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Next LVNA General Meeting:

Thursday June 9

at 7:00 p.m. in the Lakewood Park Building

- Sunnyvale Public Safety Director Don Johnson
- Refreshments will be provided

President's Column

- Ursula Syrova, LVNA President

Dumpster Day Will Be July 16, 2005

Mark your calendars, Dumpster Day will be here soon! If you are interested in helping out by being a Dumpster monitor or helping with our Dumpster Day Sale, please contact Skip Gottschalk (see page 6 for his e-mail address and phone number). Saleable items brought to the Dumpsters will be taken to the sale location. If you have a truck and are willing to shuttle items to the sale area, you can help! See the July *Villager* for lists of items that can and cannot be dumped, as well as information on the location of the Dumpster Day Sale.

Windows or No Windows?

A few months ago City Councilman Fred Fowler was at an LVNA general meeting and asked if people in Lakewood Village were interested in having the windows in the Lakewood Park building uncovered. Apparently they were covered with drywall after a

losing battle with vandalism. Now the city uses a film that makes maintenance of the windows possible.

At the time, those who were at the meeting all agreed it would be nice to have the windows back, but since then there has been some question about the cost of doing that and of the maintenance. At the May meeting of the LVNA Board, some members felt that maybe uncovering the Lakewood Park building windows would not be a good use of city resources. I will have met with city personnel about the windows on June 1 and will have more information, but please come to the general meeting on June 9 and give your input on this issue.

New Director of Public Safety Will Be at the June 9 General Meeting

Public Safety Director Don Johnson will be the featured guest at the general LVNA meeting on June 9 at 7 p.m. at the Lakewood Park building. Don't miss this chance to meet him and ask any questions you have about public safety in Lakewood Village and Sunnyvale. ■

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June in Your Yard and Garden

- Weed. Do not let the weeds form seedheads. Be sure to knock down tall dry grasses because they create a serious fire hazard.
- Add young, seedhead-free weeds to the compost pile. Remember to keep

the pile as damp as a wrung-out sponge for faster composting. Turn the pile occasionally.

- 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. Fruit will be ripening soon and the ants will go after the fruit. Water plants as needed.
- Insulate the garden soil from hot, dry weather by applying a two-inch-thick mulch.



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- Fertilize plants if you see signs of pale, lackluster growth. Yellow leaves with green veins often indicate an iron deficiency, which can be corrected with chelated iron.
- Fertilize the lawn. Fertilize all flowering plants about to bloom. Fertilize roses.
- Pinch off dead flowers, particularly off lilacs and other late-spring flowering shrubs. Make sure you get the entire flower head when dead-heading annuals—including the swollen ovaries where seeds form. This will encourage new flowers as the plant rushes to reproduce itself.
- Transplant summer-flowering plants into the bedding plot. Hot weather is hard on newly transplanted plants. Shade them for a few days with the temporary shelter of an umbrella or wooden shade. Stake tall sprawling flowers such as delphiniums and dahlias.
- Continue to plant the vegetable garden. Thin vegetable seedlings that were sown too close together by snipping them with scissors. Harvest vegetables as they ripen, picking them early in the day.
- Be very attentive to your watering system to make sure that it is in good working order. Soak all newly transplanted plants deeply.

These tips are from the book *Northern California Gardening: A Month-by-Month Guide*, by Katherine Grace Endicott, published by Chronicle Books, San Francisco, copyright 1996, and are used with the publisher's permission. ■

Organic Garden Tour

Join a guided tour of organic home food gardens in and around Sunnyvale on Saturday, June 18, 8:30 a.m. to noon or noon to 4 p.m. The tour will start at the Heritage Center at the Sunnyvale Community Center, 550 E. Remington Drive.

Visit www.globalcommunity.org/tour for registration and information. ■

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City Seeks Ideas for Liquidambar Tree Fruit

Those spiky balls produced by liquidambar trees are a nuisance, and the city is looking for ideas on how to deal with them.

Douglas Mello, superintendent of the Trees and Landscaping Division for the City of Sunnyvale, is working on a study, "Liquidambar Street Trees—Nuisance Fruit Problem," which will be presented to City Council in August of 2005.

The Trees and Landscaping Division is seeking citizen input on how best to address the liquidambar seasonal fruit-pod (those spiky balls) nuisance. Removing the liquidambar trees is one option for City Council to consider, but the study would ideally include suggestions on what to do about the seasonal fruit pods without removing the trees. The study group asks that those who submit ideas focus only on how best to deal with the liquidambar fruit-pod nuisance.

