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Save the Date !

"Meet Your Neighbors & Pool Party"

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 Goodies or some Munchies to share.

Clubhouse Hours

The Clubhouse and Pool hours are 7:00am to 10:00pm daily. **Please vacate the pool and clubhouse by 10pm.**

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.**

Check out our Website for the August 2015 Pool Schedule

For your convenience, a doorbell has been added to the clubhouse so that your guests can alert you to their presence during rentals. The doorbell is located underneath the mailbox and rings loudly in the large hall.

Note: If you are the last person to leave the clubhouse, please close & lock all windows and doors and turn off all lights. Thank you!

If you notice something that is broken or needs to be restocked, please notify Clubhouse Maintenance Damaris Peredia at 562-881-7316.

Keep Your Clubhouse Clean

When visiting the clubhouse, please be sure to remove any litter and dispose of any food containers, beverage containers, and chewing gum & sunflower seed shells in the garbage cans.

Keeping your clubhouse clean not only looks and feels better for members to use, but also ensure your participation in the revitalization of this historic Clubhouse!

All members should have special pride in the clubhouse grounds to protect the property for our families to use and enjoy.

**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

Member Lounge Redecoration

We are beginning the redecoration of the "Member Lounge" (formerly known as "the small hall") at the clubhouse. A beach theme with blues, whites, and yellows will give the Member Lounge an open, inviting feel when you come down to enjoy some family time at the clubhouse with the kids.

Some of the decorating ideas that we have are:

- Reupholster the benches with fabric and a padded backrest
- Add a dining table and chairs
- Add armchairs by the fireplace with decorative pillows
- Add bookcases filled with books to share (reading library)
- Add games & puzzles for the family to share
- Add couches and coffee table around benches for additional seating area
- Add plants, lamps, artwork and Knick knacks
- Add fireplace mantle
- Take down the old trophy cases (all trophies and plaques will be carefully wrapped and stored away until such time as we revive the now-defunct clubs.)
- Suggestion Box for ideas on how we can make things better

If anyone is interested in helping with this project or if you have items you wish to donate to the restoration and redecoration project, please let a board member know!



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

Upcoming Clubhouse Rentals (August):

- Aug 8: Molio'o Rental
- Aug 9: Gutierrez Rental
- Aug 15: Reynoso Rental
- Aug 16: Partida Rental
- Aug 22: Zuniga Rental
- Aug 23: Cunningham Rental
- Aug 29: Meet Your Neighbor & Pool Party

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

Block Sale Schedule:

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

Upcoming Events

Fri, Aug 21st: Movie Night! Featured presentation: "Home" (Doors open at 6:30pm, Movie begins at 7pm.) Popcorn and beverage provided. Bring a snack to share!

Sat, Aug 29th: "Meet Your Neighbors " 11am - 4pm. Social, Potluck, Pool Party. **FREE Event** .. Open to ALL.

Sat, Oct 10th: Cardboard Challenge 10am - 2pm

Sat, Oct 31st: Halloween Costume Parade & Party

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

"Your Lakewood Gardens Neighbor and Realtor"

Do you know the Value of your home?

The average sale for a 3bed 1bath home in Lakewood Gardens in 2013 was \$408,173.
3bed 1bath homes in 2014 averaged \$440,000.
3bed 1bath homes are currently averaging 479,000!

That is an increase of \$70,827 in just 2 years.

Don't miss the boat .. Home values have risen significantly, and those who were previously underwater may now be in the clear.

Contact Jerry now for a Free Property Valuation of your home and any of your Real Estate questions.

Contact Julie for a quick Pre-Approval application for Buyers.

Contact us TODAY!

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Reasons to Call the Sheriff's

There are times where you may see something in your neighborhood that you know just isn't right. Crime cannot be controlled or prevented if it is not reported. The next time you notice something unusual, call the Lakewood Sheriff's Station **non-emergency phone number at 623-3500**.

Reasons to call this number include but are not limited to the following:

You have questions about something occurring in your neighborhood, and you are not sure it is criminal activity.

To report a non-emergency crime, one that is not in progress, and the suspect(s) are not in the immediate area.

You are suspicious of a solicitor that just came to your door or is in the neighborhood.

People you don't recognize are walking your block with no obvious direction or purpose.

Unfamiliar people peering into parked vehicles or removing vehicle accessories.

Parked, occupied vehicles at unusual hours, as well as abandoned vehicles.

Scavengers digging through trash and/or recycling bins.

Report all activity and call 9-1-1 for crimes in progress and medical emergencies. By reporting crimes and unusual or suspicious activities you can protect yourself and others.

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<http://www.lgca.info>

Join our Facebook group:

Lakewood Gardens

And Facebook page:

Lakewood Gardens Neighbors



From the President

I'm so excited to start the work on redecorating the Member Lounge! The colors and fabrics that were selected are gorgeous and we hope to get started on the painting pretty soon. (With the clubhouse being rented every weekend it makes it a little difficult to work on the room during the week.)

We already brought over a table & chairs, an armchair, and two book cases to start us off. A long-time member generously donated some games!

It is wonderful to stop by the Clubhouse and see it full of happy families swimming together! I used to come by to an empty clubhouse every day (before we had the access cards) so it is so nice to see life brought back to the pool deck!

The lifeguard is still on duty from Noon – 4pm Monday thru Friday, so your family is safe to swim while he/she is on duty. Minors can bring a max of 1 or 2 guests into the clubhouse (subject to how crowded the pool is.) Parents, please be aware that you are responsible for your child's (and their guest's) behavior while at the clubhouse and pool. Let's keep everyone happy and safe!

Hope to see you all at the next Movie Night to watch "Home" on Aug 21st at 6:30 pm and to the "Meet Your Neighbor & Pool Party" on Aug 29th from 11am – 4pm. I'd love to meet you all!

I post updates on the website's Blog, so if you want to read the most recent clubhouse news, please check it out!

Until then, have a Happy August!!

Tip of the Month

Vehicle burglaries most commonly result in the theft of small electronics, wallets, and purses. Cell phones and chargers, iPods, iPads and other tablets, and laptops are inviting to criminals who would burglarize a vehicle for much less. Always take these items with you or leave them at home. As a reminder, do not carry your social security card in your wallet. If your wallet is stolen and it contains your social security number and driver's license, a criminal has everything needed to steal your identity; your full name, date of birth, and social security number. To prevent being the victim of a vehicle burglary, do not leave valuables in your car, including in your center console or glove compartment, and raise your windows and lock ALL of your vehicle's doors, even if you plan to be gone for only a brief time.

-Submitted by: Mike Garot, your Neighborhood Watch Captain