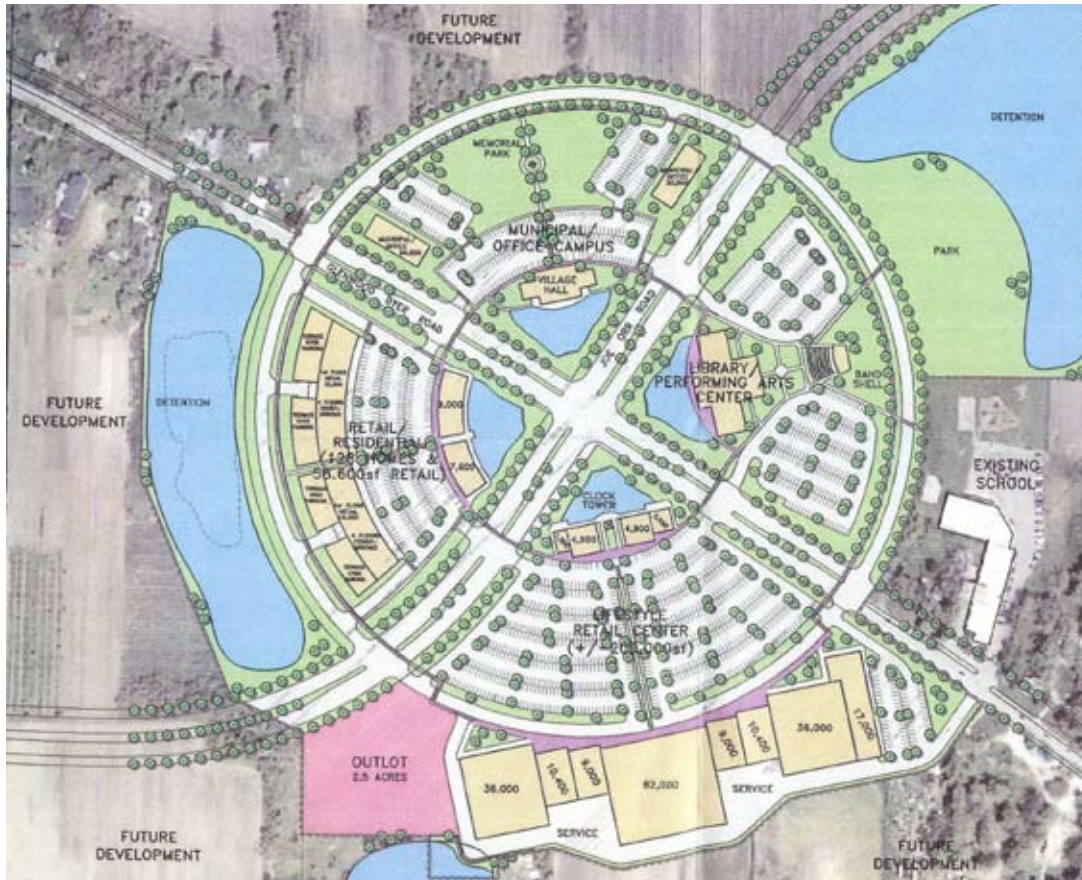


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A look at a future Lynwood downtown

This graphic represents what a future Lynwood downtown area might include: a municipal campus, a library and performing arts center, a retail and office center, residential sites and a park. The downtown could form around the Joe Orr Road and Glenwood-Dyer Road intersection after the completion of a new Joe Orr Road extension into Indiana. Please turn to Mayor Eugene Williams message on page 2 for more information.

Census shows Lynwood leads area in population growth

While many south suburban communities have experienced a decrease in population, Lynwood registered a 22% gain, according to 2010 U.S. Census data.

The Census indicates that the Village's population today is 9,007 residents, a big jump over the 7,377 figure in the year 2000

Census. Lynwood had the largest increase among 18 towns in the south suburban region. Eleven area municipalities lost residents during the 10-year period tracked by the Census.

Census population counts are important because government funding is distributed to municipalities based on the Census data.

Look Inside

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Trustee elections Tuesday, April 5

Three Village government trustee positions will be filled in the Tuesday, April 5, consolidated election. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Voters may determine their polling places by phoning Village Hall at 758-6101 or by visiting the Lynwood Village Web site at www.lynwoodil.us.

