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President's Column

-Ursula Syrova, LVNA President

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There will not be a general meeting in October. At the last board meeting we discussed the poor attendance at general meetings and decided we would move to a less frequent schedule. Rather than having a monthly meeting we will just meet before the big events of the neighborhood, like the picnic and dumpster day. Watch your *Villager* for notices of upcoming meetings.

Call for Parade Participants

Are you part of a group that would like to participate in the Lakewood Village Annual Holiday Parade? I welcome suggestions, especially from groups involving Lakewood Village residents and youth. Do you have a cool old car? Are you part of a group that could march in costume? Please call Ursula with your ideas at 738-3092 or email president@lvna.net. Let's make Sunnyvale's only holiday parade better than ever!

School Is Back in Session

As most of you probably know, school has started again, so I urge everyone to be aware and cautious when driving during the time the kids are going to and from school.

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(Of course, it's always a good idea to be aware and cautious when driving!) Parents dropping off and picking up their children should also be sensitive to parking guidelines. At Fairwood the school staff had to buy traffic cones and put them out at strategic locations to keep parents from parking where they shouldn't and endangering others.

From Annual Picnic to Holiday Parade

Our next event is the Holiday Parade, this year on Saturday, December 2. See you there!

Walker Needed for Lakewood-side Villager Delivery

-Wendy Stanley

Thank you to the people who have volunteered to be new walkers to deliver the *Villager*!

I have one more route that needs a walker while the current walker is on medical leave. This is a big route: all of Lakefair and Greenlake, and most of Hiddenlake. If you're interested but don't think you could do the whole route, give me a call anyway, as I can break up the route. Wendy, 745-1331.

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October in Your Yard and Garden

- ☼ Purchase spring bulbs for the best selection.
- ☼ Shop for native plants and set them in the garden.
- ☼ Purchase fall foliage plants in the nursery; the fall color of seed-grown

plants varies greatly even in the same variety.

- ☼ 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.
- ☼ Keep after the snails.
- ☼ Use a strong spray from the hose to wash away aphids.
- ☼ Water plants as needed.
- ☼ Stabilize plants that might be harmed by autumn wind.
- ☼ Water roses but withhold all fertilizer. When the ground freezes in colder areas, mulch the rose bed heavily.
- ☼ Continue to pinch off dead flowers. When frost comes to the garden, move fuchsias and begonias grown in pots to a sheltered, warmer location.
- ☼ Finish transplanting fall- and winter-flowering plants into the bedding plot. Soak all newly transplanted plants until the rains come.
- ☼ Harvest vegetables as they ripen. Plant the vegetable garden with cool-season crops such as beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, onions, parsnips, and turnips. If you put your vegetable garden to rest over the winter, cover it with manure so that the manure can decompose and age over the winter.
- ☼ Flush your watering system to remove mineral deposits.

Remember: October is Fall Cleanup month—extra curbside garbage pickup on your regular trash day

- ☼ Rake up leaves. Continue to pull up dying annuals and vegetables. Add garden debris, except seed-bearing weeds and diseased plants, to the compost pile.
- ☼ Pick up fallen branches, pots, or other debris from the garden to reduce the number of over-wintering sites for snails, slugs, insects, and fungal spores. Continue to go through the garden and examine plants for black spots, bright orange rust pustules, white powdery mildew, rotted stems or branches, large, irregularly shaped galls near the soil, or other signs of infection. Pull up the infected plants and rake up infected leaves and dispose of them. Do not put infected material into the compost bin. Bring a trash can with you into the garden so you can immediately dispose of infected material without spreading disease by dragging it through the garden.
- ☼ After cleaning up the garden, rise gardening tools with a solution of one part bleach to three parts water. Then coat your tools lightly with oil to keep them from rusting.

