

# Lynwood

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COMMUNITY UPDATE

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## New Village Clerk and Trustee Take Office

Lynwood has a new village clerk and a new member of the Board of Trustees.

Karen Wingfield-Bond was elected village clerk in April. She takes the government position previously held by Roy Valle, who retired. Wingfield-Bond was a member of the Village Board of Trustees from 2010 until her recent election. During her service as a trustee, she was chairwoman of the Community Relations Committee and directed various campaigns including the Lynwood Holiday Toy Drive, the Lynwood Back 2 School Supply Drive, the Lynwood "Can Walk" for Hunger Walkathon, and

organized several Brookfield Zoo trips for Lynwood youth. She also was a member of the Lynwood 50th Anniversary Blue Ribbon Committee in 2009.

Prior to taking office, Wingfield-Bond worked at Christian Community Health Center, a social service agency headquartered in Lansing. She received a bachelor's degree from Illinois State University and a master's degree in business administration from Dominican University in River Forest. She is married to Les Lockett and has a daughter, Kaly, 13. She has lived in Lynwood for 15 years.

McKinley Dillingham was



Village Clerk Karen Wingfield-Bond is at work in her Village Hall office and new Trustee McKinley Dillingham (Right) meets with Mayor Eugene Williams.



appointed a trustee to fill the remaining two years of Wingfield-Bond's seat on the Village Board. He served as a member of the Lynwood Zoning Board and has been active in numerous Village

activities. Dillingham is retired from Exelon Corporation. He earned a degree from San Diego State College. He and his wife Gerri have five children. Dillingham has resided in Lynwood for 22 years.

## Community Outreach Key to Comprehensive Plan Update

The Village of Lynwood is moving forward with the process of revising and updating its comprehensive plan. The current comprehensive plan dates back to the 1970s.

Houseal Lavigne Associates of Chicago, a firm that specializes in community planning and economic development, is serving as comprehensive plan consultant to Lynwood.

Nikolas Davis, Houseal Lavigne senior associate, said his firm has

conducted a number of community outreach activities that are key elements in the plan revision process. Davis said completed steps include conducting workshops for the plan steering committee and for community stakeholders and business owners. The consulting firm also held a workshop in coordination with the Lynwood Chamber of Commerce and reached out to community service providers.

"During the past few months, we prepared the Existing Conditions

Analysis report," Davis said. This report compiled information received during the outreach stage and includes an in-depth inventory and analysis of the following:

- Lynwood's past plans and studies,
- Village's zoning and development code,
- existing land use,
- community facilities,
- transportation and mobility,
- environmental features,
- market assessment.

"From that analysis, we were able to develop a report that summarizes issues, opportunities and potentials identified in the Village," Davis said.

The process will continue with additional community feedback and review before drafting the new comprehensive plan document.



## Lynwood Fest Is August 24

Lynwood Fest, the Village's 15th annual community celebration, will take place from 4 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, August 24.

The festival site is Liberty Memorial Park on Glenwood-Dyer

Road. The event will include food vendors, a beverage tent, and live entertainment by the band Lake Effect beginning at 7 p.m. A fireworks show will be held at dusk; rain date for the fireworks will be Sunday, August 25.

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# Message from Mayor Williams

## Comprehensive Planning

Updating the Lynwood comprehensive plan is an important undertaking that will benefit our community (details in front page article). Village officials, staff, residents and business owners and operators have been participating in the process to create a revised comprehensive plan that will serve as a guide for Lynwood's future development and growth.

With the assistance of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning and Houseal Lavigne Associates of Chicago, the Village is working on a plan that will be a roadmap to achieve residential and commercial development to benefit and enhance our community. One of the new plan's key elements will focus on how the Joe Orr Road extension project, when completed,

will impact Village development in the coming years. I have a vision that the Joe Orr Road extension into Indiana would be a catalyst for development of a Lynwood downtown.

I am pleased to report that the Village is fortunate to have been awarded an Illinois Department of Natural Resources grant to hire 21 young people to work as counselors

in our Lynwood Midsummer Youth Camp, which has been a very successful endeavor.

Our annual Lynwood Fest is Saturday, August 24. The festival has been a family event for the past 15 years. Please join your fellow residents to enjoy a fun summer community celebration.

*Eugene Williams*

### Dog Ordinance Reminder

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. Licenses are available at Village Hall.