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Message from Mayor Eugene Williams

A Lynwood downtown center would be a great asset to our community. The graphic on page 1 of our newsletter depicts what is now one idea for creating a downtown plan. The Village Board's vision for a downtown center that could include a municipal campus, a performing arts center, retail businesses, offices and new residences hopefully will turn into a reality.

The catalyst could be a major road project: Cook County's extension of Joe Orr Road east through Lynwood to connect to Main Street in Munster, Ind. County officials are in the process of seeking contractor bids for the road project.

Our future downtown would develop in the area around the new Joe Orr Road intersection with Glenwood-Dyer Road after

the completion of the roadway extension. Additional traffic on Joe Orr Road will be a magnet attracting commercial enterprise, providing residents with more shopping opportunities and contributing tax revenue to the Village.

In preparation for pursuing such development, the Village Zoning and Plan Commission is preparing to update Lynwood's comprehensive plan. The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) will assist the Village in this endeavor. CMAP is the regional planning organization for northeastern Illinois' seven counties.

An updated comprehensive plan will serve as a blueprint for future Village development.

On another matter, the Village is applying for a \$300,000 grant to fund an engineering and construction

project to deliver Village water to the Paradise Park community. Paradise Park's population of approximately 1,000 residents now relies on well water.

I wish to remind residents that I welcome citizen suggestions, comments and questions. Residents may contact me at the Village Hall at 708-758-6101. The purpose of this newsletter is to keep residents informed. Also, the Lynwood Web site provides helpful information and announcements about Village services, departments, events, ordinances and community news. Please visit the Web site at www.lynwoodil.us.

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Wind Turbine Project Will Generate Energy, Collect Data

Lynwood will be breaking ground soon on a wind turbine system that will produce renewable energy and collect weather data for ongoing wind studies.

Jerry Jones, Village building commissioner, said wind turbines will be erected on a site west of the Lynwood Municipal Building. The renewable energy project will generate electric power that will offset energy used to operate the Lynwood water pumping station.

A key goal of the project is to collect meteorological and energy production data to learn what energy savings are possible with installation of additional wind turbines in Lynwood. The wind turbine operation will include a remote data

monitoring system, two weather data collection systems and a Web cam that will output information to a Web site for viewing.

"The information we collect from the study will be used to demonstrate to residents and businesses the cost effectiveness of wind turbine energy, and encourage the installation of more turbines," Jones said. The Village will be working with the Illinois Institute of Technology on the project design and subsequent data study.

The U.S. Department of Energy awarded Lynwood \$120,000 in grant funding for the \$138,000 project.

Jones said the wind turbine system could be in operation by the fall.



Meet Our New Inspector

Roy McKinney prepares to inspect a home under construction in the Ambry Estates development. McKinney is the Village's new building inspector. His responsibilities include inspecting residential and commercial structures and checking that new and existing structures meet Lynwood's building and health codes. McKinney's background includes career experience as an inspector and as a building and zoning commissioner.

Fire Department Report for 2010

The Lynwood Fire Department received a total of 1,127 calls for assistance last year, according to the department's 2010 annual report.

Public Safety Director Rich Eriks said requests for help were up slightly from the 2009 total. Eriks said the breakdown of calls was as follows:

- 818 medical assistance,
- 16 structure fires,
- 21 other fires, such as vehicle,

brush, and trash container blazes,

- 64 vehicle accidents,
- 39 carbon monoxide reports,
- 76 false alarms,
- 49 smoke investigations,
- 44 requests for mutual aid from

other departments.

Eriks said the Fire Department also responded to 25 calls from other communities for assistance. The department currently has 20 fire fighters.

Fire Department Seeks POC Applicants

The Fire Department is seeking applicants for paid-on-call fire fighter positions. Public Safety Director

Rich Eriks said additional information is available by phoning the Fire Department at 708-758-6102.

Community Events Calendar

The Lynwood Community Affairs Committee is planning several events for 2011.

Trustee Irv Nicholson, the Village Board liaison to the committee, said the following events are scheduled:

- Community Garage Sale in Liberty Memorial Park on June 11,
- Village Garden Walk June 24-25,
- Lynwood King of the Hill Barbecue Cookoff and Family Picnic

in Lakeview Park on July 16, • Celebration 2011 Fest at Liberty Memorial Park August 20.