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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Safety for Trick or Treaters

Kids

- Carry a flashlight
- Walk, don't run.
- Stay on sidewalks
- Obey traffic signals
- Stay in familiar neighborhoods
- Don't cut across yards or driveways.
- Wear a watch you can read in the dark.
- Make sure costumes don't drag on the ground.
- Shoes should fit (even if they don't go with your costume)
- Avoid wearing masks while walking from house to house.
- Carry only flexible knives, swords or other props.
- (If no sidewalk) walk on the left side of the road facing traffic
- Wear clothing with reflective markings or tape.
- Approach only houses that are lit.
- Stay away from and don't pet animals you don't know.

Parents

- Make your child eat dinner before setting out.
- Children should carry quarters so they can call home.

- Ideally, young children of any age should be accompanied by an adult.
- If your children go on their own, be sure they wear a watch, preferably one that can be read in the dark.
- If you buy a costume, look for one made of flame-retardant material.
- Older children should know where to reach you and when to be home.
- You should know where they're going.
- Although tampering is rare, tell children to bring the candy home to be inspected before they eat any of it.
- Look at the wrapping carefully and toss out anything that looks suspect.



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Pancake Breakfast Will Kick Off Safety Fair

The Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety is hosting a pancake breakfast on **Saturday, October 14, from 8 to 11 a.m.** at Fire Station #2, located at Wolfe Road and Arques Avenue. Join Public Safety and other community agencies for fun, food, and neighborhood spirit. Firefighters will prepare a pancake breakfast and offer fire station tours, fire engine rides, and safety demos. Suggested donations: \$6 per person, \$4 for kids 10 and under. Proceeds will benefit the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation. For more information call (408) 730-7140.

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Election Alert

Pros and Cons of Statewide Propositions To Be Explained at Voter Session

For voters who feel overwhelmed by all the issues on the ballot for the November election, there is help. Sunnyvale Public Library, 665 West Olive Avenue, is sponsoring a presentation by the League of Women Voters on the pros and cons of the statewide propositions, Wednesday, October 18, at 7 p.m. Members of the League will explain the ballot measures and answer questions from the audience.

California voters will face 13 statewide propositions this November. One constitutional amendment and five bond measures aim to fund infrastructure, including transportation projects, school construction, housing programs, flood control projects and clean drinking water. Four propositions propose new taxes: a tobacco tax to fund health programs, a tax on oil producers to fund a clean energy program, a state parcel tax to fund education and an increase in corporate income tax to provide public funding for political campaigns. The remaining propositions cover sex offenders, parental notification of abortion, and property rights.

Be sure to vote on November 7—every election counts, and so does YOUR vote!

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Check on Elderly Neighbors

Last month our neighborhood lost another long-time resident, Sally Lester. She was always at Lakewood Park sharing her stories and making friends. She had lived here since 1958. The unfortunate part is that she

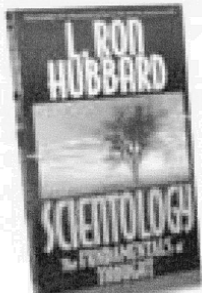
passed away in her home during the hottest days in August, and no one found her until five days later. Please, if you live next door, across the street, or down the street from a senior and you have not seen the oldster daily, go over and check on that person. Most of our long-time seniors do not have family members who live nearby, so we need to pitch in and help out. That's what a village does. Hence the name "LAKEWOOD VILLAGE."

Thanks for caring!

Judy Fernandez, LVNA Vice President

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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!	10/3 Fairwood 10/10 Lakewood 11/7 Fairwood 11/14 Lakewood
Fall Cleanup	Curb on your trash day	10/2-27
Extra dump weekends	SMaRT Station	10/7, 8, 14, 15
Compost Workshop	Sunnyvale Community Center Arboretum	10/21, 10 a.m. – noon
Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off	Carl Road, near the SMaRT Station	10/21, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
LVNA Villager Editorial Deadline	Contact editor@lvna.net	10/29
LVNA Meeting	Lakewood Park Bldg.	None in October
http://www.lvna.net/Resources/Calendar/calendar.html		

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Public Safety – Non-emergency	730-7100
Parks and Maintenance	730-7506
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Noise complaints; homeless complaints; commercial vehicles on residential streets	Desk Officer 730-7110
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Animal control	730-7178
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Nuisance vehicle hotline	730-7706
Drug hotline	245-3784
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