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Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, September 11th

At 7:00 pm at the Lakewood Park Building

Our guests: Housing Rehab Program and Sares Regis Corp

LVNA Picnic—September 14th at 11—2pm

Lakewood Park picnic area #3

President's Column

-**Judy Fernandez**

Hello Neighbors!

Our annual, "National Night Out" was a huge success. We served over 160 scoops of vanilla and chocolate ice cream. There was a fire truck and police cars for the kids to explore. Thank you to *Councilmember Tara Martin-Milius* and our *Neighborhood Resource Officer Brian Gnatt* for their attendance.

Thank you to *Pat Furtado*, for her pencil box craft project. Thank you to *Wendy Stanley*, for her box making idea using old calendar pages. Thank you to our newsletter editor Phyllis for her amazing face painting.

Big thanks to all the neighbors that brought school supplies for the kids. They were donated to the Sunnyvale Community Services for children in Sunnyvale. (See "Backpack Donation Update" on Page 2)

And as always thanks to all the volunteers to help put this event together. ♦



Guests for September 11th Meeting

Our guest this month is *Richard Gutierrez* from Sunnyvale's **Housing Rehab Program.**

Housing repair & rehabilitation loans are available for residents who meet specific income criteria. Low-interest loans and/or grants are available to repair your roof, build a ramp for a wheelchair, bring your home up to local housing codes, or other home improvements. Home Access Grant Program is for Sunnyvale apartment tenants or Sunnyvale homeowners. It can be used to have the apartment or home retrofitted with grab bars, railings, a lift, ramp, (Continued on page 2)



Bilingual Story Time

When Every Thursday, starting September 19th

Time: 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Where: Columbia Middle School Library

739 Morse Ave.

Parents & children are invited for stories, songs and games in English & Spanish. Children who participate can borrow books. A free book is given away every week.

This is a drop-in program.

Free snacks for the children!



Annual Picnic is Sept. 14th

Time: 11am - 2pm

Where: Lakewood Park Picnic Area #3

Come one, Come all to the Annual LVNA picnic! Bring your appetite for food, fun and good conversation.

We will have raffle prizes, carnival games, piñata and face painting. Public Safety will drop by and there will be tables from the Library, the Register of Voters and the Columbia Neighborhood Center.

As in previous years the LVNA will provide the hot dogs, burgers, drinks and the paper products. We are asking neighbors to either bring a side dish, salad, or a dessert to share. (Bring enough for 10 people.)

Hope to see a lot of new faces there! ♦

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a doorbell for the hearing impaired, bath bench, etc. If you or someone you know is interested come to the meeting to learn more!

We will also have a representative from Sares Regis, who is building apartment homes at 610 E. Weddell Rd. This site is at the end of the John Christian Greenbelt. ♦



Backpack Day a Big Success!

On Thursday, August 15, the annual **Backpack Day** was held at *Sunnyvale Community Services*.

Over **1,000 new backpacks**, stuffed with age-appropriate school supplies were given to very appreciative children from ages 4 - 18. Every child also received a **\$25 Payless Shoes gift card**, ensuring that they are ready for school "from head to toe." We are extremely grateful to each and every donor and volunteer how helped make this event such a success. We are especially grateful to **Intuitive Surgical** for their significant contribution, as well as the many other corporate, faith-based and individual donors who gave so much to help so many.

Thank you! ♦



Scholastic Book Fair at Lakewood School

You are invited to our **Fall Scholastic Book Fair**.

It's a great time to shop for Christmas and/or birthday presents. There are books for children Pre-K through 6th grade. As well as books and cookbooks for adults!

The book fair is open during the following times:

Tuesday Sept 17th
Friday, Sept 20th
Monday, Sept. 23rd

Time: 2 - 2:45 pm

And at Backs to School Night

Wednesday Sept. 18th

Time: 6 - 8 pm

All proceeds from the **Book Fair** will put more books into our student's hands. We hope to see you soon. ♦

Free Legal Clinics

When: First Saturday of the month

Time: 10 am - Noon

Where: Columbia Neighborhood Center

Cost: Free!

Free 20 - 30 minute legal consultations on any legal matter. First come, first served. ♦



ZUMBA CLASS!

When: Every Wednesday

Time: 7 - 8 pm

Where: Columbia Middle School Gym
739 Morse Ave

Cost: \$1.00 per class

Come and dance your pounds off at this fast-paced, energetic class. All participants are required to sign a registration form and waiver prior to their first class, so come a few minutes early to sign up!

No Children under 10 years old will be allowed to participate or watch. ♦

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Explore 3D Printing

When Friday, Sept 13th
Time: 6:30 – 8 pm
Where: Columbia Middle School Multi-Purpose Room
 739 Morse Ave.
 Sunnyvale Library staff will demonstrate 3D printing technology, where to find free 3D printing resources, and how to use the 3D printer at the Sunnyvale Library.
No registration required. ♦

When Monday, Sept. 16th
Time: 6:30 – 7:45 pm
Where: Amazing Creations Preschool
 1025 The Dalles Avenue, Sunnyvale.

