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Summer Swim Opening Day – June 15th

Our Summer Swim session will officially begin on Monday, June 15, 2015 at Noon. Lifeguards will be on duty from Noon – 4:00pm Monday through Friday (courtesy of the Lakewood Aquatics.)

Need to sign up for Swim Lessons?

Check out our LGCA website www.lgca.info or the Lakewood Aquatics website www.lakewoodaquatics.org for more information.

New Security System and Card Keys at the Clubhouse

If you have driven by the clubhouse recently you will notice that we have installed new storefront doors and a key card access control system. Now our members will have the convenience of heading to the clubhouse for a swim in our *heated* pool without having to find a board member for a key. Additionally, we have installed a new security and video surveillance system to help keep our member families safe when visiting the clubhouse. **Access key cards were distributed to members at the Member Orientation event on Sat, June 6th.**

"We would like to thank all of the members who attended the Member Orientation. We had a great exchange of information between our presenters and members, with lots of great questions being asked & answered. Lakewood Aquatics also sent a representative to discuss the upcoming Summer swim lesson, water aerobics, and "Mommy & Me" classes we will be having in the pool. More details to follow in the website when we receive the updated schedule. We will also post this Pool Activities schedule on the bulletin board by the pool. For our members who were not able to attend the orientation and would like to pick up & sign for their key card, we will have them available for pick up on **Tuesday, June 16th from 7 pm to 8:30 pm**. Members must pick up their cards in person. If you would like to pick them up on a different date, please contact Laura Havlik at 626-675-3097."

Upcoming Events

Fri, June 19th:

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

Fri, June 26th: Fireworks Volunteer's Orientation & Potluck 6:30pm

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

Membership Benefits: *Heated pool *Secure Building *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



Check out and Join our
NEW Facebook Group:
**"Lakewood Gardens
Civic Association
Fireworks"**



*"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

Fireworks SCRIP Tickets Contest!

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!

Our goal is to drive as many sales to our Fireworks Stand as possible! The more revenue we can generate the more improvements we can make to the clubhouse.

PRIZES: 1st Place: Amazon Kindle Fire 7" 8GB
 2nd Place: Razor Scooter with Helmet
 3rd Place: \$25 Gift card to Game Stop

For every **5 SCRIP tickets sold**, the participant will be entered into a raffle! Kid's Raffle Prize: "Perfect Show" fireworks combo pack (\$99.99 Value), Adult's Raffle Prize: Free Clubhouse Rental!!

Call Laura (626) 675-3097 or email PresidentLGCA@gmail.com if you want to participate.

Fireworks Stand Online Sign-Ups Available

We rely on our member volunteers to keep the clubhouse up and running. And that includes needing all of your support with this year's Firework Stand!

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

Join us for a Volunteer Orientation & Potluck on June 26th @ 6:30 pm at the clubhouse. We'll be watching TNT Fireworks training videos and practicing our sales training to help make this the most profitable year ever! Bring a favorite dish, side dish and/or dessert & come on down!

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!

For more information call Laura Havlik (626) 675-3097
Be a part of the clubhouse transformation and revitalization!!

SIGN UP FOR ONE OR MORE SHIFTS TODAY!!

Block Sale Schedule

Oliva Ave = Sat, June 13th

Pimenta, Lakewood Blvd, & Andy St = Sat, Oct 10th

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

Upcoming Clubhouse Rentals:

June 12 & 13: Magallanes Rental

June 14: Rushing Rental

June 19: LGCA Movie Night

June 20: Cordero Rental

June 21: Valenzuela Rental

June 26: LGCA Fireworks Volunteer Orientation

June 27: Molioo Rental

June 28: Rodriguez Renta

Interested in renting the clubhouse for your next event or party?

Call Juan Gutierrez 213-703-9568 or email

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?
Just give me a call for a FREE Property Valuation

Jerry Cimino - 562-822-4288

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The Advantages of Downsizing when you Retire

The Obvious Ones:

Less upkeep; Lower utilities; Less cleaning; Less junk in the garage; Lower expenses means more cash on hand

The Main Reasons:

Comfort Zone vs Retirement Dream; Upgraded home; Closer to grandkids;

Property Tax advantage in CA (Prop 60/90 transfer your current tax base to your new home if equal or lesser value)

*No mortgage payment

Possibly more cash on hand after sale depending if you have a current mortgage that needs to be paid off and proceeds are just enough for a down-payment on new property.

*If you don't think you have enough funds to purchase your retirement dream home with NO mortgage payment take a look at the HECM for Purchase loan aka Reverse Mortgage for Purchase. The program is insured by the government, you remain on Title, there can be equity to leave as an inheritance and much more. If used properly a Reverse Mortgage can be the most versatile financial product in your toolbox!

Call Jerry to obtain the value of your home, and Julie to determine the amount you qualify for. Live in the community you love to visit!

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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.

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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

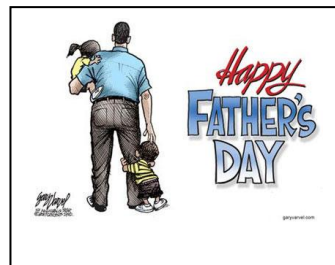
From the President

I am thrilled that the new doors with the key card access control system have been installed! What a huge difference this will make for our members! If you haven't already noticed, we are in the process of a major transformation of the clubhouse. We're working very hard to offer **value** for the LGCA membership dues you pay every year. And in exchange we need **member support** in the form of **volunteerism** to run our fundraising events (dinners, fireworks stand, raffles, contests), help with maintenance projects (digging trenches, building walls, painting, plumbing, electrical, carpentry, etc.), and **financial support** (buying tickets to our fundraising events even if you can't attend, buying fireworks from our stand, purchasing SCRIP tickets), and making **donations** of money, books, games, and anything else we can use to furnish the clubhouse to make it a really fun place for our member resident-families to enjoy.

This is a really exciting time for the clubhouse so if you haven't joined yet, now is the time!

I'm very happy to say that I am PROUD to be an LGCA Member!

Wishing you and your family a ...



Tip of the Month

During the hot summer months, it may be tempting to leave doors and windows open to help cool the house down, but this can be inviting to a burglar. If you plan on being away from your home, never leave your front door open, even if you have a security screen. It only takes a few minutes for a burglar to realize you are not home and try to force your door open. Never leave windows open when you are away from home and use a locking device to secure them from being opened. In addition to the factory installed window lock, inexpensive commercially available locking devices can be purchased to place in, or on, the window frame to secure windows.

-Submitted by: Mike Garot, your Neighborhood Watch Captain