



# LGCA Bulletin

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## WiFi Hotspot at the Clubhouse!!

We would like to announce that we have successfully set up a TimeWarner Cable (TWC) HotSpot at the clubhouse!

TWC customers get **unlimited** access to WiFi while at the clubhouse and guests get one hour free per day.

If you are a TWC customer, you would just need to search for available hot spots with your device, select the TWCWiFi network, Open your browser, and then just follow the sign in prompts.

If you are an LGCA member who is **not** a TWC customer, you will sign in as a "guest" for the one hour free access per day. Perfect for checking your email or browsing online while you are at the pool!  
(Members will be sent a new WiFi password every year.)

## Retaining Wall Project

Thanks to volunteers from Lakewood Gardens and Lakewood Aquatics we have a new retaining wall along the Lakewood Blvd portion of the LGCA Clubhouse property!

The project was headed up by Joe Martinez who designed and laid out the first row of blocks. The rest of the volunteers included Chris Martinez, Daniel Cordero, Sam Rushing, Jeff Martin, Mario Andrade, Steve Medina, Enzo Bauk, Ron Birge, Darren Jue, Brian Nellermeoe, Ari Pe, Joey Villahermosa and Laura Havlik. Thank you all for your support!

The drip irrigation system and landscape design will begin in the next few weeks. We intend to use drought-resistant plants, including California Native plants, to keep in line with our current water restrictions and City of Lakewood guidelines. Garibaldo's Nursery (our partner and next door neighbor) will be a valuable resource in our landscape designs.

## Upcoming Events

**Fri, May 15<sup>th</sup>:**

**Movie Night!** Featured presentation: "**Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles**" (Doors open at 6:30pm, Movie begins at 7pm.) Popcorn and beverage provided. Bring a snack to share!

## Don't forget to keep current with your Membership Dues!

**Membership Benefits:** \*Heated pool \*Clubhouse Rental \*WiFi Hotspot \*Monthly Movie Nights

\*Discounted swim lessons with our new partner Lakewood Aquatics \*10% Discount at LGCA Fireworks Stand

Contact Tiffany Rodriguez (562) 754-4715 for the status of your membership

Fireworks Pre-Season:  
\$20 SCRIP tickets are on sale now! Check out the website for more information!!  
[www.lgca.info](http://www.lgca.info)



## Fireworks SCRIP Tickets on Sale Now!

We are happy to announce that our Fireworks Pre-Season has officially begun! We will be offering SCRIP tickets (\$20 donation) that can be redeemed at the LGCA Fireworks Stand located at 5386 Cherry Ave, Lakewood, CA 90712 (in the parking lot of the El Pollo Loco, corner of Cherry Ave & Market St/Candlewood.) If you'd like to purchase Fireworks Stand SCRIP tickets, please contact any Board Member. We will also be going door-to-door in the upcoming weeks selling tickets. Make checks payable to "LGCA."  
We will be having a contest for **anyone** wishing to participate by selling SCRIP Tickets! Sell tickets – Win Prizes! Let us know you want to sell tickets, pick up your assigned tickets, and start selling to family, friends, and neighbors! There is no age requirement to sell SCRIP tickets!

Prizes TBD—we'll send out a flyer with more information.

## Fireworks Stand Online Sign-Ups Available

In order to make it more convenient and efficient, we have decided to use SignUpGenius.com to help us coordinate the volunteer shift sign-up sheets this year!

You may click on the Fireworks Stand signup link found on the new FIREWORKS STAND tab on the LGCA website ([www.lgca.info](http://www.lgca.info)) or by typing in the following: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A48ADAC2DA0F49-lgca>

We will be having a **Volunteer Orientation & Potluck** in June at the clubhouse for those wanting to help or to get more information. Please RSVP by calling Laura Havlik (626) 675-3097 if you would like to be included but haven't signed up for a shift yet.

We are currently planning for this year's Fireworks Stand—our biggest fundraiser of the year! We'd love to have any interested volunteers help with the Fireworks Booth (you don't have to be a member if you'd like to help.)

Proceeds from the Fireworks Stand will go toward the repair and beautification of the LGCA Clubhouse! Imagine the small hall becoming a Member's Lounge with cozy seating, books, and board games! Envision the large hall transforming into a fun, family-friendly game room complete with ping pong table, foosball, and other game room amenities. Visualize the pool deck with the addition of tables & chairs, umbrellas and chaise lounges for your year-round enjoyment when you come to swim in our heated pool!

You can help us make this a reality by signing up for one or more shifts at this year's LGCA Fireworks Stand!

