

Welcome to the LVNA

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

- Election of new board members
- Pat Castillo will talk about the Four Points Sheraton Hotel redevelopment plan
- Beverages and cookies will be served

President's Column

- Ursula Syrova, LVNA President

Elections!

At the next general meeting on March 9, 2005 at the Lakewood Park building, we will be electing new board officers. We need to fill the positions of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The roles of the president and vice presidents are about the same, although the president serves as first point of contact with the city, at least officially. This means that the city has the president's name and address on file and sends along information notices about what is going on in Sunnyvale so that it can be distributed to the neighborhood, usually through the *Villager*.

During my time as president I have received e-mails from city officials about issues that affect our neighborhood, invitations to the quarterly neighborhood association meetings, and the invitation to speak at the Lakewood Park rededication. Other than point of contact for the city, the president and two vice presidents share organizing responsibility for the various activities put on by the LVNA--the parade, the picnic, Dumpster Day, National Night Out, and the holiday lighting contest. We each have done what we are able.

The secretary's official role is to keep notes from our board and general meetings and to write them up for publication in the *Villager*. However, during my time on the board, Skip Gottschalk (our current secretary) has also helped out with general coordinating of activities as much as I or the vice presidents have. The treasurer keeps track of the LVNA finances, depositing checks as needed and writing checks as required for the printing of the *Villager* and other expenses.

I have found that the role of president is not very time consuming. Board members commit to attending the monthly board meetings and the general meetings; otherwise, the involvement is "as able." Do you have a few hours a month you could spend helping to assure that the LVNA does its job? We would love to see some new people get involved! Please contact any of the current board members (see the back page of the *Villager* for contact phone numbers and e-mail addresses) for more information, and please come to the general meeting in March to vote!

Other Volunteer Positions That Need to Be Filled

If being a board member doesn't appeal, how about being our Newsletter Coordinator? This person interacts with the *Villager* advertisers, who are local businesses. The job requires invoicing for the advertisements and following up on the payment of those invoices. This person is also the point of contact for new advertisers who want to run ads in the *Villager*. If you are interested and want to know more, please contact Faith Rogers.

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The other volunteer position we would love to see filled by a new person is that of our UNSCC (United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County) representative. This merely requires attending their general meeting every other month and reporting back to the LVNA (usually at a general meeting) about what the UNSCC is doing. It's a great way to meet other neighborhood association members and get ideas for LVNA activities. Please contact Faith Rogers if you want more information about this position.

Disaster Preparation Night

The Red Cross has kindly offered us a free disaster-preparation presentation. March is Red Cross Month, and this offer is tied in with that. We have selected March 31 as our evening for the presentation. All in the neighborhood are welcome to attend, in the Lakewood Park Building beginning at 7 p.m. The presentation should be about 90 minutes long and will be split half and half between disaster preparation at home and basic first aid. We strongly urge everyone to attend! The Red Cross will be handing out materials that we can take home about these topics. This is a great opportunity to brush up on our disaster readiness for free, right in our own neighborhood. ■



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LVNA Meetings

-Skip Gottschalk, LVNA Secretary

February 9 General Meeting

Finances. The treasurer's financial report shows that the *Villager* newsletter advertising income is sufficient to pay for the monthly issues. However, there is a projected shortfall in supporting some of the traditional activities unless additional funds (grants, donations, other sources) are received. The LVNA Board is submitting applications for Neighborhood Association Grant(s). Other fund-raising ideas (garage sales, for example) were also discussed.

Bus Stop. Maintenance of the Lakehaven / Lawrence Expressway bus stop was discussed. Neighborhood Preservation Representative Rich Gutierrez has been contacted. (This may be a county issue as well.) Lakewood Village residents are encouraged to contact Neighborhood Preservation, 408-730-7447, when there are specific complaints or questions regarding code and ordinance issues.

LVNA Board Nominations. Interested Lakewood Village residents should contact any of the current board members; see the back page of any issue of the *Villager* for names and contact information. Elections will be held at the March 9 general meeting.

Pest Control. A list of pesticides approved by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation was provided to the City of Sunnyvale for their assessment. The list is being reviewed by the Sunnyvale Public Works Department.

February 24 Board Meeting

Finances. The treasurer provided a summary financial report.

Coming Events. Recommendations for events and guest speakers for general meetings were discussed. Newly assigned Public Safety Chief Don Johnson will be one of the speakers in the upcoming months.

A Disaster Preparedness Seminar is tentatively being scheduled for March. The one-hour presentation by the Red Cross is proposed for a

THURSDAY evening, separate from the general meeting.

Board Election. Some positions have no nominees. Election ballots will be available at the March meeting. The ballot will list the five board positions, known nominees, and space to write in candidate names for all positions.

