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Village names Little League fields for Curtis Granderson

Major League Baseball All-Star Curtis Granderson may be playing for the New York Mets but he has not forgotten his community ties to Lynwood. And the Village is thankful for that.

Granderson, who grew up in the Village and played Lynwood Little League baseball, has been funding improvements to the Village's baseball diamonds at Lakeview Community Park.

In recognition of his support, the Village is naming the three-field complex for Granderson. "Lynwood sincerely appreciates Curtis Granderson's generosity and his efforts on behalf of our youngsters," said Mayor Eugene Williams.

The three Lynwood Little League fields, for Major, Minor and Tee Ball Division players, now have new fencing and backstops, new dugout roofs, outfield warning tracks and scoreboards - thanks to Granderson. He also underwrote a project to install electrical connections to operate the scoreboards and a sound system.

But that's not all. Granderson also is paying for buses to transport Little Leaguers to and from practice sessions and games this season.



Curtis Granderson, and the sign at the Little League baseball complex in Lynwood.

And, in January he held a free baseball camp for young athletes at the Southland Center in Lynwood, where youngsters had the opportunity to receive coaching on fielding, hitting and other baseball skills.

The 2017 Little League season kickoff is Saturday, April 29, with the annual parade starting at 10 a.m. on Torrence Avenue, heading east on 198th Street to the ball fields. Little League players then will take a bus trip to the University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) to tour the Curtis Granderson

Stadium there and watch a college baseball game, an outing paid for by Granderson. His donation to UIC helped his alma mater build the stadium named for him.

As a UIC baseball player, Granderson set several single-season records. He started his professional career with the Detroit Tigers. He also played for the New York Yankees for four years before joining the Mets. He has played in the World Series while with all three baseball teams. His Grand Kids Foundation works to improve educational experiences for youth and provide baseball opportunities for inner city young people.

Little League officials report that as a result of the baseball diamond upgrades Lynwood has been selected for the second straight year to host the Little League Jamboree in June, a national event. "This is a major coup for Lynwood Little League and our community," Mayor Williams said.

Village updates website



The Village of Lynwood website has been updated.

The website facelift includes a new and fresh look, reorganized content and additional features.

"Navigating the website to locate Village information is now easier," said Mayor Eugene Williams. "It's user friendly."

New features include weather information and a calendar listing Board of Trustees meetings, community programs and other Village events of interest to residents and to web visitors seeking information about Lynwood. Residents also may pay Village bills online using an E-pay link on the website.

Kahla Peay-West, Public Works Department administrative secretary who has a graphic design background, managed the website project.

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Message from Mayor Williams

I wish to share some good news about our community. The Village has received very positive response to the Love Where You Live program that was initiated last fall. To encourage community pride, the Village placed more than 50 signs with the slogan Love Where You Live throughout Lynwood. Since then I and Village officials and employees have been hearing compliments about our program. Also, mayors from other towns have told me they like the idea and may consider a similar program for their communities.

The signs we mounted in all our neighborhoods are creating an awareness of the Love Where You Live program. The goal is to inspire all residents to buy into an attitude of pride about living in Lynwood. Please share with us your



comments and thoughts about our community pride efforts.

I also am pleased to report that the Army Corps of Engineers has given the green light to phase two of the ongoing project to extend Joe Orr Road east through Lynwood to Indiana. In the first phase, the roadway was built from Stony Island Avenue to Torrence Avenue. Now that the Army Corps of Engineers' environmental study is completed for phase two, Cook County, which is responsible for construction, will begin the process of acquiring right-of-way to build a new Joe Orr Road from Torrence Avenue east to Burnham Avenue. I will keep you posted on the progress of this major infrastructure project.

The good news continues: I have known Curtis Granderson and his family since he was a boy playing Little League baseball in Lynwood. Even after he became



a Major League Baseball star, he continued to remember his roots in our Village. His latest contributions to support Lynwood Little League are detailed on the newsletter's front page. Our Little League players as well as our entire community appreciate what he has done for his home town. Thanks again, Curtis.

Eugene Williams



BUILDING/ZONING CHIEF RETIRES

Jerry T. Jones, Lynwood Building Department commissioner, retired February 28 after 11 years of service with the Village. Pictured with Jones in the photo, taken at a February event, is Janet Uza, Building and Zoning Department administrative secretary. "The Village was very fortunate to have Jerry Jones on board for more than a decade as he professionally handled Building and Zoning Department responsibilities," said Mayor Eugene Williams.

