Three new officers join Lynwood police force

Three new police officers took the oath of office at a recent Lynwood Board of Trustees meeting. The new Village policemen are Derek Depew, Ephraim Dorsey and Dustin Warren. A large group of family members and friends attended the Board meeting to witness the swearing-in ceremony.

Chief Russell L. Pearson said the three officers are highly qualified. “They were the top three of the candidates seeking to serve on our Police Department,” Pearson said.

Derek Depew was employed for seven years as a Lynwood Police Department telecommunicator prior to his hiring as a police officer. He has law enforcement experience and while working as a telecommunicator he earned police officer certification upon completion of the Police Academy.

Ephraim Dorsey’s career goal, after graduation from Eastern Illinois University, was the law enforcement field. Dorsey said he wanted to become a police officer from a young age and now has achieved that aspiration.

Dustin Warren has approximately eight years experience as a military police officer in the U.S. Army. Warren said he is excited about starting a new chapter of his life with the Lynwood Police Department.

August 20 Village party
Join the fun at 18th annual Lynwood Fest

The Village’s 18th annual community summer celebration, Lynwood Fest, will be held Saturday, August 20. The festival will take place from 4 p.m. to midnight at Liberty Memorial Park, Glenwood-Dyer Road. The first Lynwood Fest was held in 1999 to celebrate the Village’s 40th anniversary of incorporation.

Live entertainment will be provided by The Hotts band, performing from 6 to 11 p.m. The Hotts is a local band that plays a variety of music. Lynwood Fest also will feature food vendors, a beverage tent and activities for children.

An always spectacular fireworks display will start at dusk; rain date for the fireworks will be Sunday, August 21.

School supplies for our students

Again this year school supplies will be distributed to students at the August 20 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.

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I invite one and all to join in the fun at the annual Lynwood Fest on Saturday, August 20, at Liberty Memorial Park. The family-friendly festival has been a popular summer community event since 1999. It’s a very nice opportunity to enjoy entertainment, tasty food and fireworks, and to connect with neighbors and make new friends.

There is much to enjoy year-round in our Village in addition to events like Lynwood Fest. The Glenwood-Lynwood Public Library on Stony Island Avenue schedules a wide variety of educational and recreational programs for all ages. A recent addition to the library is its iCan Lab, equipped with Apple desktop computers, that functions as a creative technology studio available to patrons. A listing of current library activities appears in this newsletter.

The Southland Center sports facility, also on Stony Island Avenue, has indoor space to play all kinds of sports throughout the year. The Southland Center also has a restaurant and bar open during events. The Center has earned a reputation as one of the best multi-use indoor facilities in Illinois.

The Lynwood R/C Dragway holds radio control model drag racing events outdoors at the Southland Center site during the warm weather season. The Dragway attracts participants and spectators from throughout the country and hosts International Model Drag Racing Association competitions.

The Village baseball diamonds at Lakeview Community Park attract young players and their fans. The lake at Liberty Memorial Park is a great spot to just relax and enjoy the quiet side of nature.

For skaters of all ages, the rink at the Lynwood Sport Center on Glenwood-Dyer Road has been a premier skating facility since 1975. For height lovers, there also is a climbing wall.

I encourage you to visit some of our community’s assets. You will find that there is lots to do right here in Lynwood. I hope you enjoy the rest of the weeks of summer.

Message from Mayor Williams

White Sox game outing is Tuesday, August 23

The annual Mayor’s Night Out at the Ballpark outing is a Chicago White Sox versus Philadelphia Phillies game Tuesday, August 23, at Cellular Field in Chicago. Mayor Eugene Williams and Village Trustees will attend the game along with Lynwood baseball fans. Lower box seat tickets are $27; bus transportation is $5. Information is available by phoning the Village Hall at 708-758-6101.
The Village requires permits for residential and commercial construction and repair projects.

Jerry Jones, building commissioner, said Lynwood 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.

Residents should contact the Building Department for information about permit requirements. 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.

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.

Answers to frequently asked resident questions

Q. Does the Village trim trees in the parkway?
ANSWER: The Public Works Department will remove broken branches located high in parkway trees. All other trees, including those on the parkway, are a resident’s responsibility to trim. The Village will provide residents with information about licensed and bonded tree removal/trimming companies.

Q. If I see a streetlight out or blinking, what should I do?
ANSWER: Contact the Public Works Department if the light is on an aluminum pole and indicate an address or a location (cross streets etc.). If the light is on a wooden pole, it is a ComEd streetlight and is the utility’s responsibility. Please contact ComEd.

