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**Next LVNA General Meeting:
Wednesday, February 9
at 7:00 p.m. in the Lakewood Park Building**

- Quarterly instead of monthly meetings?
- Coming election
- Hot cocoa and cookies will be served

President's Column

- Ursula Syrova, LVNA President

Why Do We Care?

As usual, turnout for the January LVNA general meeting was small, and I have been musing about why—and what we might do about it.

At our LVNA board meeting, we discussed the upcoming board member elections in March, and mulled over the lack of attendance and volunteerism. The same small group of people has been doing the work of the LVNA for years, some are getting burned out, and those who had been involved before and have left are fondly remembered.

Now, I can really relate to non-participation. Before moving to Lakewood Village I wasn't involved in my neighborhood and I liked it that way. I didn't want to belong to the "paint police" (my nickname for the homeowner's association of our neighborhood in Colorado) and I didn't care what the issues of the neighborhood were. I knew a couple of the neighbors and that was it. I was completely ignorant of neighborhood-city interaction, local school issues, everything. I did no volunteer work whatsoever.

So, what has changed for me? Why do I care now? What value do I find in volunteering for the LVNA? Well, when I first moved here almost two years ago, there was a copy of the *Villager* on our door. I thought it was so cool! It had all this great information about the neighborhood, local businesses, and local issues. After a couple of months I decided to go to one of the LVNA meetings. There weren't many people there, but suddenly I had met some of the people in the neighborhood. One of them knew about the folks who had previously owned our house. Attending that meeting gave me a way to start to plug in to the new

neighborhood we had chosen. By getting involved with the LVNA I have come to feel "settled" in this neighborhood in a way I never felt in my previous neighborhood. I've met a lot of people and I now have the feeling that I am giving something back to my community. As my daughter grows up, I have the wonderful feeling that I am modeling good-citizen behavior for her. I am teaching her that it is a good thing to get involved locally, to care about the neighborhood we live in, and to give something back to the community. I don't just take her to watch the annual parade, I help plan it. We don't just go to the picnic, we help coordinate it. I no longer feel that I live on a little island, just one house in an unknown territory—I feel like I am part of a community.

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Volunteers Needed for *Villager* Delivery

We need a volunteer walker to deliver the *Villager* to 80 houses along Lakewood Drive/Bridgewood Drive between Meadowlake and Lawrence. If you are interested in getting some good exercise and meeting some neighbors by delivering the *Villager*, please call Wendy at (408)745-1331. Also needed are back-up walkers for this and other routes on the Lakewood side of Lakewood Village. ■

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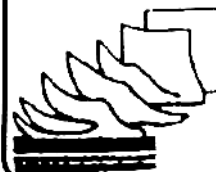
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But nothing gets fixed! You may think that. After all, the same issues about speeding cars, traffic, pest control, trees etc. have been brought up time and time again. We sometimes have gotten organized enough to take issues to the city. It does little good. My attitude is, so what? I’m enjoying the journey of involvement, and I’m not focused on achievements. We will continue to be squeaky wheels on issues we care about, and someday if the economy ever turns around and the city has money again, we’ll be ready to take advantage of that. In the meantime the sense of community involvement is there. That is the goal, in my way of looking at things.

We are coming up on election time for new board members. Why don’t you sign up? Board members plan the general meetings and help to coordinate



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the annual events that we have in the neighborhood. Call any of us board members, listed on the back of the *Villager*, if you want more information. It’s a good way to meet long-time Lakewood Village residents and have a say in what LVNA does—or doesn’t do.

Quarterly Meeting Schedule?

Because of small turnout at the monthly general meetings, the LVNA Board is considering changing to a quarterly schedule. Come discuss the possibility with us at our next general meeting, on February 9, 2005 at the Lakewood Park building at 7 p.m.

