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Monthly Meeting Wednesday, **October 10th At 7:00 pm**  
in the Lakewood Park Building



This month's Topics:  
**Public Safety and Animal Control**  
Our Guest: **Officer Brian Gnatt, NRO City of Sunnyvale**  
**Mark your Calendar: LVNA Holiday Parade December 1st**

## President's Column

-Judy Fernandez

Hello Neighbors!

For our **October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting**, we will have **Public Safety Officer Brian Gnatt** (our Neighborhood Resource Officer) to talk to us about Animal Control and answer your questions.



Our September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting was very productive. We had the **City Dept. of Library Services** as our guest speaker. They spoke about the proposed new satellite library on the pool site. More details and public meetings to follow in the near future.

The **Annual Neighborhood Picnic** was very well attended. We had plenty of food, fun and camaraderie!

Special guests included Council members **Tara Martin-Milius** and **Jim Griffith**. The **Dept. of Public Safety** brought a fire engine, the **League of Women Voters** came to register voters, and **Bay Area Older Adults** organization gave out information about their services and events.

Raffle prizes included, gift certificates from: **Jamba Juice, See's candy, Le Boulanger Bakery**, and **AMC** movie tickets. For the kids, we also had carnival games, face painting, and a piñata.

Thank you to the entire group of wonderful volunteer's that made this event possible.  
A good time had by all! ♦

## Holiday Parade December 1st!!

Mark your Calendars! **The Annual LVNA Holiday Parade will be Saturday December 1st**. There will be the Fremont marching band, classic cars, and even Santa Claus on a Fire truck! What this spot next month for more info! ♦



*Don't Lose your smile like me!  
Don't eat too much candy. Brush your teeth and Floss!*

## Halloween Candy Buy Back

**When: November 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Time: 10:00am to 7:00pm**

**Where: Lakewood Dental Care**

**1153 Lawrence Expressway**

Do you want your child to experience Trick-Or-Treating this Halloween, but not the potential horror of the dentist's chair? Then Bring your Trick-Or-Treater (and their candy) to "Halloween Candy Buy Back" at Dr. Marilou Cuasay's office at 1153 Lawrence Expressway from 10:00 am to 7:00p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> and you will receive \$2 per pound (up to 5 pounds). Additionally, Dr. Cuasay will match the \$2.00 per pound to Lakewood or Fairwood School. (your choice)

The candy will delivered to our BRAVE troops overseas!!! Bring a Thank You letter or a picture to send to our soldiers and it will be included. Collected candy will be shipped to Operation Gratitude, who then ships it to our troops overseas. ♦



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## Sunnyvale Police Activities League

### PAL'oween Dinner & Dance

**When:** Saturday, October 27, 2012  
**Time:** 6:00pm - 10:00pm  
**Where:** Moose Lodge, 905 Kifer Ave.

**Menu:** Rigatoni, Veggie Lasagna, Salad,  
Dessert, Drinks  
No-Host Beer & Wine  
Silent Auction & Raffle  
Music by *Rising Star Entertainment*

**Tickets (Adults only):**  
**\$25 / person in advance**  
**\$30 at the door**

**For more information and tickets contact**  
[info@SunnyvalePAL.org](mailto:info@SunnyvalePAL.org) or [dori@SunnyvalePAL.org](mailto:dori@SunnyvalePAL.org)  
All proceeds to benefit Sunnyvale PAL ♦



### Firefighter Pancake Breakfast

**When:** Saturday, October 13  
**Time:** 8:00am—11:00 am  
**Where:** Fire Station #2

Wolfe Rd and Arques Ave, across from  
Lowe's

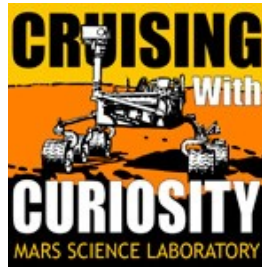
**Menu:** Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk  
and coffee

#### **Suggested donations:**

\$8.00 per adult  
\$5.00 for kids 10 and under

For information call (408) 730-7140

**Proceeds go to Alisa Ann Ruch  
Burn Foundation**



### The Curiosity Rover on Mars: A NASA Mission Update

**When:** Tuesday 10/30/2012  
**Time:** 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM  
**Where:** Sunnyvale Public Library  
665 W. Olive Ave

NASA/JPL Solar System Ambassador Eric Norris will present a multi-media program including the current status of the Curiosity Rover, its science goals and instrumentation, as well as the status of the Opportunity Rover and a brief history of other Mars missions.

### SCS Auxiliary Holiday "Affaire" & Quilt Raffle

**When:** Saturday, October 20th  
**Time:** 9:30am - 3:30pm  
**Where:** Sunnyvale Community  
Services

725 Kifer Road (between  
Wolfe and Fair Oaks)

**Admission:** FREE

Get your holiday shopping done early! The talented ladies in the SCS Auxiliary work all year 'round creating one-of-a-kind gifts, holiday decorations, and home-made jams and baked goods. Crafts include Halloween and Thanksgiving too!!!

