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A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES OF  
LINCOLN VILLAGE

# Lincoln Village Enterprise



## Lincoln Village Drive to Be Resurfaced

LV got a pleasant surprise on June 6th when the City Council approved the resurfacing of Lincoln Village Drive. The project, which will pave the entire road, is part of a \$3.6 million plan to rehabilitate several needy streets within the city. Portions of Old Placerville Road and White Rock Road will receive similar treatment. Paving is slated to begin this summer, and will feature a new noise-reducing substance called Rubberized Asphalt, which will be laid thicker than most street projects of this size. City Public Works Director Cyrus Abhar said the project has been in the works since 2002, when the County identified LV Drive as one of the worst roads in the area. He estimates that LV Drive was last paved in 1978, and was given only minor treatment until now. As a result, residents have had to play a version of Dodge Ball, keeping clear of raised manhole covers and potholes.

Expect a mailer from the City within the next month, which will detail their timetable and announce a public meeting to discuss the project. Visit our website, [www.lincolnvillage.org](http://www.lincolnvillage.org), for road closures and related information.

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### JOIN LVNA!

LVNA'S MEETINGS OCCUR TWICE MONTHLY AND MEMBERSHIP IS FREE. FUTURE MEETING DATES INCLUDE:

- JULY 12TH + 26TH
- AUGUST 9TH + 23RD
- SEPT. 13TH + 27TH

WE MEET AT 6:00 PM AT THE BRADSHAW MOBILE HOME PARK CLUBHOUSE, LOCATED AT 3501 BRADSHAW ROAD. YOUR ATTENDANCE, OPINIONS, AND SUPPORT ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED!

### BFI Gets a New Name

You might have noticed something different about your recent BFI bill: residents received word this month their provider was undergoing a name change. Allied Waste, which owned the BFI name, will continue to operate with no change in service. BFI began a five-year contract with the city in February, 2005. Calls to Allied Waste yielded no further info.

### Our Mission Statement:

Our general mission is to serve Lincoln Village through beautification and Civil Code enforcement, Political Affairs, and Communication to our community. In addition, LVNA firmly supports quality public services in partnership with its citizens, businesses, schools, and other governmental agencies.

Spring is upon us and with warm weather mixed with seemingly never ending showers, vegetation is thriving. IN-SHAPE would like to remind everyone that yards need to be tended to for many important reasons. High grass and weeds that are left to dry present a fire hazard and attract rats and other rodents. (In this region, you should also consider the snakes that will come looking for those rodents.)

Besides the safety concerns, yards that are not taken care of cast a sense of apathy on the entire neighborhood. Those who own their own home are typically more likely to care for their yards, and invest in the proper equipment. Those who rent may not, based on the likelihood of moving from their current home to one where there is no yard to maintain. There are also instances where either an owner or renter may have equipment, but not be physically able to use it at the moment.

This is one of the areas where neighborhood involvement can be so valuable. If you live near someone who is not keeping up their yard, consider talking to them. If approached in a non-accusatory way, you may find that they are waiting for a part for their mower, hurt their back playing with the kids, or simply hadn't gotten around to it yet and needed a friendly reminder. Some people are just overwhelmed by their landscaping and may need

ideas if not a helping hand. If it is a rental and you know the owner, they should also be advised. Some landlords provide yard service and some make arrangements with their tenants. There are some who do neither, and those should be reported to us immediately.

Communication between neighbors in this country's early years used to be vital for survival. Later, it was a way to share the benefits and responsibilities of living in a similar environment. Today, talking to each other seems nearly a thing of the past, and it is easy to see how communities have suffered from it. You can start by just starting simple conversations. You will find yourself sharing ideas on ways to control weeds and where to get the best fertilizers. The next thing you know, Lincoln Village may be a showplace with a Community Garden!

As always, if you have a concern or question about a condition in your neighborhood, please call us- we are here to help!