UNSCC Needs Volunteers Too

I went to the United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County Advisory Council meeting for January. There were fewer than fifteen people in attendance, and this was their board election night. The people who were running for the board positions were the same people who had been holding positions the previous term, and sad reference was made to several people who had gotten burned out and left. Votes were cast and 5 out of 10 positions were filled. There was some grouchiness about the situation, but as the meeting broke up, the little team of volunteers was upbeat and cautiously optimistic. I was really impressed by their ongoing commitment to keeping this umbrella organization going. (One of the major benefits it offers is low-cost insurance for special events held by member neighborhood associations – and insurance coverage is required by the city of Sunnyvale for our parade and picnic.) As was pointed out at the Advisory Council meeting, most people there are “triple volunteers”: leaders of their own neighborhood associations, board members for UNSCC, and committee members for one of UNSCC’s projects, such as the annual conference or insurance application processing.

United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County is very short of help. If you would like to be on their board, they would love it. If you would just like to be the LVNA representative to UNSCC, that would be great. All it entails is attending the Advisory Council meeting in San Jose every other month and letting the LVNA know what happened. ■

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LVNA Meetings

-Skip Gottschalk, LVNA Secretary

January 12 General Meeting

1. Josh Salans, Sunnyvale Community Gardens, briefed us on a new city project in which city land would be developed as a neighborhood garden with organic fruits and vegetables. Lakewood Village has a couple of locations that are being considered. For all our neighborhood gardeners, an Organic Gardening Workshop is scheduled for February 19; registration is requested by February 11. For information call (650) 328-7756 or see www.globalcommunity.org.
2. We talked about Sunnyvale Public Safety bulletins regarding an increase in burglaries on the city's south side.
3. Holiday Lighting Contest winners who were present received their awards.
4. A general announcement for LVNA Board nominations encouraged interested Lakewood Village residents to contact any of the current board members (see back page of any issue of the Villager for names and phone numbers). Elections are scheduled for March.


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January 24 Sunnyvale Neighborhood Associations Quarterly Meeting

Two LVNA Board members (Ursula Syrova and Skip Gottschalk) met with city staff and members of other Sunnyvale neighborhood associations. Holiday events, fund raising, neighborhood garden projects, traffic calming, and local business involvement were some of the topics discussed. The city is providing seminars on how to better communicate with city government. A Judicial Town Hall Meeting with a panel of superior court judges is scheduled for February 10; it will be held in the City Council chambers.

January 27 Board Meeting

1. Treasurer Faith Rogers provided a financial report. LVNA is currently solvent, and advertising revenues cover the cost of printing the Villager.
2. The board discussed guest speaker recommendations for upcoming general meetings and possibilities for meeting topics.
3. Board members discussed the fact that the board membership does not currently reflect the diversity of Lakewood Village. All agreed that Lakewood Village needs more representation and involvement from all cultures in the neighborhood. ■



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February in Your Yard and Garden



- Purchase bare-root plants. Cover the roots until you have the time and the weather is right for planting.
- Order bare-root fruit trees from specialty nurseries. They will usually stop shipping bare-root fruit trees by the end of March.
- Send in orders to seed companies before they run out of stock later in spring.
- Clean and repair garden tools. Sharpen the blades of pruning tools and shovels. Service the lawn mower.
- Complete pruning of deciduous trees, shrubs, vines, fruit trees, and roses.
- If desired and if deciduous plants have not leafed out yet, apply a last application of dormant spray to kill overwintering insects. It is particularly important to use a lime sulfur spray for peach and nectarine trees to prevent a fungus commonly known as peach leaf curl that causes distorted leaves and scarred fruit.
- Select and plant azaleas, camellias, and rhododendrons while they are in bloom.
- Fertilize spring-blooming bulbs as the foliage emerges. Some growers recommend dried blood meal; follow the directions on the package, sprinkling the blood meal around the emerging foliage.

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. For more information, see: http://www.lvna.net/Resources/Reading_List/reading_list.html ■

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Community Calendar

Va-Rooooom! Motorcycles and Cars: Sharing the Road; Saturday, February 12; 2:00 p.m.; Sunnyvale Library Program Room.

A free program emphasizing motorcycle safety – from an automobile driver’s perspective – will be presented by Amy Holland and Sunnyvale Public Safety officers. The program is a great opportunity to see motorcycles up close and ask the riders specific questions. A short, humorous video will also be shown.

