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LGCA Bulletin

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New LGCA Website

The new LGCA website is fully functional now and I invite all of you to check it out! Renew your membership or Join as a new member online!

You can check the Blog entries for up-to-date information on the Clubhouse Restoration & Beautification Project. (Rendition drawings of the Clubhouse restoration will also be available for viewing on the website.)

Clubhouse Beautification Project

Changes are happening! The LGCA Board has made an agreement to work in conjunction with our neighbor, Garibaldo's Nursery, to beautify the landscaping along Lakewood Blvd, and in front of the LGCA Clubhouse on Ashworth Street. In exchange, LGCA will allow Garibaldo's to expand their plant growing area into the empty, back lot of the clubhouse. Bringing plants into the back lot will also add to the beautification process as well as adding a "walking garden" area for members who wish to browse through the nursery during their hours of operation. Check the LGCA blog for information as it occurs. www.lgca.info

LGCA Pool is Open!! Swim Lessons Available

The Lifeguard will be on duty 12pm-4pm. Monday thru Friday. (Open Swim)

Please note: You must get a key from a Board Member before Noon or after 4pm Mon-Fri during Family Swim time.

During Open Swim, children must have a *Free Swim waiver* on file and pass the swim test to stay on

premises without parent or adult.

Download the Waiver at the website **www.lgca.info**. Swim Lessons will also be offered through

LGCA.
Classes and Sessions
will be available soon.
(Check the website to
download an
application

www.lgca.info.)

Need to hire a private lifeguard for a pool party?

Contact Lily (562) 595-3156 or Joe (562) 618-9130 for pricing and more info.



Having a Party? Rent the LGCA Clubhouse for your next event!

The LGCA Clubhouse is available for rental for only \$100 to LGCA members in good standing (i.e. current on membership dues). You will have access to the large hall (which includes a refrigerator and bar area), the smaller hall (which includes a kitchen-including stove, microwave, sink, and refrigerator), and the swimming pool.

Contact Rental Chairperson, **Chris Martinez**, at **(562) 715-1931** for more information regarding availability. For Rental Rules, check the website **www.lgca.info**.

Not a member? Why not join today to take advantage of this great member benefit!!

Summer Sponsorship Program

Don't forget about our **Summer Sponsorship program** available to offer your friends and family.

Summer Sponsorships are available for the months of July and August at \$30 per month per family.

Members are allowed to Sponsor families <u>outside</u> Lakewood Gardens to enjoy our pool and lifeguard during the hours of 12pm-4pm, Monday through Friday.

ALL LGCA Pool Rules and regulations apply.

Please download the application at <u>www.lgca.info</u> for further details or call Carrie Ahrens @ 562/634-3839 for additional information.

Los Angeles Sheriff's Dept Phone Scam

The Lakewood Sheriff's Station advises that phone calls are being made by individuals who are representing themselves as Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept employees. The caller usually tells the person that there has been a warrant issued for their arrest for failure to appear for jury duty. The caller will tell the victim that they have to pay a sum of money or deputies will come and arrest them. The caller will instruct the victim to get a money order, conduct a wire transfer, or buy a gift card (usually Green Dot) and send it to "pay the fine." (Continued on pg 4)



"You can always tell a real friend: when you've made a fool of yourself he doesn't feel you've done a permanent job". Laurence J. Peter



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.

... and by the way, I am never too busy for your Real Estate Needs"

Jerry Cimino - 562-822-4288

"Your Lakewood Gardens Neighbor and Realtor"

Upcoming Events

Sat, Aug 2nd: Casino Night at the Club House! Available for attendees 18 & older.

We will be having a James Bond "Casino Royale" theme for the party. (Guests should come dressed in semi-formal/cocktail attire.)

Games tables will include Blackjack, Roulette, and Craps.

Hors d'oeuvres & "funny money" are included in the ticket price.

Beer, wine, and our signature beverage (Vodka Martini) will be available for a \$3 donation. (Must bring valid ID to show you are 21 yrs of age or older.)

Tickets are \$25 per person.

