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There will not be a Monthly Meeting for December

**Holiday Lighting Contest December 22nd**



## President's Column

-Judy Fernandez

### Happy Holidays Lakewood Village!

Our **21st Annual Holiday Parade** again was a success. We had the Fremont and Columbia marching bands, and the Color guard from both schools. Council Member Jim Griffith, Rascal the World's Ugliest Dog, Lakewood Color Guard, Safari Run, Wyatt and Duncan with their trainer Leah Lane from AKC (American Kennel Club), Sunnyvale Public Safety and of course Santa!



We were entertained at Fairwood Park by the Columbia Choir and enjoyed cookies, cocoa, and hot cider. The food trucks were amazing! The KLAS students had their annual toy drive and they collected **over \$200.00** of new unwrapped toys which will be donated to the Sunnyvale Community Services.

Also, thanks to the SARES Ham operators and the all our volunteers to help pull this off again this year.

There will not be a meeting this month. However, we will meet in January.

Remember the **Annual Lighting Contest will be Dec. 22nd at 6:00pm**, so turn on your lights!



## It's the Season for Trash!

The **City of Sunnyvale** and **Specialty Solid Waste & Recycling** offer holiday tree recycling from **December 31, 2012 to January 18, 2013**. Specialty Waste makes as easy as 1-2-3!



1. Remove all decorations, light strands and tree stand
2. Cut tree into 4 foot or shorter lengths
3. Place tree near your trash bins

**That's all there is to it!**

## GOING GREEN

**Specialty Solid Waste & Recycling** is committed to "going green". They joined **Sustainable Silicon Valley** in 2005. Their goal was to reduce carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions 20% by the year 2010. They are currently at 22% and have recently installed waterless urinals, timers on our lights, motion detector lights, and Low-E windows with argon gas. They have 37 trucks operating on Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and the remainder of their diesel fleet operates on 20% bio fuel.

And while we are on the subject of trash, here is a recap of the Recycling Program. When your carts are full, or nearly full, **place it curbside by 7:00 am** on your pick-up day (**Mondays**). Make sure to place cart in the street with wheels against the curb and arrows on the lid pointing toward the street. (continued on page 2)

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## It's the Season for Trash!

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The grey bins with the blue and green lids are for your recyclables.

### Blue-lid side is for containers:

- **Metal food and beverage containers** - rinsed
- **Glass food and beverage containers** - remove lids
- **Plastic bottles, jars, tubs and cups (#1 - #7)** Remove all lids and flatten (To find the number for plastic, look for a triangle with the number on the bottom of the containers.)



### Green-lid side is for newspapers and newsprint:

- **Newspaper and inserts**
- **Phone books, Catalogs and magazines**
- **White, colored and glossy paper**
- **Junk mail and envelopes** (plastic windows are ok)
- **Cereal and cake mix boxes**
- **Paper egg cartons**
- **Manila folders and hanging files** (remove metal rod)
- **Shredded paper**
- **Paper bags**
- **Paperback books**
- **Shoe or clothing boxes**

Note: If you have more paper than can fit inside the cart, place extra paper in a paper bag next to your cart.

### Also Collected at Curbside:

- **Used motor oil** - pour into the jug, provided by Specialty, or a non-breakable one-gallon container with a screw top lid (e.g. rinsed plastic detergent container).
- **Oil filters** - after completely draining excess oil from filter into an oil pan, place filter in a heavy-duty zip-lock plastic bag, seal the bag, and place the sealed bag at the curbside on your next recycling day. When the filter is collected, a replacement bag will be provided.

The city provides one-gallon jugs for used motor oil, and heavy-duty zip-lock bags for used motor oil filters. Customers may use paper bags for excess recyclables except oil and oil filters. To order oil jugs or filter bags call the Sunnyvale Revenue Division at **(408) 730-7400** (Limit: one cart per address).

- **Corrugated cardboard** - tie or tape into bundles 30" x 30" x 6" or smaller.
- **Paper grocery bags** - flatten bags and put inside another paper grocery bag or bundle with cardboard. White bags are OK.
- **Household batteries** - rechargeable batteries from cell phones, laptops and cordless power tools, AA, AAA, C, D, 9-volts, and button batteries (such as those found in hearing aids). Tape battery terminals and put batteries in a tightly sealed, clear-plastic bag and place the bag on top of your recycling split cart.



