

## Police force has new canine team

The Lynwood Police Department has a new canine unit team: Officer Luke Tambrini and his dog partner Dante.

Patrolman Tambrini and Dante recently completed six weeks of special training at the Paw Palace dog facility in Lynwood before assuming their police canine duties.

Tambrini has been a member of the Village police force for two years. Dante is a 15-month-old Dutch shepherd breed that came to the Police Department from Ontario, Canada, where he received his initial training.

Dante lives with Tambrini, his wife and baby daughter when not on duty. "Dante is part of our family," the policeman said. "Dante and I developed an excellent rapport during the training sessions," Tambrini said.

Canine units are deployed for narcotics detection, criminal suspect and evidence searches, rescue operations, and additional police activities.



Dante, newest member of the Lynwood Police Department, sits atop a climbing wall at the Paw Palace dog facility's outdoor training area. Joining the police dog are (from left) Lynwood businessman Ronald Schaap, Police Chief Russell L. Pearson, Dante's handler Patrolman Luke Tambrini and Deputy Police Chief Terrence Shubert. Schaap is presenting Chief Pearson with a \$1,000 donation to help fund the new police canine unit. The donor is owner of Lansing Auto and Truck Services.

## Route 30 railroad bridge project to improve traffic flow, safety

Initial work is underway on a \$29.6 million project to construct a highway bridge over the current Canadian National Railway crossing at U.S. Route 30 in Lynwood.

When completed, the Route 30 (Lincoln Highway) overpass will improve traffic flow and safety. The average daily traffic volume along U.S. 30 at the Canadian National Railroad crossing is 29,400 vehicles, with more than 30 passing trains per day.

"Route 30 motorists no longer will have to wait for passing trains on this heavily traveled highway through our community," Mayor Eugene Williams said.

Motorists going to and from Indiana use the Illinois section of Route 30 in Lynwood. The federal Surface Transportation Board ruled that a railroad grade separation is needed to prevent traffic tie-ups.

The project will eliminate traffic delays, and reduce the potential

for train, vehicle and bicycle accidents by eliminating the at-grade crossing. The work also will improve emergency vehicle response times in the area.

The major construction work to build the overpass will take place in 2015-16. The project will include a shared-use path for bicyclists and pedestrians on the overpass structure. The Illinois Department of Transportation is overseeing the project.

The Canadian National Railroad is paying \$23.2 million of the cost, with the state of Illinois providing \$6.4 million.

During the work the at-grade crossing will remain open for vehicle and train traffic. "There will be two



Mayor Eugene Williams addresses a gathering at a groundbreaking ceremony for the project to construct a bridge on Route 30 over the Canadian National Railway crossing in Lynwood. Governor Patrick Quinn is on Mayor Williams' right. State and local officials and community members attended the event.

lanes open for motor vehicles," the mayor said.

A groundbreaking ceremony for the project was held recently, with Governor Patrick Quinn and state

and local officials in attendance. "I want to thank Governor Quinn and the Canadian National Railroad for making this project a priority," Mayor Williams said.

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# Message from Mayor Williams

## A REVIEW OF SOME 2014 HIGHLIGHTS

As the year 2014 comes to a close in Lynwood, I wish to recount from the Village's perspective some highlights of the past 12 months.

At the request of many of our residents, the Board of Trustees gave its approval to several measures that improve Village operations and benefit our residents. The Village has changed its municipal utilities billing to a monthly system, which makes household budgeting easier and more convenient. The Village also has begun accepting credit and bank debit cards for municipal transactions, including paying for village stickers, utilities bills and permit charges.

Work on a new Lynwood Comprehensive Plan was completed in 2014 and adopted by the Village

Board. This is the official document that will guide future growth and development of our Village. For example, the new plan will be extremely helpful to our community in attracting economic development related to the anticipated extension of Joe Orr Road and future Downtown development opportunities.

In June Russell L. Pearson, former police chief, was appointed to head the Department again. A 34-year Police Department veteran, Pearson's law enforcement experience and leadership skills enhance the chief's office. His personal knowledge of the community is based on his more than three decades of police service here in the Village of Lynwood.

