

Welcome to the LVNA

# Villager

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**Next LVNA General Meeting:  
Wednesday, January 12  
at 7:00 p.m. in the Lakewood Park Building**

- **Holiday Lighting Contest Awards**
- **Community Garden in Lakewood Village**
- **Cold drinks and cookies will be available**

## President's Column

- Ursula Syrova, LVNA President

### *Holiday Parade Happened!*

The annual Lakewood Village Holiday Parade brought out a large crowd on a cloudy (but not rainy!) Saturday, December 11. The 2004 parade included a variety of marchers, beginning with the Lakewood School Color Guard and the Fremont High School band. Our Santa showed up in Fairwood Park for the party afterward, where everyone enjoyed the cider, hot chocolate, and cookies.

Money donations, most from Lakewood Village residents, allowed us to afford the police assistance to close Lawrence Expressway and let the parade cross. Thank you so much to these folks for their generous donations:

Anne Davenport

Gary Duff

John Howe

Lakewood Village Baptist Church

Marie Lumsden

Dee Maes

Amando Quilala

Pamela Robertson

Other people also helped to make the parade a reality. Jamie McCloud at the City of Sunnyvale offices was a great help as we planned the parade, patiently working with me through all the steps.

Officer Dave Falletta of Sunnyvale Public Safety also worked with us to help reduce the cost of the officers needed as much as possible and arranged for the expressway closure at the last minute. Thank you, Dave! Ed Rast with the United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County helped us get our insurance coverage, and then pushed for proof of that coverage when we needed to show it to the city. Craig Crawford once again got out his parade signs and got them hung up at the intersection of Lawrence and Sandia / Lakehaven—thanks, Craig! We also appreciate Mike Coquilla for taking his DJ equipment to Fairwood Park and providing holiday tunes after the parade. The Ortega family kindly brought some tasty pastries to the party at the park—yum! Thank you to Skip Gottschalk, Art Daugherty, Sarah Daugherty, Judy Fernandez, and Marie Welsh for serving all the cider, hot chocolate, and cookies. Thanks again to Judy Fernandez for also organizing the toy collection for Sunnyvale Community Services. Judy says that she collected about \$300 worth of toys! Thank you to all who donated.

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Of course, the parade would not have been much to watch without all the people who donated their time to be in it. Here are the **Participants for 2004:**

Belleswingers square dancers, Natalie and Marvin Wahl

Councilmember Fred Fowler

Councilmember John Howe

County Supervisor Pete McHugh

Fairwood School group led by Mr. Ranii and Mrs. Collie

Fremont High School Band

Great America Towing, with Del driving the tow truck

Junior Girl Scouts, Troop #399

Lakewood School Baton Twirlers

Lakewood School Color Guard

Lakewood School group led by Annette Grasty

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Mayor Dean Chu

RE/MAX Realtor Virginia Lindstrom

Specialty Waste antique truck driven by Jerry Nabhan

Sunnyvale School Board Member Nancy Newkirk

Sunnyvale School Board Member Phyllis Fowler

Superior Court Judge Ron Del Pozzo

A special thank you goes to the **Sunnyvale Amateur Radio Emergency Service representatives**, who helped organize the lineup of the parade participants and provided communication for us during the parade:

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Bob Gundrum-KG6MOL

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Scott Emory-AD6RY

Ralph Silveira-N6UNE

Don Stuedeman-KD6UQN

Bill Young-KC6VWO

We hope that the parade was fun for all of you who came out to watch it. Thanks for your support!

