

Welcome to the LVNA

# Villager

The Newsletter of the Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association

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**Next LVNA General Meeting:**  
**Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**at 7:00 PM**  
**in the Lakewood Park Building**

- Laura Babcock from the Sunnyvale Historical Society will give a presentation on the Sunnyvale Heritage Orchard Museum Project.
- Cookies and cold drinks will be served

## In With The New, On With The Old

- Ursula Syrova, LVNA President

As your newly elected Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association president, I want first to thank you for reading your *Villager* newsletter! It is easy to forget how lucky we are to have a publication like this, produced by volunteers, that can keep us all informed on what is going on. I have lived in Lakewood Village for only one year, but I have really enjoyed learning some of the history of the area and getting to know fellow residents here, many of whom have lived here for decades! The fact that there seem to be so many long-term residents says a lot about the neighborhood—people must like it here! That is comforting to someone newly arrived. I started attending LVNA meetings in June 2003 and have been officially involved as first vice president since August 2003. I have not lived anywhere before that had a neighborhood association like this one, and I am excited to be a part of it.

### What Does the LVNA Do?

What do we as the Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association do? The obvious response is that we organize the yearly events that have become traditions here — the

dumpster day, the holiday parade, the picnic. We also try to bring speakers to our general meetings who can inform and educate us about issues that may affect us—traffic problems, animal pests, city-owned trees, planned changes to Lakewood Park, etc. Many of the speakers help us to better understand the

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### LVNA Board Election Results

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### April is Spring Cleanup Month!

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### Lakewood Park Gets Water Feature, Skatepark, and Gazebo

Lakewood Park's outer space theme will be reflected in a new water feature, which will shoot mists of water on play surfaces decorated with shapes of stars and planets. Renovation of the park this summer will also include conversion of the existing skating rink to a mini skateboard park, and a gazebo with seating areas on a knoll overlooking the park. The \$480,000 project is funded by a voter-approved state bond. Renovation of the park is scheduled for completion by fall. ■

### \$100 Reward

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relationship between Lakewood Village and the City of Sunnyvale. In that vein we had the candidates' night, where candidates for local offices came to speak and answer questions. In May, Mayor John Howe will visit our general meeting, allowing a convenient chance for local residents to meet him and tell him face-to-face of concerns they may have.

***What Else Could We Be Doing?***

At our most recent board meeting, newly elected First Vice President Lori Sabala raised some good questions, about how we might offer some opportunities to local children or how we might better address some of the more serious problems in the neighborhood, such as drugs. Lori is a long-time resident who will bring a lot of ideas to the LVNA and its board, and we welcome her as the one new addition to the board after the elections last month.

***The Squeaky Wheel Really Does Get the Grease***

Lori's questions also brought up another issue—quite a few problems have been around a long time in our neighborhood and have not been solved, despite a great deal of effort. This seeming stagnation may have discouraged residents from attending the association general meetings or otherwise getting involved. Though I am new to the area, I do know that change, especially change that needs to come down from the city level, can take a long time and

require waiting through endless changes in administration and staff. This is even more obvious now that city resources are so depleted as a result of the economic situation. So, what can we do? All I can answer is that we need to keep trying, keep being the squeaky wheel on the city's cart. Our squeakiness may result in only small advances, but some progress is better than none! In the meantime, your participation in the Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association, if only at the level of attending the monthly general meetings, is a great way to get to know your neighbors and learn a lot about the community we live in. That in and of itself is a worthy goal. See you on April 14 at the Lakewood Park building! ■

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## April in Your Yard and Garden

When the garden soil is dry enough to work in without the soil clinging to the shovel, dig in lavish quantities of compost or other organic amendments. This is particularly important in the vegetable garden.

- Before digging into the spring gardening season, clean and repair garden tools; sharpen the blades of pruning tools and shovels; service the lawn mower.
- When spring-blooming bulbs fade, leave the dying foliage intact to draw nutrients down into the bulb for next year's bloom. To cover the fading bulb foliage, set out six-packs of lobelia and sweet alyssum.
- Begin weeding while the weeds are young and the ground is still wet.
- In preparation for the coming hot, dry season, apply a mulch.
- Take cuttings for new plants from azaleas, carnations, chrysanthemums, geraniums, and succulents.
- Fertilize roses and crape myrtles. Fertilize azaleas, camellias, and rhododendron when they finish blooming. If you did not fertilize them last month, fertilize citrus, flowering plants about to bloom, trees, shrubs, and cool-season lawns.
- Prune spring-blooming plants as they finish blooming. Prune hydrangeas, fuchsias, and bougainvilleas.
- Plant out summer bulbs. Set out summer-flowering plants.
- Watch out for snails and earwigs, both of which devour seedlings. Use a strong spray from the hose to wash away aphids. Wrap fruit tree trunks with a sticky tape to control ants. Wrap low so that birds, particularly hummingbirds, will not be attracted.

