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REPRESENTING 1614 HOUSEHOLDS

The LVNA is accepting 100% tax-deductible donations to support Melanie Guiang and her family following a devastating house fire

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



Supporting the Guiang Family

Lakewood Village is more than just a collection of streets; it is a community that looks out for its own. Following the devastating fire that damaged the home of Melanie Guiang and her family on Prescott on February 12, we have a vital opportunity to help our neighbors begin the long process of rebuilding.

Two years ago, the LVNA Board reinstated our 501(c)(3) non-profit status specifically so we could serve as a direct channel for giving in times of crisis. It is incredibly heartening to see that a group from Fairwood has already come together to donate \$1,150. We invite everyone in the village to join us in supporting Melanie and her children during this difficult transition.

There are many ways to help, including personal GoFundMe and Venmo accounts. However, for those who prefer to give through an organization, donations made via the LVNA are 100% tax-deductible, and 100% of the funds go directly to the Guiang family.

How to Donate via LVNA ([see here for PDF instructions](#))



Option 1: Zelle

1. Log into your mobile banking app.
2. Navigate to "Send money with Zelle."
3. Enter the LVNA recipient details or scan the QR code to the right.
4. Enter your donation amount and include "Melanie Guiang Family" in the notes.

Note: To receive a tax-deductible receipt at year-end, please include your email address in the notes as well.

Option 2: Cash or Check

Please make checks payable to "Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association." You can drop off donations to our Treasurer:

Linh Ly
1102 Pecos Way (Corner of Blazingwood & Pecos)
408-605-3787

Melanie and her kids are deeply grateful for the kindness our neighborhood has already shown. Let's keep that momentum going.



LVNA Board Elections: Join Our Community Leadership

Hi neighbor, do you love the community spirit of Lakewood Village? Have you ever thought about getting involved but worried about the time commitment? We are looking for passionate neighbors to fill crucial, yet flexible, volunteer roles on the LVNA Board. You don't need a huge chunk of time, just a willingness to help our community. The commitment is light, but the fun and positive impact are massive.

What does it involve?

- A quick monthly board meeting to keep things running smoothly.
- Helping organize a handful of beloved neighborhood events (like our summer picnic and holiday parade)

That's it! You have the flexibility to contribute your skills to a one-year term (April 2026 - March 2027) in one of these five volunteer roles:

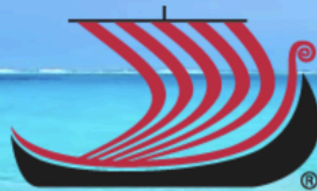
- President
- 1st Vice President
- 2nd Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary

Ready to Step Up? The only easy requirements are that you must be 18 years or older, live in our neighborhood, and be able to serve the full 12 months.

Our Elections are coming up fast on April 8, 2026 at 7pm in the Lakewood Park Building. Have questions about how easy it is to serve? Email us today at board@lvnasv.org. We look forward to welcoming your energy and community spirit!



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Village Vistas: Our Village Plum Trees

To walk down our streets in February and March is to see a quiet change of color. Long before the official start of spring, and well before the famous Cherry trees begin their pale-pink show, the Purple Leaf Plums have already taken over the neighborhood. They are the village's early birds, bringing a sudden splash of color to the sidewalk while the rest of the trees are still waking up from winter.

These trees are often part of a friendly mix-up, as many people mistake them for true Japanese Cherries. But the careful neighbor knows how to tell them apart. While a cherry tree usually waits for its blossoms to fall before its green leaves appear, the Purple Leaf Plum prefers to do both at once. It grows deep, wine-colored leaves that act as a dark backdrop to its delicate, light-pink flowers.

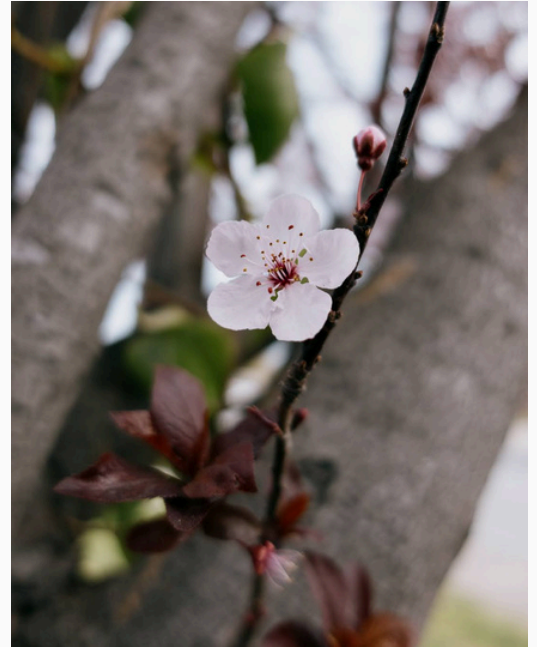
There is a bit of local history in these branches, too. The "Krauter Vesuvius" variety, which we see all over Sunnyvale, was actually a California invention. It was bred in 1957 to handle the specific, dry heat of our local summers. However, their family tree goes back much further. Almost every purple plum in the West can be traced back to a single tree found in 1880 by Monsieur Pissard, the gardener to the Shah of Persia. He brought the plant to France, and from there, it eventually made its way to the gardens of the New World.

While they are beautiful to look at, they are also useful to the village's smallest residents. Since they bloom so early, they are a vital food source for local bees waking up from the cold. And while the small, tart fruits that appear in late summer are safe to eat, most are left for the birds and squirrels who live in the heights of neighborhood parks.

As we enjoy this early gift of color, it is a lovely reminder that in our corner of the valley, spring doesn't wait for the calendar; it simply waits for the first plum tree to bloom.

Submit Your Sightings!

Have you spotted a unique bird in your backyard or a beautiful bloom on your block? We want to feature your photos! Please send your images to editorelvnasv.org by the 15th of the month to be included in our next issue. Let's explore the village together!





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.

Scan with Zelle to Donate

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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 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.
- **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!



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.

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

The more reports we get, the stronger our case! You can submit issues in two easy ways:

1. **Email us** with specific details (exact addresses, descriptions, and photos if possible) at **board@lvnasv.org**.
2. Report directly to the City via **Access Sunnyvale** (<https://sunnyvale.dynamics365portals.us>). This officially enters your complaint into the system. If you do this, let us know so we can help follow up!
3. **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!

60% OFF SimpliSafe for Lakewood

Simplisafe is making a special offer to our neighborhood only, for 60% off the retail price! For \$176 you get 2 motion detectors, 2 door alarms, 2 smoke and carbon dioxide sensors, 1 free indoor camera as well as 3 months of free service.

This offer can only be redeemed by contacting Manny at **(857) 770-9668 ext. 6069** 6AM-3:30PM Monday-Friday. Let him know you live in Lakewood Village and are redeeming the special offer. They will confirm your address is in our neighborhood.

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.



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Advertise in the Villager!!

Want to advertise in the Villager? Our printed newsletter reaches **over 1,600 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 8](#)

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Business card	\$40	\$200	\$380
Quarter page	\$80	\$400	\$775
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- Animal Control
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- Neighborhood Preservation
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- Parks & Maintenance
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- Sewer/Water/Utilities
(408) 730-4700
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