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At 7:00 pm in the Lakewood Park Building

**This month's Guest:
Sunnyvale Public Safety**



President's Column

-Fred Fowler

Greetings Neighbors!

The holidays have come and gone and Lakewood Village has been blessed with rainy weather. After a long dry spell that has lasted several years, it looks like Mother Nature is doing something to rescue our dying lawns and our thirsty roses. I'm afraid I prefer sunny weather and I don't like this cold, dark, rainy time of year. Still, one can't enjoy the warm sun as much if one doesn't get to experience its absence once in a while. Luckily, it won't be long before Spring is here again.



February is famous for a number of events of its own. We'll soon have Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day, President's day (celebrating both presidents Lincoln and Washington who were born in February) and Mardi Gras in New Orleans. We'll also have another uniquely American special event: The Super Bowl.



We'll all become very aware of the Super Bowl this time around, even if we are not necessarily fans of Professional Football. We won't be able to avoid it

because it will be literally happening on our front door step. On that special Sunday in February, our area will become the focus of the entire sporting world as the Super Bowl is played in Levi Stadium, just a short walk from Lakewood Village. (Cont. on Page 2)

Walkers Needed!

Start the new year out right by committing to a walk once a month delivering newsletters.

I have two routes in need of walkers. The first route is all of Twinlake. The second route is the back half of Lakewood, from Meadowlake to Lakehaven.



If interested in either of these routes, please call **Wendy Stanley at [408-745-1331](tel:408-745-1331)**.

2015 LVNA Parade Video!

(I saw this on the **Nextdoor** page for Lakewood Village from one of our neighbors. Thank you Molly!!)



I had asked my friend if he'd come out & do a YouTube video of our parade. This was the first

time my dad's ever seen the parade as a result. If enough people enjoy the video he may do it again next year, this is good especially for those who work the day or slept in. Here's the link to his channel:

www.youtube.com/nachotv

Molly Me

Editor—If you are interested in getting Nextdoor, send me an email at sunny-phyl@gmail.com and I will send you an "invite"!

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President's Column

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How big will the event be? The City of San Francisco is expecting more than a million visitors who will partake in all of the pre- and post-game festivities.



Come to the LVNA meeting at 7:00pm on Wednesday, January 13th in the Lakewood Park building. The LVNA has asked the Sunnyvale Public Safety department to give us a briefing on what will be happening and what to expect.



SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA
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There will be parties, receptions, press conferences tours, and all manner of activities celebrating the sporting event. There will also be many disruptions for people nearby to deal with. As I write this, the NFL has already confiscated a number of youth soccer fields near Levi's Stadium to create a "media center" for all of the TV trucks and reporters that are expected. The soccer kids are not happy and are suing the league to get a place where they can play their games.

Would you like to find out more about how the Super Bowl will affect Lakewood Village?

The impact the Super Bowl may have on the area ranges from greatly beneficial to potentially tragic. The hospitality industry (hotels, restaurants, taxis, etc.) should get a large shot in the arm. Those of us who drive family cars may see some of the worst traffic we've ever experienced. In addition to these inconveniences, we may face real danger as the Super Bowl is the kind of event that may attract terrorist attacks.

The LVNA invites everyone to come to the next general meeting to get information on what to expect. It should be a very useful meeting to attend.

Please be there!



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Date: Thursday, January 28, 2016

Time: 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Location: Sunnyvale Community Services, 725 Kifer Road, Sunnyvale

This special workshop is presented by the Law Offices of Roy W. Litherland, APC, an estate planning and elder law firm. When you attend this workshop you will learn: How to provide for your spouse and your children's education, health, maintenance and support

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- ◆ The importance of Special Needs Trusts to provide for special needs children and grandchildren
- ◆ How probate works, and how to avoid it
- ◆ How charitable gifts to worthwhile organizations can help you gain estate tax efficiency
- ◆ And more...

If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact Jay Pecot at jpecot@svcommunityservices.org ◆

Urban Forest Talk

Where: Sunnyvale Library (665 W. Olive Ave

When: Monday, January 25th

Time: 7:00 PM

Join SUFA (Sunnyvale Urban Forest Advocates) for an interesting and enlightening evening as to the wonders and care of our urban forest!

Rhonda Berry, Founder and President of Our City Forest in San Jose, will speak at the first of several talks about the urban forest sponsored this year by SUFA. Ms. Berry has been working in San Jose for the last 20 years helping to promote and care for the urban forest in her city.

Her topic for the evening is "Trees and the Drought: A contradiction in terms?" Not at all! She will explain how trees actually help during a drought! One will find out why it's important to plant trees during a drought, how to select the "right tree for the right place" and how to care for young and mature trees during a drought. ◆

2016 Poverty Simulation

Date: Friday, February 5, 2016

Time: 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

**Location: Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
728 Fremont, Sunnyvale**



Participants in this unique event view poverty from different perspectives in an interactive and experiential setting. Role-play the lives of low-income families, from single parents trying to care for their children to seniors trying to maintain self-sufficiency on Social Security.

Following the role-play, participants and low-income volunteers reflect upon their experiences, share their insights, compare these with the reality of poverty today in Santa Clara County and learn about next steps to cut poverty in our community.

This event is free and open to the public. If you would like more information, please contact Jay Pecot at jpecot@svcommunityservices.org or [408.636.7053](tel:408.636.7053). ◆

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Flood and Storm Safety

By Phyllis Fowler

Lakewood Village in the past has had flooding issues. I have seen Lakebird and Silverlake flooded several times from the storm drains backing up. We have also seen flooding on the Fairwood side from Calabasas creek. Until the work is finished on the West side creek, we will continue to be a high risk flooding area. Here is some helpful information I got from the Sunnyvale.ca.gov website.