The start of the project to build

a Route 30 bridge over the busy Canadian National Railway crossing in Lynwood is very positive news for our town. We are proud that Governor Patrick Quinn attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the bridge project.

There is good news to report about the expectations of home building here to resume due to a new developer taking possession of the Wellington Court subdivision. Although we didn't completely escape the impact of the national housing crisis and the recession that followed, we did better than many of the communities that surround us. The Wellington Court development may be a sign of an even brighter housing forecast for the Village.

I wish to thank the members of our Village Board and our Village



employees for their hard work throughout the year. Village officials and employees are committed in their efforts to continue to improve the Lynwood quality of life our citizens expect.

On behalf of the members of the Board of Trustees, I wish a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous 2015 for all.

*Eugene Williams*

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## HOME CONSTRUCTION IN 2015 Wellington Court has new developer

Good economic development news to report: New home construction is expected to start again in a Lynwood subdivision.

Investors have purchased the Wellington Court property, which had been in foreclosure. The subdivision is located at 201st Street and Torrence Avenue.

The phase one section of the Wellington Court development includes 36 occupied residences, four model homes and three designer homes that are ready for sale, and 44 vacant lots available for home construction. New home



building is expected in 2015.

Lynwood Public Works Director Robert Myers said phase two of the development has 101 buildable lots. Infrastructure work is required in the phase two section of the property before home building begins. No home construction has taken place at Wellington Court for approximately four years, Myers said.

## Free quilting classes

Interested in creating a quilt? Free lessons are available at a Learn to Quilt class now being offered at the Lynwood Senior Center.

Classes are held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at the Center, 21460 East Lincoln Highway. The classes are from 4:30 to 9 p.m.

All experience and skill levels are welcome. Students will need a sewing machine and some quilting items. For more information, interested persons may attend a class or phone the Learn to Quilt instructor Constance Lee at 708-418-8556.





## NEW LYNWOOD BUSINESS

# Paw Palace treats dogs with very special care

**P**aw Palace, a new business in Lynwood, offers dog owners a range of services, including suites for boarding a pet.

The Paw Palace facility, located at 2739 Glenwood-Dyer Road, provides day care, grooming, training and boarding services. In addition to four individual dog suites, there are 54 kennels, an indoor training arena, outdoor play and training spaces, and a nature path around a small lake on the property.

"Our staff gives friendly, constant attention to each dog," said Jerry Jumonville, manager. "We want a pet owner to feel confident knowing that the dog's experience here will be healthy and positive," Jumonville said. Dogs receive twice-a-day structured playtime.

The facility features heated suite and kennel floors for dog comfort and a state-of-the-art ventilation system. "A wood burning floor heating system was installed because of its efficient operation and green environmental technology," said Dan Wondaal, one of the Paw Palace owners.

The suites are furnished with flat screen televisions and cameras. The televisions can be tuned to a dog channel and have a calming effect. The camera system allows an owner to view his pet at Paw Palace from a home computer or smart phone. Due to the popularity of the suites, an expansion project to add at least six more of them is planned for the spring, Wondaal said.

Training classes include a



The new Paw Palace facility (top) features boarding dog suites.

puppy class, basic and advanced obedience, one hour private lessons and in-kennel training. Experienced Paw Palace trainers also perform service dog training, such as seeing-eye dog and police canine classes.

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# Library provides programs for all ages

The Glenwood-Lynwood Public Library is kicking off the new year with a variety of programs for all ages. On the schedule are the following:

## • Little Bakers

**Friday, January 2, 3-4:30 p.m.**

Children kindergarten through fifth grade will learn how to bake treats to take home. Each child will receive a hat and apron. Class is limited to 20 participants.

## • Storytime

**Tuesdays, from January 6**

**to February 17, 11-11:45 a.m.;** for ages birth to five years old.

## • Meditation Workshop

**Saturday, January 24,**

**12-1:30 p.m.** Michael Ribet, who has more than 40 years experience practicing meditation, will explain how meditation can improve physical, mental and spiritual health. Advance registration is suggested.

