

# NEW LENOX TOWNSHIP



**Michael Hickey**  
*Township Supervisor*

The New Lenox Township Board and its employees continue working together to serve our community with our senior housing facility, our food pantry, our recycling program, Maplewood and Marshall Cemetery's management and transportation department.

This is the Township's thirteenth year operating the Guy Sell Senior Housing Building which 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. 2016 is the third year that we are obligated to pay back the non-callable bonds. The Township board has abated the tax guarantee element of the bond issue for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. This is the third year that they have been abated. We intend to continue that practice which keeps the obligation from appearing on the tax bill of the residents of New Lenox Township. The rental payments of the residents are used to pay the bond obligation. Any

New Lenox Township resident age 62 years or older is welcome to register for the list of openings as they become available.

The Township operates Maplewood and Marshall Cemeteries. The wrought iron fencing work for Maplewood Cemetery was completed last spring. The transoms for the gates on Oak Street will be completed this spring.

The Township food pantry started operating when the federal government used to give away surplus cheese and other food items and needed a local distribution site. The program has grown exponentially in recent years, but continues to operate mainly through donations and with the assistance of many dedicated volunteer workers. The food pantry expansion project is coming ever closer to completion. The food pantry will go from operating out of just over 400 square feet to having close to 2,000 square feet. We have been fortunate enough to receive a donation of used shelving worth several thousand dollars that that will enable us to stock the donated food we receive from our local grocery stores, service organizations, businesses, churches and individuals. The Village, Fire Department, Police Department, Library, New Lenox School District 122, Union School, Lincoln-Way Central, Lincoln-Way West and Providence High School all assist in the community effort. We will be working with the Sharefest Committee and the New Lenox Township Foundation to try to raise money or get a grant to purchase a walk-in freezer and refrigerator to more effectively serve our community.

Our recycling program has changed. For the last eight years we have been a host site for Will County Electronic Recycling. Due to changes with the service provider. Will County needs to change its management of the program at a county level. The guidelines of the new service provider would require the need for expensive additional equipment and manpower and is not something that can be absorbed in our budget. We will continue to participate in the Paint Recycling program with Will County and the Sharefest Committee. This program includes collecting the useable latex paint and repackaging into five gallon buckets so it can be used by others. The Sharefest Committee has 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 August on the 4th Saturday of the month from 8:00 am to noon. We will also continue the general recycling program, which has been very successful. Our recycling hours are now set as Monday through Friday 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm and the 4th Saturday of the month from 8:00 am to noon.

Our transportation department continues to give rides to an average of up to 800 people a month. Rides can be scheduled Monday through Friday 7:30 am to 4:30 pm. We stay within New Lenox except for doctor appointments in neighboring villages.

I am grateful for the opportunity to work with dedicated employees, generous volunteers and a committed Township board who work cooperatively to meet the needs of the community.

**Michael Hickey,**  
*Township Supervisor*

# Things You Should Know About New Lenox Township Government

*From the Desk of the Editor, Township Trustee Larry Wennlund*

I have lived in New Lenox Township virtually my entire life, with the exception of time I spent in college and law school and five terms in Illinois House of Representatives. I have been affiliated with New Lenox Township government for more than 25 years, but only during this past year while serving as a Township Trustee did I come to the reality that there are many residents of the township who are struggling to survive, living day to day only with the help of New Lenox Township government and its FOOD PANTRY. I WAS STUNNED TO LEARN THAT OUR PANTRY DURING THE YEAR 2015 FED MORE THAN 930 PEOPLE IN 262 families!. Of these 930 people 342 were children who would have otherwise gone hungry, and 208 were senior citizens from age 50 to age 97! When you drive around the township you do not see the need and hunger that is there, the unemployed, the disabled, the injured, and laid-off folks without a steady income to put food on the table and pay the rent. There is a way to get some idea of the situation some of our neighbors find themselves in, and that is to visit the Pantry at the Township facility and see the lines of people who need help putting food on the table. An even better way is to make a donation of food or money

