

# **LAKE VIEW TERRACE**

## **IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER**

The official publication of the Lake View Terrace Improvement Association, incorporated in 1940.  
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### MEMBERSHIPS

Welcome new member **Marlys McKenzie** and thank you to the many loyal members for renewing your membership.

Join LVTIA or renew your membership today. Your yearly membership to LVTIA contributes to the Newsletter publication.

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### **LAKE VIEW TERRACE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION MEETS AT**

**Lake View Terrace  
Recreation Center  
11075 Foothill Blvd.  
Lake View Terrace, CA**

### WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

#### **CANCELLED**

#### **FEBRUARY ONLY**

**due to construction  
work on the parking  
lot.**

### GENERAL MEETING

**Monday**

**February 7, 2011**

**7:00 P.M.**

#### GUEST SPEAKERS

**Mr. Antwaune Goode  
the CEO of "Families  
That Can"**

### BOARD MEETING

**Monday**

**February 14, 2011**

**7:00 P.M.**

## **CHARTER SCHOOLS IN LAKE VIEW TERRACE**

Dr. Jacqueline Elliot, Director of Partnerships to Uplift Communities (PUC) Charter Schools and Brian P. Wagner, Ed. D. Principal, spoke at our LVTIA General Meeting on Monday, January 2011 concerning their desires to expand their PUC school locations. The PUC Schools have been in our community of LVT for almost a decade. The school and the community continues to work together to make its presence compatible with its neighbors. Traffic is an ongoing task that the school is consistently working to resolve and it has gotten better over the years. PUC has excellent educational standards and registration to attend is in high demand. The PUC school population is chosen by a lottery system. This lottery system has a long waiting list.

When PUC schools originally approached our community about their desire to develop the old Professional Building, located on Kagel Canyon and Eldridge, into a learning facility, the community thought that students in LVT would automatically be able to register for enrollment. This has proven not to be the case, because of the Charter School's Lottery System. We have youth living within walking distance of the PUC School who have been unable to attend school there. Ms. Elliot informed us of an organization named "Families That Can" who is confronting this same problem with charter schools that have located in their communities and whose children are unable to attend these schools because of this lottery system.

When Fenton Avenue became a charter school this lottery system was not in effect for its school registration, consequently Fenton is not subject to this rule and children in LVT can automatically attend their campus.

Please attend our Monday, February 7, 2011 General Meeting. PUC Schools Director Dr. Jackie Elliot will be bringing Mr. Antwaune Goode the CEO of "Families That Can" to speak with us about how this organization may be able to assist us with this lottery system problem that is denying our local kids the right to automatically attend new charter schools in our communities.

*~ By Cile Borman*

## **THANK YOU LOYAL LVTIA MEMBERS**

The first of the year is usually the time when our members renew their membership. The membership not only entitles you to the monthly newsletter, but also the opportunity to be a part of the Executive Board. LVTIA sends a sincere thank you to the following members for renewing their membership.

Margarete Allen, Dariush & Mali Bakhtar, Maya & Fred Bond, Frank & Jeanine Caligiuri, Ruth E. Cross, Irene Escandon, Joe & Margaret Forson, Richard & Louise Gault, Eppie Hartsuiker, Lillian Marsh, Dan & Polly Piraino, Leah Shirokoff, Robert & Lidia Simpson, Yone & Jane Takehara, Mamoru Tashima (Sunnyslope Gardens), Dorothy Tatum, Geneva Wallace, Joyce Williams, Dudley & Ruth Winstead, Gilbert Wong and Cris Hughes.

## LANDSCAPE RETROFITTING PART – 8

During the previous seven parts of this article, I defined and discussed soil and water, the two of the three major components of a landscape, a farm or an orchard, briefly. Knowing this much about soil and water by the readers allows me to discuss the nature and properties of **plant** the third major element within the soil-water-plant dynamic chain, and see how to select and manage plants through a retrofit project beneficially and free from pollution and waste of water.

