

Welcome to the LVNA

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Next LVNA General Meeting
Thursday, September 14
at 7:00 p.m. in the Lakewood Park Building

- New Community Outreach Coordinator Nathan Truitt
- Planning for October 7 Picnic—Volunteers Needed!
- Cookies, Cold Drinks

President's Column

-Ursula Syrova, LVNA President

Picnic Date Changed To October 7

The date for the annual picnic, usually held in September, had to be changed this year. The new date is Saturday October 7, 2006. I am confident that this date will work out fine and we will have a lovely early fall picnic. Please come to our next general meeting on September 14, 2006 at 7 p.m. in the Lakewood Park building—we will need some volunteers to help on picnic day with set-up, grilling, and clean-up.

If you are new to the neighborhood, be sure to go to the picnic—it's a great way to meet your neighbors. We invite people to bring a dessert or some other dish to share. The LVNA provides burgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, grilled veggies, chips, chili, and beverages. We will have some fun activities for the kids—a piñata and probably face-painting, and perhaps a fire truck for the kids to check out. We will have a raffle for prizes as well. Come to the general meeting in September for more details. ■

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Desperately Need Walkers for Lakewood Side

-Wendy Stanley

I am still looking for a walker to deliver the *Villager* on Velvetlake Drive. I also need a walker for a route that has just opened on Lakebird, going from the corner of Greenlake to 797 Lakebird and back.

Timing is flexible—I usually deliver the newsletters to the walkers on Saturday, and the walkers need to deliver them to residents by Wednesday evening.

This is a great way to get exercise, meet neighbors, and do some volunteering for your community. If you can help, call Wendy at 745-1331. ■

Raffle Winner

Check those raffle tickets you bought at the Dumpster Day sale in July. The winning number is **665302**.

Bring the ticket stub to the LVNA picnic at Lakewood Park on October 7 to claim your prize!

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Community Gardens Host Fall Harvest Festival

The new Sunnyvale Community Gardens will hold a Fall Harvest Festival on Sunday, October 1, from 1 to 4 p.m. The event will include tours of the gardens, entertainment, activities for kids, food, music, and vegetable tasting.

The organic gardens, more than 100 separate beds, are near the corner of Olive Avenue and Charles Street. The garden beds, leased by Sunnyvale residents, are now in full production. The Sunnyvale Sustainable Gardening group, which got the community gardens started and includes several master gardeners, is part of the Sustainable Community Gardens (SCG) non-profit organization.

Check www.SunnyvaleCommunityGardens.org for more information. ■

Register Now for Youth Basketball

The National Junior Basketball (NJB) league serving Sunnyvale, Los Altos, and Mountain View is currently registering boys and girls entering grades 3–8 and high-school boys entering grades 9 and 10 for the winter 2006 season. To register online or for more information, visit www.njb-slam.org. Spots fill up quickly, so register now. ■

Good Dogs Make Good Neighbors

Help to prevent excessive barking by giving your dog regular walks and play periods. Barking is frequently the result of boredom or anxiety when a dog is left alone for long periods of time. -From Purina

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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. Plant the vegetable garden with beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, garlic, leeks, onions, and shallots. In the hottest areas wait until next month to put in new crops.
 - ☀ Keep the garden well watered, particularly citrus trees. 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. ■**



Lakewood School News

-Annette Grasty, Lakewood School Principal

Our wonderful Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO), is now working hard to become a member of the national PTA. Please support us by becoming a member. Look for more information in the student folders and at Back-to-School night.

We welcome three new staff members to Lakewood School: Miss Laura Smith, kindergarten; Mrs. Kathi Brager, first grade; and Mrs. Shannon Gordon, fifth grade.

Our school district is implementing a new Wellness Policy this year. We will be making an effort to promote healthy lifestyles and eating habits by no longer offering students treats or snacks that are more

than 35% fat, 35% sugar, and 175 total calories. We will re-open our Student Store in the fall, but we will no longer sell ice cream. Please help us to promote student wellness by sending your child to school with healthy snacks like fruit, whole grains, and vegetables. Students may not bring items such as soda and candy to school.

If you purchase school lunches for your child, please note that the cost is now \$2.50 for lunch and \$1.25 for breakfast; the reduced price will remain 40 cents.

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For Kids:

Cuentos en Español (para la familia entera), Saturday, September 9, 2 p.m.

Stories in the Community Garden (for the whole family), Saturday, September 16, at the Sunnyvale Community Garden, Charles Street near Olive Avenue.

Exploring Insects, ages 3–8, stories and craft, Thursday, September 21, 7 p.m.

For Teens:

The library is planning a teen book group for grades 6 through 12, to meet once a month to talk about books.

If interested, tell the librarian at the desk in the Children's Room or e-mail Teen Librarian at library@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us.

For Adults:

A book discussion group meets on the third Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. in the library program room. The book to be discussed in September is *Saturday* by Ian McEwan.

The Sunnyvale library is at 665 W. Olive Avenue. For more information, see the Web site www.sunnyvalelibrary.org. ■

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11:00 a.m. Worship Service

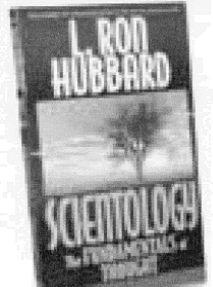
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The Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety (DPS) is looking for success-oriented men and women. DPS has opened recruitment for Public Safety Officers-In-Training (PSOIT) beginning Friday, September 1 and continuing through Friday, September 29.

Sunnyvale's Public Safety Officers are fully trained as police officers and firefighters and perform both duties on a rotating basis. After hiring, PSOITs attend a police academy, fire academy, and EMT academy, and complete a field training program. Sunnyvale offers officers a benefits package that includes comprehensive medical, optical, and dental coverage, education incentives, bilingual pay, and more. During academy training, officers receive a salary of \$72,990. Once on the job, salaries can rise to a top level of \$105,019.

Applicants must be at least 21 at time of appointment, have completed 60 semester or 90 quarter units from an accredited college, be in excellent health, and have no felony or certain misdemeanor convictions. For application information, call (408) 730-7164, TDD (408) 730-7501, or visit jobs.inSunnyvale.com. ■

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

Upcoming Events

What	Where	When
Street Sweeping	Your street – move your cars!	9/5 Fairwood 9/12 Lakewood 10/3 Fairwood 10/10 Lakewood
Compost Workshop	Sunnyvale Community Center Arboretum	9/16, 10 a.m. – noon
Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off	Carl Road, near the SMaRT Station	9/16, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
LVNA Villager Editorial Deadline	Contact editor@lvna.net	9/27
LVNA Meeting	Lakewood Park Bldg.	9/14, 7 p.m.
http://www.lvna.net/Resources/Calendar/calendar.html		

Important Phone Numbers

Public Safety – Emergency	911
Public Safety – Non-emergency	730-7100
Parks and Maintenance	730-7506
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
Animal control	730-7178
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Nuisance vehicle hotline	730-7706
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