

Welcome to the LVNA

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Next LVNA General Meeting:

Thursday, April 14

at 7:00 p.m. in the Lakewood Park Building

- o Volunteer Appreciation Night!
- o Pizza and soft drinks will be served.

President's Column

- Ursula Syrova, LVNA President

MONTHLY MEETINGS NOW ON THURSDAYS!!

In order to allow more people to attend the monthly LVNA meetings, we will have them on Thursday, rather than Wednesday. The general meeting will now be the **second Thursday of every month**, beginning with April 14. The time and place remain the same: 7 p.m. at the Lakewood Park building. You have extra incentive to attend this month as it will be Volunteer Appreciation Night and we will be serving pizza. (See below). We look forward to seeing you there!

Volunteer Appreciation Night

Once a year the LVNA honors all the volunteers who make the various events we put on possible, from the monthly production and delivery of the *Villager* newsletter to the big annual events — the holiday parade, the summer picnic, and Dumpster Day. The next general meeting, on April 14 (Thursday!), will be **Volunteer Appreciation Night**. Pizza will be served, to thank all the volunteers who have made LVNA activities possible. Here is a list of the volunteers I am aware of; if I missed you, please let me know!

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Thank you all for helping to make Lakewood Village a friendly place to live. Come and have pizza on **Thursday April 14!** ■

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LVNA Meetings

-Skip Gottschalk, LVNA Secretary

March 9 General Meeting

- Pat Castillo gave a presentation on the Four Points Sheraton "Crescent" Project (formerly Sunnyvale Hilton).
- LVNA Board Elections were conducted. Judy Fernandez is the new First Vice President—welcome aboard! All the other positions were filled by the incumbents. Thanks go to Lori Sabala, previous First VP, for her support in the past year.
- 3. The Board announced the projected LVNA events for this year: Dumpster Day, National Night Out, Picnic, Holiday (Christmas) Parade, and Holiday Lighting Contest. Other events and fund-raising ideas were also discussed.
- 4. Pest Control—Skip Gottschalk provided a list of pesticides approved by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation to the City of Sunnyvale for assessment. The list is being reviewed by



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Sunnyvale Public Works Department. (see Board Meeting notes for update.)

March 30 Board Meeting

1. The treasurer noted that LVNA still has debts pending from insurance costs of 2004 events, but we haven't gotten invoices from United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County (UNSCC), which is trying to work out costs for all its member neighborhood associations.
2. Pest Control—The City's assessment by Public Works states that the City adheres to the Federal Clean Water Act for regulation and updates. One of the primary reasons a sewer-spraying program cannot be implemented is that Sunnyvale's water pollution plant cannot remove insecticides from the water discharged to the bay or as recycled water. Therefore, the city cannot use pesticides in public sewers or storm drains.

The City emphasizes to residents and property owners that control of pests, particularly small insects and small rodents, is up to the residents and homeowners. Residents can improve conditions on their property by keeping pet food and feces picked up, controlling overgrowth of shrubbery and long grass, doing routine maintenance and inspection, and, if necessary, hiring exterminators.

3. Calendar of events and guest speaker recommendations were discussed. Newly assigned Public Safety Chief Don Johnson and Mayor Dean Chu are requested speakers in the upcoming months.

Volunteer Appreciation Night is scheduled for the April 14 General Meeting.
4. The LVNA Board has received e-mails pertaining to cockroaches on Lakefair Drive and vagrancy in the Lakewood Village shopping center. These issues are being addressed with various city departments.

Concerned residents who submit issues to the LVNA Board are encouraged to attend the general meeting to discuss problems with other residents of the neighborhood. ■

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Red Cross Disaster Preparedness and First Aid Workshop

-Skip Gottschalk, LVNA Secretary

LVNA members who attended a Red Cross Disaster Preparedness and First Aid Workshop on March 31 learned about procedures for common emergencies and for the inevitable earthquake.

The program emphasized steps everyone should take:

Make a Plan for evacuating the home and assembling or contacting family members.

Build a Kit of supplies for everyone in the household for at least 3 days.

Get Properly Trained in first aid and calling 911 or the local emergency number. First aid and CPR information is available at: www.paarc.org or (650) 688-0415.

The workshop leaders, from the Palo Alto chapter of the American Red Cross, showed how to apply first aid for breathing or choking problems, bleeding, shock, burns, and muscle, bone, or joint injuries. They demonstrated CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation), the Heimlich maneuver, and applying splints and using slings.

The volunteers provided information on becoming a Red Cross Volunteer [(650) 688-0415] and donating blood, which is always in short supply. They displayed two Red Cross disaster and first aid kits, available for purchase at the www.paarc.org Web site.

The pamphlets the Palo Alto Red Cross chapter volunteers handed out will be available at the next LVNA General Meeting.

