

Welcome to the LVNA

Villager

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Next LVNA General Meeting:
Thursday, May 11
at 7:00 p.m. in the Lakewood Park Building

•**Volunteer Appreciation Night**
•**Pizza and cold drinks**

Thank You, Volunteers!

-Ursula Syrova, LVNA President

Once a year the LVNA honors all the volunteers who make the various events we put on possible, from the monthly production and delivery of the *Villager* newsletter to the big annual events—the holiday parade, the summer picnic, and Dumpster Day. The next general meeting, on May 11 (Thursday!), will be Volunteer Appreciation Night. Pizza will be served, to thank all the volunteers who have made LVNA activities possible. Here is a list of the volunteers I am aware of; if I missed you, or misspelled your name, please let me know! Many of the people listed here have helped with many (or all!) of the activities.

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Thanks to all of you! Come have pizza on May 11. ■

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Need Help with Eating Problems?

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May in Your Yard and Garden

- Plant frost-tender plants such as citrus and bougainvillea.
- Weed while the weeds are young and the soil is still damp enough to make pulling the weeds easy. Do not let the weeds form seed heads.
- Add young, seedhead-free weeds to the compost pile.

Remember to keep the pile as damp as a wrung-out sponge for faster composting.

- 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, but remember to wrap low so that birds, particularly hummingbirds, will not be attracted.
- Prepare for the coming hot, dry season by applying a mulch. Rice hulls are an excellent, inexpensive soil amendment. Contact a rice growers' cooperative to find the nearest local source.
- Prune spring-blooming plants as they finish blooming. To keep old lilacs vigorous, prune a few of the lilac stems to the ground each year, and prune suckers off grafted varieties of lilacs.
- Fertilize lawns, roses, and all flowering plants about to bloom. Fertilize azaleas, camellias, and rhododendrons when they finish blooming. If you did not fertilize them last month, fertilize citrus, trees, and shrubs.
- Plant out summer bulbs such as callas, cannas, dahlias, gladiolus, lilies, tigridia, and tuberous begonias.
- Set out summer-flowering plants.
- Plant the vegetable garden and thin vegetable seedlings that were sown too close together by snipping them with scissors.

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Columbia Music Groups Win Awards

-Wendy Stanley

The choirs from Columbia Middle School went to West Valley College in Saratoga to attend the California Music Education Association (CMEA) Choir Festival on March 31. The results were awesome. Out of ratings of Superior, Excellent, Good, and Fair they scored:
6th grade Choir—Excellent
Intermediate Choir—Excellent
Advanced Choir—Unanimous Superior (all three judges gave them a Superior rating, the highest rating there is).

The bands performed at the CMEA Band Festival at Cal State, East Bay on April 29. Not only was this a Saturday, but the Advanced and Intermediate Bands had to be at Columbia at 6:00 a.m. for the bus trip to Hayward. That's dedication!

Here are their results:

6th grade Band—Good overall (pretty nice work, considering they just started playing their instruments in September)

Intermediate Band—Good overall (but one judge gave them an Excellent)

Advanced Band—Excellent overall

Let's give all of our Columbia Middle School music groups a big hand for doing their best and making us all proud! ■

City News

Council Approves New Utility Rates

The Sunnyvale City Council has approved increases for water, sewer, and garbage utility rates for the coming fiscal year. Recommended rate increases are 11.5% for water, 6% for wastewater, and 5.5% for solid waste.

These increases translate to a 7% increase in total monthly utility costs for an average residential customer. However, the new rates, which will average approximately \$77.80 for a typical monthly utility bill, are still about 25% less than the average of those in surrounding communities. The city's commercial rates will increase by the same overall percentage as residential rates.

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Under the Lights

-Haley Cross

For the first time ever, Lakewood Pony Baseball is holding night games! The games are played on

Saturdays. Come out to the lights and have some fun! Lakewood Pony Baseball will also be hosting its annual Memorial Day Tournament. Our tournament features the best teams of 7 - 8 year olds in the Bay Area. Don't miss these games! They are free! Come out to see what our snack shack has too. Beverages, candies, and food—I'm sure you'll enjoy something from the snack shack. The Polish dogs are GREAT! We are always looking for volunteers to help out in the snack shack. Stop by and join our team! ■

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Letter

It has been noticed that there are scavengers going around Lakewood Village, especially on Sunday evenings, and removing items from the recycling bins. Per Sunnyvale DPS, this is in violation of the City's municipal code and is considered stealing City property. I was surprised to find out that the City's sanitation department relies on a certain amount of recycling items to curtail the City's garbage service cost.

