The City of Lynwood made great strides in 2016 with numerous substantial accomplishments which include the construction of new facilities, projects that increase safety for our students and miles of street improvements. The City also hosted a new Business Expo, Health Fair, Homeless Outreach and dedicated a Veterans Memorial Garden in memory of all our military veterans who served our country.

The City has a running start in 2017 to continue to improve the quality of life for residents and move the City forward to make it a great place to live, work, and play. To start, the Mayor and City Council will finalize the construction on the Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project. This project involves construction of new curb extensions to calm traffic and shorten the crossing distance near Lynwood schools. The City is also installing in-pavement lights and flashing beacons at new crosswalk locations. And if you haven’t noticed, there is a change in the skyline at Yvonne Burke/Ham Park featuring a new 8,600 square foot facility nearing completion funded mostly through a Prop 84 Grant.

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The Lynwood City Council will continue its commitment to make the City look better and its residents feel proud of the city they live in. Fulfilling the vision is a multi-layered process that involves creating policies in the best interest of our residents and requires community support. So let’s work together to cultivate community engagement so we can make Lynwood even stronger in 2017!
**WATER CONSERVATION EFFORTS MUST CONTINUE**

California is now entering its sixth year of the worst drought in its recorded history. Although some communities in northern California benefited from rain and snow, Southern and Central California remain in an epic drought with below average rainfall.

Given the historically warm winter season and predictions the future in California will continue to be warmer and drier, the Governor, Mayor and City Council are urging Lynwood residents to continue their commitment to conserve water. We must all focus on our daily conservation habits and making permanent changes to save water.

Take action by going to www.saveourwater.com or www.wrd.org to find innovative ways to conserve water, learn about drought-resistant landscaping or find rebate programs because the best water conservation ambassador is you!

**CONSERVATION DEL AGUA LOS ESFUERZOS DEBEN CONTINUAR**

California está comenzando ahora su sexto año de la sequía epidérmica con precipitaciones por debajo del promedio.

Debido al históricamente cálido invierno y las predicciones que indican que el futuro en California seguirá siendo cada vez más cálido y seco, el Gobernador, el Alcalde y el Municipio les ruego a los residentes de Lynwood que continúen su compromiso para ahorrar agua. Todos debemos enfocarnos en nuestros hábitos cotidianos de conservación y en realizar cambios permanentes para ahorrar agua.

Tomen acciones dirigiéndose a www.saveourwater.com o www.wrd.org para descubrir formas innovadoras de ahorrar agua, conocer opciones paisajísticas resistentes a la sequia o encontrar programas de reintegros ya que los mejores embajadores de la conservación del agua son ustedes.

**BEING ENERGY EFFICIENT**

Being more energy efficient in your home is the best way to help lower your energy costs and save money. To help you get started on the road to savings, we’ve put together this list of helpful tips to get the most out of your appliances while using the least amount of energy possible.

**Water Heaters**
- Don’t buy a water heater bigger than you need. Before you shop, estimate your household’s peak hour demand and look for a water heater with the correct size for you.
- Always consult a contractor when considering a tankless water heater installation.

**Clothes Washers & Clothes Dryers**
- Wash full loads or adjust the water level to fit the size of your load.
- Select a laundry detergent formulated to clean effectively in cold water.
- Dry full loads, but don’t overload or over dry. Separate lightweight and heavy clothes for more energy-efficient drying.

**Dishwashers**
- Skip the drying option on your dishwasher and save up to 54 per year.
- Check with your local water utility to see if they have rebates for new energy-efficient dishwashers.

**Indoor Lighting & Outdoor Lighting**
- Turn off lights when they are not being used and when you leave a room.
- Use Compact fluorescent lightbulbs (CFLs) in recessed fixtures. CFLs use about 60 to 80 percent less energy.
- Outdoor light fixtures, including post- and wall-mounted fixtures, floodlighting and ground-level walkway lighting provide safety, security and decoration.

**Refrigerator**
- If you have two refrigerators, or an additional freezer, consider whether you really need to operate more than one.
- Allow hot foods to cool before placing them in the refrigerator. Don’t leave the refrigerator door open any longer than absolutely necessary.
MANDATORY ORGANICS RECYCLING

State Mandate (AB 1826)
The law requires that businesses arrange for recycling services for the following types of organic waste: food waste, green waste, landscape and pruning waste, nonhazardous wood waste, and food soiled paper.

Multifamily complexes must arrange for recycling services for the same material with the exception of food waste and food-soiled paper. Most organic waste is recyclable through methods such as composting, mulching and anaerobic digestion. Organic recycling services often accept a wide variety of different types of organic waste. Check with the City of Lynwood to learn how to arrange for recycling.

