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Next LVNA General Meeting:

Thursday, January 12

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

•Holiday Lighting Contest Awards

WINNERS: Please Attend To Get Your Award!

•Cookies and cold drinks

President's Column

-Ursula Syrova, LVNA President

Thank You to the Parade Participants!

The 2005 Lakewood Village Holiday Parade on December 3 took place under clear skies and went off smoothly. There are many volunteers to thank for helping to make the parade a success:

- A special thank you to Santa Claus!
- Art Daugherty for donating use of his gas stoves to heat cider and hot chocolate and for serving those beverages
- Councilmember Chris Moylan
- Councilmember John Howe
- Councilmember Melinda Hamilton
- Councilmember Tony Spitaleri
- County Sheriff's Shark Car with volunteer driver Tuiloli Siliga
- County Supervisor Pete McHugh
- Craig Crawford for putting up the banners announcing the parade (and taking them down afterward)
- Effern for providing music at the park
- Former Councilmember Fred Fowler
- Former Councilmember Julia Miller
- Fremont High School Band led by Mr. Kelly
- Gilbert and Dorothy Castro for driving their 1937 pickup truck decorated with nutcrackers
- Great America Towing for providing Santa's "sleigh"
- Ingrid Grassini for assisting with the city permit process
- Judy Fernandez and Sarah Daugherty for organizing the toy drive and photos with Santa
- Lakewood School Baton Twirlers, organized by Lucille Galvin and Karen McGough and featuring Emily Biswas, Darla Regis, Valerie Virique, Daniel Russo, and Jolina Tanjoco

- Lakewood School Color Guard
- Lakewood School kids and Principal Annette Grasty
- Natalie and Marvin of the Belleswingers
- Neighborhood Resource Officer Greg Othon, who also brought in the assistance of the California Highway Patrol.
- Police Chief Don Johnson
- Police Program Coordinator Michelle Tani
- Pony Baseball group
- Public Safety personnel: Lt. S. McDowell, Lt. T. Smith, Officer S. Mueting, Officer D. Mienhardt, Officer T. Lyons, Officer A. Fanucchi, Officer A. Tani, Officer F. Monge, Officer G. McConnell
- Skip Gottschalk for organizing the post-parade parade refreshments
- Specialty Waste and Jerry Nabhan and family
- Sunnyvale Amateur Radio Emergency Services volunteers Bob Gundrum, Marcia Gentry, Scott Emery, Tom Root, Rick Eversole, Don Stuedeman, Ralf Erickson
- Sunnyvale Mayor Ron Swegles
- Sunnyvale School Board member Phyllis Fowler
- Sunnyvale Singers for performing after the parade
- Superior Court Judge Ron Del Pozzo
- Thom Mayer for organizing the parade cars

Thank you so much to everyone!

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Las Madres Neighborhood Playgroups

Las Madres is a volunteer-run organization to support and educate mothers of young children. I have been involved with this group since we moved to Sunnyvale in 2003, and it has been a wonderful experience for both my daughter and me. We have made many great friends and found a community at a time when we didn't know anyone here. If you are new to Sunnyvale or have a small child and would like to meet other mothers and caregivers and their children through park days and play dates, I encourage you to visit their Web site at www.lasmadres.org, or call 1-877-lasmadres. ■

Question Questionable Solicitors


Department of Public Safety Neighborhood Resource Officer Greg Othon encourages residents to call DPS (730-7100) to report solicitors who arouse suspicion. Some solicitors have been associated with taking advantage of the elderly and committing crimes when people are away from their homes. The Sunnyvale Municipal code requires some door-to-door solicitors to obtain solicitation permits through the city. ■



January in Your Yard and Garden

- Order now from seed catalogs. If you wait too long, you may have to accept substitutions later in the season.
- Order bare-root roses and fruit trees from specialty nurseries. They will usually stop shipping bare-root plants by the end of March.
- Move garden plants brought indoors for the holidays back outside if they will not be subject to frost or snow.
- Make sure you have adequate drainage for heavy rain storms.
- Constant dry heat from heating systems stresses indoor plants. Check them for signs of yellowing or wilting; they may need more water and an occasional misting. Fertilize indoor flowering plants that are in bloom now.
- Watch out for frost. The weather is likely to be truly cold this month. Be ready to cover susceptible plants or to move them to a sheltered location.
- Prune roses, deciduous fruit trees, and ornamental shrubs. Work from the inside of the plants toward the outside. Remove diseased or dead branches as well as branches crossing or rubbing each other. Then prune the exterior for an attractive form. Prune spring-flowering trees and shrubs after they have bloomed.
- If desired, spray deciduous shrubs and fruit trees with a dormant spray to kill overwintering insects.
- Shop for bare-root plants and plant them when the soil is dry enough to dig properly.
- Look for colorful bedding plants such as calendulas and chrysanthemums in the nursery to give an instant color boost to the entryway or window boxes.

