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ABOUT OUR VILLAGE

AT THE END OF JANUARY, THE SAN JOSE MERCURY CARRIED AN ARTICLE CONCERNING A FUTURE 3-YEAR STUDY OF OUR VILLAGE BY THE SUNNYVALE FAMILY SERVICE AGENCY, FOR WHICH FEDERAL FUNDS MAY BE SOUGHT AMOUNTING TO OVER \$100,000. AN INITIAL STUDY BY THE AGENCY IS NOW UNDERWAY. THE PURPOSE OF THIS STUDY IS TO DISCOVER WHY MANY OF OUR FAMILIES "ARE WRACKED WITH PROBLEMS" AND ARE SHOWING "A LARGE INCIDENCE OF FAMILY DISFUNCTION", THOUGH AVERAGE IN INCOME AND EDUCATION LEVELS, THE ARTICLE WAS SOMEWHAT INACCURATE IN DESCRIBING LAKEWOOD VILLAGE, IMPLYING THAT WE HAVE GREATER MOBILITY, MORE ALLEATION, AND FEWER PUBLIC FACILITIES HERE THAN PEOPLE ELSEWHERE.

IN THE ELEVEN YEARS THAT I HAVE BEEN A LAKEWOOD VILLAGE HOMEOWNER, MANY CRITICISMS HAVE BEEN AIMED AT THE VILLAGE, AND MOST OF THEM, I FEEL, ARE QUITE UNDESERVED. IT SEEMS THAT OUR AREA AS SUCH IS HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE PROBLEMS OF SOME OF OUR FAMILIES. I FIND IT DIFFICULT TO ACCEPT THAT A RESIDENTIAL AREA LIKE OURS COULD ACTUALLY CREATE THE PROBLEMS WHICH SOME OF US ARE FACED WITH - ESPECIALLY SO SINCE NATIONAL STATISTICS (DIVORCE RATES, INCIDENCE OF MENTAL INSTABILITY, MOBILITY OF PEOPLE, ETC.) INDICATE THAT THESE PROBLEMS ARE PRESENT TO A LARGE DEGREE IN THE REST OF OUR SOCIETY AS WELL.

WHAT THEN IS WRONG WITH THE VILLAGE? AFTER A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH MRS. PADILLA OF THE FAMILY SERVICE AGENCY, I CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT POSSIBLY TOO LITTLE IS KNOWN ABOUT THE MANY PEOPLE IN LAKEWOOD WHO NEVER COME TO THE ATTENTION OF PUBLIC AGENCIES.

WHAT WE NEED, I THINK, IS AN IMAGE-LIFTING. MAYBE WE HAVE TO LET PEOPLE KNOW THAT WE LIKE TO LIVE IN THE VILLAGE, THAT WE VALUE OUR NEIGHBORS AND OUR HOMES, AND THAT - THOUGH WE MAY NOT SHOUT IT FROM THE ROOFTOPS - WE HAVE A FAIR AMOUNT OF COMMUNITY SPIRIT. I GOT THE IMPRESSION THAT NEITHER MRS. PADILLA NOR MR. CAREY, THE S.J. MERCURY REPORTER WHO HAD WRITTEN THE ARTICLE AND WITH WHOM FIVE PEOPLE FROM THE VILLAGE HAD A MEETING AT MY HOME, WERE AWARE OF OUR LVRA, OUR MONTHLY PAPER "THE VILLAGER", THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES THAT ARE SPON-

SORED BY THE LVRA, FUND-RAISING DRIVES WE HAVE HAD IN THE PAST, THE BABY-SITTING COOP WHICH, TO MY MIND, ARE ALL INDICATIONS OF A NORMAL COMMUNITY LIFE.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE, THEN? WE SHOULD SEEK WAYS TO LET THE REST OF SUNNYVALE KNOW THAT WE ARE A COMMUNITY LIKE ANY OTHER, COMPOSED OF A WIDE VARIETY OF INDIVIDUALS, WITH AND WITHOUT PROBLEMS. AS A START, I THINK, MORE SUPPORT OF THE LVRA AND "THE VILLAGER" WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT MOVE, BUT I AM MOST INTERESTED IN ANY SUGGESTIONS ANY OF YOU MIGHT HAVE. I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR OF YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS, YOUR HOBBIES AND INTERESTS, STORIES OF NEIGHBORLINESS - ANYTHING THAT STRESSES THE POSITIVE SIDE OF LIFE IN LAKEWOOD VILLAGE.

I AM PLANNING TO CONTINUE CONTACTING THE VARIOUS CITY AGENCIES, ESPECIALLY THE PLANNING DEPT. WHICH HAS GATHERED MUCH STATISTICAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE VILLAGE, AND I INTEND TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH MR. CAREY OF THE "MERCURY". I HAVE ALSO BEEN ASKED TO WRITE ABOUT OUR LAKEWOOD VILLAGE NEWS IN THE SUNNYVALE STANDARD. I WILL REPORT TO YOU AT LVRA MEETINGS AND THRU THE "VILLAGER".

URSULA GOBETS

NOTICE

COUNCILMAN HAROLD SHIELDS WILL ATTEND THE LVRA MEETING MARCH 4, 7:30 PM, FAIRWOOD SCHOOL. HE WILL EXPLAIN THE CRP PROJECT MENTIONED IN THE ABOVE ARTICLE. ALL RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.



L.V.R.A.
MEETING
FAIRWOOD MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
MARCH 4, 1968
7:30 P.M.
COUNCILMAN HAROLD SHIELDS - GUEST SPEAKER

RASCO

OSCAR & TRUDY - OWNERS

LAKWOOD CENTER VARIETY STORE

STORE HOURS 9:30 TO 9 MON. THRU SAT.
9:30 TO 6 SUNDAYS

CUB SCOUT PACK 403

OUR JAN. PACK MEETING WAS HELD THE 24. AWARDS TO DAVID WETHERINGTON, A LION BADGE, DENNIS KELLY, 1 YR. PIN, MARK BRACKETT AND JOSEPH SNUGGS, RECRUITER'S BADGE, RANDY ANDERSON, BOBCAT PIN.

FEB. 28, OUR PACK MEETING AND OUR BLUE & GOLD DINNER WILL BE AT LAKEWOOD SCHOOL.

MRS. HANDLEN WILL RECEIVE HER 3YR. PIN. SHE WILL BE LEAVING OUR DISTRICT SOON AND WE WILL LOSE ONE OF OUR BEST DEN MOTHERS.

WE WELCOME A NEW DEN MOTHER, MRS. LAUGHEED. AWARDS TO BE GIVEN AT OUR BLUE & GOLD DINNER WILL BE: 1 YR. PIN TO MR. HANDLEN, MRS. LUKE, KENNETH LUKE AND CHRIS COREY. SCIENTIST PINS TO BRYON CULLEN, BRION BARBER CRAFTMAN PIN TO KANIEL SHARMAN. THE FOLLOWING BOYS WILL GO INTO WEBELOS: GENE GENT, WILLIAM POTTER, JAN AMSLEE, KENNETH LUKE, STEVEN PETERS.

MARCH 9, PACK AND TROOP 403 WILL BE DELIVERING GOODWILL BAGS AND WE WILL PICK THEM UP MARCH 16.

E. WETHERINGTON

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