

Welcome to the LVNA

# Villager

The Newsletter of the Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association

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## Next LVNA General Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, September 12**

**at 7 p.m. in the Lakewood Park Building**

## •BINGO!

**For All Lakewood Village Neighbors  
Prizes!**

**•Annual Picnic is September 15**

## President's Column

-Michael Majchrowicz

**The annual LVNA picnic is coming up on September 15, 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** in the large picnic area at Lakewood Park. There is always good food and good entertainment. The city will have a police car and fire truck there for the kids, as well as the adults, to enjoy.

Bingo time is here again! Everyone had a good time when we did it in June, so we plan to do it at the next meeting, Wednesday, September 12 at 7:00 pm. Bingo winners will get gift certificates to places such as In-N-Out Burgers, Ben and Jerry's, AMC 20 Theatres, Starbucks, and Jamba Juice. All ages can play. Come and have a great time!

If you who would like to comment on or ask a question about something going on in the neighborhood but don't want to wait until the next LVNA meeting, sign up at [www.topica.com/lists/lakewoodvillage](http://www.topica.com/lists/lakewoodvillage). I just signed up and I found that I can read and respond to others' comments and post my own. This on-line service gives us a good way to continue dialogue as a community any day of the week, so please visit the site.

Finally, I would like to introduce the newest member of our LVNA board, Felipe Misch, our 2nd vice president. He has been gracious enough to volunteer as a Lakewood Village liaison, assisting with representation of neighborhood diversity. Felipe has approached this important role with great passion. We appreciate his enthusiasm and willingness to look for ways to increase participation in the Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association. This is one of the largest neighborhood associations in Sunnyvale! We can take pride in that and, as individuals, commit to improving it every day.

See you all at the September 12 LVNA meeting and at the annual picnic on September 15! ■

## Villager Walkers Needed

*Lakewood Side:* Wendy Stanley is looking for walkers to deliver the Villager each month for four different routes. One route, 60 homes, goes from Lawrence halfway down Lakebird. The second route is 101 homes, all of Lakehaven. The third route, 111 homes, includes all of Greenlake, Hiddenlake, and Lakefair plus the two courts off of it. (These two long routes could be split, if enough people offer to walk them.) The last route, 82 houses, involves all of Bridgewood and part of Lakewood down to Meadowlake. Enlist a friend and volunteer for one of these routes. Call Wendy at 745-1331.

*Fairwood Side:* Bev Woodyla needs a walker for just 29 houses on Blazingwood. Call Bev at 736-6225 to volunteer for this route.

Delivering the Villager is a great way to get some exercise and meet some neighbors! ■

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**Volunteer Opportunity: Edit the *Villager***

Here's a chance to help the Lakewood Village neighborhood in a major significant way. If you have an aptitude for putting together a newsletter, have a computer with Word or a comparable word-processing program, and perhaps have some ideas on stories for the *Villager*, consider trying your hand at this interesting opportunity.

The *Villager* needs a new editor beginning in January 2008. For more information, call Faith Rogers at 738-3215 or e-mail ferogers@sbcglobal.net. ■

**Speeders Beware!**

School is now in session, and there are lots of children walking in our neighborhood. The speed limit is 25, NOT 50 or 60. How would you feel if you hit a child—or an adult, for that matter—and seriously hurt or killed them? Speeding is against the law, and so is vehicular manslaughter.

If you have to be somewhere at a certain time, either leave earlier or at least wait until you get to the freeway to make up time. Don't take the chance of injuring or killing someone.

If you have friends who visit our neighborhood, tell them not to speed on our streets. Protect your neighbors, especially the kids. ■


**Village Crime Statistics**

The Department of Public Safety has provided these crime statistics for Lakewood Village for July 1 through July 31, 2007


- Assault 1
- Auto theft 2
- Burglary 2
- Other Larceny 2
- Rape 1
- Vehicle Burglary 6■

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## September in Your Yard and Garden

- ☀ For the best selection, purchase spring bulbs as soon as they come on the market. Shop for native plants, trees, and shrubs. Do not buy or plant frost-tender plants such as citrus and bougainvillea (wait until next spring).
- ☀ Continue to weed. Add young, seedhead-free weeds and excess summer growth to the compost pile. Remember to keep the pile as damp as a wrung-out sponge for faster composting.
- ☀ As always, keep after the snails. Use a strong spray from the hose to wash away aphids. Ants are likely to become a problem soon. Discourage them by picking up fallen fruit and sealing off cracks that would lead them into the house.
- ☀ Hold off fertilizing most plants in preparation for winter, but do fertilize all flowering plants that are about to bloom. Fertilize roses with a low-nitrogen formula or one that has no nitrogen at all. Do not fertilize most antique roses.

☀ Pinch off dead flowers. Of course, if you wish to save seeds for planting in the future, you will want to leave the entire flower head, particularly the swollen ovaries where seeds form.

☀ Postpone transplanting fall- and winter-flowering plants into the bedding plot during a heat wave. Hot weather is hard on newly transplanted plants. If you do transplant, shade them for a few days with the temporary shelter of an umbrella or a wooden shake. Stake tall, sprawling flowers.