*Yvonne DeHaan is the Nuisance Abatement Coordinator for In-Shape, a comprehensive program to beautify Rancho Cordova. She can be reached at City Hall at 942-0280, or at ydehaan@CityofRanchoCordova.org. Also, visit the City's website for a more complete list of services that they provide.*

## Rancho Fireworks Laws Undergo Major Revisions

A new fireworks ordinance issued by the City will make the sale, purchase, and use of fireworks a more difficult endeavor this July 4th.

Under Ordinance 04-2005, which was approved at the February 22nd City Council meeting, the city amended the old County codes in several areas, including tougher restrictions on the number of booths that can be erected throughout the city. Lincoln Village will retain its one booth, located at the property of 7-Eleven on Bradshaw Road and LV Drive.

Also, fireworks can only be sold and used between June 28-July 4. In the past, residents were allowed to buy and use fireworks as soon as the

booths decided to open. Another important change was made in who can sell fireworks within the city limits. The new standards only allow charitable groups whose members reside within the Rancho planning area. Sales can now only be used for non-profit or charitable purposes.

LV-ers should probably feel lucky that these were the only laws to be passed. The original proposal included a \$200 application fee, required sellers to be a non-profit organization, required them to produce a business plan, open their financial books for inspection. Citizens responded angrily to the proposal, and the Council passed a more diluted version at their February meeting.

## Celebrate July 4th in Style

By Matt Cummings

Rancho Cordova figures to be in the spotlight again this summer when it hosts its annual "Hometown 4th of July Event" in Hagan Park from July 2nd-4th.

This year's event promises to be even more spectacular than 2004, with more free music, an expanded auto show, and the return of the carnival and kids area.

But the real draw will be the event's fireworks, which are the biggest in the region. This year, organizers have scheduled shows for July 3rd and 4th. According to their website, [ranhocordovajuly4th.com](http://ranhocordovajuly4th.com), each show will cap off a

night of free concerts near Peterson Field, featuring a diverse collection of performers, from The Coasters to Pablo Cruise. The fireworks change location this year to accommodate the second show.



In addition to the fireworks and music, the website also lists the entire festival schedule, and provides parking information for

the 30,000 people expected to attend over the 3-day period.

Volunteers are asked to contact *Grapevine* editor Shelly Blanchard (361-1234), CPRD Planning Superintendent Lee Frechette (362-1841 ext. 22), or Conrade Mayer (247-8242) to volunteer or to host a booth.

# Lincoln Village Neighborhood Calendar

Check out the many activities that Lincoln Village and Rancho Cordova has to offer! From City events to fun for the whole family- we're your best source for all things happening inside and outside the Village!

Some of these events are fee-based, so be sure to visit the websites listed below prior to attending.

Got an upcoming event that you'd like to share? Contact us and we'll be happy to include it in our next edition.

## JUNE

- 18th: Slam Dunk Basketball Tourney  
[www.bballtown.net](http://www.bballtown.net)
- 20th: City Council Meeting  
[www.cityofranhocordova.org](http://www.cityofranhocordova.org)
- 20th-23rd: Circus Chimera  
[www.CircusChimera.com](http://www.CircusChimera.com)
- 23rd: Planning Commission Meeting
- 24th: Antique Car Show  
[www.vintage-ford.com](http://www.vintage-ford.com)
- 28th: LVNA Meeting  
[www.LincolnVillage.org](http://www.LincolnVillage.org)

## JULY

- 1st-3rd: July 4th Festivities @ Hagan  
[www.RanchoCordovaJuly4th.com](http://www.RanchoCordovaJuly4th.com)
- July 3rd +4th: Fireworks @ Hagan
- 5th: City Council Meeting
- 11th-13th: AAA Baseball All-Stars  
[www.SacramentoRivercats.com](http://www.SacramentoRivercats.com)
- 12th : LVNA Meeting  
[www.LincolnVillage.org](http://www.LincolnVillage.org)
- 13th: City Council Study Session
- 14th: Planning Commission Meeting
- 16th: Eppie's Great Race  
[www.thegreatrace.org](http://www.thegreatrace.org)
- 18th: City Council Meeting
- 26th: LVNA Meeting
- 28th: Planning Commission Meeting

