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**WELCOME TO THE NEWSLETTER OF THE
LAKEWOOD VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

News & Updates

A Wonderful Afternoon: 2026 Lakewood Village Summer Picnic Recap

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Saturday, September 19 at Fairwood Park for the annual Lakewood Village Summer Picnic! It was a sunny, fun-filled afternoon bringing together longtime residents and new neighbors alike. There were about 75-90 attendees this year. From delicious tacos, fruit salad, refreshing frescas, desserts and sweets to outdoor lawn games, board games for the kids, Bingo games and prizes for all, the picnic showed once again what a warm, welcoming community we have here in Lakewood Village.

A special thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the picnic a success! Shout out to Erika and some neighborhood kids and youth and friends for painting the canvas banners that we hung up at the entrances of Lakewood Village. Much appreciation to Bev for procuring 2 gift cards from Smoker Eaters, Jamba Juice and frozen donuts from Krispy Kreme. Our local partner, Walmart generously donated water bottles, plates, napkins, muffins and cupcakes. Thank you to Darryl and Jessie for coming early to help set up tables and put table cloths on the picnic tables. Thank you to Aarti, Nupur & Saurabh for signing in attendees with name tags and meal tickets. Erika facilitated the ice breaker questions and Bingo games with fun prizes! And last but not least to the helping hands of Bev & Robin, and Keith for cleaning up afterwards. Our neighborhood events wouldn't be possible without each neighbor showing up and engaging and participating...your presence is what builds our community!!



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Keeping Our Waterways Clean: Coastal Cleanup Day at Calabazas Creek

On Saturday, September 19, dedicated neighborhood volunteers rolled up their sleeves and headed down to Calabazas Creek for National Coastal Cleanup Day.

Working in partnership with the City of Santa Clara Solid Waste Creek Clean Up team and the Santa Clara Valley Water District, 14 volunteers cleaned 3 miles of creek corridor, collecting 80 lbs of litter, plastics, and debris before they could wash downstream into the Bay. Keeping our local creeks clean protects local wildlife, improves neighborhood aesthetics, and safeguards our watershed.

A huge thank you to everyone who came out in sturdy boots and work gloves to make a tangible difference in our neighborhood environment!

Volunteer Needed: Join the LVNA Board as Secretary or 2nd VP

Our neighborhood association is seeking dedicated neighbors to step into open leadership roles on the LVNA Board, including Secretary and 2nd Vice President.

As Secretary, you will assist with recording meeting minutes, keeping neighborhood records, and helping coordinate board communications. It is a light monthly commitment (a couple of hours a month) and a rewarding way to give back to Lakewood Village.

Interested in learning more? Please reach out to board@lvnasv.org!





News & Updates

Understanding the November 2026 Sunnyvale Ballot Measures

Ballots for the November 3, 2026 general election will arrive in mailboxes in early October. Lakewood Village is in Sunnyvale City Council District 6 (represented by Council member Eileen Le). Because only Districts 1, 3, and 5 are holding council elections this cycle, Lakewood residents will not see any City Council candidates on their ballot this year.

All Sunnyvale voters will, however, vote on three proposed changes to the Sunnyvale City Charter (the city's constitution): Measures G, H, and I. Each measure needs more than 50% of the vote to pass.

Note: As a nonpartisan 501(c)(3) organization, LVNA does not endorse or oppose candidates or ballot measures. This summary is provided solely for educational purposes to help neighbors understand the choices on their ballot.

Measure G: How the City Hires Builders for Public Projects

What it does: Right now, the city charter requires the city to hire designers and construction companies through separate contracts and pick whichever company submits the lowest bid. Measure G allows the city to also use modern contracting options, such as hiring a single team to handle both design and construction together.

Arguments in favor: Supporters say this gives the city more flexibility to finish complex public projects faster, reduce delays, and prevent cost overruns. The traditional lowest-bidder process would still be available when it makes sense.

Arguments against: Critics often prefer keeping the strict lowest-bidder rule to ensure direct price competition and reduce city staff discretion when choosing contractors.

Measure H: Payout Limits for Legal Claims

What it does: If someone files a legal claim or lawsuit against the city (for example, property damage caused by a city vehicle), the City Manager can currently approve payouts only up to \$50,000. Anything higher requires a formal vote by the City Council. That \$50,000 limit was set in 1989. Measure H allows the City Council to update this threshold, with plans to set it at \$250,000.

Arguments in favor: Supporters point out that \$50,000 buys much less today than in 1989 due to inflation. Raising the limit lets the city settle minor, routine claims quickly without adding them to busy City Council agendas.