**Plant** is a living organism that composes of three parts, the root, the stem including the branches, and the leaves. Plant root is responsible for holding the plant in the soil and up take of water and nutrients from the soil pores. Plant stem is responsible for the distribution of soil water and plant sap within the plant between the root and the leaves. Plant leaves are responsible for exchange of moisture and air between the plant and the atmosphere. Plant leaves have the major role in the process of photosynthesis by which green plants turn carbon dioxide and water into carbohydrates and oxygen, using light energy trapped by chlorophyll, the green plant pigments.

Magnesium is an essential element for plant growth. It originates in soil minerals and is the major constituent of chlorophyll molecule. Magnesium precipitates and become unavailable at alkaline pH range that is larger than 7. The unavailability of magnesium reduces the quantity of chlorophyll, the green pigments leading to retardation in photosynthesis and consequently the reduction in plant growth and productivity.

Graywater because of the high content of soap is alkaline in reaction. It contains a significant amount of sodium ion in exchangeable form. Irrigation of a clayey soil with graywater causes the soil pH to raise and precipitate magnesium ions into unavailable form leading to magnesium deficiency in plant. Photosynthesis retards, plants wilt, turning the landscape unpleasant in scenery, and crop plants unproductive in farms and orchards. In many instances, one may un educationally guess that the reason for the condition is lack of fertilizers and recommend N-P-K containing nutrient components, which worsens the situation. To be continued.

*~By Dariush Bakhtar, Ph.D., CPSS., LVTIA Garden Club Chair SS*

## 2010 KOREAN BBQ & “SPIRIT” AWARDS DRAWS RECORD CROWD

**Lake View Terrace, CA:** The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Dinner/Korean BBQ & “Spirit of Johny Carpenter” Awards, held Friday November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010, attracted its largest gathering of community guests & church members ever. The crowd was estimated to be over 500, first time this milestone was reached. The event was held entirely in the cafeteria and the community participated by bringing desserts, helping create a true Thanksgiving atmosphere.

Held annually at All Nations Church, the event was created in 2003 to honor the memory of the late Johny Carpenter, stuntman, actor & cowboy, whose original Heaven on Earth Ranch stood for almost 25 years on what is now church land. Johny built an authentic wild west town and held an annual Thanksgiving dinner & stunt show for the physically & mentally challenged children & young adults he taught to ride horses. The church has brought back the event and created the “Spirit” award to honor those who actions best represent what Johny did at the ranch. This year saw Richard Troy, Andrea & James Guttman and Eva Lund honored.

Also recognized were five students from the community who received \$500 scholarships from the church. They were Elisa “Mitch” Blancardi, Jose Berrios, Gilbert Figueroa, Jannine Rojo & Gabriela Chavez. As was done last year, the church asked community groups to choose honoree’s. Participating were the LA Horse Council, Foothill Division Cadets, Community Christian College, LVT Improvement Association, & PUC Charter Early Local High School.

40 organizations and local stables were represented. Councilman Paul Krekorian participated in the awards ceremony. Also represented were Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Assemblyman Felipe Fuentes, School Board Member Nury Martinez Supervisor Michael Antonovich sent certificates and a letter was read from Governor Schwarzenegger . The 2010 “New Heaven on Earth Ranch” Board of Directors was recognized as well. They are: Lee Diebold, President. Randy Horton, Vice President. Phyllis Hines, Treasurer. Katherine Carpenter, Secretary. Joel Druckman, Skeeter Mann, Brian Song & Shayna Lebeouf. A silent auction was held to benefit the ranch.

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To begin the program, Lake View Terrace’s own, Cile Borman sang the National Anthem. The evening concluded with a concert performance by Cile Borman, Ben Rombouts & Rodney Allen Ripley. For the first time, the “New Heaven on Earth Ranch” Board of Directors selected the “Spirit” recipients.

~ By Michael Carpenter

## LVTIA’S NEWSLETTER GOING GREEN IN 2011

Environmentally, the Lake View Terrace Improvement Association is focusing on doing our part to improve the state of our environment. In this economic climate, we’re focused on the broadest range of circulating the newsletter in a more cost efficient manner.

In early 2011, your Lake View Terrace Improvement Association plans to make the first email delivery of the newsletter. The newsletter will be embodied in the email.

So, we’re now launching our campaign to collect our reader’s email addresses so that we may deliver the newsletter electronically to the ones who choose to participate. Your email address will only be used for the delivery of the LVTIA’s newsletter.