## AUGUST

- 1st: City Council Meeting
- 8th-12th: Swim Lessons @ LV Pool  
[www.CRPD.com](http://www.CRPD.com)
- 9th: LVNA Meeting  
[www.LincolnVillage.org](http://www.LincolnVillage.org)
- 11th: Planning Commission Meeting
- 11th-14th: Film + Music Festival  
[www.SacFilm.com](http://www.SacFilm.com)
- 12-14: CHS Class of '75 Reunion  
[www.CordovaCouncil.com](http://www.CordovaCouncil.com)
- 12th: Community Council Luncheon  
[www.CordovaCouncil.com](http://www.CordovaCouncil.com)
- 15th: City Council Meeting
- 19th: Free Concert @ Hagan Park  
[www.SkinnerBand.com](http://www.SkinnerBand.com)
- 23rd: LVNA Meeting
- 26th: Antique Car Show  
[www.vintage-ford.com](http://www.vintage-ford.com)

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## Turning Lemons into Lemonade

Life is a mixed bag for the crew at the Cordova Recreation and Park District. While incorporation and the impending residential boom promise an exciting growth filled future, a dozen plus years of State raids on the District budget have resulted in the most severely shorthanded workforce since the days immediately following the passage of Proposition 13 in 1979. After several years of steady improvement in maintenance levels, last year's additional 10% bite out of Park District tax revenue by the State necessitated the loss of seven full time positions through early retirement, layoffs and attrition.

As if the future wasn't challenging enough, the District's draft Master Plan process has revealed over \$90 million in renovation projects District-wide. Fortunately, there are sources of revenue available to begin the work of meeting this need. Developer fees resulting from residential growth in the Sunrise/Douglas area will benefit parks in the existing Rancho Cordova, but cannot be applied outside the City. For instance, plans call for landscape architects Callandar and Associates to prepare a plan for Dave Roberts Community Park renovation. This project, inspired by the City's first mayor, is to be funded by the City's Park Renovation Fees collected from new development.

The District has established a Park Renovation Priority List based on community input and facility needs. The City will review District priorities and choose projects for funding as money becomes available. The District's community parks including Lincoln Village Community Park is a high priority for renovation in the western portion of the District. LV's renovation would require the development of a master plan including public hearings for community and stakeholder input. Needs at Lincoln Village Community Park cited by the District-wide Master Plan include concrete walkways, restrooms, group picnic areas, playgrounds and a possible dog park. The

District is considering matching fundraising efforts at the Senior Center to complete a kitchen renovation project. Future work could include increased Senior Center parking, expanded facilities to accommodate pre-school, day care, day camp and recreation classes and other senior and community activities. Without increased general fund revenue to expand maintenance capabilities, routine daily care of existing District facilities, let alone additional amenities is problematic. Long-range maintenance of new parks in the Sunrise/Douglas area should be secure because of special assessment districts established for each new development.

The District is considering its options for funding maintenance in the existing under financed residential areas of the District.

## Whisperings Around Lincoln Village

**SMUD's Graffiti Hotline:** If you needed further proof as to how cityhood has been good to LV, consider how the City handled graffiti on local SMUD power boxes. Although they're easy targets for "tagging," a call to City Hall revealed contact information for SMUD's Graffiti Hotline: 732-6043. Within a week, most of the tagging had been removed, and life in LV continued on, unabated by the wayward aspirations of vandals. Contact us if you have similar contacts to share. Let's work together to keep LV clean and safe for our residents!



**Changes at Village East:** One of our local apartments is getting a facelift! GALA Construction and Capital Valley Investments are purchasing the 113-unit facility located along Lincoln Village Drive. The deal will close sometime in August, and was made possible by a grant from Sacramento Housing, which requires that the apartments stay affordable for 55 years. Plans call for a new exterior, and replacement of carpet and some cabinets. Village East will also house a computer lab and programs to benefit their residents. We'll keep you informed as this moves ahead!