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. ■



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LVNA Meetings

-Skip Gottschalk, LVNA Secretary

General Meeting

No General Meeting was held in December.

December 29 Board Meeting

Heidi Michaelis was introduced as the new Newsletter Advertising Coordinator. Heidi grew up in Lakewood Village and now has volunteered to support her neighborhood. Thanks go to Heidi!

The Holiday Parade and Lighting Contest were reviewed. Lessons learned were noted for next year's events.

The treasurer reported that the LVNA bank account was switched from the Bank of Santa Clara to Union Bank of California, because the Bank of Santa Clara has started charging a \$10/month fee on accounts containing less than \$3000. Union Bank of California does not charge for checking accounts.

The LVNA bylaws were reviewed. Board members can't serve for longer than three years in a row, so some positions will be open to new people in March.

Grant application paperwork was reviewed. The president will handle the application.

Guest speakers for upcoming general meetings were discussed.

LVNA Board elections will be held in March. Some of the existing officers have reached their term limit. If you are interested in serving on the LVNA Board, please contact any of the current members (see back page).■



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Letters

I am so angry right now I can see RED! To you dog owners: Please be responsible and pick up after your pet. I walked out to clean up leaves in my front yard and stepped right into not one, but two huge piles of droppings, and I might add they were from big dogs. How would you feel if I let my 2-year-old niece walk the neighborhood and drop where ever she wanted? There is no difference. Tie a plastic bag on your leash and when your pet feels the need, pick up the droppings and move on. That's what responsible people do. Thank you to the two ladies who walk their small dogs nightly. They always pick up after their animals.

A Lakewood Village Resident

Saying Goodbye. There never really is a good time to lose a friend but it's especially sad at this time of the year. The neighborhood has lost another family member, Gary Sprowl. He passed away on Monday, December 12. He had lost his wife, Luann, last April. They leave behind two young adults, Lisa and Michael, who could use some extra support at this time. If you know of the family, please send your thoughts and prayers their way. We will miss you, Luann and Gary!

The Fernandez Family■

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Contest Brings Out the Best in Holiday Lighting

Judy Fernandez, LVNA 1st Vice President

First thank you to our judges, Michelle Bromstead, Community Outreach Coordinator for the City of Sunnyvale; Pat Overhage, Marketing/Advertising Manager for Costco, and LVNA Secretary Skip Gottschalk. They spent two hours of their precious time to help with our contest. The neighborhood appreciated it very much.

Grand Prize: 750 Lakemuir Drive

Lakewood Side: 755 Lakewood Drive and 302 Hiddenlake Drive

Fairwood Side: - 1285 Manzano Drive and 1313 Soccoro Drive

In addition, the judges commended the following homes for their outstanding effort:

829 and 250 Lakemuir, 263 Twinlake, 235 Velvetlake, 271 and 770 Lakewood, 307 and 318 Greenlake, 670 and 747 Lakefair, 766 Lakebird, 1138 Stonylake, 1117 and 1147 Palamas, 1381 Soccoro, 1184 Breezwood, 1192 and 1176 Redrock, 1222 Oak Creek, 934 Blazingwood, 1194 Fairwood, 1315 Sandia, 1284 Prescott, and 1164 Pecos.



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To the families who live in the duplex at 1071 and 1073 Lakedale goes a special thank you for showing how neighbors can work together for a common cause.

Photos of some of the winners will be on the LVNA Web site, www.lvna.net, in the Holiday Lighting section of the Events and Activities page.

The awards will be given out on January 12 at the LVNA meeting in the Lakewood Park building. We hope the winners will attend to claim their awards.

Last but not least, our neighbors at 666 Lakefair made a special effort. Gary Duff has been under the weather for a while, and he was not going to decorate this year, but his son and grandson started the project, and once again he jumped in with both feet. Our prayers and thoughts are with you, Gary, and we hope that you will continue this beautiful display for many years to come. You have made many Lakewood Village children and families happy for years.

But ... Vandals Ruined One Display


The lighting display of a 2004 unit winner was vandalized this year, in mid-December. Among other mean-spirited actions, the perpetrators slashed inflated decoration items, cut light strings, stole support hooks, and knocked over holiday figures. They also took seasonal items from the yard next door and threw them into the ruined lighting display.

The homeowners filed a police report. They say that after 30 years of putting up displays for all the major holidays, they will no longer do so.

