

Welcome to the LVNA

# Villager

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## Next LVNA General Meeting

Thursday, March 8

at 7 p.m. in the Lakewood Park Building

### President's Column

-Ursula Syrova, LVNA President

Well, this is it—my last president's column. I have been president of the LVNA for three terms, and it has been interesting and thought provoking. If no one else is interested in being president, the LVNA will stop existing. This means specifically that the *Villager* will stop being printed and delivered, and there will be no one to organize the parade, the picnic, dumpster day, or the lighting contest. My feeling is that if this reflects the wishes of the neighborhood, so be it. We define ourselves through our groups, and perhaps the "neighborhood group" is not as important to people right now as their family, school, work, or church groups. Perhaps we have more in common with those other groups than we do with our neighbors. Many associations form around a cause—an opposed development nearby, an interest in disaster preparedness, some shared problem. If such a cause arises, I have no doubt a group could form again.

A few logistical details: we received a grant to acquire bingo equipment and banner signs. We have not yet bought the bingo equipment, and if no one is interested in continuing the LVNA, we will send that portion of the grant funds back and abandon that project. The idea behind the bingo was to bring neighbors together and raise money to fund our other events.

A reminder: there is value in a neighborhood organization, but not having one does not mean you can't know your neighbors. Say hello, respect each other's property, resolve conflicts peacefully, report crimes if you see them, drive slowly so fellow neighbors aren't disturbed or kids endangered—those are my hopes for Lakewood Village, with or without a formal organization. ■

- Future of LVNA—time to end it?
- Election—ONLY if someone volunteers
- Cold drinks and cookies

## Lakewood School To Be Fenced

Because of damage, robberies, and student safety at Lakewood School, the school will soon be surrounded by a fence.

Principal Annette Grasty and school district representative Kathy Rouse told attendees at the Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association meeting in February that strangers had been using the student restrooms (ignoring the signs on them), that the school had been broken into and robbed of PCs, DVD players, and other equipment, and that graffiti had been put on the walls by strangers. They said that the school grounds need to be safe for the students, and fencing (which almost all of the other Sunnyvale schools have) is the only affordable deterrent to trespassers.

Installation of the fence—chain link around the back and wrought iron in the front—is slated to begin within the next few months.

People at the meeting asked whether security cameras could be used, but Kathy Rouse explained that cameras are very expensive and cannot be monitored effectively for preventing break-ins and other illegal activity. ■

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**Rebuilding Together Offers Home Repair**

Rebuilding Together brings together volunteers to provide repair work for low-income homeowners and non-profit facilities. For more information or an application, call Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley at (408)578-9519. Applications can also be downloaded from the Web site [www.rebuildingtogether-sv.org](http://www.rebuildingtogether-sv.org). ■

**County Launches 2-1-1 Service**

Santa Clara County has launched the new 2-1-1 phone service, a free, non-emergency, confidential service that operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Mandarin, and 140 other languages.

For everyday needs and in times of crisis, the 2-1-1 service provides streamlined access to critical health and human services such as food, shelter, counseling, drug and alcohol intervention, employment assistance, and more. It also serves as a link for individuals seeking to volunteer, provide resources, or assist during a crisis in Santa Clara County. 2-1-1 is also a valuable tool when disasters strike because people can quickly and easily receive critical information.

To get more information on this new service, visit [www.211scc.org](http://www.211scc.org), or simply call 2-1-1. ■

**Next SNAP Training Dates: April 5–May 19**

The SNAP (Sunnyvale Neighborhoods Actively Prepare) Training Program provides Sunnyvale residents with tools to be self-sufficient for a minimum of 72 hours following a disaster. In SNAP training, you will learn about disaster preparedness empowering you to help save lives while working with the city to do "the greatest good for the greatest number of people."