Businesses and Multifamily Complexes
Businesses and multifamily complexes must start recycling organic waste by the following dates:
- April 1, 2016 - generators of 8 or more cubic yards of solid waste per week, if statewide disposal of organic waste is not decrease by half.
- January 1, 2017 - generators of 4 or more cubic yards of organic waste per week.
- January 1, 2019 - generators of 2 or more cubic yards of organic waste per week.
- January 1, 2020 - generators of 2 or more cubic yards of solid waste per week.

Organic Recycling Services
The requirement to recycle organic waste can be met by taking one or any combination of the following actions, provided that the action is in compliance with the local ordinance:
1. Source-separate organic waste from other waste and subscribe to an organic waste recycling service that specifically includes collection and recycling of organic waste.
2. Recycle organic waste on-site, or self-haul organic waste.
3. Subscribe to an organic waste recycling service that includes mixed-waste processing that specifically recycles organic waste.
4. Sell or donate the generated organic waste.

Helping You to Comply
We are here to help you comply with the new law. Please call us to get started with your organics recycling or if you have any questions contact the City of Lynwood Public Works Department at 310-603-0220, ext. 500 or send email to lhempe@lynwood.ca.us.

MANDATORY COMMERICAL RECYCLING

Legislation AB 341, which is designed to help meet California's recycling goal of 75% by the year 2020, is now in effect. This law requires California commercial enterprises and public entities that generate four or more cubic yards per week of waste, and multi-family housing complexes with five or more units, to adopt recycling practices.

Why Recycle
- State law requires all businesses that generate 4 or more cubic yards of waste weekly to recycle.
- State law now requires that apartment communities/multi-family housing with 5 or more units to recycle.
- Recycling helps conserve resources and extends the life of California landfills. It also helps create a healthy environment for our community and future generations.

How to get started
It's easy to recycle at your business and apartment.
- The City changed solid waste and recycling collection services in November 2013. This new program enables businesses and multi-family dwellings to comply with AB 341 requirements for waste diversion. Businesses can now place all trash and recyclable materials into the orange “mixed waste” bins provided by Waste Resources Inc (WRI). Recyclables will be separated from trash for businesses and apartments at a Material Recovery Facility (MRF), so businesses and apartments will no longer need to place their recyclables in a separate container.
- If you still would like to receive a separate recycling bin to separate recyclables from trash, call Waste Resources Inc. at 1-888-467-7600.

Where to go for more information
To find out about recycling opportunities call Public Works Department at 310-603-0220, ext. 500.
ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

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Registration Information for Recreation Department Activities:

- Lynwood Community Center, 11301 Bullis Road, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Call (310) 603-0220, Ext. 319 for any questions. Cash & Credit Cards are accepted.
- Lynwood Senior Center, 11329 Ernestine Ave., Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Fridays 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call (310) 866-0425 for information. Cash only.

**ANNUAL WEIGHT LOSS CHALLENGE**

New Year’s Resolutions, here we come! The City of Lynwood and its Recreation and Community Services Department are getting ready to host the annual community Weight Loss Challenge. The 2017 Challenge starts on January 21, 2017 and invites the community to get fit in 2017 by forming teams of 4 to participate in this friendly challenge. The cost is $25 per person ($100/team) — with all registration fees making up the prize pool. Teams are to sign up at Yvonne Burke-Ham Park (11832 Atlantic Ave.) between 7 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 21, 2017.

In its 7th year, the 2016 prize pool exceeded $4,200 with the 1st Place Winning Team receiving a check for $2,000. In 2016, team The Amazing Disappearing Act beat out the other 40 four-member teams to take home the Grand Prize. Grab your friends, family and/or co-workers, form a team and be a part of the over 40 teams expected to participate in the 2017 competition!

Contact the Recreation & Community Services Department for all the 2017 program details:
- Office: 310-603-0220 extension 319
- Email: recinfo@lynwood.ca.us

Also make it another annual tradition and gather friends and family to help remove and store the outdoor lighting and decorations to ensure a safe start to the year.

**LOOK FAMILIAR?** Here are some Lynwood residents with great holiday spirit celebrating Christmas with style. These dazzling light creations bring Christmas cheer to the neighborhood and memorable times for kids.

**HOLIDAY DECORATIONS**

**SENIOR LIFE**

The Lynwood Senior Center is a beautiful and spacious facility that was designed for the enjoyment and leisure of the City’s mature adult population, 55 years and older. The Center offers recreational, social, educational and health-related programming throughout the year.

Seniors are encouraged to join one or all of the many clubs offered at the Center, including: Bingo Club, Domino Club, Card Club, Friendship Club, Gardening Club, Travelers Club, Karaoke, Red Hatters, La Familia and the new Walking Club. The Senior Center offers an array of classes and workshops Monday through Thursday of every week and it offers a world of unique experiences that will surely capture hearts of anyone who stops by for a visit.

