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The Newsletter of the Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association

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## Next LVNA Meeting:

Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm, Fairwood School

**Magkakaroon po nang pagpupulong ang LVNA**

sa 9 Abril, 2003, 7:00 pm sa Fairwood School

**Proxima junta de LVNA sera efectuada**

el 9 Abril, 2003 a las 7:00 pm en el Fairwood School

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## President's Column

- Phyllis Murphy

Hello, my name is Phyllis Murphy and I am the new President of the Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association. I have lived in Lakewood with my husband and three children for the past 13 years. When the kids were much younger I would attend so of the LVNA monthly meetings but over the years with all of the after school sports and other events I stopped going. I did however still feel somewhat connected by the monthly newsletter. Now that they are getting older and a little more self-sufficient I felt it could dedicate some time into giving back to a neighborhood that I have grown to love of the years. So with that I hope that I will do a good job for you and would love for you to come out to a couple of the monthly meetings even if for only a few minutes and say hello and let me know some of your ideas and concerns. ■

## News and Features

### LVNA Election Results!

- Editor

Congratulations to the new LVNA Officers and Newsletter Volunteers for 2003-2004:



**President**  
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**2nd Vice President**  
**Secretary**  
**Treasurer**  
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**Advertising Assistant**  
**Fairwood Walkers**  
**Lakewood Walkers**

**Phyllis Murphy** New!  
**Ray Shelton** New!  
**Thom Mayer** New!  
**Skip Gottschalk** New!  
**Art Daugherty**  
**Brian Smithson**  
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**Craig Crawford**  
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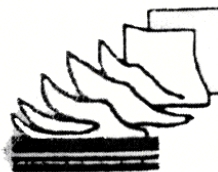
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## From the Editor's Desk

- Editor

### ***Congratulations and Welcome!***

As one of the continuing LVNA volunteers, I would like to congratulate and welcome our new LVNA board members and volunteers.

### ***Lakewood Village Supports its Neighborhood Association***

If you read last month's *Villager*, you might have become as worried as I was that the LVNA might cease to exist or that we would find it necessary to suspend publication of this newsletter. The LVNA is arguably Sunnyvale's oldest, longest-lived, and most proactive neighborhood association, and it would have been very sad to see it close its doors.

I was delighted to see a large turnout of our neighbors at the March general meeting, and it was clear that no position was going to go unfilled. Some of the people there literally stated that they would fill positions if no one else had come forward. We live in a very special neighborhood.

### ***Thank You for a Job Well Done!***

Last year's LVNA board and volunteers were outstanding, and in many cases, long-standing contributors to Lakewood Village. On behalf of the neighborhood, I would like to thank you for everything that you did in the last year, two years, or in some cases ten years (!), for Lakewood Village.

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Thank you for a job well done:


Craig Crawford (President)  
Sarah Daugherty (1<sup>st</sup> Vice President)  
Elena Anderson (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and  
Newsletter Walker Coordinator for the  
Lakewood side)  
Tom Freeman (Secretary)  
Mel Anderson (Newsletter  
Advertising/Production Coordinator)

### ***What's New on www.lvna.net***

The LVNA web site is updated at least once per month with new calendar items and other new content. See it at <http://www.lvna.net>.

### ***To contact the Editor of The Villager...***

Send your letters to the editor, articles, comments, and corrections by email to [editor@lvna.net](mailto:editor@lvna.net), by FAX to (408) 738-2821, or by postal mail to LVNA Villager, c/o Brian Smithson, 1104 Burntwood Court, Sunnyvale CA 94089. ■

  
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## This Month in Lakewood History...

- Brian Smithson

- 45 years ago:* The first issue of *The Villager* was published in April 1958. Happy 45<sup>th</sup> birthday!
- 44 years ago:* In 1959, Dick's Lakewood Shopping Center construction began with a groundbreaking ceremony.
- 38 years ago:* Free refuse cleanup days began in 1965.
- 32 years ago:* In 1971, Lakewood Shell began to provide service 24 hours per day.