See how 3D printing can be a helpful and fun tool to support early STEM (Science, Technology, and Engineering & Mathematics) learning in the classroom and beyond.
Registration requested, call (408) 730-7800 ♦

Youth Drop-In Gym

Indoor Soccer:

When: Mondays 7 – 9 pm
 Saturdays 1 – 10 pm



Basketball:

When: Fridays 7 – 10 pm
Where: Columbia Neighborhood Center
Cost: fifty cents per visit for residents
 (\$1 for non-residents).



Must be Middle or High School student. School ID REQUIRED for entry! Drop-In Gym will be cancelled if there are no participants in the first hour.
-No program on 9/2/13 or 11/29/13 ♦

Fitness Room

When: Every Thursday, starting Sept. 19

Time: 6:30 – 8 pm

Where: Columbia Neighborhood Center
 739 Morse Ave.
Cost: \$2 a visit



Open to Sunnyvale residents. A certified fitness instructor is on site. Middle school youth must be accompanied by a parent and high school youth can participate with a signed parent authorization. Cardio, strength training machines and free weights are available. ♦

Covered California-Medical Insurance

Covered California Information Sessions at CNC

When: Evenings on Tuesdays:
 Sept 17, Oct 15, Nov 19
Time: 6 – 7 pm

When: Mornings on Wednesdays:
 Sept 25, Oct 23, Nov 27
Time: 10 – 11 am

Where: Columbia Neighborhood Center, 785 Morse Ave

Now that getting health insurance is a new national requirement, the government has created a solution that makes it easier and more accessible than ever before, it's called **Covered California**. It's an online marketplace where Californians can compare and choose health plans from established health insurance companies. Covered California is the only place where the federal government will provide you financial help for health insurance, based on income household size. Whether you need general checkups, medical help for a pre-existing condition or protection from an unforeseen event, Covered California will let you choose a plan that meets your needs and budget.

Individuals and families with income between 139% and 400% of the Federal Poverty Level should qualify for assistance for insurance premiums or out of pocket expenses, depending on specific requirements and income level.

The **Columbia Neighborhood Center** has partnered with the **California School Health Centers Association** to provide information on Covered California, Specially trained CNC staff will conduct monthly information sessions starting in September. Each provider must have a uniform benefits package with 10 essential health benefits, making it easier for people to compare coverage and decide what will work best for them and their family.

Enrollment in Covered California begins on October 1, 2013. Attendees to these information sessions will receive information on ways to sign up, including referrals to certified enrollment counselors.

IMPORTANT: Enrollment in Covered California is FREE and residents should report to Public Safety any phone calls, email or letters from organizations that claim to help with eligibility and registration for a fee. Scammers have already started taking advantage of people who are not informed about this program. ♦



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ESL/Citizenship Placement Testing

When: September 20th, October 4th, October 18th

Time: 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Where: ACE/Room 6

**Adult Education Center
791 W. Fremont Avenue**

Cost: \$40 non-refundable testing and processing fee for the 2013-2014 school year

All students must take an ESL placement test before enrolling in an ESL class. ESL classes are held at Columbia Middle School, Fremont High School, and the Adult Education Center.

Please be aware that, in paying the \$40 fee, you may NOT get placed in a class if you are too advanced or if there is no seat available immediately.

To register for an ESL placement test, please visit the Adult Education office at 591 W. Fremont Avenue, room 1, or call (408) 522-2700 ♦

Citizenship Classes

When: 1st Quarter = Saturdays,
September 21st through October 12th

2nd Quarter = Saturdays, November
16th through December 14th (no class on
November 30th)

Where: ACE/Room 6

**Adult Education Center
791 W. Fremont Avenue, Sunnyvale**

Cost: Free

Beginning English Speakers class

This class will be a focus on acquiring English skills

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Intermediate English Speakers class

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

In these citizenship classes, students will learn about American history and government, fill out the N-400 application, and practice for their oral interview.

There is no charge for the citizenship classes; however, all students must first take a placement test for which covers the entire 2013-2014 school year. **See above for test schedule!** (This test is also valid for ESL classes.) ♦

English as a Second Language at Columbia Middle School

Free Classes in English as a Second Language offered by the Sunnyvale-Cupertino Adult and Community Education on Monday and Wednesday evenings.