☀ Harvest vegetables as they ripen. Pick them early in the day.

☀ Continue to monitor your watering system. Soak all newly transplanted plants.

**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.**

*Reminder: The SMaRT Station on Borregas Drive, off Caribbean Drive, has mounds of compost and mulch that are free to Sunnyvale residents. Take your own container and shovel. ■*



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## Volunteering—Who Can Do It?

-Wendy Stanley

Every organization needs volunteers to survive—Parent Teacher Organizations (PTOs), neighborhood groups, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, baseball, etc. These days it seems volunteers are in short supply. Perhaps everyone figures they don't have the time to help or that someone else will do it.

But what if no one volunteered? How would these groups function? They couldn't. Lakewood School has come close a couple of times to not having a PTO. One year it got down to two members, and one of them stayed only because she couldn't leave the other one to do it alone. The Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association can't continue if it doesn't have volunteers for the board, the *Villager*, the meetings, the parade, and the picnic.

I make time to volunteer because I know how desperately people are needed for these jobs. Last

year I helped the music department at Columbia School, I coordinate delivery of the *Villager* for my side of Lakewood Village (sometimes walking a route myself if no one else will do it), and until recently, I was involved with the Army Reserve Family Readiness Group. I will be helping the Fremont High School music department now that one of my sons goes there. I have two boys, 13 and 16. My 16-year-old son is autistic and takes a lot of work, so I am a stay-at-home mom and do most of my volunteering during school hours, but both of the other mothers in our carpool work outside the home and still find time to volunteer, so it *can* be done by working parents.

Back to School nights are coming up soon, and the schools will be asking for volunteers. Please take time out of your busy lives to lend a helping hand. When you see how it helps others, or makes a kid smile, it's all worth it. ■

## See Fremont Band Perform at Games

-Christina Misch  
Fremont High School Band Member

The Fremont High School Marching Band will perform for the second time this season at the football game on Friday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. There is a \$5 entrance fee. If you want to get a good seat, plan to arrive at least half an hour before the game begins. ■

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## Are You a Good Neighbor?

At the July LVNA meeting, Neighborhood Preservation Specialist Jhoanne Navarro talked about some of the ordinances that affect residents. Here are some things we all need to know.

Property owners and renters are responsible for maintaining their properties to avoid causing neighborhood nuisances. Sunnyvale has adopted ordinances aimed at creating and maintaining a healthy, safe, and pleasant environment in which to live, work, and play.

**Fences:** City standards guide the location, height, and construction of fences. Any fence or other structure or thing on private property abutting, fronting upon, or visible from any public street, sidewalk or place must be in good condition. Sagging, leaning, fallen, decayed, or otherwise unsafe structures must be removed or repaired. **Before** you install a fence, check with Neighborhood Preservation about permits that may be required.

**Home Businesses on Residential Property:** Home businesses are permitted if you have a city-issued business license. To maintain the residential character of the neighborhood, specific city ordinances regulate traffic, noise, and signage.

**Junk and Debris and/or Outside Storage:** Accumulations of litter, junk, machine parts, scrap material, plant trimmings, and similar matter are a health and safety hazard and detract from the appearance of individual properties as well as the entire neighborhood. These things are prohibited and must be removed.

### Vehicles

*Auto Repair* is allowed only between the hours of 7:00 am and 10:00 pm. and within an enclosed structure shielded from public view. Vehicle painting, except for minor touch-ups, is prohibited. Vehicle repair as a business is prohibited at all times.

*Parking on unpaved surface:* Vehicles cannot be parked on an unpaved surface at any time.

*Parking on paved surface:* Vehicles may be parked in the driveway, but must be operable and registered. The paved surface can cover no more than 50% of the front yard. Inoperable or dismantled vehicles must be in a garage or other enclosed area out of public view.

Vehicles parked on the street must be licensed and operable, and cannot be left in one location for more than 72-consecutive hours.

*Boats and recreational vehicles (RVs)* must be parked perpendicular to the street. They must be on a permanent paved surface and not blocking any driveway. They must be licensed and operable.

**To report abandoned or inoperable vehicles, contact the Department of Public Safety, Nuisance Vehicle Hotline at (408) 730-7706.**

**Noise:** For regulating noise, the city defines *daytime hours* as 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Some of the different types of noise regulated by the city:

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*Hours of Construction:* Monday through Friday—7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Saturday—8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Sundays and national holidays—no activity allowed.

*Extended Hours Allowed for Single-Family Detached Housing When the Work is Performed by the Homeowner:* Monday through Friday—7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Saturday—8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Sundays and national holidays—9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Operational Noise:* Continuous or frequent noise related to the basic use of the property includes noise produced by air conditioners, equipment for swimming pools or spas, industrial machinery, air compressors, or fork lifts. Powered equipment or deliveries are not considered operational noise. Operational noise must not exceed 75 dBA (decibels) at any point on the property line of the premises upon which noise or sound is generated. Maximum dBA for properties adjacent to residential zoning districts: Daytime hours—60 dBA; Night time hours (10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.)—50 dBA. If the noise involves a steady, audible tone such as a whine, screech, or hum, or is a staccato or intermittent noise (such as hammering) or includes music or speech, the noise or sound level must not exceed 45 dBA.