### ***Share your history!***

Are you a long-time resident of Lakewood Village? Do you have old photographs, real estate brochures, newspaper clippings, or old LVRA/LVNA newsletters sitting in your garage? I'll copy items and return the originals. Call 738-5939 or email [editor@lvna.net](mailto:editor@lvna.net). ■



# Opinions and Editorials

## Letters to the LVNA

March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2003  
To the LVNA,

My husband and I have resided in Lakewood Village for several years and are delighted to live here. The peeve I have with residents is throwing trash in the street, lawn, or anywhere it's convenient to toss. Lakewood Village is a blue-collar neighborhood and there are many of us that take pride and work hard for what we own and hope to have for a long time. I walk my dog everyday and night and bring with me plastic bags to pick up my dog's "business". In addition to that 20-minute walk, I'm constantly leaning over to pick up someone else's empty cigarette box, Kleenex, wrappers and plastic bottles and cans. Believe it or not, I bring home a full bag of garbage each and every night. This is unacceptable and makes me angry that our community cannot be more considerate of others and be willing to keep their neighborhood clean. Is it that much trouble to place in a receptacle or your recycling carrier in which everyone has at their home?

This is AMERICA KEEP IT CLEAN.

- Lakewood Village resident

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# Announcements

## LVNA General Meeting

- Editor

All residents of Lakewood Village are encouraged to attend this monthly meeting. You will meet some of your neighbors, learn about upcoming events of special interest to our community, have a chance to voice your concerns and opinions, and help work towards a better neighborhood. Children are welcome.

This month's meeting features a presentation from the Friends of Sunnyvale. See their announcement on the next page for details.

The next meeting is:

Date: Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Fairwood School ■

## LVNA Board Meetings

- Phyllis Murphy

Any Lakewood Village resident can attend the LVNA Board Meetings. If you are interested in attending an LVNA Board Meeting, contact the LVNA President, Phyllis Murphy, at 617-0545 or [president@lvna.net](mailto:president@lvna.net). ■

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## Sunnyvale's Downtown To Be or Not to Be

### Presentation at the LVNA Meeting

- Friends of Sunnyvale staff

The Friends of Sunnyvale, a grass roots organization of Sunnyvale residents concerned about preserving the quality of life in Sunnyvale, will be at the LVNA's April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting to give a presentation regarding Downtown Sunnyvale and to circulate their petitions regarding redevelopment in downtown.

They will describe the City's high rise, high density plan for our Downtown and will then show two alternative low rise, low density plans developed by two architects who are also members of their organization.

Then they will talk to us about the 3 initiatives they have been working to qualify for the November ballot. Your signatures on these petitions can help you have a say regarding the direction our Downtown will take. Their goal is to build upon Sunnyvale's uniqueness, quality of life and history as a suburban city by having a traditional suburban downtown we can be proud to call our own for the next 50 years.

Attend the meeting to "get the scoop" and help them collect enough signatures to give all the citizens of Sunnyvale the opportunity to have a **choice** and a **voice** in creating a downtown where they would like to shop, dine, meet their friends, and enjoy a village green.

All signatures **must** be turned in by April 12<sup>th</sup> so this is the **last** opportunity to help them reach the number of signatures they need qualify the initiatives for the ballot.

Hope to see you all there. **Together we can make a difference.** ■

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## Newsletter Walkers Needed

- Editor

Your LVNA is in need of a few good folks to help get the message out. It takes only a few minutes a month, gets you out of the house into the fresh air, and gives you an opportunity to meet some of your neighbors.

If you can devote some time as a Newsletter Walker, contact Craig Crawford at 736-7371 (Fairwood side) or Wendy Stanley at 745-1331 (Lakewood side) or email [walkers@lvna.net](mailto:walkers@lvna.net). It's a great way to make a contribution to your neighborhood! ■

## Advertise in The Villager

- Editor

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## Fact Sheet: Sunnyvale Budget

### The City Manager's Recommended Revisions to the Current 10-Year Capital/Special Projects Plan

The City Manager has proposed a Six Point Plan to address the current budget crisis. Point 1 of the Plan is to re-examine the 10-Year Capital/Special Projects Plan to identify current or future projects that could be deleted, revised or deferred. City Council will consider the City Manager's proposed revisions to the 10-Year Capital/Special Projects Plan on June 17, 2003 when Council considers and adopts the FY 2003/2004 budget.