***Holiday Lighting Contest Winners***

Monday, December 20, celebrity judge and Sunnyvale Mayor Dean Chu was escorted around the neighborhood to choose winners for our holiday lighting contest. There were many wonderful displays, and here are the winners:

Grand Prize Winner: 666 Lakefair, Gary Duff

Unit 1 Winner: 1244 Socorro, Romeo and Priscilla Garcia

Unit 1 Honorable Mention: 1382 Socorro, Ronnie Cruz

Unit 2 Winner: 1126 Havenwood, Estella Jones

Unit 2 Honorable Mention: 1266 Ortiz Ct., Ardelle and Arturo Galano

Unit 2 Honorable Mention: 1176 Redrock Ct., Carol and Wilfred Rodriguez

Unit 3 Winner: 750 Lakemuir Dr., Art Daugherty

Unit 3 Honorable Mention: 778 Lakehaven, Alfredo and Gloria Gurrola

Unit 4 Winner: 1295 Meadowlake, James Thomassen and Linda Burgess

Unit 4 Honorable Mention: 1071 Lakedale, Tony Correia

Unit 4 Honorable Mention: 1073 Lakedale, Michael Verbeck and Amber Davis

We hope that all the winners will attend our general meeting on January 12, 2005 at the Lakewood Park building to receive their prizes. If you can't make it to the meeting, though, we will deliver your prizes to you. ■

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**LVNA Meetings**

-Skip Gottschalk, LVNA Secretary

**November 10 General Meeting**

Greg Othan, Sunnyvale Public Safety, was introduced as the newly assigned Lakewood Village Neighborhood Resource Officer, replacing Dave Falletta. We thank Dave for his support over the past couple of years.

Jim Craig, Sunnyvale Public Works, Supervisor, Field Services, reiterated that the city does not have a pest abatement program. It’s up to the homeowner to maintain pest control in and around the property.

Following the briefing, it was recommended that the LVNA Board submit a request to the city to re-implement a pest abatement program. The formal request was presented to the City Council on December 7. The Council accepted the request and will consider it for their 2005 City Service Budget.

Annual Christmas Parade Planning. Due to limited funding and additional cost impacts from the reduced City budget, the Parade was in jeopardy of not continuing its 45 years old tradition. Various options were considered for the 2004 parade, including limiting the parade route. The Board decided that the Parade tradition must go on regardless of limitations.

**November 17 Lakehaven Drive Traffic Study Meeting**

Study results presented by city staff Jack Whitthaus, Transportation & Traffic Manager, Carmen Talavera, Traffic Engineer, and Capt. Mark Stivers, Public Safety. Summary: Lakehaven is classified as a “Residential

Collector” and traffic calming devices (such as bumps or humps) are not considered. Study recommendations: Installation of bright side panels and signs, periodic deployment of a speed radar trailer, continued police enforcement via routine patrol and on demand; a Lawn Sign Program, and a Mobile Speed Limit Indicator are also available to the residents for use in our neighborhood.

There was no general meeting in December. The next one is on January 12, 2005 at the Lakewood Park building. Have a safe and healthy New Year! ■

## Volunteer Still Needed for *Villager* Delivery on Lakewood Side

We need a volunteer walker to deliver the *Villager* to 80 houses along Lakewood Drive/Bridgewood Drive between Meadowlake and Lawrence. If you are interested in getting some good exercise and meeting some neighbors by delivering the *Villager*, please call Wendy at (408)745-1331. Also needed are back-up walkers for this and other routes on the Lakewood side of Lakewood Village. ■



## How to Report Potholes

Have you found a new road pothole you'd like to see fixed? Caltrans has a Web site, <http://www.dot.ca.gov/maintform.html>, with a form you can fill out to report many kinds of road maintenance issues. The general information phone number for Caltrans is (916) 654-5266. ■

## Rats Vanquished at Local Church

-Josh Sheldon, Pastor, Lakewood Village Baptist Church

After learning from neighbors that rats were using the juniper bushes on the Lakehaven Drive side of Lakewood Village Baptist Church as a highway, members of the church used a tractor to demolish the bushes. Rats use low-growing bushes such as junipers, as well as vine-covered fences, to move around without being seen by hawks and other predators. Neighbors of the church, which is at 709 Lakewood Drive, discovered where the rats invading their yards were coming from and called the church office.

