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Police equipped with body cameras

Lynwood Police Department officers began wearing body cameras in March.

Police Chief Russell L. Pearson said body cameras offer "protection for both police officers and citizens. The cameras help build trust between the Department and the public."

The Police Department initiated the camera program after a successful trial period using the body cameras. They are employed in conjunction with cameras installed in police squad cars.

The new cameras provide video and audio recordings, which are stored electronically on a secured server at the Police Department.



Patrolmen Brandon Frazier (left) and Adam Zozzo point to the body cameras they wear as part of their police equipment. At right is Detective Larry Weinbrecht, the Police Department's body camera program coordinator.

"The quality of the video and audio recording is excellent," Pearson said. "The cameras also have a night vision feature," he said.

A Police Department systems

operator monitors camera recordings. For security measures, only a police administrative officer and the systems operator have access to the recordings.

"The body cameras already are proving positive," said Detective Larry Weinbrecht, who is the camera program coordinator. Officers are reporting that wearing the cameras have helped to deescalate tense situations because persons involved realize the incident is being recorded.

The Department also has been receiving inquiries from other police jurisdictions about the camera program. "We are one of the departments in the forefront with use of body cameras," Chief Pearson said.

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NEW LYNWOOD PLAYGROUND

Mayor Eugene Williams (right) and Public Works Director Robert Myers hold an artist's rendering of a new park playground area the Village will erect this summer on Hampshire Lane in the Wellington Court subdivision, 201st Street and Torrence Avenue. New home construction is expected in the Wellington Court development, which recently was purchased by new investors.

Message from Mayor Williams

As mayor of Lynwood I am proud to be working alongside a group of elected officials committed to the continuing improvement of our community. The Village trustees and clerk who join me in the photograph on this page are dedicated public servants who contribute their time and talents to ensure that Lynwood residents receive efficient government and the quality services they expect and deserve.

I also wish to congratulate Trustees McKinley Dillingham, Tim Dunlap and Lee Hurston who voters reelected in the April 7 municipal balloting.

The Lynwood Fire Department has a new chief, John Cobb, who was appointed to the position in December. Cobb succeeds John Swanson as fire chief. These two Fire Department veterans have each logged 27 years with the Village force. On behalf of our community, I wish to thank them for their leadership and many years of service.

I encourage our residents to visit the Southland Center Ho-Chunk sports facility (article on page 3). Lynwood is fortunate to have such a facility. The Southland Center is looking better than ever with the completion of recent renovations and new basketball courts. Ho-Chunk Nation made the initial investment to locate the sports complex in our Village and continues its interest in providing a superior site for athletic activities.

I welcome your comments and suggestions. Please feel free to contact me at the Village Hall at 708-758-6101.

Eugene Williams



LYNWOOD ELECTED LEADERSHIP

Village of Lynwood elected officials are (front row, left to right) Trustee Rich Stephens, Clerk Karen Wingfield-Bond, Mayor Eugene Williams, Trustee Tim Dunlap, (back row, left to right) Trustees Willie Sims, McKinley Dillingham, Lee Hurston and William Lebeter. Voters in the April 7 municipal election returned Dillingham, Dunlap and Hurston to their trustee posts on the Village Board.

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Public Works.....	758-8434
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Village Web site
www.lynwoodil.us

Village Clerk's Office hours:
9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday

Answers to frequently asked resident questions

Q. What are the Village Hall hours?

ANSWER: The Village Clerk's Office is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Wednesday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Q. Which holidays delay garbage pickup?

ANSWER: Homewood Disposal observes the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. When the holiday occurs prior to garbage pickup day, collection will be delayed one day.

Q. Does the Village maintain trees in the parkway?

ANSWER: It is a homeowner's



responsibility to trim tree branches that hang over the sidewalk creating an interference for pedestrians. Periodically the Public Works Department trims low hanging branches that interfere with snow plowing vehicles. The Public Works Department only removes trees from parkways when the tree is 75% dead. The Public Works Department does not have the capability to remove stumps; therefore, trees are cut as close to ground level as possible. To submit a request to have a tree inspected, contact the Public Works Department at 708-758-8434.

Q. Will the Village remove a dead animal carcass on public or private property?

ANSWER: If the dead animal is on the street, please call the Public

Works Department with the location and a crew will be dispatched to pick it up. If the carcass is located on private property, it is the homeowner's responsibility to remove it. If the carcass is bagged or boxed and placed onto the parkway, you may contact Public Works for a pickup. Or it may be put out for normal garbage pickup.

Q. What should I do if I notice a problem with a streetlight?

ANSWER: The Village is responsible for all streetlights on metal poles; all wooden poles are the responsibility of ComEd. You may contact Public Works to report the location of the streetlight problem and specify if it is a wooden or metal pole.

Q. Can I pay my Village utilities bill with a credit card?

ANSWER: Yes, the Village accepts credit and bank debit cards (except for VISA).

Payments may be made online or at Village Hall. Please visit the Village website at www.lynwoodil.us for the E-PAY link.



Southland Center: a sports and events facility

Basketball courts and a soon-to-open restaurant are new features at the Southland Center Ho-Chunk Nation sports facility on Stony Island Avenue.