March Meeting Agenda. Following the board elections at the March general meeting, proposed yearly events and activities (Dumpster Day, picnic, holiday parade) will be discussed, as well as any items Lakewood Village residents recommend that the board consider for 2005. ■

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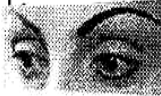
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Letter

Dear Neighbors,

Recently vandals/skateboarders dragged two of the three wooden picnic tables from the kindergarten playground at Lakewood School. They placed them at the foot of the stairs facing Meadowlake Drive and did their stunts on them until both tables were rendered broken/unusable by the kindergartners. (They had dragged the first of these three tables out during the Christmas holiday break and badly damaged that one also.) Being both a longtime resident of Lakewood Village and the mother of a kindergartener, this angered and disappointed me. So, I'm turning my energy towards raising funds to replace the damaged tables with better ones, which will be secured to deter their removal from the kindergarten area. In today's era of budget cuts, it is highly improbable that the school district can replace the tables anytime soon, so I am working with Lakewood's administration and the PTO to raise these funds, which total roughly \$2000.00. You may wonder why it is so expensive, but it makes more sense to purchase round, weatherproof tables, than to simply provide the same wooden tables which are prone to weathering, splintering, and apparently are very tempting to skateboarders.

Ideas that have surfaced include holding a dance at the school with proceeds going to fund these tables, and setting up a donation station in the Lakewood School lobby. Please watch the marquee outside the school for further information. Whether or not you have a kindergarten student, or even ANY student attending Lakewood School, please consider donating towards this goal. The kindergartners need these tables in their own playground area to eat their snack, work on projects outside, and rest during recess. Please consider helping us raise these funds. The kindergartners would be very happy to have new tables!

Thank you,

Ann Richardson



March in Your Yard and Garden

- Sow seeds of summer vegetables and annuals indoors.
- The bare-root season is almost over. Buy soon and plant when the weather is right for planting. Complete those orders for bare-root fruit trees from specialty nurseries, which 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.
- Wet weather is good for indoor gardening chores such as cleaning and repairing garden tools. Do not forget to sharpen the blades of pruning tools and shovels, and to service the lawn mower.
- Begin weeding while the weeds are young and the ground is still wet.
- The rice growers in the Sacramento Valley remove the fibrous hulls from the grains. Rice hulls are an excellent, inexpensive soil amendment. Contact a rice growers' cooperative to find the nearest local source.
- Fertilize roses, citrus, and all flowering plants that are about to bloom. Trees, shrubs, and cool season lawns could use a high-nitrogen fertilizer.
- Fertilize azaleas, camellias, and rhododendrons when they finish blooming.
- Prune spring-blooming plants as they finish blooming. Toward the end of the month (but before new growth begins), prune back both oleanders and crape myrtles to produce new flowering wood.
- Watch out for snails and earwigs.
- Use a strong spray from the hose to wash away aphids.
- After the danger of frost is past, prune hydrangeas, fuchsias, and bougainvilleas.
- Plant out summer bulbs such as amaryllis, callas, cannas, dahlias, gladiolus, lilies, and tuberous begonias.

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 ■

Fairwood School News

- Mary Jane Cabildo



The Fairwood Parent and Teachers Group (PTG) met January 25 and February 15 in the library. Thanks to all who attended.

Mrs. Aguilar (2nd grade teacher) and Mrs. Fitz (5th grade teacher) discussed the Standard Based Report Card (SBRC) that will be implemented for the 2006–2007 school year for grades K–5. Standard Based *does not give a general grade*; however, the report card will be much more descriptive. With the SBRC parents will be able to see specific skills their child has at each grade level. Each subject and each grade level have a “standard”: all teachers will teach the same. This will also help teachers meet students' needs more effectively. We thank Mrs. Aguilar and Mrs. Fitz, and we look forward to learning more about these new report cards in the near future.

A big thanks to Mr. Bob Green for attending our meeting on February 15. Mr. Green is the president of Lakewood Pony Baseball. Last day for tryouts was March 5. For information on the league, please visit their Web site at www.lakewoodponybaseball.com or call 866-895-9841.

Our next PTG meeting will be held March 29 at 6:45 p.m. in the library. Babysitting and Spanish translation services are provided.

PTG is a *great opportunity* to meet your fellow neighbors, work together as a stronger community and provide a brighter future for our children. Come see how you can help at Fairwood School.