Living in the Flood Zone

There are many considerations to living in a flood zone.. Some things you can do to protect yourself and your property are:

Develop an emergency plan and acquire supplies which may be needed in event of a natural disaster such as flooding, earthquake, or major water outage. Know how to shut-off the electricity and gas if needed.

Who Should I Call to Report Storm Hazards?

Emergencies:	9-1-1
Clogged Storm Drain or Localized Flooding:	408-730-7400
Downed Trees or Tree Limbs:	408-730-7506

How Can I Prepare for Wet Weather?

- ◆ Develop an emergency plan.
- ◆ Put together an emergency supply kit.
- ◆ Store drinking water in closed, clean containers (One gallon per person per day for at least three days).
- ◆ Know how to shut-off the electricity and gas if needed.
- ◆ Make proactive changes to protect your property
- ◆ Raise electrical panels, installing sewer backflow devices.
- ◆ Be aware of low-elevation spots that could flood.

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- ◆ 10-sandbag limit (unless special circumstances)
- ◆ Residents must show a valid ID with Sunnyvale residence.
- ◆ Filled and unfilled bags are available. Bring a shovel to fill empty bags.

What if My Home Floods During a Storm...

- ◆ If water has entered a garage or basement, do not walk through it.
- ◆ If you are asked to leave your property, disconnect all electrical appliances.
- ◆ Tune to local radio and TV channels for emergency advisories and instructions.
- ◆ Avoid downed power lines and broken gas lines.
- ◆ **Do not drive through standing water!**



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Additional Precautions

Help keep storm drains and waterways clean: report illegal dumping at 408-730-7270.

Sign up for Alerts from our Public Department through Nixle.com (continued on page 5)

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Sunday Services
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all age
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Wednesday
7:00 p.m. Corporate Prayer Meeting



Flood and Storm Safety

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What if My Home Floods After a Storm...

- ◆ Avoid direct contact with floodwater.
- ◆ Just 6 inches of moving water can knock you down!
- ◆ Follow local instructions regarding the safety of drinking water.
- ◆ Do not use fresh foods or canned goods that have come in contact with floodwaters.
- ◆ Flooded buildings should be pumped out, disinfected and dried as quickly as possible to prevent mold.
- ◆ **DO NOT** turn gas back on yourself. **Call PG&E at 800-743-5000.**
- ◆ **Do not handle live electrical equipment in wet areas!!!**



To download an Emergency Preparedness workbook go to Sunnyvale.ca.gov, then go to "Public Safety" and under the "Community Outreach" title, click on "Emergency Preparedness". On the right side of the screen, you will see the link for the Emergency Preparedness Workbook.



The American Red Cross has a disaster preparedness website. For flood safety tips and an Emergency App: go to <http://www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster>

Living in the Flood Zone

Flood insurance is required for all properties within a Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA). A large portion of the Lakewood side falls under the "High Risk for Flooding" zone. (including my house). This means homes with federally regulated mortgages are required to have flood insurance. However, renters, commercial property owners and properties outside of the SFHA can also purchase flood insurance. Remember standard property insurance does not cover flood damage losses. There is a 30 day waiting period before flood insurance goes into effect. If you are interested in buying flood insurance, contact your insurance agent and they can help you.

Above all, stay safe! ◆

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Santa Clara Valley Water District East/West Channel Flood Protection Project Details go to <http://www.valleywater.org/service/>

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Police Blotter



Medical – 1200 Blk. S. Mary

Thursday December 3rd Time: 9:11 am
DPS Fire personnel responded on a report of a woman in labor, inside a car at a shopping center parking lot. Before the ambulance arrived the woman began delivery. The officers assisted in the successful delivery of the child.

Aggravated Assault – 1100 Blk. Ayala

Tuesday December 8th Time: 10:36 pm
Officers responded to a reported gang fight involving 30 subjects, and that bats and chains were being used in the flight. Upon arrival the victim was located with a laceration to his head and was treated at the scene. One suspect was arrested for an outstanding warrant and two other suspects fled and were arrested for resisting arrest.

Fraud – 600 Blk. S. Bernardo

Thursday December 10th Time: 9:51 am
Officers responded on a reported fraud in progress. The suspects had fled the scene, but officers located them driving in the area. Through an extensive investigation, officers determined the suspect were in possession of close to \$40,000 in fraudulently obtained gift cards and 50 fraudulent credit cards. It was determined the suspects were involved in transactions at various locations in Sunnyvale, San Jose, and Morgan Hill. All three suspects were arrested and the investigation is continuing.

Major Injury Accident/DUI – Caribbean & Moffett Park

Saturday December 26th Time: 6:11 am
DPS personnel responded to the intersection of Caribbean & Moffett Park on a report of a major injury accident. Upon arrival, officers located a single vehicle that had struck a stationary object and the sole occupant suffered serious injuries and was lying in the roadway. The subject was transported to the hospital and underwent emergency surgery.

Fraud – 1077 E. Arques

Monday December 28th Time: 4:04 pm
Fry's security reported a subject attempting to make a large purchase with a fraudulent credit card. Officers determined the suspect was in possession of a false driver's license and 30 fraudulent credit cards. The suspect was also in possession of a device used to alter credit cards. The suspect was arrested and booked into County Jail. ◆



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Neighborhood Preservation Complaints on decrepit fences, , weeds, illegal home businesses or rentals	730-7610
Animal Control	730-7178
Public Works- sidewalks, trees, streetlights, etc.	730-7505
Nuisance Vehicle Hotline	730-7706
Drug Hotline	245-3784
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