of each month and the 4th Monday of each month. These trips are \$5.00 round trip. Fares are doubled when going to adjacent townships. We go to neighboring towns for medical purposes only. Due to our scheduled rides, we can only wait 5 minutes.

Dave Medema, Trustee
Debbie Cunningham, Manager

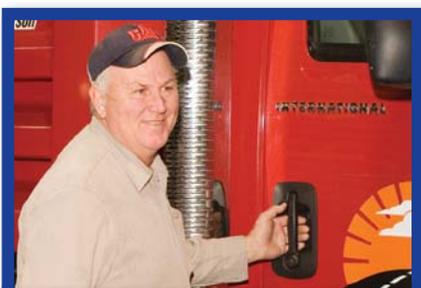
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Call (815) 485-6431
24 Hours a Day



Dave Medema
Trustee

On the Road with Your New Lenox Township Highway Commissioner,



Dennis R. McPartlin
Highway Commissioner

As the record snow falls of 2013-2014 close, the salt and road maintenance budgets are on the mend. The abundance of snow and frigid cold definitely put a strain on man power and resources.

We survived, and fortunately we have a small reserve of salt left (we never completely ran out of salt).

The sudden arrival of spring was welcomed with relief only to have a two inch snowfall on April 14th. Here we go, 80 degrees one weekend and snow the next. It's not nice to fool Mother Nature!

The Laraway Road-Spencer Road stop light and road improvements are still in the engineering phase.

Parker Road and Route 6 lights and road improvements are on the State improvement schedule.

The Road District will be doing some resurfacing of roads as we normally do.

We wish everyone a safe summer when the temperature finally settles.

Dennis R. McPartlin,
Highway Commissioner

Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption Increased From 4,000 to 5,000

The Senior Citizen Homestead exemption is increasing by 1,000. Taxes paid in 2014 for the 2013 tax year will show the exemption as 5,000 subtracted from the assessed value. Anyone born in 1948 that has not already signed up for the exemption, come into our office as soon as possible and we will process the necessary

paper work to get the exemption added to your tax bill. Anyone born in 1949 can sign up for the exemption anytime this year. You do not have to wait for your birthday to get signed up. Those people will see their senior exemption on the 2014 tax bills which will go out in May 2015.

There were no changes in homestead exemption amounts from the 2012 tax year to the 2013 tax year, payable in 2014. The exemptions and requirements are as follows:

General Homestead Exemption 6,000 off the assessed value:

- *The property must be your primary residence*
 - *The property must be owner occupied*
- Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption 5,000 off the assessed value:
- *The property must be your primary residence*
 - *The property must be owner occupied*
 - *At least one owner will be 65 during the tax year*

The 2014 Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze applications for the 2013 income year were mailed out in March. The

household income limit also remains at \$55,000. Please fill out as much of the information that you can, and then bring the form and all your income information to our office and we will assist you with copies and turn your paperwork over to the Will County Supervisor of Assessments Office for approval. If you think you are eligible and did not receive an application, we have them available in our office. Remember to bring all your income information with you, i.e. the front page of your federal 1040 income tax return and or your Social Security 1099. If you do not file a 1040, then just bring all the income statements you receive and your Social Security 1099 and we will help you with the completion of the form.

The Will County Treasurer's Office mails tax bills out usually by the first of May. When the bills are mailed by the first, then the first installment is due June 1st, and the second installment due date is September 1st. If the bills are not mailed by May 1st, then the first installment is due 30 days from the day of the mailing and the second installment due date remains September 1st. Please read your tax bill to be sure that the exemptions are listed in the calculations. **The tax bill is the only place where you actually see the exemptions being applied to your property. Please read them carefully, as we only have a limited time frame to make corrections for any missed exemptions.** If you think there is an error, please call the office as

soon as possible so we can look into the matter. Our office hours are 8:00 am to 3:30 pm Monday through Friday. The telephone number is 815-485-9419.