**2017 Classes, Programs & Clubs Schedule:**

**MONDAY**
- Health & Fitness: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
- Visual Arts Class: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Senior Meal Program: 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Computer Class: 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- Bingo Club: 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- $4.00 buy-in

**TUESDAY**
- Walking Club: 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
- Calm Yoga: 9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- Golden Voices Choir: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- Senior Meal Program: 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Garden Club: (Every 1st Tuesday) Line Dancing: 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- $2 per class
- Latin Dance Class: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- (Lynwood Community Center)

**WEDNESDAY**
- Health & Fitness: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
- Senior Meal Program: 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- La Familia Club: (Every 1st Wednesday) Visual Arts Class: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Senior Meal Program: 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Garden Club: (Every 1st Wednesday) Line Dancing: 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- $2 per class
- Latin Dance Class: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- (Lynwood Community Center)

**THURSDAY**
- Walking Club: 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
- Calm Yoga: 9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- Golden Voices Choir: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- Senior Meal Program: 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Garden Club: (Every 1st Thursday) Line Dancing: 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- $2 per class
- Latin Dance Class: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- (Lynwood Community Center)
- Hat & Mustache Club: (Every Thursday 2nd & 4th) Line Dancing: 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- (Every 1st & 3rd Thursday) Senior Movie Day: 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- (Every 2nd & 4th Thursday)

**FRIDAY**
- Health & Fitness: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
- Sewing Class: 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- Senior Meal Program: 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Martin Luther King Jr. was the chief spokesman for nonviolent activism in the civil rights movement, which successfully protested racial discrimination in federal and state law. This holiday that marks the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. is observed on the third Monday of January every year. The campaign for a federal holiday in King's honor began soon after his assassination in 1968. President Ronald Reagan signed the holiday into law in 1983, and it was first observed three years later. It was officially observed in all 50 states for the first time in 2000.

The idea of Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a holiday was promoted by labor unions in contract negotiations. After King's death, United States Representative John Conyers (a Democrat from Michigan) and United States Senator Edward Brooke (a Republican from Massachusetts) introduced a bill in Congress to make King's birthday a national holiday. However, it fell five votes short of the number needed for passage. Two of the main arguments mentioned by opponents were that a paid holiday for federal employees would be too expensive, and that a holiday to honor a private citizen would be contrary to longstanding tradition because King had never held public office. At the White House Rose Garden on November 2, 1983, President Ronald Reagan signed a bill, proposed by Representative Katie Hall of Indiana, creating a federal holiday to honor King. It was observed for the first time on January 20, 1986. There are a lot of ways that people celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day, but the best way to celebrate the holiday is by helping to perpetuate the values that Dr. King worked so hard to instill in people.

Community Calendar

| JANUARY 1 | NEW YEAR’S DAY |
| CITY HALL CLOSED |

| JANUARY 3 | CITY COUNCIL MEETING |
| City Hall |
| 6 p.m. |

| JANUARY 21 | WEIGHT LOSS CHALLENGE BEGINS |
| SIGN UP AT YVONNE BURKE-HAM PARK (11832 ATLANTIC AVE.) BETWEEN 7 A.M. AND 11 A.M. |

| JANUARY 1, 2017 | 9:15 A.M. |
| JANUARY 2 – JANUARY 6 | 7:00P.M |
| CELEBRATION TO HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD |
| RESURRECTION LIFE CENTER |
| 3653 FERNWOOD AVE. |
| LYNNWOOD, CALIFORNIA 90262 |

| JANUARY 16 | DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY |
| CITY HALL CLOSED |

| FEBRUARY 3 | SEN. RICARDO LARA’S ANNUAL GOSPEL BRUNCH |
| BATEMAN HALL |

| FEBRUARY 14 | VALENTINE’S DAY |

| FEBRUARY 20 | PRESIDENT’S DAY |
| CITY HALL CLOSED |

Flier Calendar

BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE MEETING

The City of Lynwood’s Mayor is spearheading the return of early morning meetings for business owners called the Business Roundtables, on the first Tuesday of every month from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. at Bateman Hall, 11331 Ernestine Ave., Lynwood, CA 90262. The Business Roundtable, which will encompass the City’s Greater Lynwood Chamber of Commerce’s efforts to promote businesses, will feature a light breakfast and guest speakers that will focus on a different business topic every month. This Roundtable is open and free to the public to attend, network and meet members of the business community.

WEIGHT LOSS CHALLENGE 2017

The City of Lynwood is hosting its 7th annual Weight Loss Challenge starting this month on January 21, 2017. The friendly race to lose pounds in exchange for cash prizes at the end of 12 weeks requires that each team consist of four members. Teams are to sign up at Yvonne-Burke Ham Park between 7 a.m. and 11 a.m. on January 21 and on every Saturday after that for a weekly weight in for all 12 weeks. Participants must pay $25 per person. For more information, call (310) 603-0220 Ext. 319 or send an email to recinfo@lynwood.ca.us.
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