Building Department permit information

The Building Department is advising residents to make a springtime examination of the exterior of their homes to check for peeling paint, roof damage, rotted window frames and leaky gutters.

As warmer weather approaches, the Building Department also is reminding residents to show pride in their property by eliminating dandelions and other weeds from lawns.

If structural repairs or other maintenance is needed, residents should contact the Village Building Department for information regarding permits. Permits are required for most work involving electrical, plumbing and renovation projects. The Village also requires permits for sheds, decks, fences and both in-ground and above-ground pools.

Village ordinance stipulates that homeowners who hire a



contractor must employ one who is registered with the Village. Registered contractors are licensed and bonded—important elements that help to avoid fraud and protect against unsatisfactory work.

Permit applications are available on the Village website at www.lynwoodil.us. The Building Department phone number is 708-758-6380. Department hours are 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Community garage sale dates: May 12-14

The three dates for this year's Lynwood Community Garage Sale are Friday, May 12, through Sunday, May 14.

Participants should register at the Village Hall. There is a \$2 registration fee. The Lynwood Community Relations Committee sponsors the event.



Pool tables and more at Bank Shots Bar & Grill

Bank Shots Bar & Grill in Lynwood is more than a good spot to play pool, says establishment owner Blair Morris.

Morris opened Bank Shots in October after renovating the business place. In addition to attracting pool players, Bank Shots also draws patrons who enjoy its full-service bar and food menu, as well as live and DJ music.

"I have had a long interest in pool and played in American Poolplayers Association leagues," Morris said. In 2013, he was a member of a pool team that won a national title. "When an opportunity came to own a place for pool, I decided to purchase this business," he said.

Seven nights a week, league players shoot pool on Bank Shots tables. Tournament style eight-ball and nine-ball pool is popular with the leagues.

Included in the bar and grill's renovation work was installation of big screen televisions. Sports fans can enjoy games on six 50-inch screen TVs and a 70-inch screen television. A 12-foot projection



Bank Shots Bar & Grill owner Blair Morris (center) with pool players Tyler Rosenberg (left) and Jamieson Sales.

screen is available for big events. Bank Shots also offers live and DJ music on weekends.

The menu includes appetizers,

sandwiches, pizza, wings and "really great steak tacos," Morris said. "We have a full kitchen with an emphasis on preparing fresh food items."

Bank Shots, located at 3285 Glenwood-Dyer Road, is open seven days a week from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. The phone number is (708) 858-8911.

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SOMEONE TO KNOW...

is a brief profile of a Lynwood resident who contributes to our community through work, public service and/or volunteer activities.

Children figure significantly in Lynwood resident Cozette Pettigrew's business enterprise and her public service as a school board president.

Pettigrew and her sister operate PYR Services, which for the past 17 years has been providing early intervention programs for children from birth to three years of age. Pettigrew is PYR director of operations. Working under contract with the state of Illinois, which mandates early intervention programs for children, PYR places a therapist with a child that needs special services.

"Intervention services such as speech and developmental therapy are provided in a child's home environment," Pettigrew said. "We also place therapists in schools and wherever there is a need. PYR Services has been an innovator in this field," she said. Referrals for

services usually are initiated by a child's pediatrician, family member or other communication with PYR.

PYR Services conducts early intervention programs in suburban communities as well as in Chicago.

Pettigrew's efforts on behalf of children extend to volunteer service. She is the president of the Sunnybrook District 171 Board of Education. She has been on the Board for approximately four years. "I always have been an advocate for children and for public education," she said. Pettigrew has resided in Lynwood for 15 years.



Cozette Pettigrew

Lynwood Chamber has new president

Doranita Tyler is the new president of the Lynwood Chamber of Commerce.

Tyler is the owner of the American Family Insurance Agency in Lynwood. She has operated the business for more than 20 years.

She has been a member of the Chamber of Commerce board of directors, recently serving as board vice president. She replaces Joseph Levy as Chamber president. Levy, who served in that post for 12



Doranita Tyler

years, has accepted a First Midwest Bank position outside of the Lynwood community.

