



The L.V.N.A.

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1992 Holiday Events A Huge Success

As anyone who attended knows, the Lakewood Village Holiday Parade on December 19 was great fun. Residents lined the streets from Fairwood School to Lakewood School to cheer on the festive parade participants. Among those who braved the chilly morning air to show their Christmas colors were the Lakewood Girl Scouts, Brownies, and Cub Scouts, the Fil-Am Association, the Local #32 Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. (See the December *Villager*), and of course the jolly man in the red suit.

After the parade, there was square dancing, music, and refreshments, and a chance for the kids to visit with Santa Claus. The L.V.N.A. also collected \$500 worth of toys to donate to Sunnyvale Community Services.

Three days before the parade, Lakewood hosted another holiday activity—the annual lighting contest. There were five winners, and dozens of spectacular lighting displays. Prizes will be awarded at the January meeting to the following winners:

Grand Prize:

The Kirks on Lakechime

First Place:

The Ackersons on Lakefair
The Tanjocos on Lakemuir

The Rodriguezes on Sandia
The Garmanys on Candlewood

Thank you to everyone who participated for showing your spirit and community pride. ■



A holiday parade wouldn't be a holiday parade without Santa Claus to bring joy to children of all ages.

photos by Kevin Cheung

Letter from the President

Happy New Year! With the new year, L.V.N.A. is looking for new board members. The jobs of president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer will be up for election. Everyone should think about running for office.

This year will be an internal building year for L.V.N.A. We need to strengthen the organization and carry on the new traditions which were established this year, such as the spring and fall B.B.Q.s, dumpster cleanup day, summer events for the kids, and the holiday parade and lighting contest. Also, monthly meetings and newsletters must continue to provide much needed communication to Lakewood.

You may be asking yourself, "Do I have what it takes to lead Lakewood into another successful year?" Just keep in mind that the primary goal of the L.V.N.A. is "Enhancing the image of Lakewood Village in a positive manner." You too can do it.

Another question is "Do I have the time?" Well, all of this year's board members have also worked full time. Just a little time in the evenings and a few lunch hour phonecalls plus some dedication is all it takes.

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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, January 21

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Location: Fairwood Auditorium
1110 Fairwood Ave., north of Sandia

Topic: Recycling

Bring a Friend or Neighbor!



The community gathered at Lakewood Park after the parade.

Announcements

Lakewood has a new **Neighborhood Resource Officer**. As of January 28, Tom Hoppin will be transferring, and Jeremy Watney will take his place. Neighbor disputes and similar matters can then be referred to Officer Watney at 730-7146.

Recently there has been a reappearance of **graffiti** here in Lakewood. Residents are encouraged to paint over graffiti as soon as it appears. Also, report any leads on suspects to Public Safety at 730-7100 or the Neighborhood Resource Officer at 730-7146.

After the Holiday Parade on December 19, the parade committee was unable to locate 23 of the **red bows** which decorated the parade route. If you found one or more of these bows, please return them to Vicki (730-8274), so we can use them next year.

Nominations for the L.V.N.A. board will be held at the February meeting. The offices of president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer are all opening. Start thinking of your nominees.

The Lakewood Village Brownie and Girl Scout troops have already begun their famous **cookie sales**. Cookies are \$3 a box.

If you are interested in networking with other **out of work** Lakewood residents, contact David Jenkins at 749-1480.

Master and amateur gardeners are invited to help plan for and plant a **community garden**. To get involved now, contact Charline Jolly at 732-6504.

There are three young (3-foot-tall) **palm trees** at 1125 Prescott which the owner wants removed. Just dig them up, and they're yours! Call Louise at 737-1133 for more information.

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.

The deadline for most months' newsletters is the first day of the month. Distribution is on the weekend before the third Thursday of the month. 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.

President's Letter

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Partners is over and we have also finished with the master planning of Fairwood Park. Future involvement with the city will include the mural art project at Lakewood Park, the area committees for Fairwood Park, a teen center, and general communication.

Community gardens will be new this year and we will be working more on a community partnership with the school. Hopefully we will begin publishing the *Villager* in other languages and our unemployed networking group will take off. We also look forward to new and different recreation classes offered by the city in our local parks.

Let's work together to build L.V.N.A. bigger and better in '93!

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

Teen Scene

by Melinda Hart

Listen up there all you teens. Do I have news for you! There are exciting new things happening out here for us! The teens have done some spectacular things, including making potpourri hats to sell and participating in the December Holiday Parade. We are also looking forward to upcoming field trips and activities for the teens out here.

I am pleased to say that we teens accomplish a lot at our meetings and there's more of that to come. So come to one of the meetings, voice your opinion, and make a difference! See what it's all about! Contact Tammy at 736-5098. ■

Parks & Recreation

The Sunnyvale Parks & Recreation Department offers many services and classes at the Sunnyvale Community Center at 550 E. Remington Drive. But they also offer several programs for young people right here in Lakewood. For general information on any Sunnyvale Parks & Recreation Program, call 730-7530.

Future Preschool Programs

Preschool level programs which are being developed for 3-5 year olds in the Lakewood area. The programs will introduce children to a structured environment with emphasis on socialization and play. The format has not been finalized, but the programs may begin in late February or early March. If you wish to receive more information, call 730-7515 to be placed on the mailing list.

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