Proceeds to benefit the SCS Community Christmas Center. Check our website or contact SCS in September for more information about the Boutique and tickets to win the quilt.

This year's Queen-Sized Quilt is in a gorgeous hand-stitched "SUDUKO" pattern, with bold colors and bordered in black, hand-stitched by members of the Auxiliary. It's stunning! You can buy raffle tickets for the quilt in advance or at the event.

**Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5.**

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## **HALLOWEEN TIPS**

*Halloween is an exciting time of year for kids, and to help ensure they have a safe holiday, here are some tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).*

### **ALL DRESSED UP:**

Plan costumes that are bright and reflective. Make sure that shoes fit well and costumes are short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement or contact with flame.

When shopping for costumes, wigs and accessories look for a label that clearly indicates they are flame resistant.

Consider adding reflective tape or striping to costumes and Trick-or-Treat bags for greater visibility.

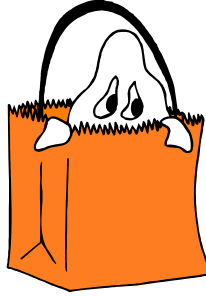
Because masks can limit or block eyesight, consider non-toxic makeup and decorative hats.

Have flashlights with fresh batteries for all children and their escorts.

### **ON THE TRICK-OR-TREAT TRAIL:**

**A parent or responsible adult should always accompany young children on their neighborhood rounds.**

Only go to homes with a porch light on and never enter a home or car for a treat!



Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk. Pedestrian injuries are the most common injuries to children on Halloween.

Never cross between parked cars or out driveways. Stay in a group

Carry a cell phone for quick communication.

Don't assume the right of way. Motorists may have trouble seeing Trick-or-Treaters. Just because one car stops, doesn't mean others will!

### **HEALTHY HALLOWEEN:**

A good meal prior to parties and trick-or-treating will discourage youngsters from filling up on Halloween treats.

Consider purchasing non-food treats for those who visit your home, such as coloring books, small toys, stickers, or pens and pencils.

Wait until children are home to sort and check treats. Though tampering is rare, a responsible adult should closely examine all treats and throw away any spoiled, unwrapped or suspicious items. ♦



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## Lakewood School Fall Festival

**When: Friday, October 19th**  
**Time: 2:30-7:00**

Games, costume contest, food trucks, face painting, Columbia music performances, bounce houses, and much more. ♦



## Fresh and TOTALLY Easy

Lakewood School is collecting receipts from you and all of your friends who shop at **Fresh & Easy**.

We are looking for receipts in \$20.00 increments. Turn in your receipts to your child's teacher or simply drop them off in the office!!!!

The receipts need to be dated between September 12- December 31.

Like we said....it's Fresh and TOTALLY Easy! ♦



### Sign up for eScrip !

#### Lakewood Elementary

participates in the national eScrip program. There is absolutely no cost to sign up. All you have to do

is log on to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) and click "sign up."

Designate Lakewood Elementary as your group beneficiary. Our group ID# is 139572349.

After you register, just do your normal shopping and the participating merchants will make the contributions to our school.

Registration is free and simple, so register today! ♦

## Box Tops for Education

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cash for your school, and encourage friends to do the same! Just look for the Box Tops logo on hundreds of products like Cheerios®, Hamburger Helper® and Kleenex®, in almost every aisle of the store. All you need to do is clip and send them to your school's Box Tops coordinator or drop them off at the front desk at school— each one is worth **10¢ for our schools**.

### Earn More Box Tops for Schools

Another way to send box tops to our schools is to go to [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) and register. Just by registering your email address you earn box tops for the school you choose! Check out recipes, shop in the marketplace and play games to earn even more box tops. ♦

## Family Fun Night 2012

**When:** October 24<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 6:30 – 8:30 pm

**Where:** Columbia Neighborhood Center Gym

Halloween costumes are optional

Free games, prizes and snacks for children

Haunted House

Bring a reusable Halloween bag

For more information about the **FREE** event, contact Columbia Neighborhood Center at (408)730-7800 or visit [CNC.inSunnyvale.com](http://CNC.inSunnyvale.com)

### LOST DOG!!

#### MISSING SINCE SEPTEMBER 9TH



Olive and Central, once near Bayview and McKinley. Australian Shepherd/Cattle Dog/Blue Heeler. **Please call 408-598-1575** if you see her or email [info@dpsrescue.com](mailto:info@dpsrescue.com).