Send your ideas on this issue to Douglas Mello, dmello@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us, or to Sunnyvale's tree supervisor, Leonard Dunn, ldunn@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us, no later than Monday, June 20, 2005.

Your input will assist City Council in deciding how best to address the problem of those spiky balls. ■

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LVNA Meetings

-Skip Gottschalk, LVNA Secretary

May 12 General Meeting

Sunnyvale Vice Mayor Ron Swegles provided a briefing on city development. His brief talk was followed by a question-and-answer session on city and neighborhood issues.

May 26 Board Meeting

•Planning continued for Dumpster Day. Board members have coordinated with the appropriate city departments to confirm July 16 as Dumpster Day. Dumpsters will be available on both sides of Lakewood Village, and there will be a centrally located tire dump bin. A Dumpster Day Sale will also be held to raise funds for LVNA events. If you have any usable items to donate for the sale, please contact any LVNA Board member (see back page for names and contact information).

•Bingo equipment funds and operating issues were discussed. ■

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City News

Health Series

“For Your Health,” a series of health-related presentations, debuted on KSUN-15, Sunnyvale’s government-access television station, on Memorial Day.

“For Your Health” is a partnership program between the City’s Neighborhood and Community Resources Division and Camino Medical Group (CMG). The series began last fall as a free program at the Sunnyvale Community Center. CMG physicians lead the programs, which cover a wide variety of health-related, timely topics of interest to individuals and families

Future episodes of “For Your Health” will be taped in Sunnyvale City Council chambers beginning at 7 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month through

October. KSUN-15 broadcasts are scheduled for the week following each taping.

To reserve a seat at a future taping, or to get more information about upcoming programs, call Camino Medical Group at (408) 523-3295.

“For Your Health” will be broadcast the week following each taping.

To view the KSUN-15 schedule, visit the City of Sunnyvale’s Web site at www.sunnyvale.ca.gov.

Free City-wide Workshop on Community Involvement

All Sunnyvale community members are invited to attend a city-wide workshop to help City Council learn how Sunnyvale residents feel about community involvement and participation in government.

The workshop will be on Saturday, June 18, 9 to noon, at the Sunnyvale Senior Center, 550 E. Remington Drive. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., and a continental breakfast will be provided.

For more information, or to RSVP (by June 9, please), contact Michelle Zahraie at 730-7489 or mzahraie@ci.sunnyvale.ci.us. ■



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7:00 p.m.	Corporate Prayer Meeting
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New Online Catalog Coming to the Sunnyvale Library

The Sunnyvale Library will soon have a new, more capable library catalog online. The new catalog will provide many useful features, support for multiple languages, and a user interface that is consistent with library catalogs of nearby cities. The new catalog is scheduled to become operational sometime in June.

Using this new catalog, you will be able to browse books by their covers. A picture of the book cover will appear with many of the library's catalog entries. Some entries will also have a book review or an online copy of the first chapter.

The search and help screens will be available in English, Spanish, and traditional Chinese. Sometime later, you will be able to search for Chinese language materials using Chinese characters in your search.

The Sunnyvale Library catalog will be connected to

the catalogs of nearby cities, and you'll be able to search multiple libraries at once. Later this year, you'll be able to locate in other libraries materials that Sunnyvale does not own, initiate an interlibrary loan, and then pick up the item from the Sunnyvale Library.


As with the old catalog system, you will be able to check on your library account, place a reserve on items that have been checked out by someone else, and renew items that you have checked out.

Watch for the new catalog to come online on the library's home page, www.sunnyvalelibrary.org. If you have questions, you can call the library reference desk at (408) 730-7300. ■



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http://www.lvna.net/Resources/Links/links.html	

Calendar of Upcoming Events

What	Where	When
Street Sweeping	Your street – move your cars!	6/7 Fairwood 6/14 Lakewood
Compost Workshop	Sunnyvale Community Center Arboretum	6/11, 10 a.m. – noon
LVNA Meeting	Lakewood Park Bldg.	6/9, 7 p.m.
Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off	Carl Road, near the SMaRT Station	6/18, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
LVNA <i>Villager</i> Editorial Deadline	Contact editor@lvna.net	6/30
http://www.lvna.net/Resources/Calendar/calendar.html		

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Public Safety – Non-emergency	730-7100
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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
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