



The L.V.N.A.

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Candidate Forum and Election Issues

The Board of Education of the Sunnyvale Elementary School District makes policy for our kids who are attending Lakewood, Columbia, and Sunnyvale Middle School. Next year, our sixth through eighth graders will go to the new Columbia Middle School. Is this change-over well planned? Is Columbia Middle ready to accept our kids? Are the schools doing their best to prepare our children for the 21st century?

Come to the October meeting of the L.V.N.A. and meet the school board candidates. Most of the candidates will be present to share with us their views of the challenges facing our schools and how they will work to enhance our children's education.

In addition, the representatives of candidates Ken Bruce (City Council Seat #2) and Laurie Jedynak (Seat #1) will give brief campaign statements at the beginning of the meeting. Additional speakers will talk about Proposition 174 (school vouchers) and demonstrate the Pollstar voting machine. ■

L.V.N.A. Forms Seniors Council

by Cliff Arnett

The over-65 population is the fastest growing segment of our society. These seniors desire to be independent and in control of their lives. However, often it becomes necessary to seek or give help. This help should be forthcoming in a respectful and dignified manner. One day, the one being helped could be YOU!

Our 'Seniors Council' is forming a plan to assist our village, and perhaps other Sunnyvale elders, to provide information and support services to seniors, their families, and their service providers (to borrow a phrase from the County Senior Handbook).

At the October meeting we shall divulge some of our goals and ongoing planning. Also, before the meeting, at 6:20 P.M., we will show "Lifeline," a short tape concerning the little understood four forms of senior abuse. The video is produced by the State Attorney General's office and narrated by Betty White. ■

The Holiday Parade is Coming!

The annual Lakewood Village Holiday Parade is less than two months away, on December 11. The parade committee still needs volunteers. To volunteer, call parade chairman Pat Maloney mornings at 734-3594 or call Debbie Bakker at 734-3688.

Now is also the time to start thinking about entering a float in the parade. All Lakewood residents are encouraged to participate. Don't just watch; join the parade! Enter your block or club or any other group of Lakewood residents. ■

Letter from the President

September was an exciting, productive month for the L.V.N.A. Many volunteers worked to further the common good.

You have every reason to take pride in this neighborhood and be proud and appreciative of our dedicated, innovative volunteers. Still, we need every resident's effort to keep good things happening and keep bad things out. You can help by reporting any suspicious, criminal act in our neighborhood to the police.

In September, the L.V.N.A. appointed Carmen Paredes to the position of Secretary and Cliff Arnett as the senior affairs coordinator.

Carmen was born and raised in Lakewood Village and went to Lakewood, Sunnyvale Middle, and Fremont High. She is now attending Cal State Hayward. Cliff has lived in Lakewood Village since the 1950s. He has continued to serve this community as a volunteer. Please give your support to Carmen and Cliff.

Come to our October meeting! Vote on November 2nd! Save December 11 for our Holiday Parade!

Jessica Lee, L.V.N.A. President

Monthly Meeting

The Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association (L.V.N.A.) normally meets on the third Thursday of every month. *This month we are meeting on the third Wednesday.* All residents of Lakewood Village are encouraged to attend these meetings, to meet neighbors, learn about upcoming events, and voice concerns. Children are welcome.

Date: Wednesday, October 20

Time: 7:00 P.M.

(6:20 P.M. for video on senior abuse)

Location: Lakewood Park Center
Lakechime Dr. at Silverlake

Topic: Candidates and Issues from the
November Election (see lead article)

Bring a Friend or Neighbor!

Public Safety Programs, Advice

by *Jeremy Watney, Neighborhood Resource Officer*

The City of Sunnyvale has a couple new programs that I wanted to let you know about. I promised the people who attended the meeting in September that I would also publish the important phone numbers for these programs.

Since the beginning of the year we have offered an abandoned vehicle hotline. If you want to report an abandoned vehicle, call 730-7706 and leave a message for our Nuisance Vehicle Inspectors. On the recording, you are asked to provide the location of the car, description of the car, license of the car, and how long it has been parked in the same spot. This program speeds up the process and eliminates the chance for lost message slips.

The second program, which started at the beginning of the summer, is our graffiti hotline. To report graffiti that you have found, call 730-7680. (If you see the vandalism occurring, the number to call is still 9-1-1.) If the graffiti is on City of Sunnyvale property, we will hopefully have it cleaned up within 72 hours. If you have any idea who might have done it, please leave this information on the recorder too.

Finally, I have some advice regarding the traffic problems that arise around Lakewood School. Accidents that occur around schools involving students almost always involve another parent. I realize that there are a lot of cars, but we need your cooperation to make the best of a tough situation. The following guidelines are all things that I see violated on almost a daily basis.

Please encourage your child to use the crosswalks and not to run between parked or waiting cars. Do not drop children off in the red bus zone on Meadowlake or double park next to each other. Please use the parking lot by the pool if you can and make doubly sure you come to a complete stop at the intersections around the school.

Thank you for your continued support of Public Safety and the partnership that has been formed between us to make Lakewood a great place to live. ■

Newsletter Contributions

The deadline for next month's newsletter is November 5. Newsletters will be distributed on or after November 13.

We attempt to print all submissions as space permits. However, we cannot verify information. Call the editor at 734-1661 if you have any questions or concerns about the newsletter.

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WANTED—Burglary Witnesses

On September 13, while children were coming home from school, a home was burglarized on Silverlake Drive, across from the Lakewood Park tot lot. The criminals broke through the front door, in clear view from both Silverlake and Lakechime.

Many students and parents pass this house on their way home from Lakewood Elementary and the bus stop. Anyone who thinks they may have seen something suspicious on September 13 (or any other day) is encouraged to call Sunnyvale Public Safety at 730-7100. Thank you. ■

Voter Registration Drive

Neighborhoods become stronger when people get involved. The L.V.N.A.'s voter registration drive is another example of that. Thank you to the following people for volunteering one hour to register neighbors to vote in the upcoming elections:

Monica Alvarez	Linda Cheung	Charline Jolly
Cliff Arnett	Melinda Hart	Jessica Lee
Debbie Bakker	Ethel Herr	Carmen Paredes
Kevin Cheung	Debbie Holl	Vicki Piazza

If you or someone you know needs transportation to the voting polls on November 2, contact Debbie Holl at 734-9424. ■

Announcements

Please save your **store receipts** from Lucky and Safeway. Lakewood School is collecting these receipts to exchange for computer equipment. Collect them from your friends and co-workers, and bring them to the school office or an L.V.N.A. monthly meeting. If you have several hundred dollars worth and want someone to pick them up, call Jessica Lee at 745-6534.

Sunnyvale Parks & Recreation is sponsoring a **paintball event** just for high school age teens. The event will be held on October 28 from 7:00-9:30 P.M. at the Action Zone in Sunnyvale. The cost will be \$10 and that will cover everything, including paintballs! Call Kelvin Fountano at 730-7514 for more information.

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