Crystal is a rescue dog that was at an adoption event. She slipped out of her collar and is not microchipped. Please call or email if you even see her. We have people that volunteer for this rescue group that will come and pick her up. If you see her, please let us know so we can come out and try to get her. She is skittish so please do not chase her into a roadway. ♦

*"To the praise of the glory of His grace . . ."*

### Providence Bible Church of Sunnyvale

709 Lakewood Drive, Sunnyvale, CA 94089  
408-734-2297 <http://www.lvbc-ca.org>

#### Sunday Services

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

#### Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Corporate Prayer Meeting



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**Holiday Craft Fair**

**When: December 1st and 2nd**  
**Where: Fremont High School**

The Fremont High Featherettes Dance team are having a craft fair.  
 More information will follow next month. ♦

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**Haunted: 'Toys R Us' in Sunnyvale**

Did you know our local Toys R' Us store is more famous for its resident ghost than its shelves full of toys, games, dolls, and action figures. Strange things were noticed by employees in the 70's when the store was first built over the land of an old orchard. Toys and boxes would be found tossed into the aisles to be discovered by employees opening the stores in the morning. The ghost had a fondness for touching ladies' long hair, tapping their shoulders and whispering their names.



The store has been featured in TV shows: "That's Incredible", "Ripley's Believe it or not", "Unsolved Mysteries" and made into a documentary. Paranormal investigators have repeatedly visited this store, employees and construction workers who have had encounters


with the spirit have told their stories. Most importantly, there was photographic proof of the apparition captured by an infrared camera during a séance conducted by renowned psychic, Sylvia Browne.

As the story goes, Johnny Johnson appears as a slim tall man, younger than age 35. He is dressed as a farmhand during the pre-1900 years. According to Sylvia Brown, Johnny claimed in a Swedish accent that he was searching for a gal called Beth; further, that Sylvia Brown had better move if she did not want to get her feet wet. After research, it was discovered that the Sunnyvale 'Toys R Us' building was built over the site of the ranch well and that Sylvia Brown was standing in the right location to receive wet feet.



Crazy Johnny Johnson was in love with Elizabeth Yuba Murphy Tafee, the ranch owner's daughter, or "Beth". Long before Johnson died, Beth had left the ranch to marry another man. While Sylvia Brown claimed to see Johnny Johnson as a young man, Johnny was thought to be about eighty-years-old at the time of his death on the apple ranch. The crush that Crazy Johnny had on Elizabeth was noted during his first years working as a ranch-hand.

The 'Toys R Us' aisle number 15C is where many people claim to feel nervous and smell the aroma of freshly cut flowers from time-to-time. During past interviews, the 'Toys R Us' management claims to be very happy with their ghost that brings increased sales each time that the story is reinvestigated. Amateur Sunnyvale ghost-hunters might enjoy a visit to the site where the ghost of Crazy Johnny is perhaps still visiting 'Toys R Us'. ♦



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Who won the skeleton beauty contest? – No body

What do witches put on their hair? – Scare spray

What does a ghost eat for lunch?  
 –A BOO-logna sandwich

What kind of mistakes do spooks make? –Boo boos

What do you get when you cross Bambi with a ghost?  
 –Bamboo !

## Neighborhood Crime Corner



Quoted From the:



**Aggravated assault--Aug. 17, 1:29 a.m. San Juan Drive.** Officers responded to a report of a fight at the 800 block of San Juan Drive. Police found the victim was stabbed in the chest with a knife. The attacker tried entering his bedroom in the house after officers told him to stay seated. When officers tried restraining him, he pushed officers and attempted to assault them.

He was placed in handcuffs and arrested for assault with a deadly weapon, mayhem for permanently disfiguring the victim's face by biting him, and forcefully resisting and preventing officers from performing their duty

**Possession of stolen property--Aug. 18, 1:51 a.m. E. Remington Drive.** A woman lost her phone at In-N-Out Burger, but tracked her iPhone to an apartment complex using a GPS function. Officers made contact with the residents where the phone was tracked to. There were four arrests.

**Vandalism--Aug. 18, 12:07 a.m. E. Caribbean Drive.** A woman's car was egged while driving down Caribbean Drive, causing about \$200 in damage.

**Auto burglary--Aug. 19, 12:10 p.m. W. Weddell Drive.** An unknown person broke into a car and stole the car stereo and a blanket.

**Auto theft--Aug. 20, 8:15 p.m. Lakeside Drive.** A silver Yamaha R6 was stolen.

**Auto burglary--Aug. 20, 2:08 a.m. Lawrence Expressway.** An unknown person broke into a 2006 Chevy Avalon and left behind a flashlight. The person stole a brown purse, containing a wallet with checks, \$2,000, several bank cards and a cell phone

**Auto theft--Aug. 21, Stonylake Court.** 10:23 p.m. A red Honda Civic was stolen.

**Graffiti--Aug. 23, Fair Oaks Park.** 10:21 a.m. Graffiti was found on the walls at the skate park.

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Noise complaints—Desk Officer	730-7110
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
Graffiti Hotline & Shopping Cart Pickup	730-7680

### Street Sweeping:

**Fairwood Side - 10/9 & 10/23 & 11/6**

**Lakewood Side - 10/16 & 10/30 & 11/13**

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