Firebird Youth Chinese Orchestra concert celebrating the Lunar New Year; Sunday, February 13; 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.; Sunnyvale Library Program Room.

The Firebird Youth Chinese Orchestra is an artistic and educational organization that trains young musicians to play traditional instruments, keeping the classic traditions of China alive in the Chinese-American community and sharing the treasure of China’s music with the community at large.

More information on Library programs is available on the Library’s Web site at www.sunnyvalelibrary.org or by calling the Reference Desk at (408) 730-7300, TDD (408) 730-7501.

Santa Clara County Superior Court Judicial Town Hall Meeting; Thursday, February 10; 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.; Sunnyvale City Council Chambers; 456 W. Olive Ave.

The City of Sunnyvale will host a Judicial Town Hall Meeting with judges from the Superior Court of California, Santa Clara County. All Sunnyvale community members are encouraged to attend. This is an excellent opportunity to meet and share ideas with Santa Clara County Superior Court Judges, and to hear how we as a community can work with the Courts to address issues that affect our city. For more information contact (408) 730-7472 or mbromstead@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us

“For Your Health” Community Education Series: The Healthy Heart Advantage; Wednesday, February 16; 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.; Sunnyvale Community Center, 550 E. Remington Drive

This free presentation will be led by Camino Medical Group Cardiologist, Jane Lombard, M.D. Heart disease is the No. 1 threat to our health. We now know that heart disease kills more women than all forms of cancer combined. It is not unusual for victims to explain away some of the more common warning signs of heart disease, attributing them to anxiety, asthma, acid reflux or a pulled muscle. You are invited to this extensive evening presentation to learn about how cardiovascular

symptoms vary between men and women, how to recognize your personal risk and lifestyle options for a healthy heart. Seating is limited. To reserve your spot, please call (408) 523-3295.

Grow Your Own Healthy Organic Food Gardening Conference; Saturday; February 19; 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.; Sunnyvale Senior Center; 550 E. Remington Drive

Meet local residents who grow or want to grow edible organic food gardens . Workshops will be offered on varied topics such as Starting a Food Garden, Growing from Seed, Small Space and Container Gardening, Permaculture, Non-Toxic Pest Control, plus hands-on demonstrations on composting, sharing personal experiences, and forming neighborhood “Growing Circles”. For more information and registration call (650) 328-7756 or www.globalcommunity.org/gyo. ■



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Play Ball!

Sign ups for Lakewood Pony Baseball are in progress every Saturday in February. We also have convenient online registration available.

Lakewood Pony Baseball is a great league for both beginners and experienced players. We are looking for volunteers to coach the kids and to help out with our Snack Shack.

Believe it or Not!

In 1963, Hall of Fame baseball pitcher Gaylord Perry remarked, "They'll put a man on the moon before I hit a home run." On July 20, 1969, a few hours after Neil Armstrong set foot on the moon, Gaylord Perry hit his first, and only, home run.



Did you know that the Atlanta Braves were called the Boston Beaneaters in 1906?

And believe it or not, in 1885 the Los Angeles Dodgers were actually the Brooklyn Trolley Dodgers.

**League Try Out Day is March 5.
Opening Day is April 5.**

For more information and pictures check out our Web site – www.lakewoodponybaseball.com ■

Did You Lose a Dog?

Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety Animal Control officers are trying to help out a dog found in a Sunnyvale park. The young adult Pitbull Terrier was found in the Orchard Gardens/John Christian Greenbelt area of north Sunnyvale.

According to animal control officer Michelle Morgan, the white-with-black dog was wearing a pink nylon collar and a black leash. A multi-colored tug-toy was found with the dog. Morgan said the dog was reported to DPS in the late afternoon of January 10, and may have been in the park from earlier in the day. Animal control officers brought the dog in to provide her shelter from the rain and to try to find her home.