These tips are from the book *Northern California Gardening: A Month-by-Month Guide*, by Katherine Grace Endicott, published by Chronicle Books, San Francisco, ©1996, and are used with the publisher's permission. See [http://www.lvna.net/Resources/Reading\\_List/reading\\_list.html](http://www.lvna.net/Resources/Reading_List/reading_list.html) ■

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## Street Sweeping Dates Changed

The street sweeping dates changed in 2004. Here are the dates for the rest of year:

**Fairwood side:** (1st Tuesday of each month)  
5/4, 6/1, 7/6, 8/3, 9/7, 10/5, 11/2, and 12/7

**Lakewood side:** (2nd Tuesday of each month)  
4/13, 5/11, 6/8, 7/13, 8/10, 9/14, 10/12, 11/09, and 12/14 ■

## Class for Foreign-Trained Nurses

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## April is Spring Cleanup Month

- Brian Smithson

April brings us many opportunities to clear up junk and debris that has been accumulating in and around your home during the fall and winter months. **Here are some things you can do to get rid of your extra stuff:**

### ***Sell it on Garage Sale Day***

April 24<sup>th</sup> is Sunnyvale's city-wide Garage Sale Day. For more information about how to conduct a successful garage sale, go to [www.sunnyvalerecycles.org](http://www.sunnyvalerecycles.org) and click on "Garage Sales and Donations", then download their Garage Sale Tips booklet. Or call (408) 730-7262 and they'll mail one to you.

### ***Sell it online, or have it sold for you***

Consider selling your item on an online auction service like eBay ([www.ebay.com](http://www.ebay.com)). Don't want to be bothered with selling it online yourself? Then consider using a consignment service like AuctionDrop ([www.auctiondrop.com](http://www.auctiondrop.com)) to auction it for you. These are only two examples; there are many more choices. Download the "Selling Electronically" booklet or call 730-7262.

### ***Donate it to a good cause***

There are many charities that accept everything from cellphone batteries to salvageable building materials. For a list, download the "2004 Reuse Resources" booklet or call 730-7262.

### ***Give it to someone you don't know***

Do you have something that you know *someone* must want, but you just don't know who? Try [groups.yahoo.com/groups/freecycle Sunnyvale](http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/freecycle Sunnyvale) for information about how to find someone in the Sunnyvale area who wants your junk.

### ***Take it to the Extra Dump Weekends***

Sunnyvale residents can dump extra trash at no charge from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> and again on April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at the SMaRT Station at 301 Carl Road. Follow Lawrence Expressway north until it becomes Caribbean Drive, turn right on Borregas Avenue, then right on Carl Road. Call (408) 565-9900 x800 if you have any questions.

- No more than four tires per load
- No business or commercial materials
- \$15 fee for each TV or computer monitor
- No hazardous materials – take them to the Hazardous Waste drop-off on April 17<sup>th</sup>

### ***Put it out for Extra Curbside Pickup***

Additional curbside debris and garbage is picked up on your regular garbage collection day between April 5<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Put your items out by 6:00 AM. Call (408) 565-9900 x800 if you have any questions.

- Garbage cans, up to 32 gallons and 70 lbs.
- Trash bags, up to 32 gallons and 30 lbs.
- Refuse in cardboard boxes, up to 3'x2'x2' and 25 lbs.
- Cardboard, flattened and tied in bundles no larger than 30"x30"x6"
- Carpets or tree trimmings, tied in bundles no larger than 4' long and 1' diameter
- Small appliances; really small ones placed in boxes up to 70 lbs.
- Large appliances, with doors removed or securely taped closed; call 565-9900 x800.
- Household furniture and other large items, including lawnmowers (drained of fluids); call 565-9900 x800.
- **NO** construction materials/debris, hazardous waste, TVs or computer monitors, tires or auto parts, propane/fuel tanks, rocks / concrete / dirt / sod, tree stumps, sawdust or ashes (unless bagged), or business or commercial waste. ■