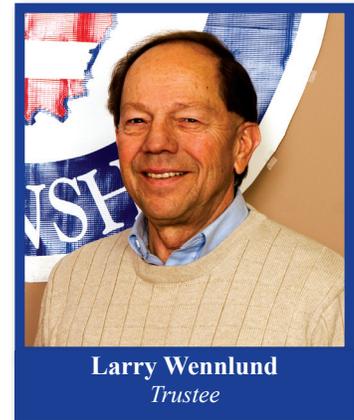
to help pay the cost of stocking the Pantry. It is also important that you know about the folks and businesses that donate cash and food to help stock the Pantry on a day to day basis. We are very fortunate to have so many big hearts in the township who know the need exists and are willing to step forward and help the Township continue to stock the Pantry.

Township government is the closest government to the people of any body of government in the United States! New Lenox Township government really cares about the residents of this township in every way that it can. In addition to the Pantry, our Township provides transportation to many residents who cannot otherwise get to the doctors office or other medical facility or the grocery store or the dentists office. The cost to the residents is a fraction of the actual cost of other types of rides. You would also be surprised at how many seniors, handicapped, retired, injured and folks whom cannot otherwise find or afford the transportation they need. Our township government also provides a meals on wheels program of nutritious meals on a weekly basis to help seniors get a healthy meal when needed. Other Township programs provide seniors and handicapped residents with informative programs such

as fall prevention which is the single most common cause of injury to seniors.

Your New Lenox Township government REALLY DOES CARE ABOUT THE NEEDS OF IT'S RESIDENTS! And also it is important the you know that all this caring is provided at the most reasonable cost to the taxpayers of the Township. YES, NEW LENOX TOWNSHIP AND IT'S EMPLOYEES REALLY DO CARE ABOUT YOU, IT'S RESIDENTS.

**Larry Wennlund, Trustee**



## New Lenox Township to Accept Latex Paint on "Clean Up Day"

New Lenox Township in partnership with Sharefest will be accepting good usable latex paint on May 7th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at our Township yard at 1100 South Cedar Road.

**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.**

SCHEDULE	
May 7 (Clean Up Day)	9:00 am-1:00 pm
May 28	9:00 am-12:00 noon
June 25	9:00 am-12:00 noon
July 23	9:00 am-12:00 noon
August 27	9:00 am-12:00 noon

We ask that you bring us only **good usable latex paint**, as this paint will then be used by volunteer service organizations here in New Lenox to provide a fresh coat of paint for residents that might not otherwise be able to get a paint job done at their home. Seniors here in New Lenox will benefit from this service more than any other residents.

We can accept containers up to 5 gallons in size. If you have a 5 gallon container of good latex paint that has a gallon or two left in it, we will then add other similar paints to that container and blend together to create a full 5 gallons to be used on jobs here in New Lenox. Your participation in this paint "exchange" is greatly appreciated.

We **cannot** accept paint that is:

- semi solid
- from commercial sites
- containers with no legible label
- rusted containers
- oil based paints
- any paints or solvents other than latex

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Unusable latex paint can be disposed of legally by residents as long as the following guidelines are followed: mix unusable paint with oil dry, kitty litter, or even sawdust to make the paint into a “paste like” consistency. This paint can then be disposed of as regular trash. If your paint is already dry or a paste like consistency, please dispose of this paint as regular trash, and do not bring it to us. We, the Township, by law cannot dispose of latex paints. Thank you for following these guidelines and helping us make this new service a huge success.

A big thanks goes out to Sharefest for all of the help, and New Lenox Lowe’s for providing the 5 gallon containers. The program cannot succeed without these organizations.