*Powered Equipment:* Any motorized device powered by electricity or fuel and used for construction, demolition, property or landscape maintenance, and repairs is considered powered equipment. It includes lawn mowers, edgers, parking lot sweepers, saws, sanders, motors, pumps, generators, fans, wood chippers, vacuums, and nail guns. Powered equipment used on a temporary, occasional, or infrequent basis which generates a maximum of 60 dBA can be operated only during daytime hours when adjacent to a residential zoning district.

**To report these types of noise after regular business hours, contact the Department of Public Safety at (408) 730-7110.**

*Leafblowers:* It is unlawful to use a leaf blower in any residential area except between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. All leaf blowers operated in or adjacent to a residential area must operate at or below a noise level of 65 dBA at a distance of 50 feet, as determined by a test conducted by the American National Standards Institute or an equivalent. The dBA rating must be prominently displayed on the leaf blower.

*Loud Music/Parties/Animals:* City regulations cover loud noises made by people or animals. Some of these are: Parties that include loud music and people coming and going; dogs that bark all night; loud disputes between people; loud music on car stereos. **To report these types of disturbances, contact the Public Safety Department at (408) 730-7110, or call 911 if it is an emergency.**

**Graffiti:** Property owners are responsible for removing graffiti from their property. The city is responsible for removing graffiti on public property such as street signs, parks, and public buildings. To report graffiti on city property, call the Graffiti/Shopping Cart Hotline at (408) 730-7680.

**Overgrown Vegetation:** Property residents are required by the Sunnyvale Municipal Code to prune any vegetation that is encroaching into the sidewalk and/or street. Vegetation in the park strip (area between the sidewalk and the street) or on private property must not impair visibility of the street or sidewalk and must not be more than 2 feet high in the park strip and 3 feet high in the front yard.

**Weeds:** Weeds on residential premises, or on public sidewalks, or streets, or alleys between those premises and the centerline of any public street or

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alley are prohibited. Weeds detract from the appearance of individual properties as well as the entire neighborhood. When left unattended, weeds can turn to seed and spread throughout the neighborhood, creating problems for other properties in the area. Weeds can also provide cover or a food source for insects and rodents and can be a fire hazard.

**Structures:** Most construction work on your property (fence, garage conversion, general construction, patio, shed, window replacement, etc.) requires approval and a permit from either the city's Building or Planning Divisions, or both. Before you start any work or if you need additional information, contact the One-Stop Permit Center at (408) 730-7444.

**Trash and Recycling Containers** are not allowed in public view from any public right-of-way unless the container is stored in the side yard of the premises behind the face of the house.

If you have additional questions or concerns, contact Neighborhood Preservation Specialist Jhoanne L. Navarro at (408) 730-7447. ■

## Parents and Guardians: You Must Protect Your Children with Safety Helmets

According to California Vehicle Code Section 21212, **bike helmets are required for anybody under the age of 18** when riding a bike, skateboard, inline skates, or scooter. Parents or guardians are liable for the fines if the child is caught without a helmet. ■

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## Attention, Dog Owners

Some dog owners allow their dogs to run in the front yard, where they are likely to bark and run at the fence when someone walks by, or, if there is no fence, charge at the walker. If your dog bites someone, you can be fined or even sued and your dog can be taken away by Animal Control. Don't take a chance—be sure your dog is tied when it is in the front yard, fenced or unfenced.

Sunnyvale has a leash law, so if you walk your dog in the neighborhood, including in the parks, it must be on a leash, and a person must be in control of the dog. The fine is \$100 for having a dog on public property without a leash.

All dogs over four months of age that live in Sunnyvale for more than 30 days must be currently vaccinated against rabies and must be licensed with the city. You can get a license application in the Department of Public Safety at 700 All America Way, call Sunnyvale Animal Control at (408) 730-7178 to request that one be mailed to you, or download one at <http://sunnyvale.ca.gov/Departments/Public+Safety/Animal+Control/Licensing+Your+Pet.htm>.

Finally, take a bag when you walk your dog and clean up after it. Be a responsible dog owner, for your own protection, for the dog, and for the neighborhood. ■

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## Upcoming Events

What	Where	When
Street Sweeping	Your street – move your cars!	9/4 Fairwood 9/11 Lakewood 10/2 Fairwood 10/9 Lakewood
Compost Workshop	Sunnyvale Community Center Arboretum	9/15, 10 a.m. – noon
Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off	Carl Road, near the SMaRT Station	9/15, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
LVNA <i>Villager</i> Editorial Deadline	Contact editor@lvna.net	9/27
LVNA Meeting	Lakewood Park Bldg.	9/12, 7 p.m.
Annual Picnic	Lakewood Park	11:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

## Important Phone Numbers

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<b>Public Safety – Non-emergency</b>	<b>730-7100</b>
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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
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