Arguments against: Opponents prefer keeping the \$50,000 limit so that elected council members publicly review and vote on all major payouts.

Measure I: Filling Empty City Council Seats

What it does: If a council member leaves office early and the City Council appoints a replacement, current rules require the city to hold a special election at the first available opportunity. Measure I removes that requirement, allowing the appointed person to serve until the next regular city election.

Arguments in favor: Proponents argue that special elections cost taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars to fill a seat for only a short period. Letting an appointee finish the term until the next scheduled election saves public money.

Arguments against: Opponents believe voters should choose their representatives at the ballot box as soon as possible, rather than having an appointed official serve an extended term.

Learn More: Read the official arguments, rebuttals, and analyses by the City Attorney in your Santa Clara County Voter Information Guide or online at the City of Sunnyvale Elections website (<https://www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/your-government/city-clerk/elections>).

Continue to next page for more pictures!

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Mark Your Calendar: LVNA General Meeting on Wednesday, October 14

All Lakewood Village neighbors are invited to our next LVNA General Meeting on Wednesday, October 14 at 7:00 PM, at Giovanni's Pizzeria, 1127 Lawrence Expy, Sunnyvale, CA 94089

Our quarterly general meetings are an ideal forum to get the latest updates on neighborhood safety, upcoming City initiatives, park and sidewalk improvements, and upcoming community celebrations. You'll also have the opportunity to ask questions, share ideas, and connect with your LVNA board members.

Get Ready for the Holiday Parade: Saturday, December 5

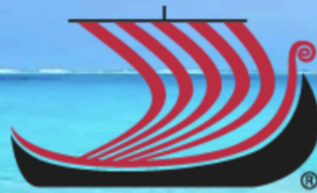
It's never too early to start planning for Lakewood Village's favorite winter tradition! The annual LVNA Holiday Parade is scheduled for Saturday, December 5, 2026.

Organized by Rena Flovin and the LVNA team, the parade brings neighbors together with decorated golf carts, classic cars, festive bicycles, and costumed walking groups winding through neighborhood streets.

Would you like to enter a decorated vehicle, walk in the parade, or help with route planning and safety? Reach out to operations@lvnasv.org to get involved and spread holiday cheer



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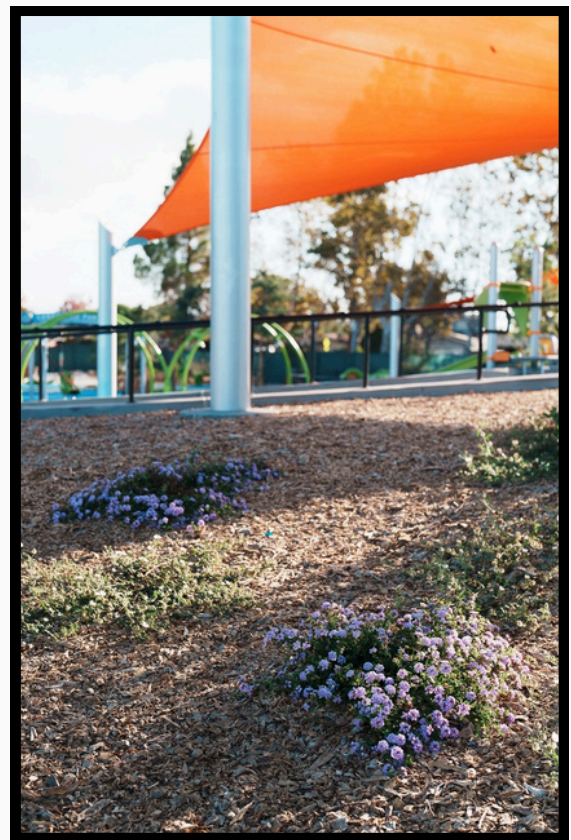
Village Vistas: Autumn Splashes of Purple at the Playground

Even as cooler mornings settle over Lakewood Village and trees begin their autumn turn, bursts of color are still thriving across the neighborhood. If you take a stroll past the playground under the bright orange shade sails, you will spot low, spreading mounds of lavender-purple blossoms brightening the mulch.

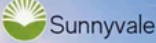
These cheerful blooms belong to trailing lantana (*Lantana montevidensis*), a tough, drought-tolerant perennial that feels right at home in our sunny climate. While many summer favorites fade by mid-autumn, trailing lantana continues to bloom generously. Each delicate cluster features rings of tiny purple petals surrounding warm yellow-and-white centers, framed by textured, fragrant green leaves.