**Marty Boban, Trustee**



**Trustee Marty Boban**  
Environmental Chairperson



# New Lenox Township’s 29th Annual **TOWNSHIP WIDE CLEAN UP DAY** **MAY 7, 2016**



**BRING THIS NEWSLETTER WITH YOU AS PROOF OF RESIDENCY.**

**NEW LENOX TOWNSHIP NO LONGER COLLECTS ELECTRONICS.**

**PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY ELECTRONICS TO OUR SITE. WE CANNOT ACCEPT THEM.**

Once again we will be providing **all** Township residents (Village and Unincorporated) with this great environmental service, at **NO ADDITIONAL COST**. There will be curbside “pick up” of most large household items such as furniture, carpet, bedding, appliances, and small amounts of building material placed in containers. **DO NOT PLACE ELECTRONICS ON THE CURB. THE VENDOR CANNOT PICK UP ELECTRONICS.** Just set your items (other than electronics) on the curb as you would on your normal trash pick up day. Collection goes from 6:00 am through 12:00 Noon. In order to ensure pick up, have your items at the curb **NO LATER THAN 6:00 am**. For additional information, call us at 815-485-6431.

Also on May 7th, 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 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE ON MAY 7TH.** 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 household hazardous waste collection on **Saturday, September 10th, 2016** at the **Sharefest** event held at Spencer Trail campus located on Spencer Road just north of Laraway Road.

On May 7th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, we will also be collecting traditional recyclables (not including electronics) at our Recycle center located in our Township yard at 1100 S. Cedar Road. Visit our website at [www.newlenox.org](http://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
- Traditional recyclables: paper, plastic, glass, aluminum, tin, cardboard

## **DO NOT BRING**

- Electronics
- Smoke detectors
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Aerosols
- Stains/varnishes
- Propane bottles
- Pressurized containers
- Any hazardous materials
- Alkaline Batteries



Dave Medema  
Trustee

## New Lenox Township Transportation Services

Another year has passed and the transportation service continues to service the needs of the residents throughout the community. The New Lenox Township administration is pleased that we can continue helping the residents at little to no cost for their transportation needs. We continue to serve New Lenox, some areas of Joliet and Mokena

as well as the unincorporated areas of the Township. All you need do is call and you can get door to door service at a fraction of the cost.

Transportation is made available to all residents for local use such as trips to the grocery store, the doctor's office and yes even our food pantry. All transportation needs are held to within the borders of the Township with special consideration to health needs that may require an outside facility. All we ask is that you schedule your transportation needs 24 hours in advance.

Once again we were able to purchase a new vehicle to replace an aging van with many mechanical issues. The new purchase will better service our older clients and continue to lower our fuel consumption. The bus currently serving the Township will be sold

off this year as the needs of the department have changed and the bus is rarely utilized and is no longer cost effective to maintain.

The Township rides are up from last year handling an average of 700 - 800 rides per month. All the services are scheduled through our Transportation Services Manager Debbie Cunningham who may be reached at 815-485-6431 Monday through Friday 7:00 am to 4:00 pm.

All residents of New Lenox Township are welcome to use the service. The only requirement is that you are truly a resident of the Township. If you have ever used the service then you have met or spoken with Debbie Cunningham. Debbie has been running the department for many years and brings it to a personal level by getting to know the customers and learning their needs in an effort to better serve them. When you see or speak with her please remember she is the backbone of the department that makes all the rides run smooth and uninterrupted. Thank You Debbie for all your efforts.

Please feel free to contact us at the Township anytime for answers to any questions or issues you may wish to inquire about.

Dave Medema, Trustee

SERVICE HOURS	7:00 am - 4:30 pm Monday - Friday
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Call (815) 485-6431  
24 Hours a Day



Bonnie Luckhart Hernandez  
Assessor

## Senior Citizens and General Homestead Exemption Information

Anyone born in **1951** is eligible to apply for the Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption. You do not have to wait until your birthday to apply. If the household income is \$55,000 or less you may qualify for the Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze. Applications are available in our office as of April 1st. Just bring your 2015 income tax return with you. The Senior Citizen Homestead

Exemption is 5,000 off of your assessed valuation.

Anyone born in **1950 or before** that has not already signed up for the senior 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. Do not delay as we have a limited time to make corrections on the 2015 tax bills. The tax bills should be in the mail on May 1, 2016.