Nicholson expressed his gratitude to Irlan Collins for her efforts as chairperson of the Community Affairs Committee for the past 10 years, and he thanked the volunteers who worked on committee events.

Trustee Nicholson to Retire from Board

Irv Nicholson, who has served as a Lynwood trustee for more than 12 years, is retiring from the Village Board.

Nicholson was appointed to the Board in December 1998, and then won his first election in 1999. He was re-elected trustee in 2003 and 2007. He is not seeking re-election April 5.

He served on the Village's Police and Fire Commission and as the Village Board liaison to the Community Affairs Committee.

"Irv Nicholson deserves our thanks for his work on behalf of our community and his years of service to our residents," Mayor Eugene Williams said.

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New Senior Housing at Lake Point Landings

Residents will be moving soon into the Phase II development at the Lake Point Landings senior housing community on Glenwood-Lansing Road east of Torrence Avenue.

The Stough Group, which built the original 80-unit senior housing development at Lake Point Landings, is nearing completion of 65 new residences. The developer anticipates June occupancy.

In addition to the new apartment residences, the Lynwood complex will include a community center and a fitness center. The Stough Group will have a total of four on-site managers residing at Lake Point Landings to serve the entire community.

Persons interested in being included on an occupancy wait list may call Stough Group for information at 630-789-8939.



Reviewing progress of utility work at Lake Point Landings are (right) Bryan Surdy, ComEd construction and maintenance supervisor, and Paul Obbagy, AT&T engineer.

Lynwood Building Permits Reminder

Building Department permits must be obtained for construction and repair work, including instal-

lation of fences, decks and pools. Residents should employ only licensed contractors.

Information about permits and about licensed contractors is available from the Building Department. The

Department's phone number is 708-758-6380.

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Seniors Director Awarded Legion of Honor Medal

Lynwood's seniors program director was honored recently for his heroism six decades ago during World War II.

Phil Mascarello received the Knight of the Legion of Honor medal, the highest military tribute awarded by France. Graham Paul, consul general of France in Chicago, presented the medal to Mascarello at a ceremony in Chicago.

The U.S. Army veteran was wounded during combat in the Allied invasion of Normandy in northern France in 1944. Consul General Paul cited the courage of soldiers such as Mascarello. "They saved us and we will never forget," he said at the award ceremony.

In addition to France's military

decoration, Mascarello also is the recipient of America's Purple Heart and Good Conduct medals.

Today, he is a fixture at the Lynwood Senior Citizen Center when it is open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The Center is located at 21460 Lincoln Highway just south of the Lynwood Municipal Building.

"I encourage residents to visit our Senior Center to socialize, take part in activities or just watch television," Mascarello said.

The Center has a 65-inch big screen television set, exercise equipment, a pocket billiards table and a juke box that plays dance music. Free rolls, coffee and soft drinks are available.



Philip Mascarello (center), Lynwood seniors program director, displays the French government's Knight of the Legion of Honor medal he received for his service in France during World War II. Congratulating Mascarello at the Lynwood Senior Citizen Center are (from left) Adrian Vanderlugt, Lynwood Mayor Eugene Williams, Lester Meeks and Odie Fuller.

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Helpful Information from the Public Works Department

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Rob Boehl (with shovel) and Glenn Vander Woude of the Public Works Department clear away snow from fire hydrants after the 2011 Blizzard.

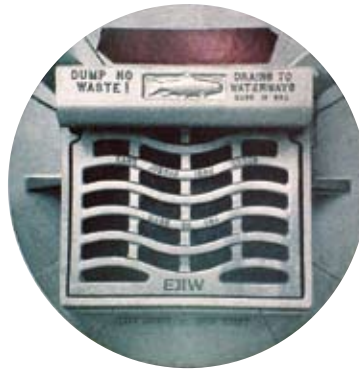
BLIZZARD OF 2011

Village officials and staff thank our residents for their patience and cooperation during the February Blizzard, which was the third worst snowfall recorded in the Chicago region. Public Works department personnel worked in two 12-hour shifts to ensure that Village streets were plowed 24 hours a day from the start to the end of the snowstorm. The snowfall began at 1 p.m. Tuesday, February 1, and ended approximately 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 2. By late Thursday afternoon, February 3, all streets were cleared of snow. Even during the worst part of the blizzard, Public Works employees managed to keep all streets open.