Bonnie Luckhart Hernandez, C.I.A.O.
New Lenox Township Assessor



Manhattan-New Lenox TRIAD

The TRIAD Program here in New Lenox Township is part of a national and county wide program that promotes crime prevention and safety for senior citizens through a partnership between Will County Sheriff's Police and the New Lenox Police Department along with senior citizens of the New Lenox and Manhattan Township areas.

The Manhattan-New Lenox TRIAD has also added: New Lenox Township Family Services, New Lenox Fire Protection District, New Lenox Public Library, New Lenox Park District, Village of New Lenox Community Television, Senior Services of Will County. Our goal is to work together to reduce the criminal victimization of senior citizens in our community. Each meeting TRIAD will be hosting a speaker who will talk to us about vital information the senior community should be hearing.

We want to educate, assist, emphasize, communicate and involve area seniors by dealing directly with issues that affect them. Some of the criminal prevention issues we have had in the past and future issues that we will be covering this year are: crime prevention on your home computer; personal, car and home crime prevention; identify theft, scams and fraud information; financial and physical elder abuse; banking safety.

We are also excited to announce that we are also covering health and safety topics as well. Some of our topics have been: Fire safety in your home; caregiver support group; emergency preparedness for seniors for home and health; immunizations that you need; medication safety; dementia,

medicare and much more. Attendees can also ask the representatives from our local agencies any questions they may have about programs that are offered for seniors in New Lenox.

Two important and life-saving programs that TRIAD sponsors are the "File of Life" and "Yellow Dot".

Files of Life program provides pertinent medical information to emergency personnel whenever the need arises. The FILE OF LIFE card enables medics to obtain a quick medical history when a patient is unable to offer one. also eliminatking the risk of a patient, in a frightened state, forgetting to mention something important, The card, which is kept in a red plastic pocket labeled FILE OF LIFE, lists the patient name, emergency medical contact, insurance policy, health problems, medications, dosages, allergies, recent surgery, religion and a health care proxy. The entire pocket is held with a magnet to the outside of the refrigerator. Along with the File of Life you will receive a sticker that you attach to the door/entrance that first responders will enter your home. When first responders see the "File of Life" sticker they will know to look to your refrigerator for your "File of Life" medical information.

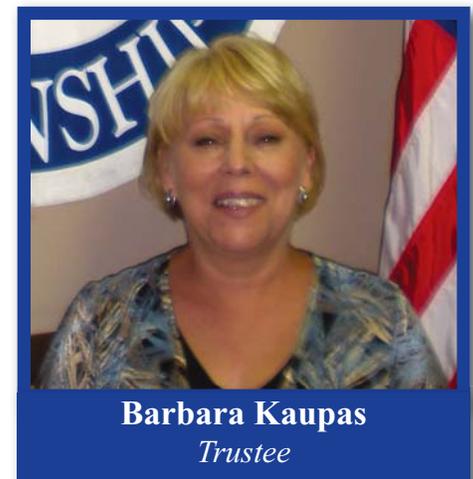
Yellow Dot Program uses a folder with a yellow dot that goes in the glove compartment of the person's car, containing personal information, emergency contacts, medications, allergies, medical history, hospital preference, and physician. In the event of a medical emergency, this information helps emergency medical

personnel evaluate a situation when they arrive at a call. A decal is placed on the left rear window of the person's car to alert emergency personnel to the presence of the folder.

The Manhattan-New Lenox TRIAD meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of every month at 1:30pm at the New Lenox Police Department, 701 West Haven in New Lenox. Please accept my personal invitation to come and join us at the monthly Manhattan-New Lenox TRIAD meeting. "Try us, you might love us."



Barbara Kaupas,
Trustee



Falls Prevention – Slips, Trips and Falls Program

New Lenox Township is in a partnership with the New Lenox Safe Communities America Coalition. Our mission is to reduce the number of falls happening to senior citizens in our community.

