

Welcome to the LVNA

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**Next LVNA General Meeting:
Thursday, February 9
at 7:00 p.m. in the Lakewood Park Building**

- To be announced!
- Cookies and cold drinks

President's Column

-Ursula Syrova, LVNA President

Vote me out!

What? Yes, please do! Elections for new board members are coming in March. Come out and get involved--it would be fabulous to have some new people on the board. I've been president for two years now. One more year and I'm out due to term limits. Skip, our secretary, has already served three years in that position and won't be running again. We desperately need new blood! New ideas! We need . . . *you!*

There are over 1600 houses in Lakewood Village. That's a lot of houses. That's a lot of people living in this community! So . . . why is it so hard to find volunteers to be on the board of the LVNA? Maybe "board" sounds intimidating. Well, it's really just four or five people who meet monthly to organize the monthly general meetings and to plan the major events of the neighborhood.

What value do I find in volunteering for the LVNA? Well, when I first moved here almost three years ago, there was a copy of the Villager on our door. I thought it was so cool! It had all this great information about the neighborhood, local business, and local issues. After a couple of months I decided to go to one of the meetings. There weren't many people there, but suddenly I had met some of the people in the neighborhood. One of them knew about the folks who had previously owned our house. Attending that meeting gave me a way to start to plug in to the new neighborhood we had chosen. By getting involved

with the LVNA I have come to feel "settled" in this neighborhood in a way I never felt in my previous neighborhood. I've met a lot of people and I now have the feeling that I am giving something back to my community. As my daughter grows up, I have the wonderful feeling that I am modeling good-citizen behavior for her. I am teaching her that it is a good thing to get involved locally, to care about the neighborhood we live in, and to give something back to the community. I don't just take her to watch the annual parade, I help plan it. We don't just go to the picnic, we help coordinate it. I no longer feel that I live on a little island, just one house in an unknown territory—I feel like I am part of a community.

We are coming up on election time for new board members. Why don't you sign up? Board members plan the general meetings and work on coordinating the several annual events that we have in the neighborhood. Call any of us board members, listed on the back of the *Villager*, if you want more information. It's a good way to meet long-time Lakewood Village residents and have a say in what LVNA does—or doesn't do. This is your community. ■

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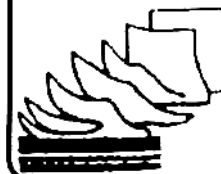
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Holiday Lighting Contest Awards Claimed

Tom Hutchens, Sandra Schwichtenberg, Joseph Levy, and Sarah Daugherty claimed their awards, at the January 12 LVNA general meeting, for the 2005 Holiday Lighting Contest. They posed with their gold and red Santa statues for photos and were applauded by the meeting attendees.

But Some Awards Are Still Unclaimed

The Grand Prize winners at 750 Lakemuir Drive, the Lakewood side winners at 755 Lakewood Drive, and the Fairwood side winners at 1313 Socorro Avenue were not at the meeting to get their awards. Those winners can receive their awards at the next general meeting, on Thursday, February 9. Please attend, so you can be recognized for your holiday efforts! ■

Get Your Exercise as a *Villager* Newsletter Walker

- Wendy Stanley

Need some help keeping that resolution to get more exercise? Here's your chance to help yourself and the community. I need a walker to deliver *Villagers* to 82 houses along Lakewood and Bridgewood Drives starting and ending near Meadowlake. It takes less than one hour; I know because I've done it myself a couple of times. This is also a great time to listen to books on tape or music. If you are interested, please call Wendy at 745-1331. ■



February in Your Yard and Garden

- Purchase bare-root plants. Cover the roots until you have the time and the weather is right for planting.
- Order bare-root fruit trees from specialty nurseries. They will 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.
- Clean and repair garden tools. Sharpen the blades of pruning tools and shovels. Service the lawn mower.
- Complete pruning of deciduous trees, shrubs, vines, fruit trees, and roses.
- If desired and if deciduous plants have not leafed out yet, apply a last application of dormant spray to kill overwintering insects. It is particularly important to use a lime sulfur spray for peach and nectarine trees to prevent a fungus commonly known as peach leaf curl that causes distorted leaves and scarred fruit.
- Select and plant azaleas, camellias, and rhododendrons while they are in bloom.
- Fertilize spring-blooming bulbs as the foliage emerges. Some growers recommend dried blood meal; follow the directions on the package, sprinkling the blood meal around the emerging foliage.

