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Community Celebration

Music, food, fireworks at August 19 Lynwood Fest

Lynwood Fest, the Village's annual summer get-together, takes place Saturday, August 19.

The community festival will be held from 4 p.m. to midnight at Liberty Memorial Park on Glenwood-Dyer Road.

Live entertainment will be provided from 6 to 11 p.m. by the Darkhorse band performing a variety of music, including classic rock

and R&B. Danny O'Bannon, Darkhorse guitarist, said the band plays venues in Illinois and Indiana, including lounges, casinos and festivals.

Lynwood Fest also will feature food vendors, a beer and wine tent and activities for children.

A fireworks display presented by Mad Bomber Fireworks Productions



Darkhorse will provide musical entertainment at Lynwood Fest.

will start at dusk. Fireworks rain date, if necessary, will be Sunday, August 20.

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

Students to get school supplies

School supplies will be distributed to students at the August 19 Lynwood Fest, a yearly tradition at the festival.

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.



Little League Jamboree earns visitor praise



Lynwood Trustee Lee Hurston gets ready to throw the first pitch to start the Little League Jamboree event.

Lynwood Little League hosted a very successful 2017 Urban Initiative Jamboree in June.

Ten teams, including Little League organizations from Indiana and Wisconsin, participated in the baseball event. The Jamboree was held on diamonds at the Curtis Granderson Municipal Baseball Complex in the Village.

Mayor Eugene Williams said the event received many positive comments from visiting teams and their fans. "We heard a lot of compliments about our baseball fields and our community," Mayor Williams said.

Major League Baseball star

Curtis Granderson of the New York Mets has been funding major improvements to the Village's Little League fields, including electronic scoreboards.

The Village recently named the complex to honor Granderson, who grew up in Lynwood. A number of visiting Little Leaguers asked: "Is this where Curtis Granderson played baseball?"

"Thank you to all of our Village volunteers who helped to make the Jamboree a great event," Mayor Williams said. "Our Little League players appreciate the effort and support," he said

Horner Park NW Little League in Chicago won the Jamboree.

Village information on updated website

The user-friendly Village of Lynwood website provides fingertip access to a variety of community information.

The Lynwood website was recently updated for easy navigation. Residents may pay Village utility bills online using an E-pay link on the website. New features include weather information and a calendar listing Board of Trustees meetings, community programs and other Village events of interest to residents and to web visitors seeking information about Lynwood.

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Message from Mayor Williams



New welcome banners and United States flags (background) beautify our Village.

One of the Village's latest initiatives is to encourage pride of community. Our efforts began when we asked for suggestions from our residents and business people about ways to make Lynwood an even better place to live. The outcome was the Love Where You Live program started last year. To create program awareness and inspire residents, the Village installed Love Where You Live signs throughout our town. One way residents can show their pride in Lynwood is by keeping up the appearance of their homes and lawns. Doing so reflects positively on our entire community.

In our discussions about the Love Where You Live program, the idea was born to put up banners and U.S. flags to beautify our community. As a result, the Village Board authorized the purchase of 60

American Flags and a total of 120 banners to fly from poles throughout Lynwood. You probably have noticed 30 banners with a flower motif and the word "Welcome" at various spots in the Village. These are our spring and summer banners. They will be replaced by our Public Works employees in the fall with autumn banners; later in the year 60 Christmas/holiday banners will go up.

As always, I am pleased to receive feedback about these Village efforts as well as ideas and comments from residents. I encourage citizens to use social media via #KeepLynwoodBeautiful to communicate and share their thoughts.

I invite one and all to join in the fun at the annual Lynwood Fest on Saturday, August 19, at Liberty Memorial Park. Our family



friendly festival provides a very nice opportunity to enjoy entertainment, tasty food and fireworks, and to connect with neighbors and make new friends.

Eugene Williams

Southland Center hosts banquets

The Southland Center Ho-Chunk Nation sports facility in Lynwood also has banquet and party spaces available for events such as reunions, parties for children and adults, business conferences, seminars, fund-raisers and meetings.

In addition to the newly designed and decorated banquet and party spaces, the Southland Center has a full-service restaurant and bar open during athletic events.

The complex on Stony Island Avenue has 100,000 square feet of space to host sporting events. The facility will accommodate the following: baseball, soccer, basketball, volleyball, flag football, gymnastics, lacrosse, cheerleading, martial arts, dance. Organizations rent sports space for games, practices and tournaments.

Additional information about Southland Center is available on its website at mysouthlandcenter.com, by phoning 708-418-5554 and on Facebook and Twitter.