The Chamber is hosting a farewell celebration for Levy from 6 to 8 p.m. April 27 at Lacey's Place, 3279 Glenwood-Dyer Road. Lacey's Place is a new Lynwood business.

Tyler and the Chamber board will be working to improve the success of local businesses and to create economic development opportunities in Lynwood, a Chamber spokesman said.

Fire Department logs record year

The Lynwood Fire Department in 2016 had its busiest year on record.

"The Fire Department responded to 1,314 calls of all types during the year," said Fire Chief John Cobb. Of that total, there were 948 medical calls that required 646 transports carried out by the Village's contract ambulance service.

"Firefighters responded to 14 structure fires of all types, with two civilians suffering minor injury due to smoke inhalation," Cobb said. "There were no Fire Department personnel lost-time injuries," he said.

The chief gave the following breakdown of other calls:

- 22 nonstructural fires, such as car, brush, dumpster blazes;
- 56 motor vehicle crashes with injuries;
- 64 requests for assistance from other departments;
- 48 carbon monoxide alarms;
- 85 false alarms.



"The longest call in the Department's history took eight days of active participation in December for the recovery of a car that crashed in a water retention pond on Lincoln Highway and claimed two lives," Cobb said. Fire Department personnel spent 265 man-hours at the scene during the recovery.

In addition to emergency responses, the Fire Department participated in 27 community events, including five day-care facility visits, three Sandridge School fire drills, a Fire Prevention Open house, several business establishment open houses, benefit fund-raisers, and a Wellness Day.

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BENNY'S PLACE

New part-time policemen join force



Three new part-time officers, Ramone Flowers, Brock Moore and Craig Corie, joined the Lynwood Police Department in February. Flowers (third from left) is a Chicago firefighter and emergency medical technician. He previously was a Maywood, Ill., policeman. Corie (next to Flowers) worked for the U.S. Secret Service and as a Thornton police officer. Moore (in suit) has experience working for police departments in Indiana. With the new officers at their swearing-in ceremony are Police Chief Russell L. Pearson (left), Mayor Eugene Williams (next to Pearson) and Deputy Chief Terrence Shubert.

Fire Department offers CPR classes

The Lynwood Fire Department is offering cardiopulmonary resuscitation classes (CPR). Persons interested in the CPR classes may contact the Fire Department at 708-758-6102 for information.



POLICE FEEL LOSS OF ARRAS

The Lynwood Police Department is mourning the loss of Arras, the Department's first certified canine member of the police force. Arras served the Department for five years, and was retired in 2012. The German shepherd died in January. "His body could no longer keep up with his spirit," said Police Chief Russell L. Pearson.

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Spring library programs



The Glenwood-Lynwood Public Library is offering a variety of interesting and informative spring programs. A program schedule follows:

Foundation of Investing 7 to 8 p.m., April 25.

The program will be a presentation on the importance of developing long-term financial goals.

How to Pay for College Without Going Broke 7 to 8 p.m., April 26.

My College Planning Team professionals will share their knowledge and expertise about reducing college costs. The Library encourages parents to attend this free seminar.

Soul Line Dancing 10 to 11 a.m., April 27 and May 25.

Soul Line Dancing combines exercise with R&B music and is great for adults of all ages. Registration is one-half hour before class.

Senior Lunch and Learn 11 a.m. to noon, April 28 and May 26.

The April program is on emailing; the May program is Genealogy Fun With Ancestry.com. Please bring a tablet to class. Advance registration required.

Five Money Questions for Women noon to 1 p.m., Saturday, April 29.

This presentation will focus on financial strategy to fit a woman's lifestyle and needs.

Your Medicare Questions Answered 11 a.m. to noon, May 2, June 6, July 11.

A representative from Ma3 Healthcare Solutions will answer Medicare questions.

Discover Heritage Through Genealogy 6 to 8 p.m., Mondays, May 1-22.

Patty Higgins, South Suburban Genealogical and Historical Society president, will explain how to research ancestry. Advance registration required.

May the 4th Be With You 6:30 to 8 p.m., May 4.

Celebrate Star Wars Day with an all-ages crafting program, as well as Star Wars Match Game, Star Wars Trivia, and more.

Tai Chi Qi Gong: Stress and Pain Reduction for Teens and Adults noon to 1:30 p.m., May 6 and May 13.