The Village has received numerous 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. Tickets will be issued to pet owners who violate the ordinance. Residents who see violators are asked to contact the Police Department.

### Vehicle Stickers Required

The annual period to purchase a Village of Lynwood 2013-14 vehicle sticker at a reduced fee expired July 31.

The current fees are \$80 for an auto, \$90 for a truck three-quarter ton or less, \$100 for a truck more than three-quarter ton, \$60 for a motorcycle and \$100 for a motor home. The Police Department will issue citations to vehicle owners who have not obtained a 2013-14 sticker. Stickers are available at the Lynwood Village Hall.

### You May Pay Utility Bill With Credit, Debit Cards

Residents may pay their Village utility bill by debit and credit cards, either online or at the Lynwood Village Hall. MasterCard, American Express and Discover cards are accepted through the Illinois E-Pay system. (Visa cards are not accepted at this time.) There is a convenience fee for each transaction using this payment method. The convenience fees are not paid to the Village of Lynwood; they are paid to the credit card companies.

Please visit the Village website at [www.lywoodil.us](http://www.lywoodil.us) and access the E-Pay link for additional information.

### Emergency Services Seeking Volunteers

The Lynwood Emergency Services Department is seeking volunteers. Emergency Services Department 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 at festivals and provide safety patrols at other special events. Additional information or an application is available by phoning 708-935-5862.

#### VILLAGE OF LYNWOOD

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Village Web site  
[www.lywoodil.us](http://www.lywoodil.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

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# Mayor and Police Chief Return From Security Training in Israel

**M**ayor Eugene Williams and Police Chief Michael Mears participated in a recent high-level security training program in Israel.

Israeli police and military personnel with expertise in security issues involving terrorists and persons with criminal intent conducted the seven-day session.

Police Chief Mears said the training was focused on security for schools and community facilities such as hospitals and water plants. The chief said the training included visits to sites in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa. Joining the two Lynwood officials were police officers, Federal Bureau of Investigation agents and Homeland Security representatives from throughout the U.S.

"One of our goals is to implement a training program for area police and other first responders that would include a uniform response system and tactics for dealing with major security issues in the south suburbs," Chief Mears said. School security would be a top priority, he said.

Pictured right, Mayor Eugene Williams (far right) and Police Chief Michael Mears (second from left) with other security training participants at a border crossing between Israel and the Gaza Strip.



## Summer Police Patrol

Officer Larry Weinbrecht patrols the Village on one of the Police Department's All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV). The Police Department deploys two bicycle and two ATV patrols during the warm weather season. "Our residents are very pleased to see these patrol units in our neighborhoods," said Deputy Police Chief Terry Shubert. "Citizens have the opportunity to interact with police officers. We will continue to foster that relationship with citizens to keep our community safe," Shubert said.

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# Answers to Frequently Asked Resident Questions

## ■ What are the Village Hall hours?

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.

## ■ What holidays delay garbage pickup?

Homewood Disposal observes the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. During a week when a holiday falls prior to garbage collection day, pickup will be delayed one day. If a holiday falls on a Saturday, Homewood Disposal will observe it on the Friday before, and if it falls on a Sunday it will be celebrated on the following Monday.

## ■ Does the Village maintain trees in the parkway?



It is a homeowner's responsibility to trim tree branches that hang over the sidewalk creating 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. At this time, 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. Your address will be recorded and the tree looked at as soon as possible.

## ■ Will the Village remove a dead animal carcass on public or private property?

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.



### Village Chipper Truck in Operation

Public Works Department employees feed branches into the Village chipper vehicle. In the photo are Glenn Vander Woude (right), a full-time employee, and Victor Chapron, a summer worker. The Department has been busy with branch work due to the numerous spring and early summer storms.

## ■ What do I do with my branches?

Branches trimmed by a homeowner may be placed neatly in the parkway along the curb with stub ends facing opposite the flow of traffic. Branches should be cut in four- to six-foot lengths and piled neatly for Friday chipper pickup. There is no need to call for a pickup because the chipper

truck will make one pass on each street. Trees trimmed or cut down by a contractor must be removed by that contractor. **IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Small twigs should be broken up and placed into biodegradable paper bags for yard waste pickup; it is dangerous for employees to put small twigs through the chipper.

