

Welcome to the LVNA

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Next LVNA General Meeting:
Thursday, April 13
at 7:00 p.m. in the Lakewood Park Building

- **Neighborhood Resource Officer and Parks and Recreation Marketing and Special Events Coordinator**
- **Cookies and cold drinks**

Election Results and Guest Speakers for Next General Meeting

-Ursula Syrova, LVNA President

Elections results: the only change is that there are fewer of us—we don't have an elected secretary. Skip Gottschalk has left the board because of term limits. We need a secretary; please volunteer.

Next general meeting: we will talk about crime in the neighborhood with our new Neighborhood Resource Officer Jennifer Anton, and we'll meet Tim Rupel from the Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. Rupel wants to know what recreation programs might be developed to meet our needs, and he wants to let us know what programs are already available.

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April Features Extra Trash Pickup, Healthy Home Events

Spring cleanup is easier in Sunnyvale in April because of extra curbside trash pickup (April 3 through 28), extra dump weekends (April 1 and 2 and 8 and 9), and programs about environment-friendly building materials, cleaning products, and even baby diapers.

You can put out extra trash (in plastic bags or cardboard boxes) next to your usual trash container on your regular pickup day. Call Specialty Solid Waste & Recycling at (408) 565-9900 to request pickup of large appliances such as washers, dryers, refrigerators, and water heaters and household furniture such as couches, chairs, and mattresses. *Do not* put computers, TVs,

fluorescent lights, radios, stereos, or any other electronic product into your trash or on the curb for extra pickup; state law requires that you take these items to a disposal facility such as the SMaRT Station at 301 Carl Road (off Borregas Avenue). Do not put items on top of water meter boxes.

Extra dump weekend hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the SMaRT Station. You can dump sod, tree stumps, tires and other automobile parts, construction materials and debris, and electronic products (in a separate container; no more than four TVs or monitors total). Paint, thinner, pesticides, and other hazardous materials must be taken to a Household Hazardous Waster Drop-off event (April 15, May 20, June 17).

The healthy home series, to be held in the Program Room at the Sunnyvale Library, will include Protecting Our Water (April 17, 7 – 8:30 p.m.), Greening Your Home (April 18, 7 – 9 p.m.), Cleaning Green (April 19, 1 – 2 p.m.; repeated 7 – 8:30 p.m. at the Community Center), and Choosing Cloth for Your Child (April 19, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.).

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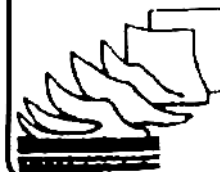
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Avoid Auto Vandalism. In the past six months there have been 15 reported cases of auto vandalism in the Lakewood area. Items taken have been radios, sunglasses, and laptops. Cars are less likely to be burglarized if they have an auto alarm system, do not have items in clear view inside the car, and are locked anytime when unoccupied.

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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, copyright 1996, and are used with the publisher's permission. ■

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City News

Tip-a-Cop Breakfast To Feature Sunnyvale Public Safety Officers and Special Olympics Athletes

This year's Tip-a-Cop event will be breakfast on Wednesday, April 19, 7 to 10:30 a.m., at Coco's Restaurant, 1206 Oakmead Parkway. Tip-A Cop is one of the activities in the Northern California Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run campaign. Officers pair up with restaurant wait staff to help serve food, refill water glasses, and bus tables. "Tip" envelopes are available at each table for customers to tip their law enforcement server in addition to the tip they leave for the regular wait staff. Call 408-730-7199 for more information.

Special Olympics staff and athletes will be on hand to talk about their program and benefits. All tips collected by officers benefit Special Olympics, a nonprofit organization that provides sports training and competition opportunities for developmentally disabled individuals.

Sunnyvale Public Safety held its first Tip-a-Cop in 1999 and has held one or two events each year since.

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Sunnyvale residents who have a vehicle taking up parking space may have the vehicle disposed of at no cost during Sunnyvale's Spring Clean-up Tow-away program. Between April 1 and April 30, residents may call the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety (DPS) and request a pick-up appointment.

Towing will take place in May. Requests will be sent to a city-approved towing company, which will call residents directly to arrange for pick-up of the vehicle. Vehicle owners must sign over ownership and turn in the vehicle's pink slip to the approved towing company. Vehicles must be towable, with four inflated tires, and have all debris and garbage removed.

Vehicles removed during the spring clean-up do not qualify as an IRS tax donation. For additional information on the program and to schedule your vehicle pick-up, contact Michelle Tani in DPS at (408) 730-7104, TDD (408) 730-7501. ■

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The Season Has Begun!

-Haley Cross

Oh what a day it was! Opening day (April 1) for Lakewood PONY Baseball was awesome. The teams looked great in their uniforms. Now the 16 teams are out on the field playing—we have to put in a lot of games for these 175 kids, so we have games almost every day of the week, at the Lakewood ball fields near the Lakewood Park Building. Come out and watch your kids and friends play. Great food is available from the Snack Shack. We are also looking for more volunteers to staff the Snack Shack. ■

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Fairwood School News

-Mary Jane Cabildo

The Fairwood Parent and Teachers Group (PTG) met March 28 at 6 p.m. Thank you to all who attended.

Kindergarten registration began April 3. Children must be five years old on or before **December 2, 2006** to be eligible for kindergarten in the fall. *To enroll your child you must provide proof of residency that includes ALL of the following:* Current utility bill, (NO cable bills), valid rental, lease, or sales agreement, picture identification such as a driver's license or passport, and proof of immunizations. Verification of date of birth must also be submitted: a birth certificate, baptismal certificate, passport, statement by local registrar or county recorder certifying the date of birth, or a notarized affidavit of a parent or guardian. If you have any questions, please call the Fairwood office at 523-4870.

On April 10 the Fairwood 5th graders will head off to Walden West Science Camp, in the Santa Cruz Mountains, for a week of fun-filled activities. They'll enjoy learning about the forest, meadow, and stream communities through the use of games and other activities. Friendships made during the week may last a lifetime. During the week, classroom teachers will be available to help students adjust to being away

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Lakewood School's Spring Carnival!

☀When: Saturday, April 29, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

☀Where: Lakewood Elementary School

☀Why: To have fun raising money to purchase computers for our school

☀Games include electronic basketball, soccer shootout, duck pond, par golf, taz toss, face painting, and many more!

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from home and resolve any problems that surface. We wish the 5th graders a spectacular time!

Our next PTG meeting, on April 27, will include a presentation of poetry by the 1st graders and a potluck to follow! Keep an eye out for those Falcon Folders that go home on Thursdays for further information.

PTG is a great opportunity to meet your 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! ■

☀Food: pizza, hot dogs, nachos, ice cream, cotton candy, popcorn, soda

☀Live DJ with great music, contests, and karaoke, the Lakewood Baton Twirlers, a clown, dance troops, and prizes

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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!	4/4 Fairwood 4/11 Lakewood 5/4 Fairwood 5/11 Lakewood
Spring cleanup	Curbside on your trash pickup day	4/3 – 4/29
Compost Workshop	Sunnyvale Community Center Arboretum	4/15, 10 a.m. – noon
Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off	Carl Road, near the SMaRT Station	4/15, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Free extra dumping	SMaRT Station	4/8, 4/9
LVNA Villager Editorial Deadline	Contact editor@lvna.net	4/28
LVNA Meeting	Lakewood Park Bldg.	4/13, 7 p.m.
http://www.lvna.net/Resources/Calendar/calendar.html		

Important Phone Numbers

Public Safety – Emergency	911
Public Safety – Non-emergency	730-7100
Parks and Maintenance	730-7506
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
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