Tai Chi techniques presented by Be Fit Be New4 Life instructor Brian Thompson will focus on stress and pain management. Advance registration required.

Family Movie Night 7 to 9 p.m., May 11.

Families will enjoy a night out watching the feature film "A Dog's Purpose."

Genetically Modified Food (Is It Safe?) 6:30 to 8 p.m., May 17.

The Cook County Farm Bureau will present a program on genetically modified foods and their safety.

Library Rummage Sale & Summer Reading Kickoff Party 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., June 3.

This family event will be fun-filled and informative. Patrons may shop at the Library's seventh annual rummage sale and learn about the 2017 Summer Reading Program in one visit. Representatives will be available to answer questions about summer camp, tutoring and volunteer opportunities for teens. There will be a bouncy house, free treats for kids, face painting and more.



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Public Works Department news



Alert: branch pickup change

The Public Works Department provides seasonal branch pickup services. Due to the quantity of branches put out by residents, the Department has revised the 2017 pickup schedule. Branch collection now occurs the third week of each month for the April to November period.

Branches should be placed in the parkways with stump ends facing away from oncoming traffic or facing the street by the Monday of the third week of each month. The Village's chipper truck will make one pass through the entire community. Branch pickup is for residential tree trimming. Service is not provided for removal of full trees. Please contact the Building Department for the name of a tree contractor to cut down and remove a tree.

For safety reasons, twigs, small branches and piles of weeds should be placed in biodegradable paper bags for yard waste collection – not put out for the Village chipper. The Public Works Department will not pick up small piles that could be placed into the biodegradable bags.

Homewood Disposal collects yard waste on regular garbage pickup days. The yard waste must be in biodegradable paper bags because yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected by the Village or Homewood Disposal. The Village is

not responsible for picking up debris left by contractors or branches cut down by contractors; they are responsible for removal.

Cleanup Week starts May 15

Lynwood Cleanup Week will begin Monday, May 15. The cleanup program is a Village service that provides residents the opportunity to discard unwanted household articles and debris. All items must be put out by 7 a.m. May 15.

The Public Works Department will make one trip down each street for collection.



Liquids and yard waste must be kept apart from other trash and will be collected separately. Tires will not be collected. Residents should contact local tire dealers to see if they accept used tires. Further Cleanup Week information will be forthcoming.

Water billing schedule

Lynwood municipal utility/water bills are mailed the end of each month. Residents should receive them around the first of each



month. Bill payment is due by the 15th of each month or the following business day. On the day following the bill due date, late notices are mailed. Water shutoff for unpaid bill balances occurs the first Thursday of the month. The Village advises residents to make payments prior to the 15th of the month to avoid penalties; a water turn-on fee is charged.

New LED streetlights

The Village has approved a contract to begin replacing current streetlights with new LED lighting that will save electrical and maintenance costs while improving the lighting of our streets. The replacement project will occur during this summer and fall.

Dog complaints

The Village is enforcing an ordinance regarding dogs due to numerous complaints that people are walking their dogs without a leash and not cleaning up after pets.

The Lynwood ordinance requires that dogs must be leashed and that owners must have the necessary supplies to pick up after dogs and must do so. The Village receives complaints that dogs also are allowed off leash to run in parks. Tickets will be issued to pet owners who violate the ordinance requiring dog leashes and pet cleanup. Residents who see violators are asked to contact the Police Department.

No pollutants in storm drains

Pollutants that get into municipal storm drainage systems can impact both surface and ground water. Keeping catch basins and drainage swales/ditches clean of debris and contaminants protects the environment.

Residents can help prevent storm drain pollution by:

- Picking up pet waste which can enter water drainage systems.
- Raking and bagging yard clippings

that can get blown into the street and end up in storm drains, creating a breeding ground for harmful bacteria.

- Disposing of cigarettes in a proper waste container so they do not create litter.
- Not hosing down a driveway. It wastes water and causes oils and other pollutants to end up in lakes, ponds, creeks, etc.
- Planting drought resistant plants that require less water.

- Disposing of used motor oil properly. Never dump it in a storm drain or field. It should be taken to a gas station or collection area for recycling.

The Village asks that if residents see or suspect illegal dumping they please phone the Public Works Department at 708-758-8434.





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