Lakewood Village Baptist Church members responded to the neighbors' concerns in November by removing the bushes and putting them through a wood chipper, and thus they deprived rats in Lakewood Village of one of their protected paths. "No shelter here for rats!" the members decided. ■

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## Columbia Neighborhood Center Seeks New Committee Members

-Linda Kim, Columbia Neighborhood Center Manager

The Columbia Neighborhood Center is a family resource center in Sunnyvale that supports youth and families by providing health, education, social, and recreation services. The Center is recruiting up to seven new members for its Community Advisory Committee. The Center is looking for youth and adult Sunnyvale residents, as well as members of Sunnyvale organizations, schools, and businesses to participate in the committee.

The committee will help evaluate the Center's services, identify community needs, assist with community projects, and serve as community representatives of the Center. There will be five committee meetings during the year on weekday evenings. The first meeting will be on February 1, 2005. The time commitment for a committee member is approximately 14 hours per year.

The Columbia Neighborhood Center invites those who are interested to submit an application form to be a part of the committee by January 21, 2005. For more information and an application form, please call (408) 523-8150, ext.11, or e-mail your name, address, and phone number to LKIM@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us. ■

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## El Columbia Neighborhood Center Busca Nuevos Miembros del Comité

El Columbia Neighborhood Center es un centro en Sunnyvale con recursos para la familias, y que apoya a la juventud y familias proveyéndoles servicios de salud, educación, sociales, y recreación. El Centro está reclutando hasta siete nuevos miembros para su Comité de Consejos de la Comunidad. El Centro está buscando jóvenes y adultos residentes de Sunnyvale, así como también miembros de organizaciones de Sunnyvale, escuelas y negocios para que participen en el comité.

El comité ayudará a evaluar los servicios del Centro, y a identificar necesidades en la comunidad, ayudar con proyectos de la comunidad, y servir como representantes del Centro en la comunidad. Habrán cinco reuniones nocturnas del comité durante el año. La primera reunión será el 1 de Febrero del 2005. El tiempo de compromiso de un miembro del comité es de aproximadamente 14 horas por año.

El Columbia Neighborhood Center invita a aquellos que estén interesados a presentar un formulario de solicitud para ser parte del comité hasta el 21 de Enero del 2005. Para más información y para recibir un formulario de solicitud, por favor llame al (408) 523-8150, ext.11 o por e-mail LKIM@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us con su nombre, dirección, y número telefónico. ■

### Megan's Law Searchable Database Available Online

Megan's Law requires that information about the whereabouts of registered sex offenders be made available to the public. That availability has recently expanded to an online searchable database. The database can be accessed at: <http://meganslaw.ca.gov/>. ■



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## Letters and Opinions

### *School Employees Concerned About Cutbacks*

The "Dot.Com" business decline has hit the Sunnyvale School District budget very hard. In 2003 we cut approximately two million plus dollars from our budget.

California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter 205 feels the needs of our students are not just in the classroom but also on the playground, in the busses, in the cafeteria, and in all of those places where the employees that serve students are not teachers or administrators.

We have brought to the Sunnyvale Board of Education offers of reduced hours, furlough days, and wage cuts and freezes. We have offered many solutions in the hopes of retaining CSEA employees. We have agreed to a 0% COLA for the last two years and a freeze on our longevity increases for the 05/06 school year. CSEA offers have barely been acknowledged or acted on while our top Administration has negotiated with the School Board for a salary adjustment, with regular increases beginning in the 05/06 school year.

Here is a list of the classified employee actions taken since December 2002:

- Elimination of two school bus drivers
- Kelly Services contract for substitute employees cancelled
- Several District Office positions eliminated or reduced from 12 months to 11 months
- Elimination of 6 Custodians
- Elimination of 1 Groundskeeper
- Elimination of 2 Computer Data Systems Techs

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- Elimination of 6 Child Guidance counselors
- Elimination of 1 Case Managers Position
- Elimination of both Regular, Bilingual, and Special Ed. Instructional Assistants (23)
- Elimination of Counseling and Psychology Interns (4)
- Elimination of 1 Accounting Position
- General hiring freeze (positions that have been vacated but not filled) Site Program Assist. Maintenance (2 positions), Staff Secretary, Health Educator, School Outreach Assist.