The General Homestead Exemption is 6,000 off of your assessed valuation. 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 2016 Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze applications for the 2015 income year were mailed out in late March. The household income limit 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 2015 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 received for 2015 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

# Veterans Please Read the Following Homestead Exemptions Available

In accordance with: “Section 15-165 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/15-165)”

**DISABLED VETERANS:** This exemption is established by contacting the Illinois Department of Veterans’ Affairs

Property up to an assessed value of \$100,000, owned and used exclusively by a disabled veteran, or the spouse or unmarried surviving spouse of the veteran, as a home, is exempt. As used in this Section, a disabled veteran means a person who has served in the Armed Forces of the United States and whose disability is of such a nature that the Federal Government has authorized payment for purchase or construction of Specially Adapted Housing as set forth in the United States Code, Title 38, Chapter 21, Section 2101.

This exemption must be reestablished on an annual basis by certification from the Illinois Department of Veterans’ Affairs to the Department, which shall forward a copy of the certification to local assessing officials. (Source: P.A. 91-401, eff. 1-1-00.)

**What is the Returning Veterans’ Homestead Exemption (RVHE)?** The Returning Veterans’ Homestead Exemption (35 ILCS 200/15-167) provides a \$5,000 reduction in the equalized assessed value (EAV) of the veteran’s principal residence for two consecutive assessment (tax) years, the tax year and the following year that the veteran returns from active duty in an armed conflict involving the armed forces of the United States. The veteran must own and occupy the property as his or her principal residence on January 1 of each assessment year. A veteran who acquires a principal residence after January 1 of the year he or she returns home is eligible for the RVHE on the principal residence owned and occupied on January 1 of the next tax year. Note: For purposes of the exemption, “occupy” means your principal place of dwelling which is “the place where a person has his or her true, fixed permanent home and principal establishment, and to which, whenever he or she is absent, he or she has the intention of returning.”

## Application for Returning Veterans’ Homestead Exemption PTAX-341

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**Who is eligible? To qualify for this exemption you must**

- be an Illinois resident who has served as a member of the U.S. Armed Forces, Illinois National Guard, or U.S. Reserve Forces,
- have returned from active duty in an armed conflict involving the armed forces of the U.S.,
- have owned or had a legal or equitable interest in the land on which a single-family residence is situated and used as your principal place of residence on January 1 of the assessment years, and
- be liable for the payment of the property taxes.

Note: A representative can apply on behalf of a deceased veteran who has met the qualifications listed above.

## Standard Homestead Exemption for Veterans with Disabilities (SHEVD) PTAX-342

**What is the Standard Homestead Exemption for Veterans with Disabilities (SHEVD)?** The SHEVD (35 ILCS 200/15-169) provides an annual reduction in the equalized assessed value (EAV) of a primary residence occupied by a veteran with a disability, or the veteran’s surviving spouse, on January 1 of the assessment year. The SHEVD amount depends on the percentage of the service-connected disability as certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans’ Affairs. If the veteran has a service-connected disability of 30% or more but less than 50%, then the annual exemption is \$2,500; if the veteran has a service-connected disability of 50% or more but less than 70%, then the annual exemption is \$5,000; and if the veteran has a service connected disability of 70% or more, then the residential property is exempt from taxation under this Code.

**Who is eligible? To qualify for the SHEVD, the veteran must**

- be an Illinois resident who served as a member of the U.S. Armed Forces on active duty or state active duty, Illinois National Guard, or U.S. Reserve Forces, and who has an honorable discharge;
- have at least a 30 percent service-connected disability certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans’ Affairs; and
- own and occupy the property as the primary residence on January 1 of the assessment year or lease and occupy a single family residence on January 1 of the assessment year and be liable for the payment of the property taxes to the county.