It's very possible that these scavengers are not aware that it is /illegal. So, if you see anyone picking through your garbage bins, tell them it is illegal and to return the items to the bins. If you don't want to confront the people or if they ignore your warning, please call 911 and provide DPS with the number and description of the people, street name, and direction of travel the scavengers were last seen heading.

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A Lakewood Village Resident ■



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Kindergarten Orientation

When: Wednesday, May 10, 3:00

Where: Fairwood School, Room 1



You are cordially invited to attend the Kindergarten Orientation at Fairwood School. At this special gathering, you will:

- Receive information on how to prepare your child for Kindergarten
- Meet Fairwood's Kindergarten teachers
- Learn about the Kindergarten program at Fairwood School
- See materials and supplies your child will use in Kindergarten
- Have a chance to ask questions

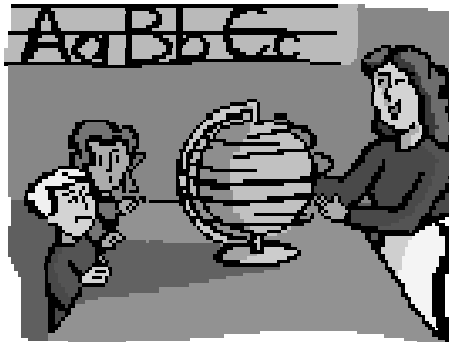
Sincerely,
Mrs. Joslin (principal), Mrs. Price, Mrs. Ruthnaswamy, and Mr. Ranii

Be sure to register your child for kindergarten BEFORE school starts!

Orientación acerca de Kindergarten

Cuando: Miércoles, 10 de Mayo a las 3:00 de la tarde

Donde: Fairwood School, Room 1



Está cordialmente invitado a asistir a la orientación acerca del kindergarten de la escuela de Fairwood. En esta junta usted:

Recibirá información acerca de cómo preparar a su niño para el Kinder.

Conocerá a las maestras y maestros de Kinder.

Conocerá los programas que se ofrecen en Fairwood.

Verá los materiales y trabajos que sus niños harán y usarán en la escuela.

Tendrán oportunidad de hacer preguntas.

Sinceramente,

Mrs. Joslin (Directora), Mrs. Price, Mrs. Ruthnaswamy, and Mr. Ranii

City News, from page 3

Sunnyvale's utility rates are based entirely on the city's costs for operating and maintaining its water, wastewater, and solid-waste facilities. The primary cause of the recommended increase in water rates is the significant rise in costs for water purchased from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (Hetch Hetchy system). The increase in wastewater rates is necessary to cover needed infrastructure and capital costs for the city's aging wastewater treatment and collection system. Solid-waste rates are projected to rise to cover the city's annual increases in contractual costs for collection, recycling, transfer, and disposal.

Sunnyvale Opens Community Award Nominations

Each year, the City of Sunnyvale honors exceptional members of the Sunnyvale Community. This year's awards include: *Distinguished Resident of the Year, Outstanding High School Senior of the Year, Outstanding Community Volunteer, Outstanding Businessperson of the Year, Outstanding Contribution to the Arts, and Outstanding Environmental Achievement.* The nominations for this year's awards will close on Friday, May 19 at 5 p.m. Awards will be presented at the Mayor's State of the City celebration on Tuesday, July 4 at 11 a.m. at Washington Park.

You can download nomination forms on the city's Web site, www.sunnyvale.ca.gov. ■

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Wednesday
 7:00 p.m. Corporate Prayer Meeting

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Sunnyvale, CA – According to a recently released back pain relief report, most back pain sufferers have no idea how to eliminate their pain. Some use heat, others ice. From sleeping on the floor, to pillows underneath the legs, back pain relief techniques vary. But thanks to a free report, local back pain sufferers finally know exactly what to do. To get a copy of the free "Back Pain Relief Report", call toll-free, 1-800 261-1099 (Toll-free, 24 hour recorded message). You can also request the report on our website www.freebackrep.com

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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!	5/4 Fairwood 5/11 Lakewood 6/6 Fairwood 6/13 Lakewood
Compost Workshop	Sunnyvale Community Center Arboretum	5/20, 10 a.m. – noon
Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off	Carl Road, near the SMaRT Station	5/20, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
LVNA Villager Editorial Deadline	Contact editor@lvna.net	5/26
LVNA Meeting	Lakewood Park Bldg.	5/11, 7 p.m.
http://www.lvna.net/Resources/Calendar/calendar.html		

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