SPRING SPRINKLER SYSTEM REMINDER

Village ordinance requires that all sprinkler systems must have the backflow prevention device tested yearly, with test documents sent

to the Village by the contractor performing the test. The Village is reminding residents to have the backflow prevention device tested when the sprinkler system is reactivated for the summer.



STORM WATER AWARENESS UPDATE

Please keep debris and pollutants out of storm sewers to help prevent pollution of our lakes, streams and creeks. Storm drains are only for rainwater.

Seven actions citizens can take to prevent storm water pollution

1. Pick up pet waste. Pet waste that reaches lakes, ponds, streams, creeks and oceans can make people and animals sick.
2. Rake and bag yard clippings. Grass and yard clippings that get blown into the street often end up in storm drains, making a fertile breeding ground for harmful bacteria.
3. Cigarette butts are the number one litter component on beaches. Extinguish and dispose of cigarettes in a proper waste container.
4. Don't hose down a driveway. Not only does it waste water, but it causes oils and other materials to end up in our lakes, streams, ponds, creeks and oceans. Instead, use a broom to clean up.
5. Plant your yard with drought resistant plants. These kinds of plants use less water.

6. Always dispose of used motor oil properly. Never dump motor oil in a storm drain or a field. Take it to a gas station or collection area for recycling.

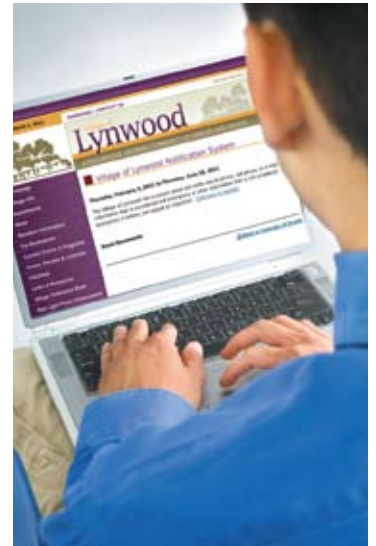
7. Call the Public Works or Police Departments to report anyone dumping into storm basins.

Each year millions of gallons of used motor oil are disposed of improperly by being spilled or dumped on the ground or directly into the storm water system. One pint of oil can cause an oil slick that will cover an area the size of a

football field. Let's all work together to be the solution to water pollution and save our bodies of water for the future.

YARD WASTE, BRANCH PICKUP

Homewood Disposal Company will resume collection of yard waste on April 7. Yard waste must be in biodegradable paper bags placed along the parkway or at the end of a driveway. Yard waste in plastic bags WILL NOT BE picked up. The Public Works Department will start branch pickup beginning Friday, April 8. Branches must be cut into six- to eight-foot lengths and piled along the curb with stump ends facing the same direction. Twigs and small branches should be placed in biodegradable bags for yard waste pickup. Branches and yard waste collected by a private contractor must be removed by the contractor.



EMERGENCY MESSAGING

The Police Department offers a notification system in which the Village sends residents an Internet message in the event of an emergency. Residents may sign up on the Lynwood website at <http://www.lynwoodil.us>. Once on the website, click on the highlighted The Village of Lynwood Notification System link on the right side of the page to register to receive Village warnings, important notifications and updates.

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Police Practice Shooting Range Upgraded

The Lynwood Police Department recently completed a four-month major renovation of the Department's practice shooting range and training area.

"This was a costly and time-consuming project," said Police Chief Russell L. Pearson.

"If the job had been contracted out, it would have cost approximately \$100,000," Chief Pearson said. "Because of the hard work of volunteers along with donations and large discounts from businesses and local government agencies, the project was completed for \$15,000, paid through the Police Department Forfeiture/Training Fund," he said.

Work included raising the height of a berm at the site, construction of a range master's stand, construction of a pavilion, reconditioning of the

asphalt shooting area and a new parking lot. The practice shooting range is located just west of the Lynwood Municipal Building.