If you have any information about this vandalism or other such incidents, please call the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety at 408-730-7100. ■

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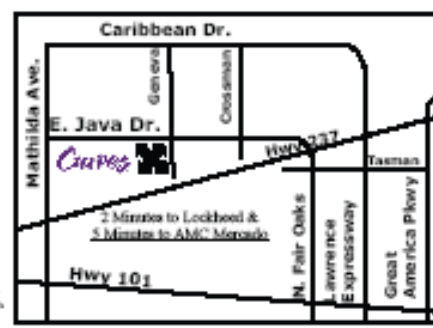
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Toy Drive Yields Joy for Families

Judy Fernandez

Thank you to all the neighbors who participated in our Holiday Parade toy drive. We collected over \$175 worth of toys, which ranged from infant to teens. They were donated to Sunnyvale Community Services. This non-profit agency sets up a Christmas store for needy families in Sunnyvale, who can select food, clothing, and toys. It is a great service and thanks to our neighborhood we made many families happy this year. Sunnyvale Community Services receives donations year round, so if anyone is looking for a worthwhile charity, this is it—and it all stays in Sunnyvale. ■

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11:00 a.m.	Worship Service

Wednesday

7:00 p.m.	Corporate Prayer Meeting
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Need Help with Eating Problems?

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous (FA) is a program for individuals recovering from addictive eating and anorexia; it is based on the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. There are no dues or fees at meetings, and there are no weigh-ins. Contact the FA office for more information at 781-321-9118, or visit their Web site at www.foodaddicts.org.

The following meetings are held in this area every week:

Monday: *Cupertino*, 7 p.m., St. Jude's Episcopal Church, Rm. 2, 20920 McClellan Rd. across Stelling

Wednesday and Friday mornings: *Santa Clara*, 7:30 a.m., St. Justin's, 2655 Homestead Rd. Back Bldg. Rm. 2

Sunday: *Palo Alto*, 7 p.m., St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado St. ■

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Batter Up! Batter Up!

Haley Cross, Lakewood Pony Baseball

Yet another season of Lakewood Pony Baseball is around the corner. Come on over and get your kids signed up. It is a great opportunity to get your boys and girls outside getting some exercise. Registration is every Saturday in January from 10 to 12 a.m. The age limit is 5 to 12 for boys and girls. The league tryout day is February 11, 2006, and Opening Day is April 1, 2006. We are looking forward to seeing you at registration. If you have any questions, call us at (866) 865-9841 or check out our Web site: www.lakewoodponybaseball.com.

DID YOU KNOW?

- In 1859, umpires sat in a rocking chair behind home plate to referee the game.
- The first official baseball hat was made out of straw.
- Every major league team buys 18,000 baseballs every year.
- A *can of corn* refers to a fly ball that is easy to catch.
- Babe Ruth wore a cabbage leaf under his cap while playing baseball. ■

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Silicon Valley Girls Softball League Sign-Ups

This league has been formed from the former Little Leagues in Sunnyvale. The league offers girls ages 5-16 recreational softball at various Sunnyvale parks. See www.valleygirlssoftball.org or call the hotline at (408) 380-1210. Please check the Web site for sign-up locations. Teams will be formed in February and play will run from March until June, playing various ASA/NSA teams in the area. When school is out in June the league will offer Travel Team opportunities for those who wish to play during the summer. ■

Were Items Taken from Your Yard or Car?

If items were stolen from the outside of your property in Lakewood Village in October and early November, you might want to call the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety Property Unit at 730-7107 to see if any of those items have been recovered.

Some Lakewood Village residents set up a camera to film whoever was stealing landscaping supplies from their van, and they caught the burglars in the act. The police arrested one suspect and recovered numerous pieces of property. ■

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Lakewood e-mail list	http://www.topica.com/lists/lakewoodvillage
City of Sunnyvale	http://www.sunnyvale.ca.gov
Sunnyvale Library	http://www.sunnyvalelibrary.org
Sunnyvale free recycling	http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sunnyvalefree/
http://www.lvna.net/Resources/Links/links.html	

Upcoming Events

What	Where	When
Street Sweeping	Your street – move your cars!	1/3 Fairwood 1/10 Lakewood 2/7 Fairwood 2/14 Lakewood
Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off	Carl Road, near the SMaRT Station	1/21, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
LVNA Villager Editorial Deadline	Contact editor@lvna.net	1/27
LVNA Meeting	Lakewood Park Bldg.	1/12, 7 p.m.
http://www.lvna.net/Resources/Calendar/calendar.html		

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Public Safety – Emergency	911
Public Safety – Non-emergency	730-7100
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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
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