Note: The property’s total EAV must be less than \$250,000 after subtracting any portion used for commercial purposes. “Commercial purposes” include any portion of the property rented for more than 6 months. If you previously received the SHEVD and now reside in a facility licensed under the Nursing Home Care Act or operated by the U.S. Department of Veterans’ Affairs, you are still eligible to receive the SHEVD provided your property is occupied by your spouse; or remain unoccupied during the assessment year.

**Do I need to provide documentation?** Your Chief County Assessment Officer (CCAO) will require documentation to verify your eligibility for the SHEVD. You must provide a disability award or verification letter from the U.S. Department of Veterans’ Affairs for the current assessment year and one of the following documents that is the original or a copy certified by the county recorder, recorder of deeds, Illinois Department of Veterans’ Affairs, or the National Archives Record Center.

- Form DD 214 or separation of service from the War Department (military service prior to 1950);
- Certification of Military Service Form; or
- Illinois Driver’s license or ID card showing a Veteran’s Designation.

To request a verification letter that specifies your percentage of “service-connected disability rating,” call the U.S. Department of Veterans’ Affairs at 1 800 827-1000, or go online to your Veteran’s E-benefit account at [ebenefits.va.gov](http://ebenefits.va.gov).

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

## New Lenox Township Food Pantry – We are Growing

Because of the ever demanding need for more space the New Lenox Township Food Pantry is happy to announce the food pantry will be moving in June of 2016 to a better and bigger location. We will be using part of the existing structure (New Lenox Township Roads Building) for new office and storage space. The new location is only a few minutes' walk from where we are presently located. This move will see us grow from our present 400 square feet to 1,500 square feet.

For many years we have had to deal with too small of an area to feed the hungry of New Lenox. The expansion into the new building will mean we will be better able to serve the needs of families who are in food crisis living in both the unincorporated and incorporated parts of New Lenox Township. The expansion means that we will be able to carry a larger and more varied selection of food products along with a higher quantity for our customers' needs. There will be convenient parking and improved access for trucks that deliver food. Coming in 2017 we have been offered help by Boy and Girl Scouts in the building of a community garden.

Along with the problem of needed space for non-perishable food we must also have more refrigeration and freezer space. Currently, when we receive perishable donations that need to be either refrigerated or frozen we have to make the tough decision on how much food we can find the room for and keep. Many times I have had to turn down donations of perishables such as meat or dairy products because of the lack of room to refrigerate or freeze. In an effort to correct this problem we are looking to purchase a walk-in cooler/freezer unit for our perishable food items.

Of course all this will cost money and a lot of it. The walk-in refrigerator/freezer unit will cost over \$19,000.00 alone. Many people here in New Lenox are asking what they can do to help us. The answer is "donations" "donations" and "donations". We have great news for all of you who wish to donate. We have recently partnered up with Sharefest/New Lenox to raise the much needed money to help purchase the required items for the food pantry, including the walk-in cooler/freezer unit.

### You will now have two ways to make your donation.

Write a check to "Family Services Foundation of New Lenox Township" a 501 (c) (3) charity in the amount you wish to donate. Please mail the check along with your return address to:

New Lenox Township,  
1100 South Cedar Road, New Lenox, IL 60451  
Attn: Foundation Account

Or you may go to [newlenox.org](http://newlenox.org) (homepage) to find our PayPal account link on lower left side. We will mail a receipt for your taxes.

If you would like to have your donation go through Sharefest New Lenox, you may write a check to:

United Way Will County Sharefest/New Lenox and mail to:  
New Lenox Township,  
1100 South Cedar Road, New Lenox, IL 60451  
Attn: Sharefest/New Lenox

Or you may go to Sharefest/New Lenox (homepage) at [sharefestnewlenox.com](http://sharefestnewlenox.com) to make a donation through their PayPal account.