For more information, please visit [SNAP.inSunnyvale.com](http://SNAP.inSunnyvale.com), or call Cherel Sampson at (408) 730-7190. ■



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## March in Your Yard and Garden

- ☀ Sow seeds of summer vegetables and annuals indoors.
- ☀ The bare-root season is almost over. Buy soon and plant when the weather is right for planting. Complete those orders for bare-root fruit trees from specialty nurseries, which usually stop shipping bare-root fruit trees by the end of March.
- ☀ Send in orders to seed companies before they run out of stock later in spring.
- ☀ Wet weather is good for indoor gardening chores such as cleaning and repairing garden tools. Do not forget to sharpen the blades of pruning tools and shovels, and to service the lawn mower.
- ☀ Begin weeding while the weeds are young and the ground is still wet.
- ☀ The rice growers in the Sacramento Valley remove the fibrous hulls from the grains. Rice hulls are an excellent, inexpensive soil amendment. Contact a rice growers' cooperative to find the nearest local source.
- ☀ Fertilize roses, citrus, and all flowering plants that are about to bloom. Trees, shrubs, and cool season lawns could use a high-nitrogen fertilizer.
- ☀ Fertilize azaleas, camellias, and rhododendrons when they finish blooming.
- ☀ Prune spring-blooming plants as they finish blooming. Toward the end of the month (but before new growth begins), prune back both oleanders and crape myrtles to produce new flowering wood.
- ☀ Watch out for snails and earwigs.
- ☀ Use a strong spray from the hose to wash away aphids.
- ☀ After the danger of frost is past, prune hydrangeas, fuchsias, and bougainvilleas.

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☀ Plant out summer bulbs such as amaryllis, callas, cannas, dahlias, gladiolus, lilies, and tuberous begonias.

*These tips are from the book Northern California Gardening: A Month-by-Month Guide, by Katherine Grace Endicott, published by Chronicle Books, San Francisco, copyright 1996, and are used with the publisher's permission. ■*

## Village Crime Statistics

The Department of Public Safety has provided these crime statistics for Lakewood Village for January 1 through February 26, 2007.

- Assault 4
- Auto burglary 8
- Auto theft 4
- Commercial, residential, and school burglary 3
- Larceny 8
- Rape 2 ■

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## Villager Walkers Needed

Anyone interested in delivering the *Villager* on Lakehaven (96 homes) or part of it, please call Wendy at 745-1331. ■

We also need a walker to distribute the *Villager* on Candlewood, Torrance, and Socorro. Here's a chance to get some exercise and perhaps meet some Village neighbors. Please call Craig Crawford at 736-7371 if you can help. ■

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Yes, the Opening Day Ceremony is right around the corner—Saturday, March 24! This will be Lakewood Baseball's 49th season.

**Night games!** There is a game on the schedule every Saturday night. Good food and baseball—what else could you ask for? It seems that the kids play their best when the lights are on. Stop by and enjoy the pleasures of children playing this special game.

**Memorial Day Tournament!** During the Memorial Day weekend, more than a dozen All Star teams from all over the Bay Area will arrive at Lakewood Park to compete in our tournament. This event is for 7- and 8-year-old boys and girls. You can smell the BBQ already—Yum!

**Umpires!** Lakewood Pony Baseball is looking for umpires. The pay is good and so is the fresh air.

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**Are You Coordinated?**

Craig Crawford is resigning his position as *Villager* walker coordinator for the Fairwood side of Lakewood Village. Craig has held this volunteer position for several years. He has recently gone back to school and also works full time.

Craig distributes the *Villager* to his list of volunteer walkers, who then deliver the newsletter to the individual homes on the Fairwood side of Lakewood Village.

Call Craig at 736-7371 to find out more about this position. We need you! ■

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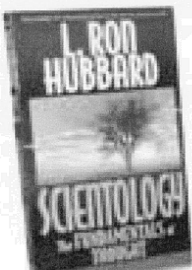
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## Upcoming Events

What	Where	When
Street Sweeping	Your street – move your cars!	3/6 Fairwood 3/13 Lakewood 4/3 Fairwood 4/10 Lakewood
Compost Workshop	Sunnyvale Community Center Arboretum	3/17, 10 a.m. – noon
Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off	Carl Road, near the SMaRT Station	3/17, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
LVNA Villager Editorial Deadline	Contact editor@lvna.net	3/30
LVNA Meeting	Lakewood Park Bldg.	3/8, 7 p.m.
<a href="http://www.lvna.net/Resources/Calendar/calendar.html">http://www.lvna.net/Resources/Calendar/calendar.html</a>		

## Important Phone Numbers

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<b>Public Safety – Non-emergency</b>	<b>730-7100</b>
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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
Animal control	730-7178
City streets, sidewalks, trees, streetlights, street sweeping	Public Works 730-7505
Nuisance vehicle hotline	730-7706
Drug hotline	245-3784
Graffiti hotline	730-7680
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