The following materials are **NOT COLLECTED** at curbside for recycling:

- **Motor oil mixed with other liquids**
- **Antifreeze**
- **Plastics other than bottles, jars, tubs and cups (#1 - #7)**
- **Window/auto glass & crushed glass**
- **Mirrors**
- **Pyrex**
- **Ceramics & porcelain**
- **Crystal**

Recycling containers bearing these materials will not be emptied. Some of these materials may be recycled at: [SMaRT® Station Recycling Center](#)  
301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale  
open daily from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.  
Call with questions at **(408) 752-8530**.

If you have extra trash this holiday season, you can bag you can buy "Extra Garbage Tags" for \$6.00 at New Wing Market. Place extra garbage in a plastic bag, not weighing more than 30 pounds and may not exceed 35 gallons, with the prepaid extra garbage tag. Then place the plastic bag next to the garbage cart on your regular service day. You may also take extra garbage to the SMaRT® Station.

Remember, If you get a new TV, computer or other electronic "toys", take the old ones to the SMaRT® Station recycling area. There is no cost for Sunnyvale residents! ♦

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## Kindergarten Readiness: Activities to Prepare for School

**Where:** Sunnyvale Library Program Room  
665 W. Olive Ave.  
**When:** January 29<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Experienced staff from the First 5 Santa Clara County Learning Together Initiative Family Resource Center will discuss:

Ways to improve a child's classroom success, socialization, and adaptation to school  
The basic building blocks for kindergarten readiness  
Activities you can do at home to prepare children for the kindergarten transition

Participants will receive a copy of the FIRST 5 Santa Clara County Parent/Teacher Handbook that gives tips for families to get ready for school.

Space is limited, register early to guarantee your seat. For more information or to register call (408) 730-7800 or email [childcareresources@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:childcareresources@sunnyvale.ca.gov)

## Free Tax Preparation Assistance



**Where:** Columbia Neighborhood Center  
Morse Room  
785 Morse Ave  
**When:** February 23, March 2, 23, & 30  
**Time:** 10am to 2pm

**Tax-Aid**, a non-profit organization, will provide trained volunteers to assist taxpayers. Participants do not have to be US citizens, and Spanish translators will be available.

The service will be provided in the Morse Room of the Columbia Neighborhood Center. This is a walk-in service only, with no appointments necessary. Clients will be served on a first-come, first-served basis.

### **What to bring:**

- Social Security card or ITIN for each family member
- W-2 forms for all jobs held in 2012 and all 1099 or 1098 forms
- Child care provider information
- Landlord's name, address and phone number
- A voided check for direct deposit
- Last year's tax return (if you have it)

For further information, visit [www.tax-aid.org](http://www.tax-aid.org) or (408) 730.7800.

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**Keeping Kids Safe:  
What Parents & Kids Need to Know About  
Preventing Child Abduction**

**Where:** Ellis Elementary School Library  
550 E. Olive Ave.  
**When:** January 16<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 6:30 – 8:30 pm



This workshop will give children and parents important and potentially lifesaving tips to help children stay safe when away from their parents.

**Discussion topics will include:**

- Creating a safety plan with your child that they'll understand and be able to use.
- Identifying the safest routes to and from school and how to spot potential dangerous locations.
- Stranger & acquaintance behaviors that signal danger.
- Home safety for the latch key child
- Tips to help ensure safety while your child is visiting friends or involved in youth sports or clubs.
- How your child can signal and get to safety if someone makes them feel uncomfortable or unsafe

This free workshop will be facilitated by Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety. Children are welcome.

Each child will receive a free Child I.D. Kit provided by New York Life.



Space is limited, register early to guarantee your seat. For more information or to register call (408) 730-7800 or email [childcareresources@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:childcareresources@sunnyvale.ca.gov) ◆

**Get Behind the Scenes on Twitter and Google +**

The **January 3, 2013 Safety & Sobriety Checkpoint** will incorporate social media to give residents a behind-the-scenes perspective from the officers directly from the event and command vehicle, starting at 9pm. Follow early at **Twitter.inSunnyvale.com** and **GooglePlus.inSunnyvale.com**. Officers will tweet and run a Google Hangout for the event. ◆

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**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



**Holiday Tips From Sunnyvale Public Safety**

The Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety is proud to serve you each and every day. During the Holiday Season our officers are especially vigilant to ensure this time of year is safe and joyous. Unfortunately, the Holidays do attract those to our neighborhoods that are intent on committing thefts.