Indoor Sports Management Group (ISMG) was hired in July by Ho-Chunk Nation to operate sports programs and other activities at the Lynwood facility.

The Ho-Chunk Nation built the Center and continues to own the property. Investment from the Ho-Chunk Nation financed the basketball and restaurant additions and extensive interior building renovation. Southland Center opened in 2002 with indoor soccer fields but was closed for several years until ISMG started managing athletic programs at the facility.

General Manager Annie Byrne said the Southland complex has 100,000 square feet of space to host sporting events, including baseball, soccer, basketball, flag football, gymnastics, lacrosse, cheerleading, martial arts and dance. "We also have four baseball batting cages and four basketball courts. All four courts

meet IHSA size regulations and two of the four also are NCAA size," Byrne said. Bleachers seat 700 spectators.

The facility is a site for a variety of athletic tournaments and sports league play. Organizations rent sports space for games and practices. "We also have Southland Center home clubs for boys and girls basketball and for soccer," Byrne said. There are plans to add a Southland Center volleyball club.

Byrne said that with a restaurant and bar Southland Center also accommodates events such as reunions, parties for children and adults, business conferences, fundraisers and meetings. "Amenities

include a newly remodeled 4,000-square-foot concession stand, vending machines and free Wi-Fi throughout the building," Byrne said.

Additional information about Southland Center is available on its

website at mysouthlandcenter.com or by phoning 708-418-5554. The Center is open Monday-Friday from 2 to 10 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.



One of Southland Center's soccer fields.

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The Southland Center is Lynwood's newest sports and events facility, featuring basketball courts and a restaurant coming soon. Stop by for a tour of the center's state of the art facilities, including 100,000 square feet of event space perfect for everything from dance to flag football.

The Ho-Chunk Nation's generous investment in the building and its management has made it possible to bring this facility to the Village of Lynwood and its residents. Thanks to the kind members of the Ho-Chunk Nation and our fantastic community of Lynwood —we look forward to seeing you soon!



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Fire Department seeks applicants

The Lynwood Fire Department is accepting applications for firefighter and emergency medical technician (EMT) personnel. These are Fire Department volunteer (paid on call) positions.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. Experience is not required. Training and equipment is provided by the Fire Department.

Interested residents may obtain an application at the Village fire station, 3107 Glenwood-Dyer Road, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and also Tuesday evenings between 6:30 and 7 o'clock, and on weekends. Applications also are available at the Lynwood Village Hall, 21460 Lincoln Highway.



FIRE DEPARTMENT DONATION

Alex Colakovic (center), owner of Sticks N Suds bar in Lynwood, presents a bucket containing donations received from customers to Village Fire Department members Lt. Matthew Heintz (right) and Steve Wragg, a firefighter/EMT. Fire Chief John Cobb said the donations will be used to purchase rescue equipment. "The Fire Department very much appreciates contributions from area businesses and the community," Chief Cobb said.

Emergency services seeking volunteers

The Lynwood Emergency Services Department is seeking volunteers.

Emergency Services personnel assist the Police and Fire Departments with traffic control at accidents, fires and other

emergency situations. The volunteers also help police with crowd control and safety patrols at festivals and other special events. Additional information or an application is available by phoning 708-935-5862.

Police gun range renovation

The Police Department gun range is scheduled for improvements this summer. The berm enclosing the range, a shooting stand and another structure on the site will undergo renovation.

Police Chief Russell L. Pearson said that in addition to the Lynwood force the range is used by several other area police departments.

Professional baseball's Curtis Granderson helps support Lynwood's Little League

Curtis Granderson, a Major League Baseball star who grew up in Lynwood, continues to support our local Little League.

Granderson, a former Lynwood Little League player who today is a member of the New York Mets professional team, spoke at a Little League event at Nathan Hill School in February.

"I talked with parents and coaches about improving Little League, and I showed the players some drills I do to prepare me for the baseball season," Granderson said.

Granderson returned to his hometown to encourage Little League interest. In addition to meeting with youngsters, the Mets outfielder donated a prize to boost early registration for the 2015 Little League season. He has contributed previously to help support the youth baseball organization.

The early sign up period has concluded, but parents interested in registering their children in



Curtis Granderson at bat for the New York Mets professional baseball team and giving advice to Lynwood Little League players.

Little League may do so online at lynwoodll.com. The annual Village Little League parade will be held Saturday, May 2. Parade participants will step off at 10 a.m. from 201st Street and Torrence Avenue and march to the ball fields at Lake View Park.

Granderson's skills and talents were evident at a young age as he played Lynwood Little League baseball for six years. He was an outstanding high school and college athlete. In his final season at the

University of Illinois at Chicago, he set several UIC single-season records and had the second best national batting average of a college player.

Before joining the New York Mets, Granderson spent six years with the Detroit Tigers and four years with the New York Yankees, playing in the World Series with each team. He was selected as a Major League Baseball All-Star three times. In addition to his reputation as a baseball standout, Granderson has

The annual Village Little League parade will be held Saturday, May 2 starting at 10 a.m.

been recognized for his work with youth programs.