Did you know that individuals over 65 years of age or older have a one in three chance of falling over a year's time. In many cases these falls can severely injure the person or can lead to their death. We are offering a two-part program to help prevent falls through education and exercise.

Beginning in 2011, Tai Chi classes have been offered at reduced rates through Senior Services of Will County, Safe Communities and New Lenox Township. The classes are \$30.00 for twelve weeks of instruction. All checks to be written to Senior Services of Will County. The classes are held every Tuesday afternoon from 1pm to 2pm at the Guy Sell Senior Apartment Complex located at 1090 South Cedar Road in New Lenox.

We will be starting an evening class in summer of 2014. The class will begin June 11th and run every Wednesday from 6:30pm to 7:30 pm for twelve weeks at a cost of \$30.00 and will also be held at the Guy Sell Senior Apartment Complex.

Tai Chi can help seniors improve their balance and coordination, reducing the number of falls. Relieves symptoms of chronic pain, anxiety and depression. Improves flexibility and overall fitness. If you are interested in taking a class, call Kathie at the Township Office: (815) 485-6431.

In November of 2013, New Lenox Township residents who participate in SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) saw their benefits decrease. About a month later many of those same families saw the end of their Emergency Federal Unemployment Benefits. Checking the unemployment records for February of 2014 the unemployment rate for New Lenox Township was 9.8%.

To the New Lenox Township families in need who are trying to stretch a couple hundred dollars into a month's worth of groceries, these cuts cause a huge gash in the amount of food that they have to buy to feed their families. It is all about daily survival at the grocery store.

Even families with two working parents are often just one slice of bad luck away (unexpected medical, emergency auto and home repairs) from disaster striking. Those who are living in poverty are often blamed for their own financial situation. When people are working two jobs at a time and still failing to earn enough to feed their families, it seems impossible to call them lazy or selfish.

The New Lenox Township Food Pantry is here to help these families in need of food assistance. Our food pantry helps to bridge the gap between eating and hunger. Seniors no longer have to choose between medication and food. Children have cereal for breakfast. Moms and dads don't have to tell their families "Sorry, no food."

Since January 1, 2014, the New Lenox Township Food Pantry has had well over 1000 visits. Each month we average 340 visits, each week 85 visits.

As of April 15th, 2014 we have almost 200 families who have registered for food assistance. These families break down to these numbers.

- Total of 48 single parent families.
- Total of 13 homeless families.
- Total people who are registered at the food pantry is 614.
- Total children between the ages of newborn to age 18 is 244.
- Total adults between 19 and 50 is 219.
- Total adults between 51 and 100 years of age is 151.

Beginning in 2013, A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls an award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels was started in New Lenox. The class is a FREE eight week program with each class lasting two hours.

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.

The program emphasizes practical strategies to reduce the fears of falling and increase activity levels. Participants will learn: to view falls and fear of falling as controllable; to set realistic goals to increase their activity; change their environment to reduce fall risk factors. Mild forms of exercise will also be introduced to students to increase strength and balance. We will be offering a summer class that begins July 7th, 2014, at the New Lenox Public Library, from 1pm to 3pm. We will also be offering several classes from August through mid-November. If you are interested in the July class or putting your name down for later classes, please call Kathie at 815-485-6431. The class is limited to 12 students per class so hurry and call. Again this is a free class so don't miss this opportunity to learn falls prevention. Lets stop the falls before they start.

Barbara Kaupas, Trustee

Since 2013, the number of families who are visiting the food pantry has been rising dramatically due in part because of: the cuts in SNAP, the ending of emergency federal unemployment benefits, and finally because of residents who have just recently found themselves unemployed.

Because of this large increase of visits to the food pantry our food pantry account has been pushed to its limits. Last year in 2013, we were spending approximately \$4,000.00 each month to keep the food shelves stocked in the food pantry. So far this year we have had to cut this monthly expenditure by 25% and further cuts will be pending if the situation does not improve.