Because the information provided in this workshop is so important, the LVNA members who attended suggested that the workshop should be an annual event for LVNA. ■

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Letters

Lakewood School picnic table progress report

Dear Neighbors,

Recently I wrote to you about the vandalism and destruction of the three wooden picnic tables on the kindergarten playground at Lakewood School. I'm working with Lakewood's administration and the PTO to raise approximately \$2000 to replace these tables with safer, more durable and attractive tables.

I was heartened by the response from the neighborhood. A special thank you goes to Judy Fernandez and Eric Burchert.

You both gave valuable input or financial support which has furthered our cause! Thank you so very much!!! Others have also begun sending in donations. If you wish to send a donation, please make checks payable to Lakewood PTO, with a notation that it goes towards the kindergarten table fund. You can mail them to:

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In April we are having a dance at Lakewood School in the Multipurpose room. The details have yet to be finalized, but there will be baked goods, pinwheels and CDs of the instrumental group "SeaMonkeys" for sale.

Thank you for your support. I will write a final article to let the neighborhood know how things turn out.

Sincerely,

Ann Richardson,
parent of a Lakewood kindergartener ☐

Farewell

Last month we lost a dear friend and neighbor, Louann Sprowl of Lakewood Drive. She was a dedicated family childcare provider, a Girl Scout leader, LVNA volunteer and a good neighbor.

She will be missed very much. Our prayers go out to her family.

Judy Fernandez ☐

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► **Letters, from page 4**

Out of control parking

Dear Editor,

When will LVNA get our streets parking under control? Recently a house on our street was rented to, what appears to be, either a mechanic or a car dealer (lots of cars and car service). And the street parking is being snapped up on both sides and in both directions. We ourselves, have 3 cars (2 in the drive, 1 on the street). The new neighbor leaves no parking in front of our own house which forces my teenage son to park in front of someone else's house and so on and so on.

Is there NO limit to the number of cars that one resident can have? I understand that the street is public parking, but it would be nice if each neighbor could limit the amount of space they occupy in front of their neighbors house. We have cars in front of our house that do not move for DAYS even when space opens up in the rentals driveway. Please be considerate. Even if you are in our neighborhood as a renter and do not plan to stay...

Homeowner, Manzano Way ☐

[Editor's note: The LVNA cannot control parking. It is often best to speak with the neighbor about the problem to see if the two of you can resolve the issue. If that doesn't work, refer to the Sunnyvale Municipal Code to see if any laws are actually being violated. Your neighbor may be perfectly within their right to use street parking, but if they are not, refer to the last page of this newsletter for phone numbers you can call for such things as illegal parking or businesses.]

Homeless people and speeding cars

Good Evening,

Throughout the last year or so several homeless people have been spending MUCH of their day and evening on one section of the walkway that begins after the Valero station.

I work hard and pay taxes, but I am angered that this has continued for so long. I enjoy taking a stroll from one end of Fairwood to the other side of Lakewood School. Walking pass these men is sometimes frightening and disgusting. It's bad enough that they are there, but they leave food, garbage, beer cans and

they urinate. Surely, I am not the only one that feels this way. What have others said? Can they not be cited?

My other concern is the cars that speed on Lakehaven and through the shopping center. Can't speed bumps be put in? I was walking with my son on a Saturday evening and the cars by the liquor store and behind the supermarket drive awfully fast when they think no people are around. Well, they are wrong.

Please don't tell me that there is no money and the city doesn't have funds or resources. How much does it cost to lay tar and asphalt on the ground in a straight line?

The safety of our school age children and residents is a need for concern

Thank you,

An Upset Neighborhood Resident ☐

[Editor's note: Yes, you are not the only one who feels this way – about either issue. Homelessness and speeding cars are concerns that have been expressed by others, but neither has an easy solution. I invite you to attend an LVNA General Meeting to find out more about what has been done and what you can do to further your cause. These things take the time and effort of volunteers. Like you, perhaps?] ■

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Safe at home!

- Ken Michels, LPB

Can you believe it? With a crack of the bat, baseball season is back in full swing at Lakewood Park. We had a record number of kids sign

up this year. Lakewood Pony Baseball is dedicated in keeping baseball fun for the entire family. As good as last season was, the 2005 campaign will be even better.

Opening Day Ceremonies are Saturday, April 2nd at 10 am. With team introductions, food and games we are following a Lakewood Village tradition that dates back nearly 50 years.

We will also be conducting a fundraising Hit-A-Thon. Feel free to take a few swings. Let's see if you've still got it! Opening game is Monday, April 4th. This game will feature two powerhouse squads, the Dodgers and the Braves. This is a Mustang Division battle that features 9 and 10 year old boys and girls. Games will be played Monday through Thursday. On Saturdays there will be a total of 7 games being played. Stop by and watch our kids play. Admission is always free!

Our Snack Shack is open during game days. The food is good and our nachos are world class. You can't beat a Snack Shack Hot Dog can you?