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New business in Village

Boutique features women's apparel

Interested in shopping for women's clothing and accessories in Lynwood? Yes you can shop, now that Blush 197 Boutique is open for business.

The new upscale boutique catering to women seeking the latest styles opened earlier this summer at 19759 Torrence Avenue. Owner Kym Craft said she and her daughter are available in the store to help customers make their fashion selections.

Craft, a Lynwood resident, decided to name her business Blush 197 Boutique for personal reasons. "People tell me I blush a lot, and

then I added the 197 to the name because of our address," she said. Her store fills a formerly vacant space on Torrence Avenue.

The boutique entrepreneur said she entered the women's clothing business because "people told me I have a good fashion sense."

Craft said that in addition to apparel she stocks accessories such as jewelry, scarves, handbags and other items.

Blush 197 Boutique is open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and Saturday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The store phone number is 708-858-2016.



Kym Craft holds a proclamation from the Lynwood Chamber of Commerce congratulating her on the grand opening of her Blush 197 Boutique business. Joining Craft are Doranita Tyler, Chamber president; Lynwood Mayor Eugene Williams, and her husband Jerome (center).

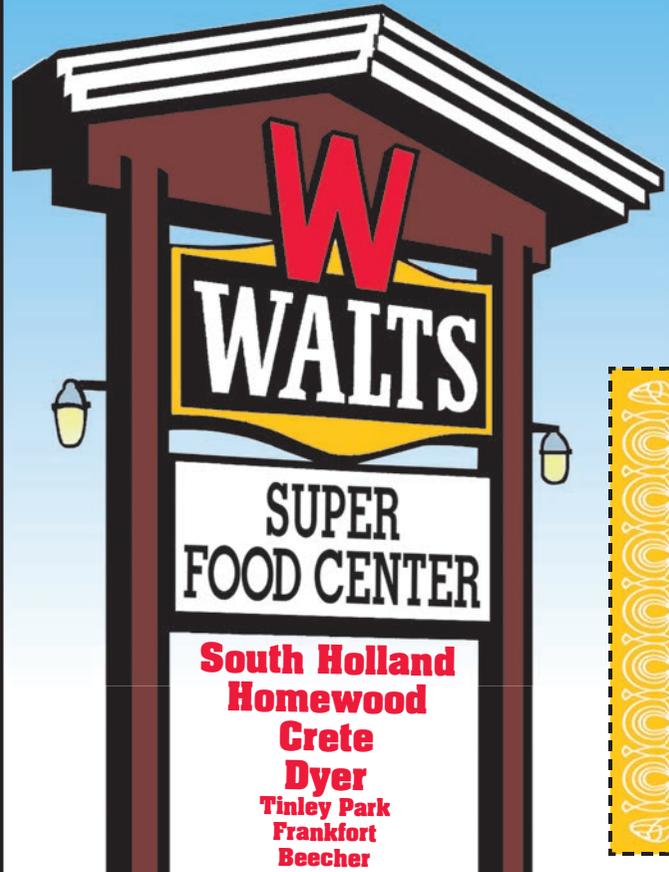
Annual White Sox night game outing set for August 23

The annual Mayor's Night Out at the Ballpark outing is a Chicago White Sox versus Minnesota Twins night game Wednesday, August 23, at

Guaranteed Rate Field in Chicago.

Mayor Eugene Williams and Village trustees will attend the game to cheer along with Lynwood baseball fans.

Lower box seat tickets are \$27. Bus transportation is \$5; the bus will depart Village Hall at 5 p.m. Information is available by phoning the Village Hall at 708-758-6101.



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The Derby Dames take time out from skating to pose for a photograph.

The Derby Dames keep rolling along

Women's Roller Derby action is alive and well in Lynwood.

The Illiana Derby Dames skating team's home base is here, at the skating rink at Lynwood Sport Center, 2030 Glenwood-Dyer Road. The Derby Dames practice at the rink on Mondays and Wednesdays and host Roller Derby competitions on Sundays.

Today's Roller Derby competitions are on a flat track, not a banked skating track. There are other changes in the current Roller Derby world. Derby Dames team members receive no pay, instead skate to raise money for nonprofit charities. The team also has a mascot, a big panda named Pandamonium (seen in photo). And, members use alter ego names, such as "Slammin' Sly," "Crys Cross" and "Naughty Nelson."

The Roller Derby skaters' goal is to promote women's strength and

self-esteem and to create a sense of camaraderie and teamwork among members while making contributions to help support community needs. Team members range in age from 23 years old to early 50s.