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. ■

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Neighbors, we need your help. On Sunday, January 22 at 4:00 a.m. our Honda was hit head on. The vehicle was parked on Meadowlake Drive, and someone hit it and pushed it back down the street about 500 feet, right into a tree. The car was totaled. The police followed the other vehicle toward Fair Oaks Avenue but then lost its trail. If the driver had stopped, the police said, it would have been just an accident and we could have worked out things with the insurance companies, but because the driver didn't stop, it is a felony hit and run.

The police need your help. If you know who did this or have seen a vehicle with the front end totally damaged, please call the Public Safety non-emergency number, 730-7100. The case number is CR06-764. We cannot let people get away with this type of activity. They need to be responsible for their actions and accountable. It's just not right!

The only positive thing to come out of this incident was that we met the people who own and operate ABC Tow. They live in the neighborhood and advertise in the *Villager*. We called them Monday morning and by that afternoon the car was towed to the junkyard. They are very nice people, and prompt. I recommend them. Thanks again, ABC!

- Fernandez Family ☐

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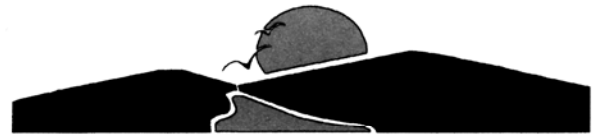
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On a recent evening, a neighbor came to our door with a lost dog. Because the dog had no tag, our neighbor walked the neighborhood while I drove around to see if someone was looking for a lost dog. Fortunately, the owner was eventually found. Do yourself a favor: even if your dog or cat is considered an indoor companion, put a collar and tag on him or her with, at least a telephone number to call if the pet ever gets away from your home. You'll be glad you did!

Skip Gottschalk

Editor's note: You might want to check with your veterinarian or with Humane Society Silicon Valley about getting a microchip implanted in your pet. It's tiny and is placed just under the skin. When a lost pet is scanned, the number on the chip lets the vet or the Humane Society check for the owner's contact information. ■



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Neighborhood Associations Quarterly Meeting

Speakers and topics included: Sunnyvale *Sun* (www.svcn.com) Editor Sandy Simms, who talked about how Sunnyvale's neighborhood associations can partner with the local media to strengthen the community; Sunnyvale Neighborhood Resource Officer Greg Othon, who discussed home safety and the importance of online news groups in maintaining safe neighborhoods (pubsfty@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us); Linda Kim, of the Columbia Neighborhood Center (www.sunnyvale.ca.gov under Sunnyvale Facilities), who described the health, education, and social and recreation services the center provides; and Ed Legorreta, of Project Sentinel (www.housing.org), who talked about the free neighbor-to-neighbor mediation and conflict management services of that agency.

CitySkills Program

CitySkills is a basic training program that teaches how to work with government to address issues. In the four sessions (7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays, beginning April 5, 2006), participants will learn about city services and government structure, how Sunnyvale is

managed, how to present your views to government, city budgeting, having an impact on city decisions, Sunnyvale's "hot" issues, and conflict resolution. March 20 is the application deadline for the spring 2006 session of CitySkills.

For information about this unique learning opportunity, go to CitySkills.inSunnyvale.com (do not type www) and download a schedule and application.

New Sunnyvale Bicycle Map

Looking for places to ride your bicycle in Sunnyvale? Trying to find the quickest and safest bike route from home to work? The City of Sunnyvale has unveiled a new, improved Sunnyvale Bicycle Map to meet your needs. The new map includes all bicycle lanes, routes and trails, with updated graphics and colors. In order to aid in route selection, all major streets have been rated to indicate the recommended skill level for safe bicycle travel. New information about neighborhood pathway connections is also included.

The Sunnyvale Bicycle Map was updated with input from the Sunnyvale Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory

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Committee, the general public, local bicycling organizations, and staff from neighboring cities.

The map, along with other safety information, is available online at biking.inSunnyvale.com (no www). Copies of the map can be picked up at the City Hall One-Stop Counter, the Sunnyvale Community Center, the Sunnyvale Senior Center, or the Sunnyvale Library. You may also call (408) 730-7415, TDD (408) 730-7501, or e-mail pubworks@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us to request a copy.