"It was great to play Lynwood Little League baseball. It helped build friendships. I also learned how to develop a strong work ethic, discipline and athletic skills," Granderson said. His parents, Curtis and Mary Granderson, live in Lynwood.

Glenwood-Lynwood Library to show new bookmobile

The Glenwood-Lynwood Public Library will have a grand opening of its new bookmobile Saturday, June 6, at the library's spring rummage sale. The bookmobile will be open for viewing during rummage sale hours, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The library also has announced a new bookmobile program, Delivery on Demand. Library cardholders may have books that are available at the library delivered to their homes for a fee of \$3.

The library has converted to a new catalog system in connection

with other libraries in the SWAN (System Wide Automated Network) consortium. The computerized catalog system provides easier searches and allows patrons to download e-books and audiobooks without using a separate login.

Continuing programs include free computer classes, including courses in Microsoft Office, Adobe Creative Suite, social media and web browsing. More information on programs and services is available online at glpld.org or by phoning 708-758-0090.



MAJOR RAILROAD OVERPASS PROJECT

Construction work continues on the \$29.6 million project to build a highway overpass at the current Canadian National Railway crossing on Route 30 (Lincoln Highway). Steel beams that will support the highway over the railroad tracks have been erected. When completed, the overpass will eliminate motorist delays at the railroad crossing, improving traffic flow and safety. No full closure of highway lanes is expected during construction. The project is to be finished during the 2016 construction season. The Canadian National Railway is paying \$23.2 million of the project cost and the State of Illinois is providing \$6.4 million.



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Lynwood Chamber honors long-time businesses



Long-time Lynwood business entrepreneurs pose for a photo at a Chamber of Commerce event honoring them. Mayor Eugene Williams (far left) attended the event.

The Lynwood Chamber of Commerce paid tribute in March to Village businesses that have been in operation for 25 years or more. Recognized at a Chamber of Commerce event were the following:

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Branch pickup schedule

The Village branch pickup program began this month and will continue until November 20, weather permitting. Branches will be collected twice a month on the even numbered Fridays. For example, in May the pickups will take place on May 8 and May 22.

Branches should be at least four feet in length. The Public Works Department can safely chip branches up to 15 inches in diameter. Branches shorter than four feet are considered yard waste, to be cut up and placed in biodegradable bags for the weekly pickup by Homewood Disposal. The longer branches should be placed neatly on parkways with the cut ends facing the street.

Branch piles will not be collected for chipping if other matter is mixed in. Please do not bundle branches or place them in containers for the chipper program.

Yard waste disposal

Homewood Disposal Company will collect yard waste as part of its weekly trash pickup through the last Thursday in November. Yard waste must be placed in the yard waste container rented from Homewood Disposal or in paper biodegradable bags. Yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected.

Dogs on leash ordinance

The Village will be enforcing an ordinance regarding dogs due to numerous complaints that people

are walking their dogs without a leash in Village parks 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. Tickets will be issued to pet owners who violate the ordinance. Residents who see violators are asked to contact the Police Department.



Large trash item pickup

Homewood Disposal Company, the Village's garbage service provider, will collect up to three large items, such as an old couch, during the weekly pickup at a residence. If a large item that is placed for collection is not picked up, please phone Homewood Disposal at 708-798-1004.

Residents are reminded that garbage should not be put out prior to 7 p.m. the day before the normal trash pickup day and the empty garbage containers should be removed promptly.

Cleanup week change

The Public Works Department will not hold its annual Village-wide cleanup week program this year. The cleanup program is being rescheduled to May of 2016, and will be offered every other year in even years. (Please see the notice above regarding large item pickups.)

Storm water awareness

The Village asks residents to help keep pollution out of storm drains.

Storm drains and roadside ditches lead directly to lakes, rivers, creeks and streams. The following advice will help keep storm drains clean of pollution:

- Rake and bag yard clippings to keep yard waste from entering storm drains.
- Pick up pet waste.
- Do not hose down a driveway.

Not only is it a waste of water, but hosing washes oil and other matter into drains. Use a broom instead.

- Dispose of used motor oil properly. Never dump it into a storm drain or a field. Take it to a service station or collection site for recycling.
- Please

notify Lynwood Public Works or the Police Department to report an incident of storm drain dumping. We can work together to protect our bodies of water for the future.



Time to renew vehicle stickers and pet tags, to register security alarms

The Village is reminding residents that May 1 is the annual date for renewal of Lynwood vehicle stickers and pet licenses and for registration of security alarm systems. Details follow:

- Vehicle owners may purchase the 2015-16 Lynwood Village sticker at the discount fee beginning May 1. The 2014-15 sticker expires May 31 and must be renewed.
- Pet licenses also will be sold



starting May 1. A Village ordinance requires a pet license tag for dogs and cats. The purpose of a tag is to identify the owner in order to return a pet if it strays.

- The Village also requires annual registration of permits for residential and business

security alarms. The deadline to register alarm systems is May 31.

(Please note: Residents of Lynwood Estates, which is not in the Village of Lynwood, do not have to purchase the vehicle stickers.)

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