Students must take a placement test before starting classes. This test ensures that all students are placed at the correct level. Students must attend regularly to remain in the program. ♦

Special Free One-Day Class

When: Saturday, December 14th

Time: 11:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Where: Training Center
**Adult Education Center
591 W. Fremont Avenue,
Sunnyvale**

Cost: Free

We will be offering a **special free one-day class** to help prospective citizens **prepare for their interview.** Volunteers from the community will act as interviewers. At this class there will also be an immigration expert who will talk about the interview process and answer questions. ♦



2014 English Conversation Class

When: Tuesdays, January 7th to April 29th

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Where: Columbia Middle School Library
739 Morse Ave. Sunnyvale

Cost: Free

Join our free English language class. We will practice listening, speaking, reading, and writing in small groups with trained instructors. All levels are welcome.

New Student Enrollment Date: December 10th

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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



Falls Prevention: Myths & Realities For Adults and Senior Citizens

When Wednesday, October 2nd
Time: 10 -11 am
Where: Columbia Neighborhood Center
739 Morse Ave.



Fall-related injuries are of significant concern as we age. In people aged 65 and older, one in three seniors will experience a fall and for those aged 80 and older, it is one in two.

The Silicon Valley Healthy Aging Partnership (SVHAP) will present a special program. Individuals will learn simple ways to modify their environment to prevent risks for falls and increase their mobility. Learn the myths and realities of aging in relation to falls, and simple strategies to make your environment safer. For more information, go to www.svhap.org or call CNC at (408) 730-7800 ♦

Lakewood at its Best!

By Leah Lane

Let me tell you about my neighbors on Socorro Ave. Sandy Martinez was walking around her block and saw an elderly lady struggling to pull the many weeds in her front yard.



When Sandy got home, she told her neighbor Sharon Stowe Godinez about the lady. Sharon told her husband Enrique and her two sons Tony & Rick. Then Sharon, her family, Sandy and her son Jessie loaded up a truck with tools and yard waste cans and drove around the block and spent the rest of their Saturday working in this lady's yard on Torrance Ave.

Although this sort of thing does not happen every day, it is not all unusual in Lakewood Village. We wave to our neighbors, watch out for each other and help out when we can. Sharon and Sandy are second generation Lakewood Villagers and are teaching their kids the same values they were taught. This is an example of Lakewood Village at its best. **Pass it on!** ♦



Walk N Wag 2013 Benefit for Humane Society Silicon Valley

It's that time of year again! The South Bay's premier dog walk, Walk N Wag, will be taking place October 5th at Hellyer Park in San Jose. In addition to the 5K walk, there will also be gourmet food trucks, agility and detection dog demos, live family entertainment

(**Wag N Walk Cont.**) and a pet costume contest. There will also be a shorter 3/4 mile lakeside walk option. Corporate and private teams are currently forming to raise fund on behalf of the walkers. Individual walkers are also welcome. All funds benefit Humane Society Silicon Valley. Information on forming a team, joining a team, or making a donation can be found at www.hssv.org/walk. ♦

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Neighborhood Crime Corner

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Auto burglary-July 13th @ 5:03 pm, Lakeside Dr. an unknown person managed to further open a cracked window of a 2002 Toyota Corolla and stole a backpack, insurance and registration papers, a laptop and 2 iPod charges, the estimated value was \$1,000.

Commercial burglary-July 14th @ 4:37p.m. Lakeside Dr. An unknown person pried the door of a storage unit open and stole a bicycle and seven computer monitors. The estimated value was \$1,600.

Commercial burglary-July 16th @ 3:53 p.m. Lakeside Dr. An unknown person entered a storage locker by cutting a hole in the wall next to the storage locker. Boxes with miscellaneous winter clothing, jackets and boots were stolen.

Auto burglary-July 16th @ 6:33 p.m. E. Caribbean Dr. An unknown person smashed the passenger's side window of a 2001 Toyota RAV4 and stole a purse containing a wallet, debit card, driver's license and San Jose State University ID.

Auto theft-July 29th @ 12:05 p.m. E. Duane Ave. A 1996 Honda Accord was stolen from the 900 block.

Auto theft-July 30th @ 9:00 p.m. Duane Ct. An unknown person stole a 1997 Land Rover.

Auto theft-August 10th @ 8:24 a.m. 400 block of N. Fair Oaks Ave. A Honda Accord was stolen.

Auto theft-August 10th @ 10:59 p.m. Velvetlake Dr. A green Saturn was stolen.

Auto burglary-August 11th @ 9:31 a.m. Morse Ave. An unknown person broke into a 2000 Toyota Celica and stole stereo equipment.

Auto burglary-August 13th @ 8:40 p.m. E. Caribbean Dr. An unknown person broke the driver's side window of a 2011 Volvo S40 and stole a backpack which contained work identification and ear buds.

Auto theft-August 15th @ 6:46 a.m. Morse Ave. A white 1990 Honda Accord was stolen. ♦

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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 - 9/10 & 9/24 & 10/8

Lakewood Side - 9/17 & 10/1 & 10/15

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