### New Lenox Township Food Pantry Information

- **We are located at: New Lenox Township Offices, 1100 South Cedar Road, New Lenox, IL.**
- **No property tax money goes to support/purchase food for food pantry.**
- **The phone number is 815-485-6431. Fax number is 815-485-2544.**
- **If you have any questions, please call and ask for Kathie Johnson.**
- **You must be a resident (unincorporated/incorporated) New Lenox Township to receive food.**
- **You must register by second visit to food pantry.**
- **Upon registration you must provide a current photo id and current utility bill.**
- **We are open Monday through Friday.**
- **Our daily hours are: 9:30 am to 11:30 am and 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm**
- **You are welcome to visit the food pantry once a week.**

### Take a look at the NLT Food Pantry numbers from 2015:

- **Total people registered in 2015 were 930.**
- **There were 262 families made up from the 930 total number of people registered in 2015.**
- **From total number of 930 there were 342 children, ages from newborn to age 18.**
- **From total number of 930 there were 208 older Americans age 50 to 97.**
- **There are many different types of families who register here. There are single parent households, two parent households, adults' only households and multi-generational families, etc.**
- **They were employed full-time, part-time, unemployed, disabled, retired, injured, laid-off, etc.**
- **Some families were receiving other assistance such as SNAP, Medicaid, SSI, Kidcare, WIC, free or reduced lunch and still it did not cover enough.**
- **They also received Medicare, Social Security Retirement, and Veteran's Assistance.**
- **There were many seniors living on a fixed income that did not even begin to cover their food, medicine and bills.**

Many of the families who visit the NL Food Pantry are what has come to be known in America as "the working poor". They work but their incomes from their jobs are not high enough to cover the cost of food, healthcare, utilities, childcare, housing and the list goes on and on.

We here at New Lenox Township Food Pantry are proud of the New Lenox community and the support they have given us. There is a feeling of compassion for our neighbors here in New Lenox. In New Lenox we have come together in an effort to solve hunger in our community. We will continue to raise the public awareness of hunger here in New Lenox to help ensure that are neighbors in food crisis have access to nutritional food.

**Items of food most needed:** Canned chili • Canned carrots • Instant potato • Flavored noodles • Canned pasta/ravioli • Saltine crackers • Raisin Bran/Honey Nut Cheerios breakfast cereal • Cream of Chicken Soup • Pineapple (canned)

## Meals on Wheels Program for New Lenox Township Residents

Meals on Wheels Senior Nutrition Program is sponsored by the Kankakee County Community Services and New Lenox Township. The Senior Nutrition Program is for all senior citizens regardless of income. You must be 60 years/older and live in New Lenox Township (Incorporated/Unincorporated) to be eligible.

Home delivered meals are available to home-bound seniors who qualify because of illness, physical or mental impairment or otherwise isolated and unable to prepare your own meals/or lack the support system for the 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.

For more information please call Kankakee County Community Services, Inc. at (815) 740-4225.

## Best Buddies Food Pantry Program

This is our second year in partnership with Best Buddies Pet Pantry which is an all-volunteer 501c3 non-profit that provides free pet food to qualified families in need. Best Buddies Pet Pantry delivers pet food once a month to the New Lenox Township Families who visit the food pantry for food assistance may also receive food for the pets. This is a wonderful program that has helped so many of our four-legged friends. Their mission is to help reduce the number of pets surrendered to shelters due to lack of food and to help keep families and pets together. Thanks so much to all our friends at Best Buddies Food Pantry. Bark-Bark and Meow-Meow!

## Deepest thanks to Old Plank Trail Community Bank

Congratulations to Old Plank Trail Community Bank for raising more than \$50,000 and thousands of food items for the New Lenox Township Food Pantry.

For each of the past five years (2011 to 2015) \$10,000.00 has been raised with the bank's Pant for the Pantry 5k!

Last year's race in October of 2015 brought more than 330 runners and collected hundreds of pounds of food donations and brought the total five year donation amount to over \$50,000.00.

New Lenox Township Supervisor Mike Hickey, the Board of Trustees: Barb Kaupas, Larry Wennlund, Dave Medema, Marty Boban and last but not least Kathie Johnson, Director of Family Services/Food Pantry want to shout out a huge thank you for the five years of hard work, dedication and true commitment to fight against hunger in the New Lenox Community. To the Old Plank Management and staff; you're exemplifying community banking at its best!"