Q. Which holidays affect my garbage pickup day?
ANSWER: The only holidays Homewood Disposal observes that would change your pickup day to Friday are New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Q. How does water billing work?
ANSWER: The Village reads meters toward the end of each month. Bills are processed and mailed by the first of each month. Payments are due on the 15th of each month or the next business day. A payment due letter is mailed following the due date. If the bill is not paid, water shutoffs begin the first Thursday of each month.

Q. How can I pay my Village utility bill online?
ANSWER: Go to www.lynwoodil.us and scroll down the home page for the E-Pay logo; click on it, then follow instructions.

Q. I have a large item for garbage collection. Will it be picked up?
ANSWER: You are allowed to place up to two larger items for collection each week. However, for out of the ordinary items, the Village recommends contacting Homewood Disposal at 708-798-1004 to ask about arrangements for a special pickup.

Learn to line dance!

The Lynwood Community Relations Committee is sponsoring a line dancing class. The class meets 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Lynwood Senior Center, located behind the Village Hall at 21460 Lincoln Highway. The classes are taught by experienced line dancing instructors. The fee per class is $5. No registration is required. Residents are invited to participate in the weekly dance sessions.
Two local businesses connect to produce a new safety product

Two local businesses exemplify Lynwood Chamber of Commerce’s commitment to promote business helping business. Frank Busch, owner of Busch Plastics, Inc., in Lynwood, and Richard Davis, inventor of a safety partition for vehicles used in the ridesharing business, worked together to develop the new product. Davis’ enterprise is Rideshare Safety Partition Company. Both businessmen are Lynwood residents.

Davis had the idea to create a removable shield for the protection of rideshare drivers and passengers. He was inspired to invent the safety shield out of concern for the wellbeing of his daughters, who had joined the business ranks of rideshare drivers, a Chamber spokesperson said.

Davis shared his idea with a Chamber representative who referred him to Busch Plastics, which manufactures a wide range of products using many kinds of plastics. Busch Plastics designed and produced the giant golf balls that were on display in Chicago and at the Medinah Country Club during the 2012 Ryder Cup golf competition.

Davis created the initial prototype for the rideshare shield, which he and Busch collaborated to perfect. Busch engages with clients with samples and/or drawings to produce marketable products that are ready for purchase.

“We worked to get this right,” Busch said. “Richard Davis had a good idea and we helped him get his product off the ground.”


The Chamber is preparing its 2017 Community Business Directory. Business owners and operators may update their directory information at the Lynwood Village Hall.
New uniforms for firefighters; new camera for emergency operations

Lynwood firefighters have new duty uniforms and a new thermal imaging camera.

The new Fire Department uniforms are designed to eliminate metal badges and emblems, making them safer to wear during firefighting as well as more clearly identifying firefighters and their Fire Department rank.

The Fire Department was awarded a matching grant to purchase the state-of-the-art thermal imaging camera. The handheld camera allows firefighters to see through smoke to find the seat of a fire to extinguish it quicker and to rescue fire victims, said Fire Chief John Cobb.

“At a fire scene, a thermal imaging camera can locate persons overcome by smoke or otherwise incapacitated,” Chief Cobb said.

“The camera also will detect hotspots, defective appliance motors, overheated light ballasts and can be used in other rescue operations, such as finding lost children in fields or woods or auto accident victims who wander from their vehicles,” he said.

The Fire Department received the matching grant of $4,839 for the camera from the Powering Safe Communities Municipal Program. Commonwealth Edison provides the funding and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus administers the grant program. In addition to the camera, the Fire Department will purchase 600 feet of hose with grant funds.

Fire Chief John Cobb (left) and Lt. Matt Heintz, wearing the Fire Department’s new uniforms. Chief Cobb is holding a thermal imaging camera.

LYNWOOD POLICE ASSIST PAXON CANINE UNIT

Lynwood Police Department provided a protective body vest for the Paxon, Ill., police dog shown with his police canine team partner. The Lynwood police donation was a reciprocal gesture. Lynwood’s police dog Dante previously received a protective vest supplied by Vested Interests in K-9s, a nonprofit Massachusetts organization that provides the bullet and stab protective canine vests.

“We are honored that Lynwood police could provide a vest for another Illinois police department,” said Chief Russell L. Pearson. “The protective vests save the lives of many canine unit dogs each year,” Pearson said. Lynwood’s canine team members are Dante and Officer Luke Tambrini.
Dog owner violators face a $95 citation

The Village is enforcing a pet owners ordinance due to numerous complaints that people are walking their dogs without leashes 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.

Citations will be issued to pet owners who violate the ordinance requiring dog leashes and pet cleanup. The citations impose a $95 penalty.

The ordinance also is enforced in the parks and public areas in the Alpine Village and Paradise Park neighborhoods.