To opt-in send an email from the email address where you want to receive the newsletter to newsletter@lvtia.org and place “**Email My Newsletter**” in the subject line.

If you have any questions please call one of the LVTIA board members listed below.

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| <p><b>FOOTHILL TRAILS DISTRICT NC</b><br/> <b>GENERAL MEETING</b><br/>                 FEBRUARY 17, 2011 AT 7 PM<br/>                 VISIT WWW.FTDNC.ORG FOR MEETING LOCATION</p>  | <p><b>LAKE VIEW TERRACE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION</b><br/> <b>BOARD MEMBERS</b></p>   |
| <p><b><u>LAKE VIEW TEARERS</u></b><br/> <b>MONTHLY MEETING</b><br/>                 Tuesday, February 1, 2011<br/>                 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.</p> <p>Are you a <b>Senior</b>? Are you looking to join an <b>active group</b> of your peers?<br/>                 Then search no more. Join the Lake View Tearers on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at the Lake View Terrace Recreation Center, 11075 Foothill Blvd., Lake View Terrace, CA 91342</p> <p><b>FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON</b><br/>                 February 9, 2011 at 11 A.M.<br/>                 Location to be decided<br/>                 For more information call<br/>                 Phyllis Hines 818.897.7644</p> | <p>President Vice President<br/>                 Joyce Williams – 818.899.4887 Mali Bakhtar — 818.896.7020</p> <p>Corresponding Secretary Recording Secretary<br/>                 Cilé Borman — 818.896.6058 Angie Carter — 818.203.9231</p>   |
| <p><b><u>FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY</u></b><br/> <b>Circle Your Calendar</b><br/>                 Saturday, February 19, 2011</p> <p><b><u>MONTHLY BOOK SALE</u></b> -- <b><u>MONTHLY MEETING</u></b><br/>                 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. -- 2:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.</p> <p>Lake View Terrace Library<br/>                 12002 Osborne St.<br/>                 Lake View Terrace, CA 91342</p> <p>Please join us.<br/>                 For more information call<br/>                 Phyllis Hines<br/>                 818.897.7644</p>  | <p><b>JOIN LAKE VIEW TERRACE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION</b><br/>                 Get involved in your local association!</p> <p>Membership to LVTIA is available to all who live in Lake View Terrace and the vicinity. The yearly membership is only \$10.00 per person or \$20.00 per family. Please fill out this form and mail it with your check to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lake View Terrace Improvement Association<br/>                 P O Box 224<br/>                 Sunland, CA 91041</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Join the community and let your voice be heard.</b></p> |
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**LVTIA WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

LVTIA invites the community to submit informative articles electronically (200 to 300 words doc with digital picture if possible) for publication consideration to [articles@lvtia.org](mailto:articles@lvtia.org) (articles may be edited).

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## HOME SALES & CONSTRUCTING NEW DEVELOPMENT

DataQuick's statistics in the end of 2010 shows in the new-home market, sales were the slowest for a November since at least 1988. In many growth areas the math for builders just doesn't work: The cost to construct is higher than what buyers can afford or are willing to pay. Often builders can't compete with the pricing of nearby *resale homes, especially foreclosures and short sales*. In Lake View Terrace, builders stopped building due to the same reason. The project on the corner of Kagel Canyon and Eldridge finally was completed by a new owner after the previous owner went to bankruptcy. The project of seven homes has been for sale for a few years and now that is completed, it is selling slowly. The community is eager to see the seven homes are occupied and the construction fence is removed. The other project in LVT, on Terra Vista Way, has completed the last phase and sold quickly, only two homes are left in that project. At the present no new development has started building in LVT although some permits have been issued by the City planning Department.

"The great waiting game of 2010 continues. This is the year when the economy sputtered and a lot of potential home buyers opted to sit tight, especially once the government incentives dried up. Fundamentally home sales remain weak because the job market has been slow to mend and credit policies remain unusually tight," "But with sales this low, for this long, you know there are a lot of people just waiting to jump into the market once they feel the time is right. For many the key signal will be a greater sense of job security. For others the cue could be evidence that home prices have bottomed for good, or that ultra-low mortgage rates are slipping away," said John Walsh, MDA DataQuick president.