

Welcome to the LVNA

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## No General Meeting in December

## Holiday Lighting Contest Judging December 18



Happy

Holidays!



### President's Column

-Ursula Syrova, LVNA President

### Lakewood Village Lighting Contest December 18!

Make sure your holiday lighting display is lit up for the evening of December 18 so that it can be considered by the contest judges.

### Parade

The 2006 Lakewood Village Holiday Parade was a great success! The weather was beautiful, the participants were enthusiastic, the candy was flying, and the hot chocolate was hot. As always, there's a long list of people to thank for making the parade a wonderful experience. The Sunnyvale Amateur Radio Emergency Service team deserves special mention--they always make parade day run smoothly.

Police Chief Don Johnson put me in contact with a group of antique-car owners. The cars were a wonderful addition to the parade, and a lot of people along the route applauded them. Tom Williams: my daughter and I loved riding in your '66 Bonneville! We also welcomed back the Happy Colliedays Group and the Mixed Breed

Dog Club of California this year. A big thank you also goes to Officer Greg Othon for managing the traffic so we could cross Lawrence Expressway, without the help of the California Highway Patrol this year. Nathan Truitt, our Community Outreach Coordinator, navigated me through the ever-changing maze of city requirements and offered support as I submitted a grant application to the city of Sunnyvale to cover our parade expenses (we got the grant).

It is really the wonderful volunteer participants who make this parade special, especially the groups of kids—the Color Guard, the Brownie troop, the baton twirlers, the groups from Lakewood School, the Fremont High School Band (which performed in the San Jose Holiday Parade the day after our parade!). Following is a list of people and groups who helped with or participated

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*Teddy bear twirlers from the Fremont High School Band, in the LVNA 2006 holiday parade*

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in the parade and the after-parade party. Thank you, everyone!

Annie Gottschalk, party volunteer

Antique-car owners: Carl Brown, Pete Deguara, Basil Ford, Bob Jacobsen, Mickey Jones, Bob Mabe, Brad Natcher, Steve Pedone, Neal Rayborn, Mario Tarigo, Tom Williams

Art Daugherty, hot chocolate master

Belleswingers Square Dance Club: Nathalie Wahl

Brownie Troop 281

Happy Colliedays Group: Kitty Norwood and friends

Craig Crawford, parade banner placement

Dennis O'Neill, party volunteer

Faith Rogers, Santa photo helper, city barrier retrieval

Fred Fowler, former mayor of Sunnyvale

Fremont High School Band

Great America Towing

Judy Fernandez, toy drive organizer, Santa photographer

Kate and Joe Gotelli, toy drive helpers

Lakewood Pony Baseball group with leaders Darlene Cross, Bob Greene, Karen Howard, Carlin Davis

Lakewood School Baton Twirlers

Lakewood School Color Guard: Paul Schaeffer with Daniel, Fatima, Gigi, Precious, Valerie

Lakewood School KLAS (Kids Learning After School)

Lakewood School group with Principal Annette Grasty

Leah Crawford, parade banner placement

Lenora O'Neill, party volunteer

Mixed Breed Dog Club of California

Nathan Truitt, Sunnyvale Community Outreach Coordinator

*Thanks to parade helpers continued on page 3*



*Holiday Parade marchers cross Lawrence Expressway*

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## December in Your Yard and Garden

- ☼ Be sure to get in the last of the spring-blooming bulbs this month. Remember that wet soil is difficult to dig properly. Be careful not to plant the bulbs too deep.
- ☼ Water plants as needed.
- ☼ Watch out for frost.
- ☼ Direct water from downspouts to avoid damage to the garden.
- ☼ Save wood ashes from the fireplace as a source of potash for the compost pile.
- ☼ Request seed and nursery catalogs from mail-order companies.
- ☼ Set out large-sized transplants of winter-flowering plants into the bedding plot, using such plants as calendula, Iceland poppy, primrose, and stock.
- ☼ Apply dormant spray to deciduous flowering plants and fruit trees.
- ☼ Prune pines, magnolias, junipers, and red-berried plants for holiday greens.
- ☼ Cut back chrysanthemums as they finish blooming.

- ☼ Hold off fertilizing most plants in preparation for winter.
- ☼ Stabilize plants that might be harmed by wind.
- ☼ Harvest winter vegetables as they ripen.

