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Fire Department UAS coordinator Keenan Newton (left) operates the UAS while (left to right) Assistant Chief Jason Simpson, Fire Chief John H. Cobb and firefighter remote pilot Tristan Howell observe the drone in flight.

Fire Department innovates with new drone program

The Lynwood Fire Department has a new tool to utilize in its mission to save lives and property: the unmanned aircraft system (UAS) - more commonly known as a drone.

Fire Chief John H. Cobb said the Village is in the vanguard of area communities adding drone technology as state-of-the-art equipment for firefighting as well as rescue and prevention operations.

"The UAS can be used for greater situational awareness at an incident, to help search for missing loved ones, to look for hot spots at a fire and to increase the Fire

Department's safety measures and efficiency," said Keenan Newton, the Department's UAS coordinator.

The UAS is capable of not only providing video imagery from the air but is equipped with thermal imaging and the ability to release small payloads such as a life preserver to a distressed person in a body of water.

Public demonstrations and information about the Lynwood UAS program will be available at Lynwood Fest on August 18 (article on this page) and at the Fire Department open house event in October.

August 18 Family Event

Join the fun at Lynwood Fest

The 20th annual Lynwood Fest, the Village's popular summer family event, is scheduled for Saturday, August 18.

The community festival will be held from 5 to 11 p.m. at Liberty Memorial Park on Glenwood-Dyer Road.

Live entertainment will be provided from 6 to 11 p.m. by the Darkhorse band, playing classic rock and R&B tunes. Lynwood Fest also will feature food vendors and a beer and wine tent.

Activities for youngsters will

include a petting zoo, pony rides, mechanical bull ride, rock climbing wall, bounce house and face painting. The Lynwood Police Department canine unit will give a demonstration.

A fireworks display presented by Mad Bomber Fireworks Productions will start at dusk. A fireworks rain date, if necessary, will be Sunday, August 19.

The first Lynwood Fest was held in 1999 to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Village's incorporation in 1959.

Students to get school supplies at Village festival

School supplies will be distributed to students at the August 18 Lynwood Fest.

The annual Back to School-School Supply Program is sponsored by Mayor Eugene Williams, Village Clerk

Karen Wingfield-Bond, the Lynwood Board of Trustees and the Lynwood Community Relations Committee.

The school supplies program is supported by donations from Lynwood residents and businesses.

IN MEMORIAM

The Lynwood Police Department is mourning the death of Officer Daniel G. Kirby, who passed away in April after a long and courageous battle with cancer.



Officer Kirby, a 23-year veteran of the Police Department, served as a detective for the past 18 years. Officer Kirby was a United States Army veteran who fought during several tours in the Middle East. His Army service also included stations in

Germany and Korea. He leaves behind his wife and two sons.

"Officer Kirby was an asset to the Lynwood Police Department. His passing brought great sorrow," said Police Chief Russell R. Pearson. "Daniel Kirby was a good friend not only to his fellow police officers but to many who had the opportunity to know him. He was a man with a hearty laugh and a bright smile," Chief Pearson said.

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Message from Mayor Williams

As I drive around our community, I notice - and appreciate - the care many residents take in the appearance of their property. As we enter the summer months I see well-kept homes with mowed lawns and blooming flowers that brighten our neighborhoods. My compliments go to our residents whose efforts in property upkeep reflect a positive attitude about living in Lynwood.

Previous newsletters announced recent Village initiatives such as the installation of Love Where You Live signs and seasonal decorative banners throughout the Village. These Lynwood beautification programs are meant to encourage and boost community pride. If you have ideas about how we can work to achieve a 100% positive resident attitude about community appearance, please contact me at the Village Hall at 708-758-6101.

I hope to see you at our annual Lynwood Fest on Saturday, August 18, at Liberty Memorial Park. Come and meet neighbors, make new friends and enjoy tasty food, entertainment and a great fireworks show.