#### What is the 10-Year Capital/Special Projects Plan?

The 10-Year Capital/Special Projects Plan is a complete inventory of all projects that the City plans to undertake during the next 10 years. These include:

- Capital Projects: Major improvements, construction, or acquisition of major assets such as the new Senior Center;
- Infrastructure Projects: Projects which maintain the integrity of the City's infrastructure systems such as the replacement of water lines;
- Special Projects: Projects which address a significant community need or problem such as the Moffett Park Specific Plan;
- Outside Group Funding Projects: Projects which provide City funds to community-based organizations that serve local residents.

#### How many Projects are in the 10-Year Plan?

The 10-Year Plan contained in the FY 2002/2003 budget includes a total of 350 projects, totaling \$176 million.

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#### What criteria were used in recommending revisions to the Capital/Special Projects Plan?

The City Manager's recommendations were based on the following criteria: whether the project preserved the integrity of the City's existing infrastructure systems, contributed to resolving a life safety issue, leveraged outside funding, or was currently under construction. The City Manager recommended retaining projects that met one or more of these criteria. At the City Council meeting on March 18, 2003, Council will provide direction on criteria they will use in considering the Capital/Special Project budget. Council's approved budget criteria will be available on the City website and at City Hall on March 19, 2003.

#### Where can I find more information on the recommended revisions to the 10-Year Capital/Special Projects Plan?

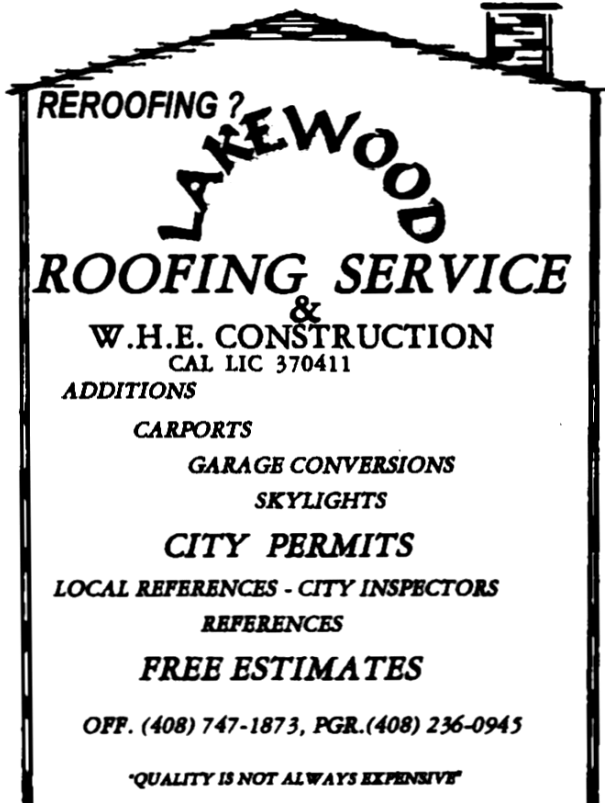
A list of the City Manager's recommended revisions to the 10-Year Plan is available in hardcopy at the Sunnyvale City Library, City Clerk's Office, and Department of Finance. It is also available on the City's website at [www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us/budget-plan](http://www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us/budget-plan).

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### **What effect will the City Manager's recommended revisions have on the current budget crisis?**

The proposed revisions to the 10-Year Plan will generate \$20,096,180 in one-time cost savings and \$6,905,981 in on-going operating cost savings over 20 years. Combined, the savings will reduce the annual \$11 million budget deficit by approximately \$2 million per year.

### **Community Meetings on Budget**

- **Rental Rate Schedules, In-Lieu Fees and Inter-Fund Transfers**  
April 15, 10:00 a.m.  
Sunnyvale Library Program Room  
665 W. Olive Ave.  
  
April 16, 7:00 p.m.  
Cherry Chase Elementary Multipurpose Rm.,  
1138 Heatherstone Way
- **Service Level Reductions**  
April 28, 7:00 p.m.\*  
Location TBA  
  
April 30, 10:00 a.m.\*  
Location TBA
- **Potential Fees, Charges and Tax Increases**  
May 8, 7:00 p.m.  
Fremont High School, Rm. TBD  
1279 Sunnyvale-Saratoga Rd.  
  
