

Welcome to the LVNA

# Villager

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## No General Meeting in January

## Happy New Year!

### President's Column

-Ursula Syrova, LVNA President

### Holiday Lighting Contest Brightens Neighborhood

There were a lot of wonderfully decorated houses to choose from for this year's holiday lighting contest, and as always it was difficult to decide who should win. On December 18, 2006, Sunnyvale City Council member Melinda Hamilton drove through Lakewood Village (I guided her) and picked the winners of the holiday lighting contest. Thank you to Ms. Hamilton for her willingness to spend an evening making the decision! The prizes will be delivered to the houses this year by Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association board members rather than handed out at a general meeting. **Pizza Depot** is providing gift certificates this year to our winners, a nice addition to the coveted Santa statuettes. And the winners are . . .

Unit 1: 1319 Socorro

Unit 2: 796 Lakeknoll

Unit 3: 1071 Lakedale

Unit 4: 1117 Palamos

Grand Prize: 1313 Socorro

Thank you to everyone who decorates their homes at the holidays—it is very cheering and festive.

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### Fairwood School Turns 50!

Fairwood Elementary School first opened its doors in 1956, so 2006 marked its 50th year. Some residents of the neighborhood likely remember that the school closed in 1982 because of declining enrollment, but it was renovated and re-opened in 1997—and 350 children immediately began attending. The school reports that nearly 30% of the students who attend Fairwood School have family members who attended Fairwood before them. That impressive statistic shows how families stay in this community over the long term.

### Generous Villagers Donate Toys for Needy Kids

-Judy Fernandez, KLAS Site Leader

Once again, neighbors, you did not disappoint. Our annual toy drive brought in \$450 worth of new toys to be donated to the Sunnyvale Community Service Center. Thanks go to the KLAS (Kids Learning After School) participants who collected the toys along the parade route—I could not have done it without you. A big pat-on-the back for these kids: Carlos, Stephanie, Alexis, Alyssa, Angelica, Jose, Ivan, Karina, Michael, Julian, Erika, Hilda, Joana, Anthony, Gerardo, Darla, Daniel, Marcus, Mitchell, Joseph, and Jason.

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**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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## Batter Up!

Ken Michels, PONY Baseball

It's that time again!

Come on over to the Lakewood Park Activity Center every Saturday in January from 10 a.m. until noon and get your kids signed up for *baseball*. Get outside and play some ball.

New to baseball? Great! This is a wonderful place to learn how to play ball. Looking for something more competitive? Lakewood Pony Baseball sponsors Tournament Teams in all of our divisions with the exception of Tee Ball.

This league is for boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 12.

Opening Day is March 24, 2007. We are looking forward to seeing you at registration.

Lakewood Pony Baseball is fun and a great place to make new friends.

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## Library Programs in January Include Obesity, Manga Workshop

### *El Camino Hospital Dietician To Speak on Obesity, Diet, and Exercise*

Registered Dietitian Jodi Bjurman will present "Fighting the Obesity Epidemic" on January 10 at 7 p.m. in the Program Room of the Sunnyvale Public Library. In addition to talking about obesity, Bjurman, a dietician with El Camino Hospital, will give practical advice about diet and exercise. Everyone is welcome to this free event.

### *Comic and Manga Workshop for Youth Offered*

Join author and artist Olive Chin for an intensive hands-on graphic novel workshop. Learn about comics and manga as well as the basics of writing, scripting, storytelling, drawing, layout, formatting, and creating graphic novels of your own. This two-hour workshop is free at Sunnyvale Public Library, Thursday, January 18, at 6:30 p.m., and is open to anyone in grades 6 through 12. Sign up at the library or by calling (408) 730-7292.

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## MicroRockets Win Pop Warner Championship

-Judy Fernandez, LVNA Vice President

The Sunnyvale MicroRockets football team had a great season: 15 wins and 1 defeat. This record took them to the Super Bowl of Pop Warner football in Orlando, Florida, in early December. The Rockets defeated the Waterbury Patriots of Connecticut with a 14 to 6 finale, to become the Division II Junior Midget Champions. When the boys returned home, Sunnyvale Mayor Otto Lee and the other City Council members invited the team to receive a special award on behalf of Sunnyvale on December 19.



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Way to go Lakewood and Fairwood kids on the MicroRockets team! We are very proud of you.

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*Log On and Learn.* This free service allows students to connect to an expert tutor either from the Sunnyvale Public Library or from their home PC with a library card, seven days a week from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. Access to a Spanish-speaking tutor is available Sunday through Thursday from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Live Homework Help is easy to use; children and teens simply go to the library's Web site, click on the Live Homework Help link and then enter their grade level and the subject in which they need help. In just a few minutes, students are connected to a tutor in an online classroom for one-to-one help in math (elementary, algebra, geometry, trigonometry, and calculus), science (elementary, earth science, biology, chemistry, and physics), social studies (American history, world history, political science, and more), and English (spelling, grammar, essay writing, and book reports).

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To help protect our creeks and Bay, take unused or expired prescription drugs and medications to a Household Hazardous Waste drop-off event for safe disposal. These events are held the third Saturday of every month (January 20 is the next one) from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 164 Carl Road (near the SMaRT Station, off Borregas, which intersects Caribbean). Medicines and pills should be transported in original containers, but be sure to remove your personal information.

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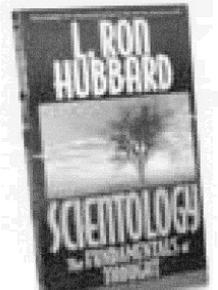
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## Upcoming Events

What	Where	When
Street Sweeping	Your street – move your cars!	1/2 Fairwood 1/9 Lakewood 2/6 Fairwood 2/13 Lakewood
Compost Workshop	Sunnyvale Community Center Arboretum	1/20, 10 a.m. – noon
Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off	Carl Road, near the SMaRT Station	1/20, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
LVNA Villager Editorial Deadline	Contact editor@lvna.net	1/27
LVNA Meeting	Lakewood Park Bldg.	None in January
<a href="http://www.lvna.net/Resources/Calendar/calendar.html">http://www.lvna.net/Resources/Calendar/calendar.html</a>		

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Drug hotline	245-3784
Graffiti hotline	730-7680
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