



The L.V.N.A.

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Register to Vote Now

Californians Must Register by October 5 to Vote in November Election

As you probably know, a major election is coming up on November 3. This election is especially important because we have the chance to vote not just for a president, but for both California senators, as well as a U.S. congressman, a state senator, and a state representative.

Voting protects your interests in two ways. First, you get the chance to choose the men and women who will represent your needs to the federal and state government. Second, if a neighborhood like Lakewood has high voter turnout, we have more clout when we lobby an elected official, or ask him or her to come speak to our association.

Although it sometimes seems like a single vote could not possibly make a difference, many elections throughout history have been won by just one vote per precinct. That means that every U.S. citizen over the age of 18 can make a difference just by exercising the right to vote. We should remember that voting is not just a right, but a privilege which all our ancestors sacrificed for, no matter where they came from.

Voter registration forms can be picked up at the library or post office, or at the next L.V.N.A. meeting. You can also call Lakewood resident Linda Cheung, at 734-1661, and have one brought to your home. The forms take only a minute or two to fill out, and they are already addressed and stamped.

See the other side of this newsletter for a list of candidates for state and national offices. ■

Misprint in Local Newspaper

Valley Journal Misrepresents Information About L.V.N.A.

People tend to believe much of what they read, especially in reputable newspapers. Unfortunately, even the best newspapers can make mistakes, misquote information, or misprint facts. Such was the case in the August 12 *Valley Journal*.

Last month, the *Valley Journal* printed that the L.V.N.A. had spent \$1200 on the August 1 teen B.B.Q. The officers of the L.V.N.A. wish to assure our members that the B.B.Q. expenses came in well under budget, at less than \$250. In addition, we would encourage our readers to call Vicki Piazza at 730-8274 or any other L.V.N.A. board member to verify facts any time you read something in a local paper which concerns or worries you as a resident of Lakewood. ■

Letter from the President

As the L.V.N.A. nears the end of its first year, I would like to take the time to share with you some of our many accomplishments. For those of you that are new, I hope to explain what we do and how you can make a difference.

When we first started, a survey revealed that neighborhood appearance and parking problems were key issues for residents of Lakewood Village. We met with the city about these concerns, and the Partners Program came about.

What an improvement everyone has made: houses painted, lawns mowed, pride in the community. I'm sure you have heard as well as I've heard the many compliments that residents and visitors have made.

Partners is coming to a close, so now we need to move into a more proactive mode. We cannot afford to lose what we have gained and there is still a lot to do. New issues face our community all the time, and we need to be prepared.

Together we can build for a better future. I would like to see more of you get involved in the neighborhood association, even become block captains. One of the best ways to get involved is still to come to our meetings.

Vicki Piazza, L.V.N.A. President

Monthly Meeting

The Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association (L.V.N.A.) meets on the third Thursday of every month. All residents of Lakewood Village are encouraged to attend these meetings, to meet neighbors, learn about upcoming events, and voice concerns. We have a new surprise raffle every month, and free babysitting is always available.

Date: Thursday, September 17

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Location: Fairwood Auditorium
1194 Fairwood Ave., north of Sandia

Topics: Engineer's Plans for Fairwood Park
with guest Robert Walker

Bring a Friend or Neighbor!

Announcements

The L.V.N.A. has a **new treasurer** this month. Please welcome Jessica Lee. Jessica will be taking over for Kathy Bray, who has resigned as treasurer.

Be on the lookout for your invitation to a **Lakewood B.B.Q.** celebrating the success of the Partners Program. The celebration will be held at Lakewood Park on October 3.

If you would like information on **L.V.N.A. finances**, you are invited to come view the financial reports and books at any monthly meeting. Speak to Vicki Piazza for more information.

If you need help settling a **neighbor dispute**, contact our local Neighborhood Resource Officer, Tom Hoppin. Tom works for the City of Sunnyvale Public Safety Department, and can be reached at 730-7146.

Lakewood resident Nelda King has 10 gallons of **blue paint** which she is looking to give away. Contact Nelda at 734-3772.

Welcome to **Sabrina Troung**, born to Joann on August 3. Sabrina weighed 6 lbs., 7 oz.

Cub Scout Pack #403 would like to thank the L.V.N.A. for their help in getting us approval from the city to camp overnight in Lakewood Park. We had a great time. We played games, went on a walk, and told stories around a campfire.

Pack #403 also wants to invite anyone between the ages of 5-11 to join up and be a scout. You won't regret it!

Again, a big thank you to the L.V.N.A. and Vicki Piazza for all the help. —Pack #403

Election Extra

Below is a list of the Democratic and Republican candidates for all state and federal offices. Phone numbers of the campaign offices are also shown, in case you would like more information.

Democrat

Bill Clinton
(415) 903-4969

U.S. Senator (6-year term)

Barbara Boxer
(415) 771-3700

U.S. Senator (2-year term)

Dianne Feinstein
(415) 433-1333

Congress—15th District

Norm Mineta
(408) 984-6676

State Senate—13th District

Al Alquist
(408) 286-8318

State Assembly—22nd District

John Vasconsellas
(408) 296-5646

Republican

George Bush
(408) 246-6600

Bruce Herschensohn
(714) 263-0991

John Seymour
(714) 434-1992

Robert Wick
(408) 296-3300

Michael Iddings
(408) 275-6498

Tim Jeffries
(408) 554-8683

Teen Scene

If the teens of Lakewood Village want to be heard, it is not too late to get involved. Don't let the rest of the neighborhood think we have everything we need. We need to tell them we need more activities. So stop what your doing, hurry to our next meeting, and see what's going on. Let your voice be heard!

Teen meetings are held twice a month on Wednesday evenings at the home of Tammy Iglesias. If you want to get involved or you need more information, call Tammy Iglesias at 736-5098.

Newsletter Contributions

All information in the *Villager* is contributed by residents of Lakewood. If you have an article, announcement, or request for information which you would like published, contact newsletter editor Linda Cheung at 734-1661. We will attempt to print all submissions as space permits. Also feel free to call the editor if you have any questions or concerns about the newsletter.

In the near future, we will also begin to offer advertising space at a reasonable rate. The *Villager* is an excellent source of direct advertising, since the *Villager* has a circulation of 1800 every month, and is delivered right to the door of every resident in north Sunnyvale.

Reminders

This column contains hints and suggestions from the LVNA, the city, or the Public Safety department to help us keep our neighborhood looking its best.

Free Exterior House Paint

To help keep the neighborhood looking great, the L.V.N.A. can provide you with vouchers for house paint. Desert Brown paint is free, and other colors are available for the low cost of \$4.00-\$5.50 per gallon. Contact any L.V.N.A. board member for the paint vouchers.

Neighborhood Trash

Let's keep Lakewood beautiful by picking up our own trash, and a little bit of someone else's.

Sidewalk Maintenance

Each resident is responsible for the maintenance of the city strips in front of his or her home. Lawns should be watered and mowed, and all city strips must be maintained.

About the Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association

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