The Derby Dames took on the Chicago Outfit Shakedown team July 9. The event raised money for INFEAT, an organization working for children diagnosed with autism. On August 13 the Derby Dames skated against the South Shore Roller Girls team.

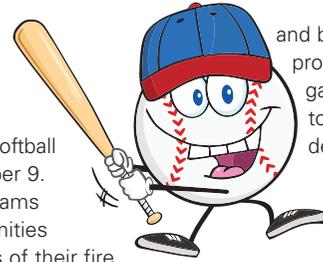
Fans are welcome to cheer on the team at the Lynwood Sport Center and to attend skate party events at Bank Shots Bar & Grill in Lynwood following competitions. Bank Shots owner Blair Morris is a sponsor of the Derby Dames and hosts Derby Dames fund-raisers.

More information about the team is available on Facebook at illianaderbydames.com.

Firefighters, police softball fund-raiser is September 9

The Lynwood Fire and Police Departments are hosting a charity softball event on September 9.

Participating teams from area communities will field members of their fire and police departments. Lynwood Fire Chief John Cobb said the winning team will receive a trophy



and bragging rights, with proceeds from the games being donated to a charity to be determined.

Additional information about the softball event may be obtained by phoning the Fire Department at 708-758-6102 or visiting the Village website at www.lynwoodil.us.

FIREFIGHTER/ PARAMEDIC REVIVES FIRE VICTIM

Lynwood firefighter/paramedic Sean Quirk displays the Firefighter Excellence Award he was presented for saving the life of a woman rescued from a house fire when he and his ambulance partner responded to the blaze while on duty for the Thornton Fire Department.

The two paramedics administered cardiopulmonary resuscitation and medication several times to the unresponsive victim who was not breathing. While being transported in the ambulance

to the hospital, the woman regained her pulse as a result of the action of the firefighter/paramedics. In addition to the Firefighter Excellence Award, Quirk also was recognized with a commendation from the Illinois House of Representatives for "bravery and heroism in the line of duty." Quirk serves on both the Lynwood and Thornton Fire Departments. He has been a member of the Lynwood force for six years.



Businesses support Fire Department

The Firefighters Association appreciates the generosity of Village businesses that made donations to the association's recent fund-raiser.

The Firefighters Association issued a "thank you" for the contributions, which will be used to help pay for Fire Department equipment.



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Lynwood Patrolman Dominic Dimaggio takes the oath of office administered by Village Clerk Karen Wingfield-Bond. Serving as a witness is Sgt. Jesse Hernandez. Dimaggio was hired as a full-time policeman to replace a vacancy created when Ephraim Dorsey left the force to join a larger area police department. Dimaggio, who has completed training at the Police Academy, was a part-time Lynwood officer prior to his full-time appointment.



EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION CAR

The Lynwood Emergency Services Department now has this Ford Crown Victoria vehicle that is used to transport family members and others from the scene of an accident, a fire or other emergency incident. Russell L. Pearson (left in photo), Emergency Services director, said the car is equipped for such transportation assignments. "We can drive people home, to a warming center or where they need to go after an emergency incident," Pearson said. "The car also can be used for other Emergency Service Department duties," he said. With Pearson in the photo is Mike Zentera, an Emergency Services volunteer. The vehicle previously was used as a Lynwood Police Department squad car.

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.

Applications are available at the Village fire station, 3107 Glenwood-Dyer Road; the Department phone number is 708-758-6102.



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Chamber of Commerce community initiative

The Lynwood Chamber of Commerce has created a focus group of business people to work with the Chamber's Board of Directors to strategically develop the organization into a dynamic center of community influence that will promote the well-being of the Village.

The Chamber's initiative has a two-fold goal: to more effectively serve the needs of the Lynwood community and to enhance business opportunities for its members, according to a Chamber spokesperson.

"We are excited that members of the business community are participating in our newly formed focus group," the spokesperson said.



The Chamber also is updating its online business directory that appears on its website to encourage support of local businesses. Lynwood businesses are asked to contact the Chamber to be listed in the directory. The Chamber of Commerce email address is lynwoodchamber@yahoo.com; the phone number is 708-965-4805.

Building Department has permit information

The Building Department is advising residents to make a seasonal examination of the exterior of their homes to check for peeling paint, roof damage, rotted window frames and leaky gutters.



fences and both in-ground and above-ground pools.

Village 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.

Permit applications are available on the Village website at www.lywoodil.us. The Building Department phone number is 708-758-6380. Department hours are 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Mailbox outside Village Hall

For the convenience of residents, a new United States Postal Service mailbox is now located in front of the Lynwood Village Hall, 21460 Lincoln Highway.