Have a great month! ■

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Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Corporate Prayer Meeting

Lakewood Village's 50th

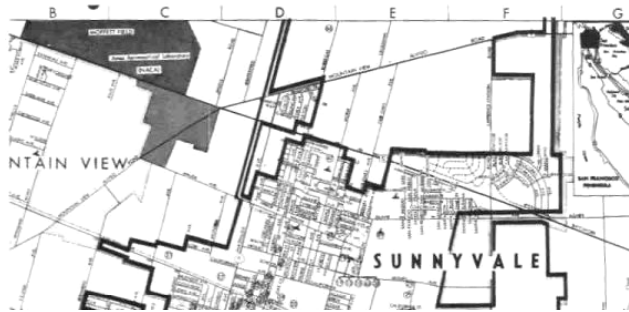
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Building Lakewood Village

- Brian Smithson



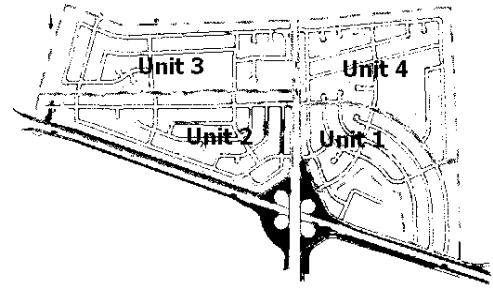
The early 1950s were a period of explosive growth for cities and towns in northern Santa Clara Valley. Most of the valley was unincorporated agricultural land, and Santa Clara, Sunnyvale, and Mountain View competed for it through legal battles and by annexing strips of land that outlined borders. This strategy kept neighboring towns from annexing unincorporated land within those borders. Competition for annexing land became so fervent that the town of Cupertino incorporated itself as a defensive measure to keep from being annexed by neighboring Sunnyvale and Mountain View.



Narrow strips of land annexed in the 1950s by cities like Sunnyvale defined their cities' limits. Part of Lakewood Village is shown on this 1955 map.

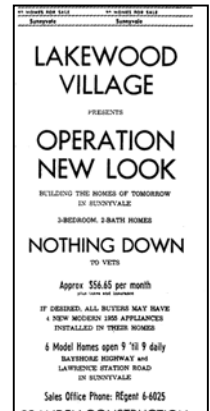
Around 1954, a strip of land was annexed which ran the length of Calabazas Creek from the Bayshore Highway to the bay. It was mostly wetlands, far away from the Santa Clara and Sunnyvale town centers, but it established a permanent boundary between the two towns. Santa Clara annexed land on the east side of the creek, where present-day Mission College is located, and Sunnyvale annexed the west side, where Lakewood Village is located.

In late 1954 and early 1955, developers submitted plans for residential tracts of homes and for a motel on the northeast corner of Bayshore Highway and Lawrence Station Road. The motel wasn't built until the early 1960s, but in mid-1955, building permits for 255 homes were issued and construction began on "Unit 1" of Lakewood Village. Construction of the remaining units continued until sometime around 1958.



Lakewood Village was built in four phases

Lakewood Village was constructed to fill a need for affordable housing of civilian and military workers in the Moffett Field area. Homes sold for \$11,000 - \$15,000 with mortgage payments under \$100 per month and move-in costs under \$500. Twenty floor plans were advertised, with three bedrooms and two baths, designed for young families. Homes in Units 1 and 2 had one-car garages, while Unit 3 and 4 plans were expanded for two cars. A sales brochure promised 2,500 new homes, but ultimately, about 1,600 homes were built.



This 1955 ad from the Sunnyvale Standard newspaper was designed to appeal to veterans.



The "Biscayne" model home, as pictured in a sales brochure

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Life in early Lakewood Village wasn't easy. The closest grocery store was several miles away. Lawrence Station Road was a busy truck route with no stoplight for Lakewood Village. The Bayshore Highway had a simple traffic signal at Lawrence Station Road, and crossing on foot or making a left turn in a car could be hazardous. Because of its distance from the rest of Sunnyvale, city services like street lights, street sweeping, and police patrols, were slow to come to Lakewood Village.

Here are some old photos from long-time residents:



First day of school?
Rolane and Lee Eunice Bond across the street from Fairwood School in 1960.

Brand new driveway, already cracked!?
Unidentified child on Oak Creek Way in 1959. Back side of Lakewood Methodist Church can be seen with Sandia Avenue in the distance.



Newly planted lawns, sapling trees, and cars with big tailfins.
Annette Malstrom on Burntwood Court, around 1958.

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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Sunnyvale Library	http://www.sunnyvalelibrary.org
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Calendar of Upcoming Events

What	Where	When
Street Sweeping	Your street – move your cars!	4/5 Fairwood 3/8, 4/12 Lakewood
Compost Workshop	Sunnyvale Community Center Arboretum	3/12, 10 a.m. - noon
LVNA Meeting	Lakewood Park Bldg.	3/9, 7 p.m.
Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off	Carl Road, near the SMaRT Station	3/19, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
LVNA <i>Villager</i> Editorial Deadline	Contact editor@lvna.net	4/1
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