## • Teen Success - Tuesday, January 27, 7-8:30 p.m.;

for students grades six through 12. Evan J. Roberts, an educator, mentor and entrepreneur, will demonstrate how thoughts, words and actions impact quality of life and level of success. Lucky

attendees will be eligible to win a copy of Roberts' book *How to Become Influential & Highly Successful*. Advance registration is suggested.

## • Start Your Own Business

**Saturday, January 31,**

**10 a.m. to noon.**

Angela Hopson, chief strategist of iCoach 360, will present a workshop about starting or growing a small business. The workshop will include iCoach 360 advice about free or low cost tools and technology to help grow a business. iCoach 360 is a membership organization designed to help small businesses succeed. Advance signup by Wednesday, January 28, is recommended.

## • High Five for Reading:

**Real Men Read**

**Saturday, February 7, 10-11:30 a.m.;**

for children prekindergarten through sixth grade. The library asks men of the community to volunteer to read to children in observance of Black History month. Books of different genres will be provided.

## • Family Feud: Know Your Heritage

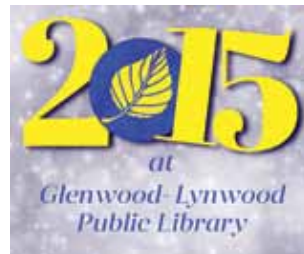
**Friday, February 20,**

**6:30-8 p.m.;** for ages five years

to adult. Learn about your family heritage by playing an educational and fun game. Families that register will be given a list of questions to study before the game night. Family Feud teams should have at least four members. Study questions are available at the library.

## • Celebrating Black History Month Thursday, February 26, 6-8 p.m.

The Library is celebrating Black History Month with a family night. The program will include information about African American heritage and achievements in history, science and music. Families also may watch the video *Follow the Drinking Gourd* to learn how fugitive slaves used the Big Dipper constellation to navigate their way north to freedom. Other activities will include creating a quilt to add to a multicultural quilt, decorating magnets with inspirational quotes from Martin Luther King Jr. and other civil rights leaders, learning about the scientific contributions of George Washington Carver and other inventors through hands-on scientific experiments, and much more. Refreshments will be served.



To register for a program or for additional information, visit the library's website at [glpld.org](http://glpld.org) or telephone (708) 758-0090.

## 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.

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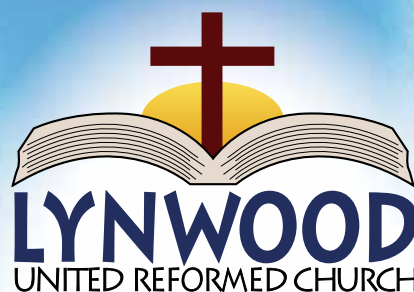
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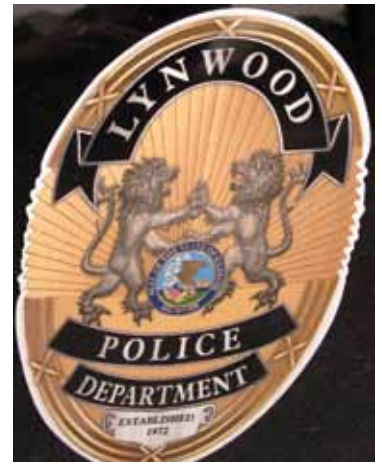
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## NEW POLICE VEHICLE DECALS

Lynwood Police Sgt. Jesse Hernandez points to the redesigned police decal on the Department's supervisor's vehicle. The photo (right) shows a close-up of the new oval decal. Police Chief Russell L. Pearson said that when the Department replaces old police vehicles with new squad cars those vehicles will display the redesigned decals.



## 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.

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The Clean Water Act's main goal is to restore and maintain the chemical, physical and biological integrity of the nation's waters so they will support fish, shellfish, wildlife and recreation.

## No pollutants in storm drains

Help keep pollution out of storm drains. Storm drains and roadside ditches lead directly to lakes, rivers, creeks and streams. Oil, leaves, debris and even dirty water from cleaning cars that enter a storm drain get into our waterways. We all need to be aware of what goes into our storm drains.