The Police Department wishes to thank the following persons and businesses for their support for the project:

Lynwood Police Sgt. Mike Mears, who served as project leader; Diane Biedakiewicz of the Lynwood Fire Department; Lynwood Public Safety Director Rick Eriks; Raymond Wagner of the Lynwood Public Works Department; Lynwood Public Works employees; Witech Excavating Company; Gallagher Asphalt Corporation; Harley Mears; Stay Green Quality Landscaping; Norfolk Southern Railroad; South Suburban Emergency Response; Amtrak Rail; H.B.D.H. Inc., of Lynwood; Zeman



Police Patrolman Joe Marigliano checks the master's stand at the Lynwood Police Department practice shooting range.

Homes and Neighborhoods, Inc.; Straight Line Excavating of Lynwood; Schepel Signs of Lynwood; Nancy

Pearson and David Harned, both of Lynwood Emergency Services.

Veteran Officer Receives Service Recognition

Patrolman Alex Garcia has been recognized by the Village for his 20 years of service with the Police Department. Officer Garcia serves as assigned watch commander for his Department shift. He is married and has two children.

Chamber Boosting Marketing

The Lynwood Chamber of Commerce is partnering with Prairie State College in Chicago Heights for a marketing intern to assist the Chamber.

The Chamber has been working with the college to enhance marketing opportunities for Village business owners and to increase resident awareness of local businesses. The intern will focus on implementing marketing strategies for the Chamber.

"The addition of the marketing assistant intern supports the Chamber's continued efforts to increase recognition of Lynwood businesses though our Shop Local Campaign," a Chamber representative said. The Shop Local Campaign was initiated last year to encourage residents to patronize Village businesses.

The Chamber recently launched a new banner program to also heighten community awareness of

businesses operating in Lynwood. Commercial enterprises will have the opportunity to promote their businesses on banners displayed on utility poles.

Residents may visit the Chamber of Commerce's Web site for a directory of local businesses and service operations and for updates on upcoming events. The Chamber Web address is: www.lynwoodchamber.lcc.com.

Vehicle Stickers Expire May 31

Vehicle owners may purchase the 2011-12 Village sticker beginning May 1. The 2010-11 sticker expires May 31.

The fees for 2011-12 stickers are as follows: \$40 for an auto, \$45 for a truck three-quarter ton or less, \$50 for a truck more than three-quarter ton, \$30 for a motorcycle and \$50

for a motor home. A sticker for a senior citizen who is 65 years or older by June 1 and for a resident with a handicap license plate is \$2. The senior and handicap stickers are limited to one per household.

Stickers are available at the Lynwood Village Hall.

Pet License Ordinance

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 pet license fee is \$5. The deadline for obtaining a 2011 license tag is June 30. The licenses are available at Village Hall.

Alarm Permit Renewal

Renewal for the annual residential and business security alarm permits starts April 1. Village ordinance requires an alarm permit. The fee is \$25 for a residential alarm and \$35 for a business alarm.

The deadline for purchasing a permit is May 31. Beginning June 1 the permit fees rise to \$50 for a residence and \$70 for a business.



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Village Cleanup Program starts May 9

The Lynwood Annual Cleanup Program begins Monday, May 9. The free Village service provides residents with an opportunity to clean out garages, basements and yards.

Unwanted items must be placed neatly in the parkway by 7 a.m. May 9, when the Public Works Department will begin collection.

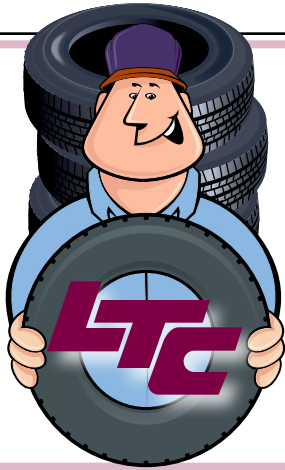
Public Works will make only one pass down each street, with no exceptions. Residents should not put out debris prior to Friday, May 6.

Paint and oil must be kept apart from other debris because those items will be picked up separately. Yard waste and branches also must be kept separate. Branches will be removed after all of the other debris

in town has been collected.

Tires will not be collected.

Removal of junk cars will be provided by the Police Department with proper paper work. To request this service, please call 708-758-4744. Questions regarding the Cleanup Program may be directed to the Public Works Department at 708-758-8434.



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