## Invitation to NASA's Mars Center

Tuesday, April 13, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm is "Sunnyvale Night" at NASA's Mars Center. The Mars Center features interactive displays and exhibits focused on Mars, the Mars Exploration Rover mission, and Ames' scientific and engineering roles in Mars missions. NASA will also be providing a resident expert who will speak on recent Mars studies and answer questions from the audience. The Mars Center is located at NASA Ames Research Center just to the right of the main gate off Moffett Blvd. More information on the Mars Center can be found at [www.arc.nasa.gov/aboutames-marscenter.cfm](http://www.arc.nasa.gov/aboutames-marscenter.cfm).

Tickets to the event are limited and will be available to individuals on a first-come, first-served basis from the Columbia Neighborhood Center (785 Morse Avenue) and from the Office of the City Manager at Sunnyvale City Hall (456 W. Olive Avenue). Each individual should limit the number of tickets requested to no more than four to ensure that everyone in the community has an opportunity to participate in this special event. ■



## Play Ball!

- Ken Michels

Listen for the crack of the bat and the cheers at Lakewood Park. This is Lakewood Pony Baseball.

The kids and parents are having a whale of a time playing ball.

The Reds and the Dodgers are looking good in the Bronco Division. The word is out that the Braves and Rangers are the teams to beat in the Pinto Division. The White Sox and Pirates looked sharp on opening day. And don't be surprised if you see some balls flying out in the Tee Ball Division!

To make things even more fun, some of our games are being played against the Santa Clara Pony squads!

Stop by for a quick meal from our Snack Shack. You can't beat the price!

### **Did you know?**

In 1964, Masanori Murakami was the first player from Japan.

In 1973, Roberto Clemente was first Hispanic player enshrined in the hall of fame.

In 1974, Frank Robinson was the first African American manager in the major leagues (Indians).

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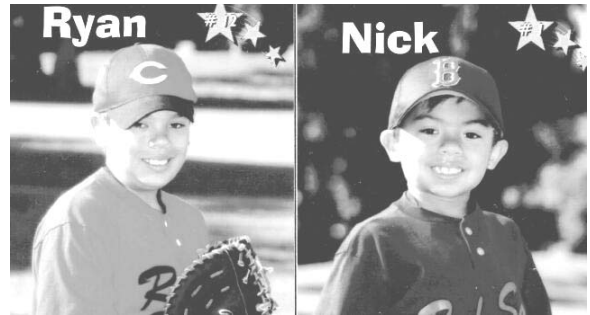
## Public Comment on New Downtown Open Air Shopping District

The Sunnyvale Planning Commission will be in attendance to hear your comments on the redevelopment of the mall area. Meet the applicant, the Forum Group, and the design team for the proposed Town Center Mall redevelopment. See design concepts and provide input on design features.

Thursday April 29, 2004  
7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
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## Lakewood Kids Interview



### **How old are you?**

Ryan – 10-2/3

Nick - 7

### **What's your favorite position?**

Nick & Ryan – Pitcher!

### **Favorite player**

Nick & Ryan – Barry Bonds!

### **Last book read**

Ryan – Point Blank

Nick – Froggy Bakes a Cake

### **Favorite TV show**

Ryan – Spongebob

Nick – Dragonball Z

### **Do you guys fight?**

Nick & Ryan – YES!

### **Least favorite food**

Nick & Ryan – Broccoli ☹

### **How long have you played baseball?**

Ryan – 6 years

Nick – 4 years

### **What is so great about baseball?**

Ryan – It's fun and it takes skills.

Nick – It's about having FUN! ■

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## Fairwood Elementary School News

- Darlene Cross

Big News for Fairwood School in the month of March. We were nominated as a California Distinguished School. In order to apply schools must achieve certain test score levels. However, selections of California Distinguished Schools are based not only on test scores but also on creating a safe, challenging learning environment for all children. Out of 912 applicants this year only 288 were selected for a follow-up visit from the review committee. The committee visited Fairwood on March 23. The final decision will be announced April 10th. Congratulations to Fairwood Staff, Students, and Parents on this great honor!

On March 30<sup>th</sup> the PTG sponsored the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Multi-Cultural Potluck. Turnout was great and everyone had a great time socializing and enjoying food from many different cultures. Thanks to Adrianna Salazar for organizing this event.