The money that is used to purchase the food for the pantry does not come from property tax dollars. Please know that absolutely no money from New Lenox Township goes to keeping the food pantry shelves stocked with food. This money comes from the tremendously generous New Lenox Township community in the form of financial donations.

In the past New Lenox Township residents have always been very generous to the New Lenox Township Food Pantry. But in light of the increased food demand here in New Lenox, we have to ask you for more help. If you would like to help feed New Lenox families in need of food assistance, you can call the pantry at 815-485-6431 to see what non-perishable items are needed. If you would like to make a cash/check donation, please write check to: New Lenox Township Food Pantry and mail to: 1100 South Cedar Road, New Lenox, Illinois 60451

Whether you donate a little or you donate a lot please remember, "Just giving anything helps a lot because every penny counts."

Recently, I read this quote from Mario Batali. Mario is one of the chefs from the national television show "The Chew". What Mario said moved me so much that I had to share it with others.

"Working at the Food Bank with my kids is an eye-opener. The face of hunger isn't the bum on the street drinking Sterno; it's the working poor. They don't look any different, they don't behave any differently, they are not really any less educated. They are incredibly less privileged, and that's it." Mario Batali

Barbara Kaupas, Trustee

New Lenox Township Family Services

The Family Services Department at New Lenox Township offers numerous programs that are designed to help and to provide assistance to residents in need who live in either unincorporated or incorporated New Lenox Township. To obtain more information on the services offered please call the Township Office at (815) 485-6431. Kathie Johnson, New Lenox Township Family Services Manager

General Assistance

General Assistance may be provided to residents who qualify in accordance with guidelines established for New Lenox Township and the State of Illinois. Application for this assistance is required. Please call Township Office for more information.

Emergency Assistance

Emergency Assistance may be provided to residents who qualify in accordance with the guidelines for the New Lenox Township. Emergency Assistance is available when life threatening situations occur such as disconnection of utilities (water, gas, electric) or rental eviction notice. Application for this assistance is required. Please call Township Office for more information.

Referral Assistance

Referral Assistance is provided to New Lenox Township residents in need of assistance in regards to other agencies in the Will County area who provide assistance to families in need.

Food Assistance

The New Lenox Township Food Pantry is located at the Township Office and is available for all New Lenox Township residents who are in need of food items. Eligibility requirements are: you must fill out information form, you must furnish photo identification and a current utility bill that prove residency in New Lenox Township. Families who are eligible may visit the pantry once a week. Hours are: Monday through Friday, 9:30am to 11:30am and 1:30pm to 3:30pm.

Non-perishable, non-expired food items and cash donations are continually needed. The food pantry does not operate on property tax dollars but depends on donations from our community to keep our doors open.

As of April 1, 2014, we have 190 families registered with the pantry. We are feeding a total of 614 people and of that number 163 are children newborn to 14 years old. Also 160 of those people are 50 years to 97 years of age. We are experiencing a high demand of families who visit the pantry. On average 85 families a week, 340 families a month, who visit the pantry.

If you would like to donate non-perishable food items, here is a list of most needed items.

- **Peanut butter and grape jelly**
- **Spaghetti sauce and spaghetti noodles**
- **Canned chili**
- **Breakfast cereal (frosted flakes, raisin bran, honey nut cheerios)**
- **Instant potatoes**
- **Instant rice**
- **Flavored noodles**
- **Saltine crackers**
- **Soup (Chicken Noodle, Tomato, Cream of Chicken, Cream of Mushroom)**
- **Vegetables (green beans, corn, carrots, peas)**
- **Canned pasta (spaghettios or ravioli)**

Unfortunately the donated food items we receive at the pantry do not come close to feeding all of our families. As a result we do rely heavily on cash donations from the community. Currently, we are spending \$4000.00 a month on food to stock the pantry. If you would like to make a cash donation, you may send your donation to: New Lenox Township Food Pantry 1100 South Cedar Road New Lenox, Illinois 60451. If you need a receipt we will be happy to send you one.