**Eugene Williams
Mayor**

Eugene Williams

Fire Department fleet news

The Fire Department recently updated its fleet with the 2017 Sutphen fire engine in this photo. The fire engine has a 1,500-gallon-per-minute pump and holds 1,000 gallons of water. The vehicle replaces a 1977 Mack fire truck that was in Department service for 40 years. New scene lighting, an upgraded emergency warning system and state of the art pump electronics were added to the Sutphen engine.

The Fire Department also modified the utility van (at right in photo) to house both UAS (drone) and water rescue equipment. (Drone article appears on page 1.)



Village accepts VISA credit, debit cards

Lynwood is now accepting a VISA credit card or bank debit card for Village payments.

The VISA cards may be used at the Village Hall to pay the Lynwood municipal utilities bill and for permit and license payments. The VISA card may be used for online payment only for the municipal utilities bill, not for permits and licenses.

In addition to VISA, the Village has accepted Discover, American Express and MasterCard credit cards and bank debit cards for several years.

Lynwood uses the Illinois E-PAY system for online electronic payment services. A convenience fee of 2.1% is charged by your service bank. To make an online payment, residents should visit the Village website at www.lynwoodil.us and access the E-Pay link.

Lynwood vehicle sticker deadline June 30

The Village is reminding vehicle owners that the 2017-18 Lynwood sticker expires June 30.

The 2018-19 Village sticker has been available for purchase since May 1.

Fees for the 2018-19 sticker are as follows: \$45 for a passenger vehicle, \$50 for a truck three-quarter ton or less, \$55 for a truck more than three quarters of a ton and for a motor home, and \$35 for a motorcycle.

A senior citizen sticker, for a resident 65 years or older, and for a vehicle with a handicap plate is \$2, with a limit of one per household.

Citations for failure to display a current vehicle sticker will be issued beginning July 1.

Pet license reminder

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. Pet owners must provide a rabies tag number to purchase the license. The deadline to obtain a pet license is June 30.

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Mayor Eugene Williams (right) and Anthony Finch, new staff member, review Village budget information.



New Village staff member brings financial expertise

The Village is seeing results from the recent addition of a new staff member experienced in budgetary and other financial matters.

Mayor Eugene Williams said Anthony Finch, who was hired in February, prepared the Village's current balanced budget and helped implement a new cost-saving water bill program.

Finch said his responsibilities include analyzing ways to improve Village services to residents and businesses while remaining within budgetary limits. "I also will be assisting the mayor and Village trustees in exploring the use of additional technology for Village operations and pursuing new development opportunities to create needed revenue," Finch said.

New Village utility bill format

The Village no longer is mailing municipal utility bills in the post card format. Instead, residents and business owners/operators in May were mailed an envelope containing a new Lynwood municipal utility bill in a full-page format.

The new two-sided bills provide space for more helpful information, such as a water consumption history graph and a Lynwood events schedule. A coupon for mailing

payments is located at the bottom of the billing statement.

The Village also has initiated other utility billing changes. The Village no longer is mailing late notices if a utility bill is not paid by the due date. Failure to pay a utility bill results in water shutoff, which occurs on the first Thursday of the month. The water turn-on fee has been increased from \$50 to \$75 per Lynwood ordinance.

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Public Works news, tips

Branch collection service reminder

The Public Works Department provides seasonal branch pickup service from April to November. Public Works employees collect branches the third week of each month. Branches should be placed in the parkways by the Monday of the third week of the month.

Branches are to be placed with stump ends facing away from oncoming traffic or facing the street. The Village's chipper truck makes one pass through the entire Village until collection is finished. Please note: 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 chipper truck.

The branch pickup is for tree trimming performed by residents. It is NOT for the removal of entire trees. Residents should contact the Village Building Department for the name of a tree contractor to cut down and remove a tree. The Village is not responsible for picking up branches or debris left by a contractor.

The Public Works Department also is reminding residents that yard waste must be placed in biodegradable paper bags for collection on regular garbage pickup days. No yard waste will be picked up if it is in plastic bags.