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. ■

### Thanks to parade helpers, continued from page 2

Phyllis Fowler, Sunnyvale School Board Trustee and Brownie Troop leader  
 Public Safety Officer Greg Othon and the team of officers with him  
 Santa  
 Sarah Daugherty, party volunteer  
 Skip Gottschalk, after-parade party organizer  
 Specialty Waste: Jerry Nabhan and Family  
 Steve May, party volunteer  
 Sunnyvale Amateur Radio Emergency Service:  
 Howard, Bob, Jordan, Bill, Greg, Phil, Rick, Tom  
 Sunnyvale City Council Members: Vice Mayor Tony Spitaleri, John Howe, Chris Moylan, Ron Swegles  
 Sunnyvale Police Chief Don Johnson  
 Thom Mayer, organizer of cars and politicians  
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## Village Crime Statistics

The Department of Public Safety has provided these crime statistics for Lakewood Village for October 24 through November 20.

Auto Burglaries: 2

Gang graffiti: 4

Rape: 1

Stolen vehicle: 3

Recovered stolen vehicle: 3

Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Arson, Burglaries (commercial and residential), Drug Violations, Homicide, Indecent Exposure, Robbery: 0. ■

## Halloween Display Ruined by Vandals

On Halloween night vandals ruined the decorations of one of our long-time Lakewood residents, even spray painting a car. Please keep an eye out for suspicious behavior, and if you see any vandalism happening, please let the police know about it. Destroying decorations keeps others from enjoying them and is a blow to neighborhood morale. ■



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Lakewood Resident

## Avoid Auto Burglaries

-Skip Gottschalk, Lakewood Village resident

There appears to be an increase recently in the number of stolen cars and auto burglaries in Lakewood Village. Remember NOT to place objects in your car that can be seen from the outside, especially laptops and other electronic items, sunglasses, etc. If possible, park your car in a lighted area, and get a car alarm system.

If you notice an unfamiliar car in your neighborhood, ask your neighbors if they know who the owner is. If no one knows, then call the Nuisance Vehicle Hotline, 730-7706. If the car's windows are broken or there is other evidence of burglary, call 911.

If you see any suspicious activities, you may call the DPS non-emergency number (408-730-7100). If you think it's urgent, don't hesitate to call 911. ■

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MetroFi provides free wireless Internet access and municipal services that are supported by local and national advertisers. Locally, MetroFi operates free municipal Wi-Fi networks for residents, visitors, and city workers in Concord, Cupertino, Foster City, San Jose, Santa Clara, and Sunnyvale.

Before you cancel your DSL or Comcast Internet

*Notice of Death*

Tracy G. Wood Sr. died on November 20, 2006, at the age of 90. He was the father of Tracy G. Wood Jr. of San Jose and Caro Garabedian of Pleasanton. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth M. Wood. A memorial service was held on November 24, 2006. ■

service, note that MetroFi places advertising on your web browser, and there are some usage restrictions (in particular, MetroFi blocks port 25, which is used to send mail from programs like Outlook Express). However, for about \$20 per month, you can subscribe to MetroFi's unrestricted, advertising-free service.

To find out if your home is in the MetroFi service area, go to this web page: <http://www.metrofi.com/availability.html>. If enough people express interest in this service, MetroFi may be more likely to place access points north of 101, so that we can all use the service. ■

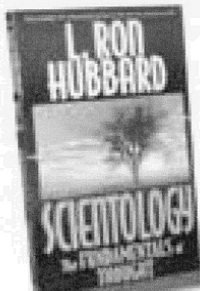
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<a href="http://www.lvna.net/Resources/Links/links.html">http://www.lvna.net/Resources/Links/links.html</a>	

## Upcoming Events

What	Where	When
Street Sweeping	Your street – move your cars!	12/5 Fairwood 12/12 Lakewood 1/2 Fairwood 1/9 Lakewood
Compost Workshop	Sunnyvale Community Center Arboretum	None until January 2007
Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off	Carl Road, near the SMaRT Station	None until January 2007
LVNA Villager Editorial Deadline	Contact editor@lvna.net	12/27
LVNA Meeting	Lakewood Park Bldg.	None in December
<a href="http://www.lvna.net/Resources/Calendar/calendar.html">http://www.lvna.net/Resources/Calendar/calendar.html</a>		

## Important Phone Numbers

<b>Public Safety – Emergency</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>Public Safety – Non-emergency</b>	<b>730-7100</b>
Parks and Maintenance	730-7506
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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
Shopping cart pickup	725-1010
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<a href="http://www.lvna.net/Resources/Phones/phones.html">http://www.lvna.net/Resources/Phones/phones.html</a>	



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