The Village Clerk's Office also is working with the Postal Service to provide residents with the service of purchasing books of stamps at the Village Hall. Details on this service are forthcoming.



Answers to frequently asked resident questions

Q. What are the Village Hall business hours?

ANSWER: The Village Hall is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and on Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Village Hall is closed on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Dr. Martin Luther King Day, Presidents Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and the Friday after Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day.

Q. Does the Village trim trees on parkways?

ANSWER: It is a homeowner's responsibility to trim tree branches that hang over a sidewalk interfering with pedestrians. The Department will remove dead trees on parkways; most of the dead trees are infested by the emerald ash borer insect. Public Works does not have the capability to remove stumps; trees will be cut as close to the ground as possible. The Department has a tree removal list. Please phone Public Works at 708-758-8434 to add a dead tree to the list.

Q. Will the Village remove a dead animal carcass on public or private property?

ANSWER: If the dead animal is on the street, please call the Public Works Department with the location. A crew will be dispatched to remove it. If the carcass is located on private property, it is a homeowner's responsibility to remove it. Residents may contact the Public Works Department to collect a dead animal if it is bagged or boxed and placed onto the parkway. Residents also

may place the carcass out for regular garbage pickup.

Q. What do I do with branches?

ANSWER: Branches trimmed by a homeowner may be placed neatly at the parkway curb for the Village chipper with stub ends facing the opposite of flow of traffic. They should be cut in four-foot to six-foot lengths. The chipper crew works the third week of each month. Branches should be placed out by Monday morning of that week. There is no need to contact the Village 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. Please 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 machine.

Q. Are there Village parking restrictions?

ANSWER: Village parking restrictions include no street parking from 2 to 6 a.m. During snow events, street parking is not allowed after two inches of snowfall.

Q. What do I do if I notice a problem with a streetlight?

ANSWER: Contact the Public Works Department if the light is on an aluminum pole and indicate an address or a location. If the light is on a wood pole, contact ComEd or the Village. Streetlights on wood poles are ComEd's responsibility.

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Public Works Department news

Holiday trash collection

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 Day and Christmas Day. During weeks in which one of these holidays falls prior to garbage pickup day, it will delay the collection one day. If the



holiday falls 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. No other holidays affect garbage service.

No electronics, tires pickup

Homewood Disposal will not pick up any electronic devices, including televisions, computers, stereos, etc. Residents must take the devices to an electronic recycler. Also, tires will not be collected by Homewood Disposal; they must be taken to a tire store for recycling.

New LED streetlights

The Village has completed the installation of new LED streetlights, a project that improves the lighting of our streets while saving energy usage and electric costs.



NEW PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLE

Public Works Director Robert Myers (right) and department mechanic Pete Schulz inspect the new 2016 Peterbilt dump and plow truck that replaces a 1999 Public Works truck. The recently acquired Village vehicle comes with a 10-foot dump bed and is equipped with an 11-foot snow plow and a 10-foot auger-run v-box salt spreader. In addition to its use for snow removal and salt spreading on Village streets in winter months, the new truck is utilized for other Public Works operations.

Water billing schedule



Lynwood municipal utility/ water bills are mailed the end of each month. Residents should receive the bills around the first of each month. Bill payment is due by the 15th of each month or the following business day. On the day following the bill due date, reminder notices are mailed. Water shutoff for unpaid bill balances occurs the first Thursday of the month.

The Village advises residents to make payments prior to the 15th of the month to avoid penalties; a water turn-on fee is charged. Questions may be directed to the Water Department at 708-758-8434.

Dog complaints

The Village is enforcing an ordinance regarding dogs due to numerous complaints that people are walking their dogs without a leash 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. The Village receives complaints that dogs also are allowed off leash to run in parks. Tickets will be issued to pet owners who violate the ordinance requiring dog leashes and pet cleanup. Residents who see violators are asked to contact the Police Department.



No pollutants in storm drains

Storm water is rain, hail or melting snow that drains into a municipal drainage system consisting of catch basins, sewer basins and drainage swales. The Lynwood drainage system collects storm water that eventually flows

into Lake Lynwood, Lincoln Lansing Drainage, North Creek and West Creek.

Pollutants entering the drainage system will contaminate these local bodies of water. By keeping our catch basins and drainage swales

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If you see pollutants entering our drainage system or see someone dumping into a storm basin, please phone the Lynwood Public Works Department at 708-758-8434.



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