**Barbara Kaupas**  
Trustee

## 2016 Manhattan/New Lenox TRIAD

TRIAD works to improve the quality of life for seniors by providing an opportunity for the exchange of information between public safety, social services and seniors. There is no registration or membership necessary to attend the meetings. TRIAD meetings are for all older adults (50 and older) in and around the Manhattan & New Lenox communities. Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month at 1:30 pm.

Date: **April 28**  
Topic: **Crime Prevention Awareness**  
Location: **New Lenox Police Dept.**

Date: **May 26**  
Topic: **Crime Prevention/Charities**  
Location: **Village of Manhattan Attorney General's Office Community Room**

Date: **June 23**  
Topic: **Internet Dating Safety**  
Location: **New Lenox Police Dept.**

Date: **July 28**  
Topic: **Elder Abuse**  
Location: **New Lenox Police Dept.**

Date: **August 25**  
Topic: **Banking Safety**  
Location: **Village of Manhattan Community Room**

Date: **September 22**  
Topic: **Medicare & Flu Shots**  
Location: **New Lenox Police Dept.**

Date: **October 27**  
Topic: **Reverse Mortgages**  
Location: **New Lenox Police Dept.**

Date: **November 17 (3rd Thurs. of mth)**  
Topic: **Healthier Habits for a Healthier You**  
Location: **Village of Manhattan Community Room**

Date: **December (TBA)**  
Topic: **Christmas Party**  
Location: **New Lenox VFW 9545**

New Lenox Police Department located at:  
**200 Veterans Parkway, New Lenox**

Village of Manhattan (Community Room) located at:  
**260 Market Place, Manhattan**

VFW 9545 of New Lenox located at:  
**323 Old Hickory, New Lenox**



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**Supervisor** Michael Hickey

**Town Clerk** Annette Boyd

**Assessor** Bonnie Hernandez

**Highway Commissioner** Dennis McPartlin

**Trustees** Martin Boban • Barbara Kaupas • Dave Medema • Larry Wennlund

**Collector** Kathy Hilton

**New Lenox Township Administrative Office**

1100 S. Cedar Road • New Lenox, IL 60451

**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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**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.

**2016 Township Board Meetings**

Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the New Lenox Township Administrative Office (1100 S. Cedar Road). All meetings open to the public. For more information call 815-485-6431.

May 12	September 8
June 9	October 13
July 14	November 10
August 11	December 8

## FROM THE DESK OF NEW LENOX TOWNSHIP ROAD COMMISSIONER

We in New Lenox Township have experienced a very mild winter with fewer freeze-thaw cycles than normal. As a result our Township roads have experienced less stress and damage that winter normally causes.

Among the planned construction projects that involve township roads this spring and summer, we will see the needed intersection of Parker Road and US Route 6 improved, widened and fitted with signalization on a joint project between our township, the Will County Highway Department and the State of Illinois Department of Transportation. As you no doubt know, this intersection is not only extremely congested, but also a big safety issue. You will continue to see Township, Will County, and State of Illinois vehicles and equipment at this intersection which will need your patience as you travel at this intersection. Also on Route 6 you will see a project at the Gougar Road intersection being improved by the Village of New Lenox, The City of Joliet

and the State. Another busy intersection at Laraway Road and Spencer Road will see the addition of turn lanes and signals. However that improvement is currently held up in Court by the lack of agreement on price with the owners of adjoining property for the turn lanes. This New Lenox Township and Will County project has been in the works for three years and when settled will take a whole construction season to complete.

In New Lenox Township there will be several Township roads that will have a new layer of asphalt and several portions of roads repaired by patching damaged asphalt due to heavy trucks like garbage trucks. It will indeed be a busy construction season for the New Lenox Township Highway Department. Thanks to all who travel our Township roads for all your patience during the road construction season.

Your Highway Commissioner,

**Dennis R. McPartlin,**

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