Thanks also to those that supported Fairwood's annual Avon fundraiser. We raised \$3,000.00 for the Fairwood PTG. This money is important in providing all sorts of things for Fairwood School.

Students at Fairwood School participated in the National "Pennies for Patients" Drive to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Students brought in spare change and raised over \$1,200.00 for this worthy cause.

Our 5<sup>th</sup> Graders go to Science Camp April 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to everyone who participated in the various fundraisers to ensure that all our students can attend. There will be a "Dining for Dollars" fundraiser at Sweet Tomatoes on April 13<sup>th</sup> to raise money for next year's 5<sup>th</sup> Graders. Neighbors interested in supporting this fundraiser can stop by the office and pick up a flyer. Donations are always welcome for the Science Camp Fund. If you are interested please drop off your donation at the school office.

Come join us at the next PTG meeting on Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Guest speakers will be Dr. Joe Rudnicki, School Superintendent and Lakewood's own Phyllis Fowler, School Board Member.

Elections for next year's PTG Board will also be held at the April Meeting. We have openings for several positions. Please let a board member or a school staff member know if you are interested in a position on the board. It's a great way to make a difference at our school

All relatives of Fairwood students are encouraged to attend the PTG meetings, held the last Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm in the school library. The PTG is always looking for volunteers for various activities throughout the year. Contact a PTG Board Member or the school if you are interested in volunteering. You can find more information about the Fairwood PTG at: <http://www.sesd.org/schools/Fairwood/html/Fairwood%20PTG.htm> ■

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## Letters

I read the letter from Elaine in your issue of the Villager and it brought to mind a lot of issues for me, the state of our community and for our nation. I remember when my parents used to be very involved in what was going on in their community and the nation. But there was a sea change with the generation I am a part of and more and more I heard, "don't get involved, its not your business. It could be dangerous". This was someone that did get involved and helped a neighbor out. It was nice that Elaine recognized this in a public letter and I sure hope she thanked them personally too. I think Phyllis has the right idea, we need to get more involved with our neighbors. I have been just as guilty as anyone on this. This is a national epidemic and is why these people think they can run from the scene and get away with these kinds of things. I had the same thing happen to me 18 years ago in this neighborhood but no one came forward then and the police couldn't find the person. This is also why corporate CEO's think they can raid corporations and the American people will do nothing. It needs to change and we here in this village could be a part of that change. If we would all start by trying to meet one new neighbor a month, or more, we could start the change here. All it takes to start an avalanche is one snowflake. Getting involved doesn't mean being a busy body or telling people how to run their lives. It means lending a helping hand to all of those around you that need it. I know that I will be working towards that goal now. I hope to meet many more of you in the coming months.

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Summertime is here again: drive carefully


My family has been residing in Lakewood Village for almost 10 years now. We really enjoy the community here. My kids grew up here and have several friends around the area.

In the summertime kids hang out with other children in the community. They go out to play games, run around, enjoy the sunny day and good weather. We are lucky to have parks on both sides of the village where children and their families go to relax and play. Most children are free spirited, they run, play tag, use their scooters, roller blades, bike, skateboards, or just simply walk leisurely. Others play in front of their houses with other kids.

I just want to remind everybody to drive carefully and safely maintain the speed limit. It is scary to hear the screeching sound of a vehicle when the driver steps on the brake suddenly. I have seen people double parking while chatting to the residents of a household. Children may not see the approaching vehicle because it is blocked by the double-parked car. We should be parking our cars properly when we do this. I also hear drivers playing loud music and children might get startled and run across the street. Occasionally, I see Sunnyvale Police Cars rounding our village, but let us not wait for the police to catch us, or worse get someone into an accident for being a reckless and careless driver. Let's be courteous and keep our village a safe and fun place to be. Let's keep our children active, enjoy outdoor activities, and socialize with other children. After all we have been children ourselves and we are here because we have neighbors in our community who genuinely care. Let's drive carefully for the good of our community, today, tomorrow, and everyday whether it is a gloomy or sunny day!!!

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## News from the March LVNA General Meeting

- Skip Gottschalk and Hla Min

### LVNA Board election results

Ursula Syrova – President  
Lori Sabala – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Thom Mayer – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Skip Gottschalk – Secretary  
Treasurer – duties to be absorbed by board until position is filled.