Social Security Benefits Explained


Sunnyvale community members will have an opportunity to hear a representative from the Social Security Administration present information about retirement planning. He will include an overview of Social Security and an explanation of how to qualify for benefits, and time will be available for questions and answers. This free presentation will be at the Sunnyvale Public Library, Wed., Feb. 8, at 7 p.m.

Free parking is always available at the library, 665 W. Olive Ave.; a stop for VTA bus line 54 is across the street. Information about this and other library programs can be found on the library's Web site at www.sunnyvalelibrary.org, or by calling the Children's Room at 730-7293, TDD 730-7501. ■



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Lakewood Pony Baseball is Gearing Up!

-Haley Cross, Lakewood Pony Baseball

Hurry up — Lakewood Pony Baseball is getting ready to play. So if you haven't gotten your children signed up yet, come and register them so they can have fun. We are forming teams on February 11 at Lakewood Park.

We also have a new member in our league! His name is Eric Leese, and he is in 4th grade at Lakewood School.

Here's what Eric said:



"I am nine years old and I am going to be in the Mustang Division. My favorite baseball team is the Giants, and this will be my first time playing baseball. I am really excited to play. I also have a friend from school who plays. His name is Ben Michels."

We could also use as many volunteers as possible. For more information, go to www.lakewoodponybaseball.com or call (866)895-9841. ■

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The 10 Most Unwanted List!

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Weeds must be cut regularly to avoid health and fire hazards.



Major auto repair is not allowed in any residential neighborhoods. Only minor repairs can be done at your property.



Graffiti must be removed immediately.



Parking of vehicles, boats, and/or trailers is not allowed on landscape portion of yard.



Vegetation in the park strip or on private property may not impair visibility of the street or sidewalk and must not exceed 2 feet in height in the park strip and 3 feet in height in the front yard.



Garage sale signs cannot be posted on public property, utility & telephone poles, or street signs. Only one sign allowed on property of the sale.



Fences visible from the street must be maintained in good condition. Any sagging, leaning, fallen, decayed, or dilapidated fence visible from any public street or sidewalk is a nuisance.



Inoperable, wrecked, or dismantled vehicles may not be visible from the street. All inoperable vehicles must have current registration.



Storage of furniture, junk and debris must not be visible from the street.

Lista de Las 10 Indeseables

Guía del Departamento de Códigos en Como Mantener su Propiedad



Botes de basura y de reciclaje de latas y periódicos deben ser guardados donde no se puedan ver de la calle o banqueta.



Los dueños de casa tienen que cortar la hierba en su propiedad para evitar problemas con insectos y ratas.



Desmantelado, o taller de autos no se permite en zonas residenciales. Solamente se permite arreglos sencillos, como cambios de aceite.



Graffiti, o rayas en las paredes no se permite en la ciudad.



Estacionamiento de vehículos, lanchas o trailers no es permitido en la hierba, o tierra de su propiedad.



Plantas en el lugar cerca de la banqueta (park strip) o en su propiedad no pueden obstruir la calle, or el camino de la banqueta. Las plantas pueden crecer hasta 2 pies en el "park strip", y 3 pies en la yarda de frente.



Letreros de venta de garage (garage sale) no se pueden poner en propiedad pública, postes de telefono o señales de la calle. Solamente un letrero es permitido en el lugar de la venta.



Existen ciertas reglas par las cercas. Cercas desvencijadas, rotas, o quebradas en la vista publica son un delito.



Vehículos que no funcionan, no pueden estacionarse en las calles o propiedad privada. Todos los vehículos tienen que tener su placa corriente.



No se permite guardar cosas en frente de su casa.

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City of Sunnyvale	http://www.sunnyvale.ca.gov
Sunnyvale Library	http://www.sunnyvalelibrary.org
Sunnyvale free recycling	http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sunnyvalefree/

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Upcoming Events

What	Where	When
Street Sweeping	Your street – move your cars!	2/7 Fairwood 2/14 Lakewood 3/7 Fairwood 3/14 Lakewood
Compost Workshop	Sunnyvale Community Center Arboretum	2/11, 10 a.m. – noon
Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off	Carl Road, near the SMaRT Station	2/18, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
LVNA Villager Editorial Deadline	Contact editor@lvna.net	2/24
LVNA Meeting	Lakewood Park Bldg.	2/9, 7 p.m.

<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
Nuisance vehicle hotline	730-7706
Drug hotline	245-3784
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