

# What's Up

While strolling up Park Blvd I noticed a new store in the old Radioshack spot. It's called the **Dollar Shop**, owned by Casmira Gorse (formerly in the chocolate truffle business). It's open 11-7 Monday through Saturday and 11-3 on Sunday. Stop in and say "Hi" if you get a chance.

If you haven't checked out First Thursdays, it's on Grand Avenue the First Thursday of the month, naturally, and there are a nice variety of things to see and do. Merchant discounts abound! Check out their website at:

grandavenuefirstthursda vs.com

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# LAKESHORE Homes Association

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# Introducing Gay Lyons, our Office Coordinator

Hi Neighbors! My name is Gay Lyons and I just became the new Office Coordinator here at Lakeshore Homes Association. I have lived here for 13 years with my husband, Robert Lyons. We met while I was working for the Superior Court in Santa Clara County. I have been retired for 5 years and until recently spent most of my days in the garden or the gym. I am eager to meet LHA neighbors and learn more about our neighborhood.

# **Introducing Briana Leevey-Finance**

Briana joined our team in December and is in charge of the finances for Lakeshore Homes Association. She is a California native who has been supporting small businesses in the East Bay with her bookkeeping skills for over 10 years. Briana is a whiz with numbers, databases and Quick-Books! She has big footsteps to fill with Patty's final retirement from LHA, but she looks forward to keeping the finances running smoothly. If you have questions or concerns regarding your account, feel free to contact her at finance@lakeshorehomes.net

# EARTH DAY

Earth Day is Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, but many events are being held over the weekend, to wit: on April 20th the City of Oakland is celebrating its 25th Annual Earth Day. Activities involve clean-up of different areas in Oakland. You can register to volunteer at <u>www.oaklandearthday.org</u>. In addition, Jack London Square is hosting its Earth Day Estuary Clean-up. It's being held at the Jack London Square Aquatic Center from 10:00am to 1pm on April 20th. To register for Kayak Clean-up go to Eventbrite.com and look under Earth Day Estuary Clean-up. The Oakland Zoo is holding its Earth Day Celebration on April 14th from 10:00am to 3:00pm with musical performances, trapeze artists and more! Go to www.projectcoyote.org for the brochure or call 415-945-3232.

# **ASSOCIATION UPDATES**

## LHA Spring Mixer, Sunday April 7th at Bardo Lounge

We're excited to hold our first event of 2019 at Bardo Lounge and Supper Club on Lakeshore. Stop by to mingle with your LHA neighbors from 4:00-5:30 in this beautiful, mid-century oasis. There will be nibbles and a no-host bar. Hope to see you there!

#### Now a word from our Common Sense Department..

#### Leaf Blowers

For those of you who use gardeners, please check with them to see that they follow these common sense steps if you're away while they perform their duties. (Otherwise your neighbors suffer the consequences!)

- 1) Don't use leaf blowers before 8am or after 6pm
- 2) Use the lowest throttle speed needed to get the job done.
- 3) Please be considerate of passersby and open doors and windows.
- 4) Don't use leaf blowers to clean up large amounts of debris like gravel or construction dirt.

#### Which leads to our next topic

#### **Remodel etiquette**

This is the time of year for many remodels to be going on at once. The best of construction circumstances can still be difficult to handle on a daily basis. So what we ask of our neighbors is that if you know construction or tree removal or any handymen or handywomen will be parking around your home, please just give your neighbors a heads up or a note on the door. This way they can at least let the people in their lives (babysitters, housecleaners, dog-walkers) have forewarning. I love a courteous neighbor!!

Also, if you recently moved in and have started construction before you received your Newcomer Packets, please give Lisa Ray, our Administrator, a call at 510-451-7160 and talk to her about your plans. Certain construction projects require written Board approval in advance of starting the project.

# **ASSOCIATION UPDATES**

#### Annual Assessment is now past due

If you have not paid your 2019 assessment, or prior years past due, now is a good time to get caught up! Pay by check in the mail to 907 Underhills Road or through the mail slot is fine. Also, you may email us at <u>finance@lakeshorehomes.net</u> for an online payment link.

#### Your LHA 2019 Board of Directors

Your current directors are hard at work! Linda Heath joined the Board as Vice President and Chair of Neighborhood Network Committee (formerly the Membership Committee), Eddie Low (President), Stacey Harper (Treasurer), Chris Metcalfe (Vice President and Chair of the Parks Committee), and Brian O'Malley (Secretary and Chair of the Neighborhood Committee).

#### **Email Address Please!**

**The Neighborhood Network** (formerly the Membership Committee) is working to improve communication with our members. A "Greener" way to do this is by email. You can choose to receive electronic newsletter and neighborhood updates and LHA Events but still receive your official Annual invoice by postal mail. You may fill out the Email Authorization Form by going to our website and clicking on Administration, then go to Forms and Procedures and lastly go down the list and click on Email Authorization. That's all there is to it!

### Gardening Websites for you!

The California Backyard Orchard (http://homeorchard.ucanr.edu/) The California Garden We (http://cagardenweb.ucanr.edu/)



Both are from UC Davis and offer loads of advice for backyard gardeners like me. I have had a lot of questions over the years (and maybe you have too) about my garden and these websites have given me the best guidance. If you have had success in solving common garden problem, please contact me at <u>communications@lakeshorehomes.net</u> Your advice might be used in an upcoming issue of our Newsletter!



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#### Committees (meetings at LHA office)

Neighborhood Preservation Parks Board of Directors Membership

#### Board of Directors

**Board President** Vice President Vice President Secretary Treasurer

Eddie Low Chris Metcalfe Linda Heath Brian O'Malley

Staff (office hours 10 - 1 M - F) Lisa Ray, Gay Lyons, Briana Leevey Follow us on Facebook

- 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 7:30 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 7:00 p.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