### Rich Gutierrez, Neighborhood Preservation

Status of the Neighborhood Enhancement Program:

- Free paint is still available
- Handouts available on building codes, ways to improve the appearance of your home, and painting your home
- New Neighborhood Enhancement Program being planned, probably involving 100 houses on each side of Lawrence Expressway

### Faith Rogers, LVNA representative to the United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County Advisory Council

Report on latest council meeting. Look for details in the May issue of *The Villager*.

### Open forum

Discussion of issues that the board could consider in the coming year. ■

## Sun Protection Tips

- Sarah Steinert

It's the time of year that everyone looks forward to. It's that time of year when everyone starts coming out of their winter hibernation to enjoy the wonders of spring. With the cold days of winter now melting away to the warming rays of the glorious sunshine we come to an age-old problem: Sunburns.

As a Mary Kay Consultant, I have learned the value of good skin care and protection from the sun that I would like to share with everyone.

1. Avoid the sun from as early as 10am to 4pm, as the ultraviolet (UV) radiation is the strongest.
2. Wear sunglasses with full UV protection & wraparound frame.
3. Apply sunscreen (SPF 30 & above) on exposed areas like the neck, nose, cheeks, lips, ears, shoulders & arms. Apply 15 to 30

minutes before going outdoors & re-apply often. Use generously. If you're swimming, you'll need to re-apply after 80 minutes.

4. Children need protection too.

SPF stands for Sun Protection Factor. It indicates the strength of a sunscreen to block out the sun's UV rays. It ranges from 2 to 60. For example, if a person under the sun gets a burn after 20 minutes, then with a sunscreen of SPF 30 it would take 30 times of the 20 minutes to get a burn. A higher number means longer protection.

Of course, sometimes even the best of us forget to go out with protection on our skin, and it does get burned. In this event, apply a soothing lotion or gel containing pure aloe vera. Essential oils like anti-inflammatory lavender & soothing chamomile are known to aid healing. If you wish, try applying yogurt.

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## Sunnyvale Opens Community Award Nominations

Each year, the City of Sunnyvale honors exceptional members of the Sunnyvale Community at the Mayor's State of the City event. The City is now seeking nominations for this year's awards, scheduled for Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. This year's prestigious awards include:

- Distinguished Citizen of the Year
- Outstanding High School Senior of the Year
- Outstanding Community Volunteer
- Outstanding Environmental Achievement
- Outstanding Businessperson of the Year
- Outstanding Contribution to the Arts

Nomination forms are available for download at the City's Web site, [www.sunnyvale.ca.gov](http://www.sunnyvale.ca.gov). Following the nomination period, which closes May 14<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m., a committee chosen by Sunnyvale Mayor John Howe will review all nominees and select the award recipients. ■

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City of Sunnyvale	<a href="http://www.sunnyvale.ca.gov">http://www.sunnyvale.ca.gov</a>
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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

What	Where	When
Street Sweeping	Your street – move your cars!	5/4 Fairwood 4/13, 5/11 Lakewood
LVNA General Meeting	Lakewood Park Building	4/14, 7pm
Extra Dump Weekends	SMaRT Station 301 Carl Road	4/3-4/4 4/17-4/18
Extra Curbside Pickup	On your regular garbage collection day, between...	4/5 – 4/30
City-wide Garage Sale	Your garage sale	4/24
Compost Workshop	Sunnyvale Community Center Arboretum	4/10, 10am-noon
Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off	Carl Road, near the SMaRT Station (dump)	4/17, 8am-1pm
LVNA Villager Editorial Deadline	Contact editor@lvna.net	4/30
<a href="http://www.lvna.net/Resources/Calendar/calendar.html">http://www.lvna.net/Resources/Calendar/calendar.html</a>		

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<b>Public Safety – Non-emergency</b>	<b>730-7100</b>
Speeding cars; parking complaints; traffic signal repair; dead animals	Dispatch 730-7180
Noise complaints; homeless complaints; commercial vehicles on residential streets	Desk Officer 730-7110
Illegal storage or buildings; decrepit fences or buildings; weed problems; illegal home businesses; rental housing complaints; commercial vehicles on private property	Neighborhood preservation 730-7610
City streets, sidewalks, trees, streetlights, street sweeping	Public Works 730-7505
Nuisance Vehicle Hotline	730-7706
Drug Hotline	245-3784
Graffiti Hotline	730-7680
Shopping Cart pickup	725-1010
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