We would like to encourage all parents, guardians, and concerned citizens to attend school board meetings; the next one is Jan. 13, 2005. Express your opinions and concerns to your elected school board members about the kind of services your students have a right to receive.

Students need clean classrooms and clean school sites, someone on campus that speaks their language, buildings that are heated and cooled properly, a School Health Assistant that is on site everyday, school grounds that are in good repair, and for at risk students the early intervention and guidance needed.

CSEA Chapter #205 Employees are just your average people who care deeply about your children and their education.

Gina Tiscareno  
CSEA Chapter #205 President  
December 16, 2004 ☐

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**San Jose Mercury News Headline: Peters Verdict: Death**

On December 14, 2004, the San Jose Mercury News quoted Sacha Mezynski, a 24 year-old student at West Valley College as saying, "I'm not for the death penalty. Life in prison would have been a worse punishment" when she was asked her opinion of Scott Peterson's penalty. Does she mean by this that if we can find something worse than death, then we as a society should impose it? Local news showed the crowd outside the courtroom when the verdict was read. Many cheered, and "high-fives" were seen. Both of these are inappropriate. To be for or against the death penalty is fine. But the idea of punishment is to exact an appropriate penalty commensurate with the crime, whether it be confinement, parole, or execution, not the worst suffering we can inflict—that sets us, however slightly, too close to the criminal.

Nor is cheering appropriate. I would go so far as to suggest that cheering a death penalty is immoral. Lacy Peterson's stepfather showed a far better and dignified comportment when he acknowledged with some gravity that there were no winners. His family had been deprived of a daughter and grandson; Scott Peterson's family had lost their peace of mind and, too soon for them, their son.

We must look with care upon the taking of a life, even the life of a man convicted of murdering his pregnant wife. It is a matter of the utmost gravity and importance.

Pastor Josh Sheldon  
Lakewood Village Baptist Church  
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**Lakewood Pony Baseball is BACK!**

- Ken Michels



Get ready kids, baseball season is right around the corner. Sign up now! Registration is every Saturday in January and February,

from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Lakewood Park Activity Center.

Lakewood Pony Baseball is perfect for beginners and for more experienced players. Our goal is to have fun while teaching kids how to play baseball.

Last year the Pinto Division All Star team competed in the Pony Northern California Finals!

This season promises to be a fun-filled journey. Baseball is fun and is a great way to meet new friends. Lakewood Pony Baseball is a CO-ED league and all players who register will be assigned to a team. Tee Ball is for 4, 5, and 6 year olds. Pinto Division is for 7 and 8 year olds. Mustang is for 9 and 10 year olds. And for the big kids, it's the Bronco Division, ages 11 and 12.

Do you like working with kids and your community? Step up to the plate and volunteer for Lakewood Pony Baseball.

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## January in Your Yard and Garden

- Order now from seed catalogs. If you wait too long, you may have to accept substitutions later in the season.
- Order bare-root roses and fruit trees from specialty nurseries. They will usually stop shipping bare-root plants by the end of March.
- Move garden plants brought indoors for the holidays back outside if they will not be subject to frost or snow.
- Make sure you have adequate drainage for heavy rain storms.
- Constant dry heat from heating systems stresses indoor plants. Check them for signs of yellowing or wilting; they may need more water and an occasional misting. Fertilize indoor flowering plants that are in bloom now.
- Watch out for frost. The weather is likely to be truly cold this month. Be ready to cover susceptible plants or to move them to a sheltered location.
- Prune roses, deciduous fruit trees, and ornamental shrubs. Work from the inside of the plants toward the outside. Remove diseased or dead branches as well as branches crossing or rubbing each other. Then prune the exterior for an attractive form. Leave the pruning of spring-flowering trees and shrubs until after they have bloomed.
- If desired, spray deciduous shrubs and fruit trees with a dormant spray to kill overwintering insects.
- Shop for bare-root plants and plant them when the soil is dry enough to dig properly.
- Look for colorful bedding plants such as calendulas and chrysanthemums in the nursery to give an instant color boost to the entryway or window boxes.