Many people believe storm



drains are connected to sanitary sewer systems and that storm water is treated at sewage treatment plants. This is not true. Storm water is not treated. People carelessly dump many pollutants like motor oil, pesticides and paint into storm drains. Nonpoint source pollution is ranked as a major ecological risk because it poses a significant threat to birds, fish and other aquatic life that live in or rely on waterways.

Please help keep storm drains clean and help keep storm drains clear of debris, especially during storm events. A citizen who sees someone dumping into a sewer drain should please notify the Public Works or Police Departments.

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# Helpful advice and updates from the Public Works Department



## Snowplows ready

The Lynwood Public Works Department began readiness of its fleet of snow removal vehicles in October to be prepared for winter weather.

The Public Works Department has five large dump trucks outfitted with V-box salt spreaders and 11-foot plows. It also has two one-ton dump trucks with plows and road salting equipment.

The Public Works trucks push snow from the middle of the street to the curb line onto parkways, and, as a consequence, onto residential driveways. Please remember it is against Village ordinance to shovel or blow snow from a driveway or sidewalk back onto the street. Snow should be shoveled or blown onto a parkway. Dumping snow onto a street could result in a ticket, and it will be plowed right back onto a driveway. The Public Works Department appreciates resident cooperation keeping vehicles off streets during snow events so plowing crews can do their work.

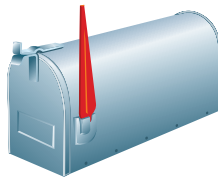
The cost of salt has almost tripled this year, but the Public Works Department has more than 1,500 tons of salt in storage, ready for use. However, depending on the weather, salt will be used sparingly

at times in order to make sure there is enough to last all winter.

## Is mailbox secure?

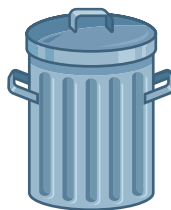
The Public Works Department recommends that residents check their mailboxes for the winter snowfall season to verify that all parts are connected securely, that the mailbox is not leaning over the curb (which is a violation of the Village mailbox ordinance), and that it is secured on its post in the ground.

The Public Works Department is not responsible for mailboxes damaged by snow being plowed from streets to parkways. Snow and slush thrust from a moving plow can hit a mailbox with great force, causing loose parts to fall off and posts to be knocked over if not securely fastened. Therefore, please make every effort to make those repairs required to secure your mailbox prior to the snow removal season.



## Holiday trash pickup

Homewood Disposal, the Village's garbage, yard waste and recycling service provider, observes the following six holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. When a holiday occurs prior to garbage pickup day,



## ASH TREE REMOVAL

**Public Works Department crew leader Grant Luff cuts down an ash tree infected with the emerald ash borer insect. Placing the cut branches through a wood chipper are Public Works employees Sylvester Robinzine and Glenn VanderWoude. More than 320 infected trees on Village parkways have been identified and marked for removal. Public Works Director Robert Myers said the removal project will continue through the winter, weather permitting. At this time, the infected trees are being cut down as close to ground level as possible. If residents wish, they may contract with a private firm to have tree stumps removed.**

collection will be delayed one day. If a holiday occurs on a Saturday, Homewood Disposal will observe it on the prior Friday; if the holiday falls on a Sunday, the firm observes it on the following Monday.

## Utilities bill reminder

Residents will incur a late fee for municipal utilities bills not paid by the monthly due date. The Village bills are mailed at the beginning of a month and due on the 15th of each month, or the next business day if the 15th falls on a weekend. If a bill is not paid by the regular due date, a 10% late fee is added to the bill and the Village mails a reminder notice requesting payment. Failure to pay the bill may result in disconnection



of water service. Please provide the Village Water Department with a contact telephone number in case of a bill payment emergency.

## Village dog ordinance

The Village has received complaints that people are walking their dogs without a leash in Village parks and not cleaning up after pets. The Village is enforcing an ordinance that requires that dogs be leashed and that owners must have the necessary supplies to pick up after dogs and must do so. Warning signs are erected in parks. Tickets will be issued to pet owners who violate the ordinance. Please help us keep our parks clean for everyone to enjoy.



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