



The L.V.N.A.

**Villager**

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# The Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association

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## Community Garden Project Takes Off

by Charline Jolly, 732-6504

Planning is already underway for the Community Garden, but it's not too late to get involved. We recently held our first meeting to plan for the Community Garden. Doug Spinelli shared lots of good ideas with us, and we have contacted S.F. Water District to get permission to use a section of the Hetch-Hetchy Aquaduct.

There are still openings for master and amateur gardeners alike to help plant the garden and share the community spirit. There is limited space available, so call me now to sign up.

We also need a talented sign painter to produce a sign announcing our project to the neighborhood.

The next meeting of the Community Garden will be held on Wednesday, February 17, at 6:30 P.M. ■

### L.V.N.A. Board Nominations

*What Does it Take to be an L.V.N.A. Officer?*

We all appreciate the efforts of the L.V.N.A. board to improve the community, build our relationship with the City of Sunnyvale, and provide fun activities for residents of all ages.

But as nominations for the upcoming year draw near, there are people in the community who would like to help the association and the neighborhood, but who aren't sure whether they have what it takes to be a board member.

As a public service, the *Villager* offers the following summary of the responsibilities of the four primary officers on the L.V.N.A. board, so that you may better determine whether you or someone you know would make a good officer.

#### President

- Preside over neighborhood meetings and board meetings
- Supervise neighborhood association activities

#### Vice President

- Assist the President
- Act as Social Director

#### Secretary

- Take notes and keep association records
- Conduct correspondence

#### Treasurer

- Keep an account of all financial activities
- Submit an annual report on audit of association books

### Letter from the President

As my presidency draws to a close, I want to remind the community that we need a few qualified people to run for office. Nominations are coming up at the February meeting, and then elections will be held in March. These two meetings are very important.

As reported in the *Valley Journal*, there have been several break-ins in the neighborhood recently. It is important to remember that as good neighbors, we need to report suspicious behavior to Public Safety. It's better to be safe than sorry. This month's meeting will focus on neighborhood watch. Also, we will be meeting our new Neighborhood Resource Officer, Jeremy Watney.

I will not be chairing February's meeting, as I am taking courses on Community Involvement. Our Vice President, Judy Fernandez, will be chairing both the February and March meetings.

Let's all get out and show our support.

Thank you.

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, February 18

**Time:** 7:00 P.M.

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

**Topics:** L.V.N.A. Board Nominations  
Neighborhood Watch  
Neighborhood Resource Officer

**Bring a Friend or Neighbor!**



## Announcements

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.

**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.

The Lakewood Village Brownie and Girl Scout troops are finishing their **cookie sales**. Saturday, February 20, is your last chance to buy these famous cookies. The girls will be going door-to-door in small groups. Cookies are \$3 a box.

A local not-for-profit agency is collecting **used and broken computers** which they repair and donate to neighborhood schools. If you or your company is discarding IBM-compatible or Apple computers, call 734-5030 to make a tax-deductible contribution instead. Volunteers are also needed to spend an evening testing, repairing, and rebuilding the donated computers.

In spite of massive budget cuts across the city, the plans for improving **Fairwood Park** survived the Sunnyvale City Council's budget meeting without a scratch.

It's time to come out and **help clean up** the lot at Blazingwood and Sandia. Call Vicki at 730-8274 or Charline at 732-6504 to volunteer.

## City of Sunnyvale S.N.A.P. Program

Once again, the *Villager* asks, "Is Lakewood prepared for the next major disaster?" Sadly, the City of Sunnyvale feels that we could be much better prepared.

Of the 1600 homes in Lakewood, only about 300 are currently involved in Sunnyvale Neighborhoods Actively Prepare (S.N.A.P.). Residents who have networked as part of a S.N.A.P. group are much better prepared for a disaster. They know who to turn to for help, and they have a network to support their needs for the first three days after a major disaster.

The Lakewood area is greatly in need of more volunteers to be S.N.A.P. captains and committee members. The Department of Public Safety will help you set up an organizational meeting of 40-50 neighbors, and will gladly send a representative to the meeting to explain the S.N.A.P. program and give a presentation on emergency preparedness.

To get involved, call 730-7190. ■

### About the Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association

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## Reminders

*The L.V.N.A. wants to remind everyone that a little effort goes a long way toward keeping the neighborhood looking its best.*

Thank goodness for all the rain we've been having this winter. But as spring approaches, let's get out our lawnmowers and make sure our neighborhood continues to look great.

Don't forget the city strips when mowing. Perhaps you can offer to help someone without a mower—your teenager can earn some extra spending money mowing lawns.

Put away trash cans after pick up and clean up debris. You'd be surprised how nice the neighborhood can look with a little effort.

Let's **TAKE PRIDE** in our community and our neighborhood. Let's teach our young through our own actions, so everyone can have a neighborhood to be proud of. ■

## 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.

## 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.*

### Toddler Time

A new preschool program for 3-5 year olds. The program will emphasize socialization and play by introducing children to arts and crafts, music movement, sing-alongs, story-telling, indoor and outdoor play, and much more. **The program is set up on a cooperative basis. Parents must sign up to assist the program specialist for a minimum of one class per registered child.**

Toddler Time will be held on Thursdays, March 4-April 15 from 9:30-11:30 A.M. at the Lakewood Park Center. \$25 per child, \$20 for each additional child in the same family. Children must be 3 years of age and toilet trained. For information and registration, call 730-7515.