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April in Your Yard and Garden

- When the garden soil is dry enough to work in without the soil clinging to the shovel, dig in lavish quantities of compost or other organic amendments. This is particularly important in the vegetable garden.
- Before digging into the spring gardening season, clean and repair garden tools; sharpen the blades of pruning tools and shovels; service the lawn mower.
- When spring-blooming bulbs fade, leave the dying foliage intact to draw nutrients down into the bulb for next year's bloom. To cover the fading bulb foliage, set out six-packs of lobelia and sweet alyssum.
- Begin weeding while the weeds are young and the ground is still wet.
- In preparation for the coming hot, dry season, apply a mulch.
- Take cuttings for new plants from azaleas, carnations, chrysanthemums, geraniums, and succulents.
- Fertilize roses and crape myrtles. Fertilize azaleas, camellias, and rhododendron when they finish blooming. If you did not fertilize them last month, fertilize citrus, flowering plants about to bloom, trees, shrubs, and cool-season lawns.
- Prune spring-blooming plants as they finish blooming. Prune hydrangeas, fuchsias, and bougainvilleas.
- Plant out summer bulbs. Set out summer-flowering plants.
- Watch out for snails and earwigs, both of which devour seedlings. Use a strong spray from the hose to wash away aphids. Wrap fruit tree trunks with a sticky tape to control ants. Wrap low so that birds, particularly hummingbirds, will not be attracted.

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 ■

City News

Health and Safety Fair

The Sunnyvale Health and Safety Fair 2005 will be held at the Columbia Neighborhood Center at 785 Morse Ave. on Saturday, May 14 from 11:00AM - 3:00PM.

The Fair will showcase the Columbia Neighborhood Center, Department of Public Safety and community health and wellness organizations. Free health screenings will be provided, as well as live entertainment for all ages. There will also be a bike rodeo featuring a BMX bicycle stunt show, a bike helmet giveaway, and the San Jose Sharks' outdoor street hockey rink.

Questions about the event? Please contact Michelle Bromstead at mbromstead@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us or 730-7472.

Interested in volunteering? Please contact Romie Georgia at rgeorgia@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us or 730-7536.

Boards and Commissions

Are you interested in making a difference in your community? Would you like to become more involved in Sunnyvale issues and government?

The City Council is now accepting applications from civic-minded individuals who would like to serve on the following volunteer advisory boards and commissions:

- Arts Commission
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- Board of Building Code Appeals
- Board of Library Trustees
- Child Care Advisory Committee
- Heritage Preservation Commission
- Housing and Human Services Commission
- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Personnel Board
- Planning Commission

The City of Sunnyvale supports its diversity and encourages applicants from all groups to apply. If you are interested in applying for a seat on any of the above boards or commissions, you may download the application form at <http://sunnyvale.ca.gov/NR/rdonlyres/CF33E9B6-799F-49CA-912A-1CC51EF2D234/0/applicationform.pdf>.

For more information about Sunnyvale boards and commissions, go to <http://sunnyvale.ca.gov/City+Council/Boards+and+Commissions/> or contact the City Clerk's office (408) 730-7474 or sramos@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us.

Outstanding Citizens

Each year, the City of Sunnyvale honors exceptional members of the Sunnyvale Community. The City is now seeking nominations for this year's awards, scheduled to be presented at the Mayor's State of the City event, Monday, July 4. This year's prestigious awards include:

- Distinguished Citizen of the Year
- Outstanding High School Senior of the Year
- Outstanding Community Volunteer
- Outstanding Businessperson of the Year
- Outstanding Contribution to the Arts

Nomination forms are available for download at the City's Web site, www.sunnyvale.ca.gov. Following the nomination period, which closes April 29 at 5 p.m., a committee chosen by Sunnyvale Mayor Dean J. Chu will review all nominees and select the award recipients. ■



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Sunnyvale Library	http://www.sunnyvalelibrary.org
http://www.lvna.net/Resources/Links/links.html	

Calendar of Upcoming Events

What	Where	When
Extra dump weekend	SMaRT Station	4/19-4/10
Spring Cleanup	Curbside on your trash pickup day	4/4-4/29
Street Sweeping	Your street – move your cars!	4/12 Lakewood 5/3 Fairwood
Compost Workshop	Sunnyvale Community Center Arboretum	4/9, 10 a.m. - noon
LVNA Meeting	Lakewood Park Bldg.	4/14, 7 p.m.
Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off	Carl Road, near the SMaRT Station	4/16, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
LVNA <i>Villager</i> Editorial Deadline	Contact editor@lvna.net	4/29
http://www.lvna.net/Resources/Calendar/calendar.html		

Important Phone Numbers

Public Safety – Emergency	911
Public Safety – Non-emergency	730-7100
Speeding cars; parking complaints; traffic signal repair; dead animals	Dispatch 730-7180
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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