



The L.V.N.A.

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## Officer Watney Speaks On Home Safety

If you are among the hundreds of Lakewood residents who were unable to attend the February meeting for whatever reason, you may be interested to hear about the presentation by representatives of the Public Safety Department.

Our former Neighborhood Resource Officer, Tom Hoppin, introduced his replacement, Jeremy Watney. Before saying his farewells, Officer Hoppin congratulated Lakewood on having the most active neighborhood association in Sunnyvale.

Officer Watney then informed us that in spite of having one of the lowest burglary rates in the city, Lakewood has had some burglaries recently. He offered some specific tips for protecting your home against burglaries. Those tips are printed on the back page of this newsletter. ■

### Neighborhood Participation

by Bill & Mary Magnie, 744-1234

We moved to Lakewood Village from East San Jose. We had heard all the bad stories about this area, but decided any place would be better than where we were. Well, it was better, but not by much. Drug dealing, graffiti, abandoned cars, run down houses, and a "who cares" attitude greeted us.

We were very glad when concerned people such as ourselves started up the "Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association" in October of 1991. We thought "WOW, this is great!" Our area now has a chance to be known as a better place to live, compared to what it was known for in the past.

We went to as many meetings as we could. We saw lots of people interested in improving our neighborhood and plenty of others wanting to get involved in the beginning. But now, after a year and a half, the attendance has dramatically declined.

What started out as a massive community effort has dwindled down to a handful of people straining to keep the L.V.N.A. alive. Sure, everybody likes the "free" BBQs, all the dumpsters that were put out for clean-up, and the holiday parade, but most people seem to think this happens all by itself. **Well wake up people, it doesn't.** In the last year and a half this neighborhood has made tremendous strides in appearance and self esteem. Don't let it go to waste.

We need everyone to GET INVOLVED. The handful of people that are involved are TIRED of the work. We need more volunteers to pass out flyers and more participation in neighborhood activities. Any help would be greatly appreciated. ■

### Letter from the President

In my last message as president, I would like to express my thanks to everyone who has helped me to build the L.V.N.A. organization into the successful association it is! With the new board, I would ask for your support for the continued success of the organization.

In the past year, we have gained recognition by city, county, and state officials. We must continue these good relationships. Attendance at monthly meetings, participation in events, and the newsletter are also very important to our success. Let's keep up the good work!

Jessica Lee was nominated for president, and she has accepted. Jessica is an excellent candidate and brings with her good skills. I hope that all who have indicated they would support her do so. If you do not know Jessica, I hope you will get to know her and also support her.

There are other board positions still open and I hope to see some candidates at the March elections!

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. Free babysitting is always available.

**Date:** Thursday, March 18

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

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

**Topics:** Santa Clara Valley Water District to  
Discuss Flood Hazards

Robert Walker from Parks & Recs.

Possible Visit by Supervisor Gonzales

**Bring a Friend or Neighbor!**

## Announcements

Thank you to everyone for their generous outpouring of **donations** for the family who had their home destroyed in a fire. Everything was much needed and much appreciated.

The Lakewood Village Brownie and Girl Scout troops are almost done with their **cookie sales**. They are sorry if they have missed you so far. There are still a few boxes left in all seven flavors. Cookies are \$3 a box. Call Nelda King at 734-3772.

There have been reports in the neighborhood of **sparks and fires** where dead branches come in contact with P.G.& E. power lines. Please keep trees trimmed of dead branches where they touch power lines. For more information, contact P.G.& E.

Are you interested in starting a **co-ed softball league** out here in Lakewood? The league could be for adults only, or for families. Contact Steve Dorrough at 734-4557 or Greg Hall at 745-7420 to let them know if you might be interested.

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.

There have been several acts of **vandalism** in and around Lakewood Park Center in the past month. If you are driving by the park, please keep an eye out for any suspicious activity. Report any potential vandalism to the desk officer at the Public Safety Department and 730-7110. Let's keep our park safe and usable.

### Home Security Tips *from Officer Jeremy Watney*

- Lock your doors and windows
- Have solid core doors and deadbolts on all doors into the house, including the door from the garage
- Install an alarm
- Keep house lit, with timed lights and motion detectors
- Keep bushes short, so burglars can't hide behind them
- Make house numbers visible on the house and curb
- Keep your garage door closed all the time
- Don't flaunt your possessions
- Don't depend on your dog
- Call 730-7148 for a free home security check
- Know your neighbors; report suspicious activities

### About the Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association

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## 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 cooperative preschool program for 3-5 year olds, emphasizing socialization and play. **Parents must sign up to assist the program specialist for a minimum of one class per registered child.** Thursdays from 9:30-11:30 A.M., April 29 through June 10. \$25 per child, \$5 family discount. Children must be 3 years of age and toilet trained. For information and registration, call 730-7515.

### Kids Club

**Free** afterschool program at Lakewood Park Center for 6-12 year olds. Club members will enjoy arts & crafts, games, and snacks from 3:15-5:15 P.M. on Mondays and Wednesdays. For more information call 730-7523.

### ArtRageous

An outrageous arts & crafts class for 6-12 year olds held Thursdays from 3:15-5:15 P.M. at the Lakewood Park building. The fee is \$15 for 6 sessions and includes all snacks and supplies for your child. The next session begins April 8th. For more information call 730-7521.

### Super Special Events

These hour-and-a-half-events are held every three weeks at Lakewood School. Future programs will include Bunny Bonanza, April Fool's Month, and Wacky Olympics. (Children in ArtRageous participate as well.)