A special thank you to our volunteer angels, you all have wings and halos – Pauline, Linda, Sherry, Lisa, Laura, Michaeline, Veronica, Karen S, Karen R. Corky, Tracey, Bridge, Tammy, Cheryl, Evelyn, Maryann, Diane, Diana, Dorothy, Beverly, Peg and Mary V, Mike and Mary H., Karen, Sarah and Tony. It is because of these volunteers that we have the wonderful pantry that we do. Thank you for all you do week in and week out. Thank you for your time. Thank you for your love and thank you for all your smiles. You are all the best. Love you all. Kathie

The New Lenox Township Food Pantry could not exist without the generous support of the New Lenox community. Our most heartfelt thanks go to all who have shown their love of community by donating food, money or time to our pantry. Please know that your donations no matter how small or how large make a difference in people's lives.

Guy Sell Senior Housing Complex

The Guy Sell Senior Housing Complex is located at 1090 south Cedar Road in New Lenox. Rental applications are available at the New Lenox Township Offices located at 1100 South Cedar Road in New Lenox. All eligible applicants must be 62 years of age or older, be a New Lenox Township resident at the time of application and be able to live independently. Applicants will be placed on a waiting list and contacted in the order of received applications when a vacancy occurs.

Meals On Wheels

Meals on Wheels Senior nutrition Program is sponsored by Senior Services of Will County and New Lenox Township. The program is operated from the Guy Sell Senior Apartment Complex basement located at 1090 South Cedar Road in New Lenox. The Senior Nutrition Program is for all senior citizens regardless of income. You must be 60 years and older and live in New Lenox Township.

On-site meals are served at the Guy Sell Senior Apartment Complex basement on Monday through Friday from 11am to 12pm noon.

Home delivered meals are available to seniors who qualify and who are homebound because of illness, physical or mental impairment or otherwise isolated and are unable to prepare their own meals and/or lack the support system for meal preparation.

The meals are designed for the adult appetite: low in salt, calorie controlled, individually portioned, tasty and nutritious. Diabetic desserts are also available. A complete nutritional analysis is available for you to discuss with your doctor or dietician.

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Annette Boyd
New Lenox Township Clerk

The Township Clerk is the official record keeper of the Township. The duties include keeping minutes of regular Township board meetings, minutes of Highway Commissioners meetings and closed session meetings. The Township Clerk is also responsible for putting together various bid packages, the publishing of proper notices and holding the bid openings.

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New Lenox Township Family Services *(cont.)*

Diners are asked to make a fair share contribution. A suggested contribution is posted at the dining area. No senior will be refused a meal for their inability to contribute. Guests under 60 years of age are welcome but asked to pay full cost of meal.

We do ask that you make reservations with us two days in advance so we will have enough food on hand for all diners. Call 815-485-7187 for reservations.

Medical Equipment Supplies and Exchange Program

New Lenox Township offers our "Medical Equipment Supplies and Exchange Program to all residents. Medical supplies (wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches and other medical supplies are available for all Township residents. There is no cost for any of the available items. The items should be returned when no longer needed. Donations of unused medical supplies and equipment are welcome. Please know that what we do not use we donate to the Sisters of the Mission from Joliet.

Kathie Johnson, Manager

2014 Township Board Meetings

Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. All meetings open to the public. For more information call 815-485-6431.

- May 8
- June 12
- July 10
- August 7
- September 11
- October 9
- November 13
- December 11

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Dennis McPartlin

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Dave Medema
Larry Wennlund

Collector
Kathy Hilton

New Lenox Township Administrative Office

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Business Hours

Monday - Friday
Administrative Office 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
4th Saturday of the Month 9:00 am - Noon
Assessor 8:00 am - 3:30 pm.

Township Phone Numbers
Township Administrative Office
815-485-6431

Assessor's Office
815-485-9419

Highway Department
815-485-6484

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815-485-6431

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815-485-2544