Here are helpful tips you and your family can use now and throughout the year:

- \* Lock **ALL** doors and windows and use a secondary blocking device on those that slide open (i.e. small wooden dowel rod).
- \* Close and lock your garage door.
- \* Lock all gates leading to the rear or side area of your residence.
- \* Secure all home tools inside your residence or garage.
- \* Download tracking applications on electronic devices.
- \* Get to know your neighbors.
- \* Invest in a home security system with an audible alarm.
- \* Photograph valuables and record serial numbers.

If you observe any suspicious people, vehicles, or activity in your neighborhood, please contact Public Safety immediately by dialing 911. Our dispatchers are standing by to immediately send an officer to you.

If you have additional crime prevention questions, please contact our Community Service Bureau at (408) 730-7140. You may also email an anonymous (non-emergency) crime tip.

We wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season ◆

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**City to Consider Foam Food Container Ordinance**



The City of Sunnyvale is considering an ordinance that would make it unlawful for food service vendors to distribute foam food or beverage take-out containers.

Foam food containers are also known as, "Styrofoam," and "Expanded Polystyrene Foam (EPS). "Food foam can take hundreds of years to biodegrade. It quickly breaks down into small pieces that are lightweight and easily blows into our waterways.

Unfortunately birds, fish and other wildlife mistake these small bits for food. The foam can get lodged in their stomachs, thus harming or killing them.

Examples of products that would be prohibited include: plates, cups, bowls, lids, trays, hinged containers and lidded containers. The ordinance would likely exempt pre-packaged foods, such as eggs and meat sold in retail stores. Take-out containers still allowed for use would include non-foam plastics, aluminum, paper and containers that are compostable.



Out of concern for their customers and nature, many food vendors have already switched to high-quality, affordable and readily available alternatives.



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**Foam Food Container Facts:**

Foam food containers are made from non-renewable petrochemical resources and typically end up in landfills or as litter. While it can be recycled, the recycling market is diminishing.



Styrene is a suspected human carcinogen There is evidence that it leaches into the hot food placed in it.

Bay Area jurisdictions have been tasked by regional water quality officials with reducing the amount of foam food containers and other trash pollutants in local waterways.

Over 50 jurisdictions in California (20 in the Bay Area) have already banned foam food take-out containers.

Less than one half of one percent (0.005) of foam food containers used for food service are actually recycled.

Out of concern for their customers and nature, many food vendors have already switched to high-quality, affordable and readily available alternatives.

Perhaps it is time for our city to join others in banning "food foam." ♦

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## Neighborhood Crime Corner

Quoted From the:



**Auto Theft**--Nov. 28 @ 7:12am. E. Remington Dr. An unknown person stole a vehicle overnight.

**Petty Theft**--Nov. 27 @ 8:01pm Golden Oak Ct. An unknown person broke the window to an apartment and stole the TV from inside.

**Aggravated Assault**--Nov. 27 @ 2:39pm Roosevelt Ave. A verbal argument led to an assault with a deadly weapon near Roosevelt and California avenues. An arrest was made.

**Auto Theft**--Nov. 27 @ 10:32am. Beemer Ave. A vehicle was stolen from the 200 block of Beemer Avenue.

**Auto Theft**--Nov. 27 @ 9:11am Columbia Ave. A white two-door Honda Civic was stolen from the 500 block of Columbia Avenue.

**Auto Theft**--Nov. 27 @ 8:37am E. Duane Ave. A vehicle was stolen from the 1000 block of E. Duane Avenue.

**Auto Burglary**--Nov. 25 @ 5:29am Lawrence Station Road. An unknown person broke into a silver Honda Accord and stole the stereo.

**Auto Theft**--Nov. 24 @ 8:36pm. Kirkland Dr. A gold four-door Honda Accord was stolen from the 1600 block of Kirkland Drive.

**Petty Theft**--Nov. 23 @ 6:25pm. E. Fremont Ave. A wallet was stolen from a locker at 24 Hour Fitness.

**Auto Theft**--Nov. 23 @ 1:06pm. Tamarack Lane. A 1995 Honda Accord was stolen from the 900 block of Tamarack Lane.

**Vandalism**--Nov. 23 @ 1:33am. Tasman Dr. The door window of a mobile home at Casa de Amigos Mobile Park was vandalized. An arrest was made.

**(Editor's note:** It looks like here has been an increase in Auto Thefts. Take precautions against having your vehicle stolen. Lock all doors and windows. If you have been shopping, do not leave your packages in plain sight! Lock them in your trunk instead. A little caution, gives you peace of mind.) ♦

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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 - 12/18 & 1/3 \***

**Lakewood Side - 12/27 \* & 1/8**

**\* Make up dates for the Holidays**

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