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Life Guard is on Duty

Our Summer Swim session is officially underway. Lifeguards will be on duty from 12:00pm – 4:00pm Monday through Friday (courtesy of Lakewood Aquatics). Stop by and enjoy our beautiful pool. Not a member, yet? Visit our website at www.lgca.info and sign up.

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.

Clubhouse Hours

The Clubhouse and Pool hours are 7:00am to 10:00pm daily. **Please vacate the pool and clubhouse by 10pm.** (Members & guests have been staying way past the closing time at the pool.)

Swim Lessons are from 4:30pm – 7:00pm Mon – Thurs, and from 6:00pm – 7:00pm on Fridays. Members may **not** use the pool when swim lessons are in session.

On weekends when the Clubhouse is rented, members may still use the pool **until 3:00pm.**

Clubhouse Access Cards - Update

Members who do not have their access cards can get them from Membership Promotion Chair Natascha Martin 562-440-2110.

We will be installing a wireless doorbell that will ring in the large hall during rentals when guests need to be let into the clubhouse for your event.

June was our first month with the access key cards and we ask that our members remember to follow the Clubhouse & Pool Rules in order to avoid having their access suspended for rule violations.

We worked very hard to be able to move away from having members seek out board members for keys to the clubhouse—please don't violate the clubhouse rules and force us to return to the old system.

We do have video surveillance which can be reviewed should any violation be brought to our attention. Thank you so much for your cooperation!

Upcoming Events

Fri, July 17th: **Movie Night!** Featured presentation: "Finding Nemo" (Doors open at 6:30pm, Movie begins at 7pm.) Popcorn and beverage provided. Bring a snack to share!

Sat, Aug 29th: **"Meet Your Neighbors & Chili Potluck"** 11:00am - 4:00pm. Chili Potluck and Root Beer Floats.
FREE Event .. Open to ALL.

Sat, Oct 10th: **Cardboard Challenge ... Sat, Oct 31st:** **Halloween Costume Parade & Party**

**Don't Forget to Keep
Current with
Your Membership Dues**

Membership Benefits:

- *Heated pool
- *Secure Building
- *Clubhouse Rental
- *WiFi Hotspot
- *Key Card Access
- *Monthly Movie Nights
- *Discounted swim lessons with our new partner Lakewood Aquatics
- *10% Discount at Garibaldo's Nursery

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



*Creating regular
opportunities to get to
know your neighbor is the
best way to live in a safe,
healthy, and fun
neighborhood.*

-taken from We Love Long Beach

The LGCA Fireworks Stand was a Blast!!

We are excited to announce that this year's Fireworks Stand has exceeded last year's sales by \$5,000!

We are a new group running the Fireworks Stand this year, but with the help of Lakewood Aquatics volunteers, we were able to make all of the sales shifts happen. We didn't have as many LGCA members volunteer this year as we'd hoped. We are looking into making some changes next year so that we have better member participation.

Our thanks to Beth & Byron Sheesley, Juan & Carlos Gutierrez and Rich Gable for helping with the set-up of the stand.

Thank you to all of the Lakewood Gardens residents, members & friends who volunteered for shifts: Sam Rushing, Sherri Huff, Damaris Peredia, Natascha & Jeff Martin, Tiffany Rodriguez, Jerry Cimino, Diane Norrbom, Kailah Jenkins, Juan Magallanes, Fatima Gutierrez, Bob Havlik, Darlene Saragosa, Jenna Stewart, Alex Garcia, Crystal Sheesley, Daniel Cordero, Vonya McCoy-Pollard, Karen Sinclair, Tony Sanchez, Corrine Gutierrez, Bill Helms, Maximo Garcia and Timothy Jones.

Thanks also to the volunteers from Lakewood Aquatics:

Maria & Jose DeLoera, Mike Calderon, Maria & Araceli Cordova, Enrique Navarro, Jane & Romeo Genilo, Patricia Ureta, Maria Alfaro and Jana & Scott McGill.

Special Thanks to LGCA Secretary David Rosales who was there every day from opening to closing along with President Laura Havlik.

Fireworks SCRIP Ticket Contest Winners!

We are pleased to announce the winners of the SCRIP Ticket contest!

1st Place: Amazon Kindle Fire 7" 8GB was won by **Roan & Roque Gutierrez**

2nd Place: Razor Scooter with Helmet was won by the **Blodgett family**

The Raffle was won by the **Gutierrez Family** who will decide between a "Perfect Show" fireworks combo pack or a FREE LGCA Clubhouse Rental.

Donations Wanted

Do you have any items you wish to donate to the LGCA Clubhouse, such as books, games, puzzles, pool toys, chaise lounges, patio furniture, etc.?

We'd love to stop by and pick it up!

Anything you donate will help improve the clubhouse for our members and make it a fun place to hang out with our families!

(Let a Board member know if you are interested)

Block Sale Schedule

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

Upcoming Clubhouse Rentals:

July 18: Zuniga Rental

July 19: Peredia Rental

July 25: Cambell Rental

July 26: Kirk Rental

**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.

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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

Save the Date !

Saturday, August 29, 2015

Come One, Come All! All of Lakewood Gardens is invited.

Put on your swim gear, or just wear something comfortable .. Bring the Kids
Hop on your Skate Board .. Ride your Bike .. Put on your Roller Skates - Pull the kids in their wagon or just Walk on
Down to The Clubhouse (corner of Lakewood Blvd and Ashworth)

Eat, Visit, Swim and Meet your Neighbors!

No Cost to Attend .. but Feel Free to bring some Home Made Chile or some munchies to share.

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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

We made it through our 4th of July Fireworks Stand sales week! It was a lot of work and took a lot of planning, but those of you who participated and supported us really made a difference. And for that I am very grateful to you all.

A lot of members may not realize that we exist from our membership dues and rental fees to pay our annual expenses. We are a 501(c)4 non-profit and get our funds through dues and private sources, instead of from grants and foundations that 501(c)3 non-profits do.

The Fireworks Stand has been subsidizing the clubhouse for many years, and yet hardly any members volunteered to work shifts or to help with any of our other fundraisers we hold throughout the year.

The Board of Directors is trying to do what is best for the long run of this Association. We want the LGCA to be financially strong and have enough member participation to keep it going for many years to come.

In order to accomplish this & meet our financial responsibilities, we are exploring the possibility of increasing dues and clubhouse rental rates, with tiered discounts given for members contributing volunteer service hours per year. Several other schools & organizations have successfully used this method to get volunteers for their fundraising events and we hope that this will work for our Association as well.

Nothing has been decided yet, but I wanted to let you all know that it is being considered. I hope you all understand that our intentions are for the good of the whole Association and not for short-term gains.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful & happy summer!

Tip of the Month

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the top two months for vehicle thefts are July and August and 40-50% of vehicle theft is due to driver error. To prevent being the victim of this crime:

Always close and lock all windows and doors when you park.

Park in well-lit areas whenever possible.

Don't ever leave valuables, including identification, in your vehicle.

Do not leave your vehicle running while unattended, even in your driveway.

-Submitted by: Mike Garot, your Neighborhood Watch Captain