## ■ What happens if my water is shut off for nonpayment?

The Village first sends out a 10-day warning notice to anyone who has not paid a water bill by the due date. If there is no response to the 10-day notice, the Public Works Department will post a 24-hour shutoff notice on the front door of the property. Once the 24-hour notice is posted, only cash, credit card or money order will be accepted as payment. If water service is terminated, an additional \$75 turn-on fee is required to restore



service during normal work hours. During off hours or if overtime pay is required, the turn-on fee is \$100. The entire late bill and turn-on fee must be paid prior to restoration of water service. If the Village Clerk's office is closed, no water payments will be accepted and service will not be restored that day.

## ■ What are the Village's parking restrictions?

Parking is not allowed on any Village street from 2 to 6 a.m. daily. During snow events, no street parking is permitted after two inches of snowfall.

## ■ What should I do if I notice a problem with a streetlight?

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

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# Public Works Department Offers Helpful Information

## **Garbage Pickup Reminder**

Please remember that Homewood Disposal garbage service will not pick up electronics, including televisions, computers, monitors, stereos, etc. These items must be taken to an electronic recycler. All yard waste must be in biodegradable paper bags; no yard waste will be collected if placed in plastic bags. Also, tires will not be picked up by Homewood Disposal; tires must be taken to a local tire store for recycling.

## **Water/Utility Billing Change Feedback**

The Water Department is considering sending the Village utility bill on a monthly basis instead of the current bimonthly schedule. A monthly schedule may help residents keep track of when bill payment is due. A monthly bill received around the first of the month would be due around the fifteenth or twentieth day of the same month. The Village would like

to hear resident opinion about possible change in billing.

## **Storm Water Awareness**

Storm water is rainwater, snow melt or even water from a garden hose that isn't absorbed into the soil. Storm water runs off rooftops, driveways, street curbs and parking lots into storm drains. It is not treated at a treatment plant. Storm water pipes empty directly into creeks, ditches and lakes.

Here are a few tips about keeping contaminants and debris from storm water: Wash your car on the lawn or at a commercial car wash. Pick up pet waste, bag and place in the trash. Mulch grass clippings and leave on lawn or use for compost. Sweep dirt into the lawn or pickup and place in trash, not into the street. If you see anyone dumping anything into storm drains, please notify the Public Works Department.

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# Popular Library Summer Programs

The Glenwood-Lynwood Public Library's Rockets Away Summer Camp was a success. The youth who participated in the program used math, science and engineering skills to build rockets. Upon completion of the rockets program, the youngsters were recognized as "Junior Space Scientists" at a library ceremony.

The library's summer reading program, Have Book Will Travel, drew interest from patrons of all ages. For outdoor fun, the Library participated with other area libraries to offer a geocaching competition. Geocaching is an outdoor treasure hunting game



Young library patrons who completed the Rockets Away Summer Camp receive "Junior Space Scientist" certificates.

using GPS-enabling devices.

More information about upcoming library events and programs is

available online at [glpld.org](http://glpld.org), or by contacting the reference desk at 708-758-0090.

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## Discover Lynwood Community Expo Is October 5

The Lynwood Chamber of Commerce's second annual Discover Lynwood Community Expo will be held Saturday, October 5, at Sandridge School in Lynwood. The Chamber hosts the event to heighten awareness of Lynwood businesses and to encourage

local shopping.

"We were excited about the Community Expo support we received last year from residents and the business community," an Expo committee member said. "Our committee has logged many hours this year in an effort to exceed last

year's expectations."

Discover Lynwood Community Expo vendor space is available. Vendors interested in receiving an application should forward their requests to the Chamber at this Web address: [lynwoodchamber@yahoo.com](mailto:lynwoodchamber@yahoo.com).

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**Lynwood Hosts  
Emergency Medical  
Helicopter Training  
Program**

The crew and paramedics flying on a Lifestar emergency medical helicopter (top photo) arrive for a local training program hosted recently by the Lynwood 911 department. Denine Pikowitz, 911 supervisor, said police officers, dispatchers, fire fighters and Emergency Services Department personnel from Lynwood, Thornton and East Hazel Crest participated in the training session. The program included information about when to summon an emergency medical helicopter, landing zone requirements, preparations for emergency helicopter response and safety procedures. Participants were given the opportunity to inspect the helicopter, which air lifts injured persons to area trauma centers.



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