**Be a part of the clubhouse transformation and revitalization!!**

**SIGN UP FOR ONE OR MORE SHIFTS TODAY!!**



*"I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the whole community and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can. I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work the more I live."*

*-George Bernard Shaw*

### Block Sale Schedule

**Oliva Ave = Sat, June 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Pimenta, Lakewood Blvd, & Andy St = Sat, Oct 10<sup>th</sup>**

Interested in participating? Call Blair Newman at 562-822-6532 or email [LakewoodBlockSale@gmail.com](mailto:LakewoodBlockSale@gmail.com) (Include your Name, address, e-mail & Phone #)

### Upcoming Clubhouse Rentals:

May 9: LGCA Craft Fair  
May 16: Rodarte Rental  
May 23: Hernandez Rental  
May 24: Thompson Rental  
May 30: Granados Rental  
May 31: Ocean Rental

**Interested in renting the clubhouse for your next event or party? Call Juan Gutierrez 213-703-9568 or email [Rentals4LGCA@gmail.com](mailto:Rentals4LGCA@gmail.com)**



## Having a Garage/Yard Sale?

Have you been considering having a Yard Sale? If so, just give me a call with the date and time of your Sale and I will put the signs up for you.

Do you know the value of your Home in today's Real Estate Market?  
Call NOW for a FREE Property Valuation

**Jerry Cimino - 562-822-4288**

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## Proposition 90

Proposition 90 is an initiative that enables homeowners 55 years or older to transfer the base year value of their principal residence in one county to a newly purchased residence in another county provided that certain requirements are met.

Prop. 90 allows homeowners 55 years or older to move closer to family, medical services or to downsize in an effort to reduce expenses. Without Prop 90's protection, these homeowners would have been locked-in to their previous residences due to the significant property tax increase incurred in moving.

To qualify for the program, applicants and properties must meet certain requirements per the [California Board of Equalization](#). Some of these requirements are provided below:

The homeowner or a spouse residing with the homeowner must have been at least 55 years of age when the original property was sold.

The replacement property must be a principal residence and must be eligible for the homeowners' exemption or disabled veterans' exemption.

The replacement property must be of equal or lesser "current market value" than the original property.

The replacement property must be purchased or built within two years (before or after) of the sale of the original property.

To receive retroactive relief from the date of transfer, you must file your claim within three years following the purchase date or new construction completion date of the replacement property.

Your original property must have been eligible for the homeowners' or disabled veterans' exemption either at the time it was sold or within two years of the purchase or construction of the replacement property.

For Homeowners living in LA or Orange County, the replacement property must be located in either LA or Orange County.

**This is a one-time only benefit.**

**Feel free to contact me for more information regarding Prop 90 or any of your Real Estate Needs**

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## Lakewood Gardens Business Owners

Do you live in "The Gardens" and own a Business? If so just send a brief Bio of yourself with information about your business and we will highlight you in future Bulletins .. Just another way of reaching out and supporting our neighborhood.

Email info to: [BulletinLGCA@gmail.com](mailto:BulletinLGCA@gmail.com)

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Check out our LGCA Website!

<http://www.lgca.info>

Join our Facebook group:

**Lakewood Gardens**

And Facebook page:

**Lakewood Gardens Neighbors**

## *From the President*

Your LGCA Board is working hard to bring back The Clubhouse to its original glory!

I found a wonderful quote on volunteerism by Robert Orben: ***“Here’s to all volunteers, those dedicated people who believe in all work and no pay.”*** I’m so grateful for all of the volunteers who have shown their support this year! You have made a difference!

We still have so much to accomplish, and it just gets better and better. I’d like to report that the water fountain is fixed! And the main drains have been cleared thanks to the generosity of Hagen Plumbing!

We have WiFi for our members and guests to enjoy! The access control key card system has taken a little longer than anticipated to get going, but it shouldn’t be much longer to have it installed and key cards distributed to all members.

Stop by our Annual Fireworks Booth. If you can’t volunteer but would still like to support us, why not come by and be a customer! **LGCA members get 10% discount** when you show your membership card! Our stand will be located in the El Pollo Loco parking lot at the corner of Cherry Ave & Candlewood/Market St. Fireworks for sale from July 1 –July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Stop by and say Hi!

## **Tip of the Month**

May is Bicycle Safety Month. which reminds us that bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as automobile drivers and are required to obey the same rules of the road. Motorists must allow at least three feet of clearance when passing a bicyclist, only drive in the bike lane when preparing to make a turn within 200 feet from an intersection and look carefully for bicyclists before opening doors next to moving traffic. Bicyclists must ride in the same direction as traffic, stop at stop signs and signals, have reflectors and lighting equipment if used at night and be visible at all times. Remember that it’s the law for children under the age of 18 to wear a helmet when riding a bicycle, scooter, skateboard or skates.

-Submitted by: Mike Garot, your Neighborhood Watch Captain