It is easy to see why city landscapers and local gardeners love it. Trailing lantana shrugs off heat, needs very little water once established, and forms a dense, weed-suppressing carpet that stays green through most of the year. On warm autumn afternoons, the flowers double as a bustling stop for local honeybees and butterflies gathering late-season nectar.

Next time you are out for a walk, heading over to the playground, or chatting with neighbors on the sidewalk, take a closer look at these resilient little blooms keeping our shared greenspaces colorful.



Community Involvement



SAVE THE DATE



Lakewood Branch Library and Learning Center

Grand Opening

Saturday, Oct. 31

Join between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. for live music, a Maker Lab showcase, crafts, giveaways and more.

Neighborhood Ideas Wanted

Do you have a great idea to make our neighborhood even better? Neighborhood Farmers Market, Car show, Movie night, Kids Entrepreneurs Event, Gardening club, Arts & Crafts, Walking club, Bingo Night...are a few to get the brainstorming going. We want to hear about them! And we'd love to help you get started. Email:

board@lvnasv.org

Save the Dates

- LVNA General Meeting: October 14, 2026 7 p.m.
- LVNA Holiday Parade: December 5, 2026

Valley Faith United Methodist Church

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Donate to LVNA

Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association (LVNA) is now a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. This milestone means your donations are tax-deductible, and they're more important than ever! Community favorites like the Summer Picnic, block parties, Dumpster Day, the Holiday Parade and Lights Contest wouldn't be possible without the support of generous neighbors like you. These cherished traditions depend on community donations to continue. Help us keep them going and create new opportunities for Lakewood Village! How to donate:

- Donate online: Send your donation to treasurer@lvnasv.org via Zelle, or simply scan the QR code using the Zelle app.
- Checks: Make checks payable to "Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association", contact treasurer@lvnasv.org for more information.

Every dollar counts toward building a stronger, more vibrant community.

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We Need Volunteers – Lakewood Village Needs YOU!

Our neighborhood thrives because of people like you, and right now, we need your help to keep it strong! We're looking for volunteers to step up in the following open roles:

- Website designer: We need your expertise to revamp our website to keep up with current events and news around the neighborhood.
- Photographer: Help us capture the spirit of our events and tell our story.
- Procurement team: Securing resources and partnering with local businesses.
- Lakewood School Liaison: Parents to be our liaison between the school and our neighborhood. Let us know what events are happening, so we can support your students!
- Block party hosts: All you need is to find a date that works, fill out a 1pg reservation with the city, make flyers to invite neighbors, make it a potluck, and set up a table. And you may even get to know your neighbors a bit more and find commonalities. The goal is to form stronger bonds, building a community that cares and looks out for each other.

Contact board@lvnasv.org today to volunteer. Lakewood Village is OUR neighborhood—let's keep it thriving together!

Community Involvement

Help Fix Lakewood Village! Report Issues Today

The LVNA board is working to compile a list of the most neglected areas in Lakewood Village, and we need your help! Our goal is to identify the Top 10 Worst Spots in the neighborhood and share them with the City of Sunnyvale to push for much-needed repairs and improvements.



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What Issues Should You Report? Look around Lakewood Village and let us know about areas that need attention, including but not limited to:

- Sidewalks that are cracked or unsafe
- Potholes that need filling
- Overgrown trees in need of trimming
- Abandoned vehicles that are taking up space
- Neglected properties that impact our community's appearance

How to Submit a Report? You can submit issues in two easy ways:

1. Report directly to the City via [MySunnyvale app](#)
2. Attend a City Hall meeting on a Tuesday to voice your concerns in person—this can make an even bigger impact and catch their attention. If you choose this option, also file a claim on Access Sunnyvale to strengthen your case. More information about the meeting: <https://www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/your-government/governance/city-council/council-meeting-information>

Together, we can make Lakewood Village a safer, cleaner, and better-maintained community. Thank you for taking the time to report issues and advocate for our neighborhood!

LVNA Contacts

- General inquiry or email entire Board: board@lvnasv.org
- President: Linh Ly president@lvnasv.org
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- 2nd Vice President: Open Position
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- Holiday Parade Coordinator: operations@lvnasv.org

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Want to advertise in the Villager? Our printed newsletter reaches **over 1,700 homes**, and our electronic version is sent out **monthly**—a great, affordable way to promote your business while supporting the neighborhood! Know a local business that might be interested in taking an ad space? We'd love some help reaching out! If you'd like to ask around or pass along info, let us know. Email board@lvnasv.org to sign up, make a referral or ask for more details. Prices are listed in the table. Ad sizing on Page 9

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