May 13, 10:00 a.m., Columbia Middle School  
Multipurpose Room\*  
739 Morse Ave.
- **Full City-Wide FY03-04 Budget**  
May 22, 7:00 p.m.  
Sunnyvale Middle School Multipurpose Rm. #1,  
1080 Mango Ave.  
  
May 23, 10:00 a.m.  
Location TBD

### **City Council Meetings on Budget**

- **Special Council Meetings on Service Levels\***  
April 26, 9:00 a.m. (information only)  
City Council Chambers  
  
May 1, 6:30 p.m. (preliminary City Council  
direction)  
City Council Chambers

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- **Special Council Meeting on Potential Fees, Charges, and Tax Increases**  
April 29, 6:30 p.m.  
City Council Chambers
- **Council FY03-04 Budget Workshop**  
May 20, 8:00 a.m., City Council Chambers  
(Public is invited to attend; no public hearing)
- **Official Public Hearing on FY03-04 City Budget**  
June 3, 7:30 p.m.  
City Council Chambers
- **Council Meeting to Adopt Budget**  
June 17, 7:30 p.m.  
City Council Chambers

\* Confirmed as of 3/14/03

For more information contact Peter Bassett, Community Outreach Coordinator, Office of the City Manager at 730-7739, or by e-mail at pbassett@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us. Community meeting information is posted on the City's web site at [www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us/community-calendar](http://www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us/community-calendar). ■

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## Update on City-Wide Garage Sale

- Peter Bassett  
Community Outreach Coordinator  
City of Sunnyvale

For eleven years, the City of Sunnyvale has promoted a citywide garage sale on a single weekend in April to advance the idea of "reuse" and to assist residents in successfully turning their "unwanted items" into others' "treasures".

This year the City's garage sale will function a little bit differently. There will still be a City-wide garage sale. However, it will be a one-day event -- on Saturday, April 26. The City will no longer compile or advertise individual resident garage sales but they will continue to promote the event.

The City will continue to provide resources to assist residents in selling, donating, or disposing of unwanted items in a way that is

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cost-effective to residents them and to the City. Garage Sale-Donation Kits with complete instructions will be available by March 31. The City will provide residents with a wide variety of resources to attract buyers to their event (including several free on-line resources).

Coldwell Banker will continue to provide free garage sale signs to residents interested in hosting a garage sale. For more information about garage sale signs call (408) 616-2737 or email [jdavis@cbnorcal.com](mailto:jdavis@cbnorcal.com).

Information about Garage Sale Day and year-round reuse will be updated regularly and can be found at:  
[www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us/recycle/garagesales/htm](http://www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us/recycle/garagesales/htm)

If you need any additional information or have questions, please contact the Solid Waste and Recycling Program at (408) 730-7262 or email [drussell@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us](mailto:drussell@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us). ■



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<b>Public Safety – Non-emergency</b>		<b>730-7100</b>
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Lakewood Pool		734-8190
Neighborhood and Community Services	Peter Bassett	730-7739
Neighborhood Preservation	Rich Gutierrez	730-7447
Street Light Repairs		730-7510
Shopping Cart Retrieval		730-7510
NRO	Dave Falletta	730-7148
Vehicle Abatement	Michelle Raff	730-7104

For the most complete list of City phone numbers, go to  
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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

What	Where	When
Bookmobile	Fairwood School	4/1, 4/8, 4/22 3:05-3:45pm
Bookmobile	Lakewood School	4/10, 4/24 1:30-3pm
Extra Dump Weekend	Sunnyvale Dump	4/5, 4/6, 4/12, 4/13
Spring Clean-up	Your yard!	4/7 – 5/2
LVNA General Meeting	Fairwood School	4/9 7:00pm
Compost Workshop	Community Center	4/12 10am-noon
Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off	164 Carl Rd. Transfer Station	4/19 8am-1pm

For the most complete calendar, go to  
<http://www.lvna.net/Resources/Calendar/calendar.html>

## Internet Links

LVNA Web Site	<a href="http://www.lvna.net">http://www.lvna.net</a>
Lakewood email list	<a href="http://www.topica.com/lists/lakewoodvillage">http://www.topica.com/lists/lakewoodvillage</a>

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