Anyone with information that might help reunite the dog and its owner is asked to call Sunnyvale Animal Control at (408) 730-7178. ■

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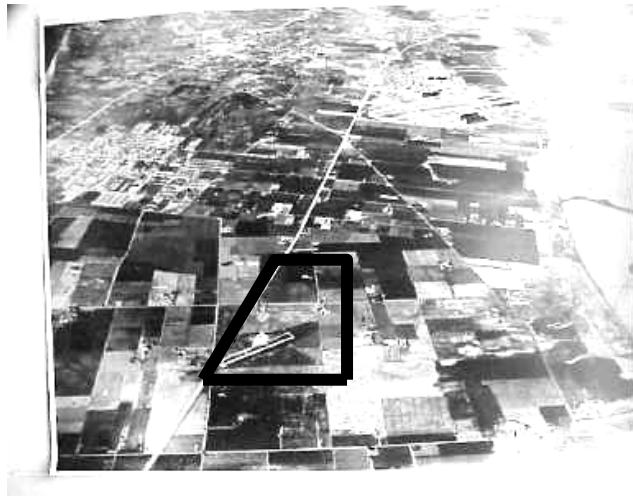
Lakewood Village's 50th

- Brian Smithson



Lakewood Village is 50 years old in 2005. Starting with this issue, we'll take a look at how it started and how it has changed over the years.

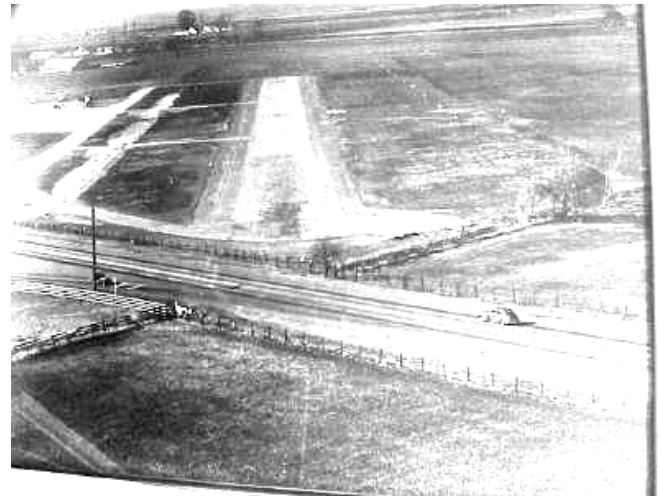
Before Lakewood Village was built, it was entirely agricultural. After World War II, ten investors bought 250 acres in what is now the "Fairwood side" of Lakewood Village and built the Santa Clara Valley Airport, as you can see in these photos from the late 1940s. The land was graded for a runway, and had a mechanic's shop and a small office.



The approximate location of today's Lakewood Village is marked with a dark outline on this photo. You may be able to see a small runway at the lower left corner of the outlined area.



On the left side of this photo is the Bayshore Highway (now US 101). Across the top is Lawrence Station Road (now Lawrence Expressway).



The two-lane road running left to right in this photo is the Bayshore Highway. The shop and office are to the left of the taxiway on the left side of the photo.

Amateur aviators used the Santa Clara Valley Airport until the land was sold for development in 1955, part of which became Unit I of Lakewood Village.

If you have any old photos or news clippings from Lakewood Village, please let me know. Contact webmaster@lvna.net or call Brian at 738-5939. I am putting together a gallery of historical information at <http://www.lvna.net/LV/History/history.html>. Some of your photos may end up in an issue of the *Villager*! ■



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| City of Sunnyvale | http://www.sunnyvale.ca.gov |
| Sunnyvale Library | http://www.sunnyvalelibrary.org |
| http://www.lvna.net/Resources/Links/links.html | |

Calendar of Upcoming Events

| What | Where | When |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Street Sweeping | Your street – move your cars! | 3/1 Fairwood 2/8, 3/8 Lakewood |
| Compost Workshop | Sunnyvale Community Center Arboretum | 2/12, 10 a.m. - noon |
| January LVNA Meeting | Lakewood Park Bldg. | 2/9, 7 p.m. |
| Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off | Carl Road, near the SMaRT Station | 2/19, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. |
| LVNA Villager Editorial Deadline | Contact editor@lvna.net | 2/25 |
| http://www.lvna.net/Resources/Calendar/calendar.html | | |

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| 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 |
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