Dog ordinance requires pet leash and cleanup

The Village is enforcing a dog ordinance because of numerous complaints about residents allowing dogs off a leash and complaints about people not cleaning up after their dogs.

The ordinance stipulates that dogs must be leashed at all times when taken for a walk and that pet owners must have the necessary supplies to pick up after their dogs. Tickets are issued to residents who allow their dogs to run loose on sidewalks, parkways and in Village parks, and to those who do not clean up after their dogs.

Residents who see violations are asked to contact the Police Department. Our parks should be clean and safe for all to enjoy.



One of the Public Works Department's seasonal projects is sewer curb drain repair. Working on a curb drain are (left to right) crew leader Rob Boehl and Department employees Sylvester Robinzine and Dan Lebeter. The project continues through the warm weather months.



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Police safety suggestions

The Police Department is cautioning residents to lock their vehicles when parked on streets and in parking lots. An unlocked vehicle is an easy target for a thief, police officials warn.

"Residents also should contact police if they see or hear anything that causes concern," said Police Chief Russell R. Pearson. "Alert the Police Department about strange vehicles or persons loitering in your neighborhood," Pearson said.



Remembering Jery

The late Police Department canine unit member Jery is pictured in this photograph with Sgt. Dennis Suroviak, his partner and handler. Jery was retired from police service in 2014 and remained with Suroviak until his passing. "Jery served the residents of Lynwood with courage and bravery. He will be missed," said Police Chief Russell R. Pearson.

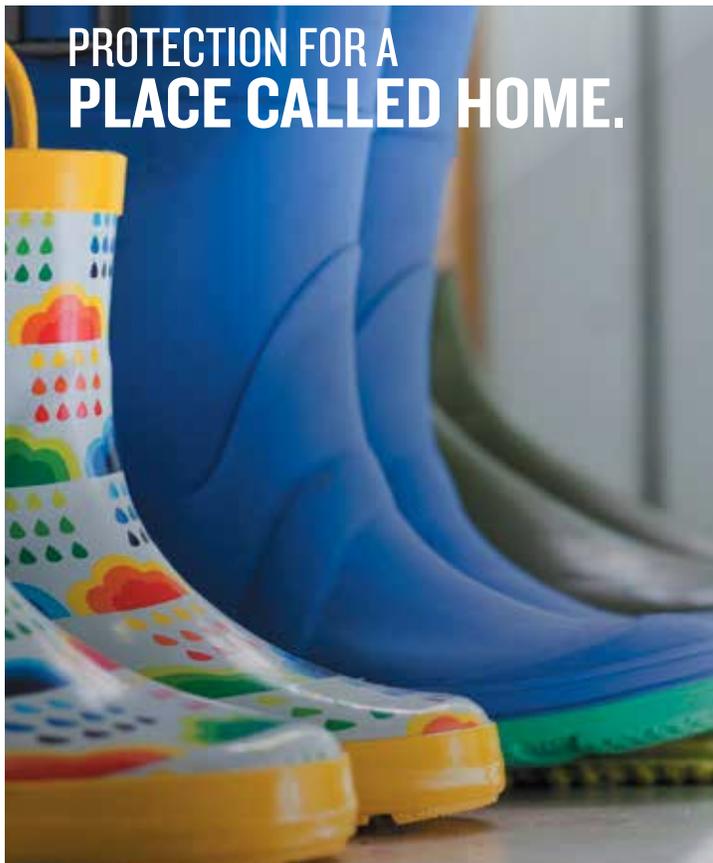
Emergency Services volunteers sought

The Lynwood Emergency Services Department is seeking volunteers.

Emergency Service 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 community events.

The Emergency Service Department also is responsible for monitoring the Village's Emergency Weather Warning Systems and responding to tornado watches and severe storm threats.

Applications for Emergency Service Department positions are available at the Lynwood Police Department, 21460 Lincoln Highway.



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