These tips are from the book *Northern California Gardening: A Month-by-Month Guide*, by Katherine Grace Endicott, published by Chronicle Books, San Francisco, ©1996, and are used with the publisher's permission. For more information, see: [http://www.lvna.net/Resources/Reading\\_List/reading\\_list.html](http://www.lvna.net/Resources/Reading_List/reading_list.html) ■



## Fairwood School News

- Mary Jane Cabildo

The Fairwood Parent and Teachers Group (PTG) met December 7 in the library. Thanks to all who attended.

Fairwood School made a \$4,717 profit from the Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough Fundraiser. Way to go! Thank you to all who supported Fairwood, and a special big THANK YOU to Sharon Godinez, who organized the fundraiser.

Fairwood School welcomes Mr. Eric Panosian as the new principal. Mr. Panosian was Assistant Principal at Bishop Elementary for four years. He has also taught elementary, junior high, and high school. He has permanently replaced Mrs. Grasty, who has been transferred to Lakewood Elementary. Welcome, Mr. Panosian.

Our next PTG meeting will be held January 25th at 6:45 p.m. in the library. Babysitting and Spanish translation services are provided.

PTG is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors, work together as a stronger community, and provide a brighter future for our children. Come see how you can help at Fairwood School.

On behalf of the PTG members and myself, we wish everyone a Happy New Year. ■

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## Fremont High School Band Leads 2004 Holiday Parade

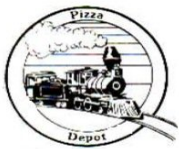


More Holiday Parade photos at [http://www.lvna.net/Activities/Events/2004\\_Holiday\\_Parade/2004\\_holiday\\_parade.html](http://www.lvna.net/Activities/Events/2004_Holiday_Parade/2004_holiday_parade.html)

## 2004 Holiday Lighting Contest Grand Prize Winner



More Holiday Lighting Contest photos at [http://www.lvna.net/Activities/Events/2004\\_Lighting/2004\\_lighting.html](http://www.lvna.net/Activities/Events/2004_Lighting/2004_lighting.html)



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### Wednesday

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### Lost Cat, missing since 12/22

Black and white small adult neutered male. Has white on belly, chest and feet, a distinctive black coat speckled with white, and a red collar. His name is Izzy and we miss him very much. If found, please call 408-746-0554 or 408-910-7766.

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Lakewood e-mail list	<a href="http://www.topica.com/lists/lakewoodvillage">http://www.topica.com/lists/lakewoodvillage</a>
City of Sunnyvale	<a href="http://www.sunnyvale.ca.gov">http://www.sunnyvale.ca.gov</a>
Sunnyvale Library	<a href="http://www.sunnyvalelibrary.org">http://www.sunnyvalelibrary.org</a>

<http://www.lvna.net/Resources/Links/links.html>

### Calendar of Upcoming Events

What	Where	When
Street Sweeping	Your street – move your cars!	2/1 Fairwood 1/11, 2/8 Lakewood
Compost Workshop	Sunnyvale Community Center Arboretum	1/8, 2/12, 10 a.m. - noon
January LVNA Meeting	Lakewood Park Bldg.	1/12, 7 p.m.
Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off	Carl Road, near the SMaRT Station	1/15, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
LVNA Villager Editorial Deadline	Contact editor@lvna.net	1/28

<http://www.lvna.net/Resources/Calendar/calendar.html>

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Noise complaints; homeless complaints; commercial vehicles on residential streets	Desk Officer 730-7110
Illegal storage or buildings; decrepit fences or buildings; weed problems; illegal home businesses; rental housing complaints; commercial vehicles on private property	Neighborhood Preservation 730-7610
City streets, sidewalks, trees, streetlights, street sweeping	Public Works 730-7505
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