50/50 Drawings held

throughout the night!

Turn in your chips for tickets to win fabulous prizes!!

Prizes include:

*One year paid membership to LGCA (winner need not be present to win)

*Four (4) tickets to the 9/9/14 Dodgers vs. Padres game with VIP parking

*Family portrait session with \$100 voucher toward prints

*Therapeutic massage session

*Many other prizes!!

Make this a Date Night to remember!!

Place your name on the list to reserve your tickets now! Only 100 tickets will be sold for this event!

Contact Jerry Cimino

or any Board member for tickets or more information.

Sun, Sept 7th:
National
Grandparent's Day
Pancake Breakfast.
8am – 11 am

Kids (5 & under): FREE Kids (6 & up), Adults, & Seniors: \$5

Sun, Oct 26th:
Halloween Costume
Parade & Party 2pm –
6pm at the Club
House.

Sun, Nov 9th: Veteran's Day Pancake Breakfast 8am – 11am Don't forget to keep current with your membership dues!

Keeping your membership in good standing allows you to use the pool and to rent the clubhouse for the discounted member rate!

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

"The glory of friendship is not the outstretched hand, not the kindly smile, nor the joy of companionship; it is the spiritual inspiration that comes to one when you discover that someone else believes in you and is willing to trust you with a friendship" – Ralph Waldo Emerson

Los Angeles Sheriff's Dept Phone Scam (con't from pg 2)

Government agencies, including the Sheriff's Department, will never call and solicit money for fines or warrant information, ask you to get a money order, gift card, wire transfer, or show up at your home to collect a payment for a warrant. Never give your personal information to anyone ver the phone and do not give callers information about your bank account, PIN numbers, Social Security number or any type of identifying information.

Phone scam thieves are just that; thieves. They will try and trick you into giving them money and information. If you receive a call, protect yourself and your information and do not send money. Always verify who the caller truly is; do not use a phone number they provide you as verification. Usually numbers provided by the thief will go to a voice mail recording/message. Call the Lakewood Sheriff Station at 562-623-3500 to verify any solicitation and if you have send money or believe that you are a victim of a crime, please call the Lakewood Sheriff Station to report the incident.

(Article provided by Mike Garot, Neighborhood Watch Block Captain.)



From Hayter to Lakewood, Ashworth to South, The Livingston Group has you Covered.

Do you know the value of your home?

- were \$408,173.

 3/1 homes in Lakewood Gardens in 2014 are selling for \$440,000
- That's a \$31,827 increase in value for homes in Lakewood Gardens.

Don't miss the boat!

Home values have risen significantly, underwater may now be in the clear. Call now for a FREE Property Valuation to find out how much your home is worth today!

Your Lakewood Gardens Realtors

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Check our new Website! See us at:

http://www.lgca.info

Join our Facebook group:
Lakewood Gardens

And Facebook page: **Lakewood Gardens Neighbors**

From the Editor

I'm so happy with the recent changes that are being made with the LGCA Clubhouse! We are beginning the restoration of the building and landscaping—starting with the project with Garibaldo's Nursery. The front and side of the clubhouse will have new plants put in and maintained by Garibaldo's Nursery that will bring new life to the building and grounds.

The flagpole has been recently sanded and painted by the hard-working work crew of: Chris Martinez, Daniel Cordero Jr, and his son Vincent, Tom Valenzuela & his son Phillip, and Chris Glagovich. Thank you so much for all of your hard work! The flagpole looks great!

Other work crews have repaired the screens on all of the windows, and fixed the folding tables used for events.

I have a project in mind to build chaise lounges to line around the pool area—and am excited about getting started.

I would like to invite any volunteers who would like to help us continue to repair and restore the clubhouse to contact Daniel Cordero Jr. at (562) 256-5827 or myself (Laura) at (626) 675-3097.

So if you have any painting, carpentry, electrical, masonry, or other skills, we'd love to have you join us! Or if you'd just like to help and perhaps learn a new skill, please let us know. We could always use a helping hand.

Have a safe and happy summer!!

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