



The L.V.N.A.

Villager

# Newsletter of The Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association

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## Environmental Hazards

*Ken Torke, a Lakewood Resident with a Technical Background, Explains the Situation in Layman's Terms*

There are usually three primary parties involved in any environmental contamination/clean-up. Those are (1) The companies or individuals who caused the problem (referred to as "responsible parties"), (2) The various government officials (local, state, and federal regulatory agencies), and (3) The citizens potentially affected by the problem. June's L.V.N.A. meeting was an example of what is becoming a fairly common practice of bringing these three groups together.

In this case, the responsible parties contacted us and requested the opportunity to inform our community of the investigation that has been conducted in our area and what the results mean. All of the sampling, analysis, and reporting by the responsible parties is conducted under the watchful eye of the regulatory agencies who were also represented at the meeting. The conclusions reached by these parties are as follows:

- The chemicals in the ground water in our neighborhood are at extremely low levels and are only detectable in a very limited area of the community.
- The water is NOT used for drinking and has no way of entering the drinking water which is supplied from a separate source.
- The amount of contamination found in the surface soil is at or below the level expected even if there was no ground water problem.

As the responsible parties continue monitoring our area and begin their multi-million dollar clean-up programs, the regulatory agencies will continue to monitor the situation, and we should remain informed. It is almost impossible to hide environmental damage from the regulatory agencies once investigation has begun, so it is safe to assume we have a reasonable understanding of what is going on and our risks are probably minimal.

Besides, we should keep things in perspective. Our neighborhood is more likely to be damaged by misinformation, media coverage, and overreaction than by the environmental hazards themselves. Furthermore, the potential danger from the ground water below us pales in comparison to the environmental risks caused by the cars that we all drive and the chemicals that we use at work and in our homes.

The scariest aspect of this issues is its technical nature. It is hard for the responsible parties and regulatory agencies to talk to the communities in a language that we can all understand. Com-

## Letter from the President

June was a busy month for the L.V.N.A. We received a \$3000 grant, which will help with the production of our newsletter and future events. Now we're working on a new budget!

Advanced Micro Devices and the State of California Water Quality Control Board were our guests at the June meeting. They gave a very informative talk on the status of the toxic plumes. Call me at 730-8274 if you want to be on a mailing list or have any questions.

Now is the time to let the city know what classes you'd like to see offered in the Lakewood area and what plans you'd like to see for the Fairwood park. Be sure that you attend the July's meeting to let your voice be heard.

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

## Monthly Meeting

The Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association (L.V.N.A.) meets on the third or fourth 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, July 23

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

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

**Topic:** Parks and Recreation Improvements  
Guests will be Robert Walker and Kathrine Chappellear.

munity meetings like last month's L.V.N.A. meeting can often have the effect of raising more concerns than they resolve, because not everybody at the meetings has the background necessary to appreciate and understand the situation.

I am a chemist, I have worked for two of the largest companies in the valley (not the "responsible parties" in this matter), I now work for a regulatory agency, and I am a new homeowner in Lakewood. I do not have all the information on this case, but I am willing to find out more and to try to explain what I do know to anyone who is concerned. You can call me, Ken Torke, evenings or weekends at 734-1142 if you have any questions. ■

## Announcements

Due to popular demand, a **surprise raffle** was held at last month's neighborhood meeting. The wonderful prizes were donated by Tina Johnson & Kendy Young, Fox Carskadon Realtors. Jim & Helen Lane won a gorgeous hanging plant, Debbie Bakker won a fire extinguisher, and Cliff Arnett won the grand prize: a \$20 gift certificate for Home Depot.

Our neighborhood **Girl Scout Troop #152** is looking for a good leader. If you would like to help this worthy cause, call Judy Fernandez at 747-0452 for more information.

Help support our neighborhood **teens' fundraiser**. They will be selling World Famous Chocolate door-to-door during the week of July 18-25. Thanks for your support.

Vicki Piazza is looking for **information on older wells** in Lakewood. If you have a well that was dug many years ago or know of one in the neighborhood, please contact Vicki at 730-8274.

If you need **family daycare**, want to start your own family daycare, or you are a licensed family provider, Judy Fernandez would like to hear from you. Please call Judy at 747-0452.

**Leni Refuerzo** was born to proud mom Adelina on June 15, 1992. Leni weighed in at 7 lbs., 14 oz.

## Opportunities

*The L.V.N.A. still needs volunteers for a variety of activities. To help with any of these opportunities, or to find out other ways you can help, contact Vicki Piazza at 730-8274 or any of the L.V.N.A. officers.*

### Newsletter Delivery

Volunteers are needed once a month to help deliver *The Villager* to residents of Lakewood Village. *The Villager* is delivered by hand to save on postage, and goes to 1600 homes every month.

### Block Captains

Block captains are still needed to represent many blocks. The block captain is responsible for knowing available resources within Sunnyvale, helping neighbors coordinate community events, and other tasks. The block captain is *not* a policeman and *does not* spy on neighbors.

### Phone Tree

Spend just a few minutes a month phoning a few neighbors to inform them of upcoming events. If each of them calls a few neighbors, we can reach all of Lakewood.

### About the Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association

President:	Vicki Piazza	730-8274
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Secretary:	Tammy Iglesias	736-5098
Treasurer:	Kathy Bray	730-0696
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## Teen Scene

If the teens of Lakewood Village want to be heard, now is the time 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!

At recent teen meetings, we have been discussing future goals for the Lakewood teens, including activities we'd like to see. And we're not just talking about it! We already have plans to hold the first B.B.Q. just for the teens on Saturday, August 1. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions for this teen B.B.Q., or if you want to get involved, call Tammy Iglesias at 736-5098.

Teen meetings are held twice a month on Wednesday evenings at the home of Tammy Iglesias. Call Tammy if you need any information. ■

## June Trivia Answer



The field shown here is Sunnyvale's Monti Airport, which stood on what is now the Fairwood side of Lakewood Village.

## Reminders

### Public Safety

Please be aware that the City of Sunnyvale Public Safety Department has been issuing parking citations for illegally parked vehicles and abandoned vehicles in the Lakewood Village area, as well as the rest of Sunnyvale. For further clarification of the parking laws, please refer to the parking hints which L.V. N.A. has issued in the past or contact the Public Safety Department at 730-7100.

### Garbage Cans

Just a friendly reminder that according to city ordinance, your city garbage can ("Toter") and other garbage cans are supposed to be kept in your backyard or behind your fence. Also, if the Toter is too big for your needs, smaller ones are available. Call Specialty Garbage at 730-7681.

### 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.