Village garage sale
October 15, 16
The dates for this year’s Lynwood Community Garage Sale are Saturday, October 15, and Sunday, October 16. Participants should register at the Village Hall. There is a $2 registration fee. The Lynwood Community Relations Committee sponsors the event.

Public Works Department reminders

Yard waste, branch collection services
The Public Works Department and Homewood Disposal Company provide seasonal yard waste and branch pickup services. The Public Works Department will remove cut branches on the even-numbered Fridays of the month, until the last Friday of November. Branches should be placed in parkways with stump ends facing away from oncoming traffic.

Yard waste such as twigs, small branches and piles of weeds should be in biodegradable paper bags for collection – not put out for Village chipper removal. Homewood Disposal Company picks up normal yard waste on the regular garbage pickup day in a separate truck. NO yard waste will be collected if it is in plastic bags. Please note: the Village is not responsible for cleaning or picking up debris left by contractors.

Dead tree removal
The Public Works Department soon will be completing its first round of dead tree removal, which included removing more than 300 trees on parkways. A second phase of the tree removal program will occur during the winter as weather permits.

Only dead trees located on parkways are removed. The Village does not have a removal program for stumps. Residents may have stumps removed and may replant trees.

Mailbox repair reminder
The Public Works Department is reminding residents to secure their mailboxes for the winter season. The Village is NOT responsible for mailboxes damaged or knocked over during snow plowing. Heavy or wet snow that is plowed from streets can hit a mailbox with great force, resulting in damage if the mailbox is not secured. Residents should check their mailboxes prior to the snowfall season.

Storm water awareness
All citizens should be aware and concerned about pollutants in water entering storm drains and drainage swales/ditches because contaminated water eventually flows into local bodies of water. Pollutants in surface and ground water are a hazard to the environment.

The following advice will help prevent storm water pollution:
• Pick up pet waste. Pet waste that reaches ponds, creeks and larger bodies of water can make people and wildlife sick.
• 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.
• Cigarette butts are a littering problem. Extinguish and dispose of cigarettes in a proper waste container.
• Don’t hose down a driveway. This practice causes oils and other pollutants to flow into storm drains, ending up in ponds, creeks, etc. Instead, sweep driveways with a broom.
• Plant yards with drought resistant plants, which require less watering.
• Always dispose of used motor oil properly. Never dump motor oil in a storm drain or field. It should be taken to a gas station or collection area for recycling.

The Village is asking residents to help watch for illegal dumping. Citizens who see or suspect someone is dumping illegally should phone the Public Works Department at 708-758-8434.

Healthcare clinic opens in Lynwood

Family Christian Health Center opened a clinic August 11 at 19767 Torrence Avenue in Lynwood. Family Christian Health Center has been operating family oriented clinics in Harvey and Dolton, with more than 85,000 patient visits per year.

The professional staff provides a wide range of healthcare services, including family practice, pediatrics, obstetrics/gynecology, family dental, behavioral health, diabetes management, ministerial care and more.

For additional information, office hours at the Lynwood facility, or to schedule an appointment, please phone 708-596-5177.

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The Glenwood-Lynwood Public Library offers a variety of educational programs to benefit residents of all ages. The library also schedules fun activities, such as the Back to School Ice Cream Social for parents and children, provided by the Friends of the Library organization. The Ice Cream Social will be 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, August 25.

Upcoming educational programs include:

- **Excel Intensified: Focus on Sorting and Filter and Pivot Tables** - 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saturday, August 20. This class will explore the unique workings of the Excel pivot table, as well as basic filtering and sorting options in Excel 2013. Prerequisites: keyboard and mouse proficiency, and introductory knowledge of Excel 2013.

- **World Book Encyclopedia Tutorial** - 7 p.m., Monday, August 22. Students will learn about the World Book Encyclopedia database for research projects. The database is suitable for all ages.

- **Senior Technology Lunch and Learn Series** - 11 a.m. to noon, Friday, August 26. This free program is offered the last Friday of the month, with a focus on a different technology related topic. The August topic is using tablets to keep in touch with family. Participants should bring a charged tablet or indicate they wish to use a library tablet. Participation limited to 20.

- **PowerPoint 2013: The Basics** - 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 23, and 10 to 11:30 a.m., Saturday, August 27. PowerPoint 2013 software allows a user to create professional looking slideshow presentations using animations, pictures, words and shapes. The PowerPoint class will explore the basic elements of creating a slideshow. Prerequisites: keyboard and mouse proficiency.

The library is planning to host Bid Whist card playing this fall. Persons interested in playing, teaching or learning to play Bid Whist are invited to inform the library what day or evening is best for this activity.
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