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LGCA Bulletin

"Your Neighborhood Newsletter for over 60 Years"

Special Interest Articles:

- Fireworks Stand
- Pool Opening Day
- Summer Sponsorship Program

Fireworks Stand – Volunteers Needed

Our annual LGCA Fireworks stand is looking for volunteers to work the booth. We have many shifts available throughout the day/evening from July 1st thru July 4th.

The Fireworks booth is located at the corner of Market & Cherry in the parking lot of the El Pollo Loco in Long Beach.

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year

and we really need your help.

Funds generated from this fundraiser will go toward the beautification & repair of the LGCA clubhouse.

If you cannot work the booth this year, why not support us by purchasing your Safe and Sane fireworks from our booth?

We would really appreciate it!



"Doing nothing for others is the undoing of ourselves." Benjamin Franklin

LGCA Pool Opening Day – Monday, June 30th

The Pool will be open on June 30th!

The Lifeguard will be on duty 12pm-4pm. (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.)



"This is man's highest end, to others' service, all his powers to bend." Sophocles

Club House Rental Schedule -- July 2014

If you wish to rent the club house for a party or event, you must be a member in good standing (i.e. current with your dues.) **For Rentals, contact Chris Martinez at (562) 715-1931.**



The following is the Clubhouse Rental Schedule for July (**as of the date of the Bulletin printing**):

Sat 6/28: Guerrero Rental	Sun 7/13: Valenzuela Rental
Sun 6/29: Available	Sat 7/19: Peralta Rental
Sat 7/05: Available	Sun 7/20: Available
Sun 7/06: Available	Sat 7/26: Magallanes Rental
Sat 7/12: Havlik Rental	Sat 7/27: Raid Rental

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 **outside** 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 see application for further details or call Carrie Ahrens @ 562/634-3839 for additional information.

Tip of the Month

Don't become a victim of crime. When staying in a hotel, the most important thing to remember is don't let anyone into your room. Don't forget to lock the door and don't open the door to strangers. These tips can reduce your chances of becoming a victim: use the swimming metal security lock; make sure your door is shut and locked—even on quick trips to the ice machine; and use your peephole when someone knocks.

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

*"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

July 1st – July 4th: LGCA Fireworks Stand—Volunteers needed to work the firework stand. Please contact LGCA President Daniel Cordero at (562) 256-5827.

This is the biggest fundraiser of the year and we really need your support.

If you can't volunteer, why not support our efforts buy buying your fireworks at our booth? (Located at the corner of Market & Cherry—in the Pollo Loco parking lot.)

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 Poker, 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!!

Make this a Date Night to remember!!

Place your name on the list to reserve your tickets now! Space is limited!!

More details to follow.

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

Sat, Dec 20th: Project Shepard & Christmas Party at the Club House.

More details to follow.

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

Don't Blow It On July 4th

Don't use illegal fireworks and don't tolerate those who do. These are the rules we want residents and their guests to live by as we celebrate the Fourth of July. *Safe and Sane* firework booths are legal, but those bought in other states, over the internet or from any other source are illegal. Authorized *Safe and Sane* booths must contain the State of California Fire Marshall's seal; fireworks without this seal are illegal. The City and Sheriff's Department are making every effort possible to identify and contact anyone who has a history of unruly celebrations.

If you know of any person/residence with a history of non-compliance, please contact the **July 4th Tip Hotline at 866-9771 extension SAFE (7233)**. Please provide as much information available about the person, location, and violation. Your information can remain confidential.

Although, you can report unruly celebrations at any time, the sooner this information is received, the better. Deputies will make every effort to identify and contact those individuals not in compliance. We appreciate your assistance in making the 4th of July a safe and sane holiday!

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

Vacation Security Reminder

Summer provides a good opportunity to remind everyone how to reduce the chances of becoming a victim of crime while on vacation. Here are some helpful tips to keep you and your family safe.

Before leaving, secure your home:

- Never leave a key outside your home; even if it is hidden.
- Make your house appear lived in by using timers on lights and leaving radios on. Ask a neighbor to pick up newspapers, mail, and bring in trashcans while you are away.
- Sign up for the Vacation House Check Program by calling the Lakewood Sheriff's Station at 623-3500.

While on the road:

- Don't carry large amounts of cash.
- Be aware of your surroundings and never advertise your plans to strangers.
- If you get lost, find an open business and ask for directions.
- If older children go off separately, be sure they understand the importance of keeping track of time and returning promptly.
- Stick to well-lit main streets and public areas.

Remember, planning reduces your chance of becoming a victim of a crime. For additional information, contact the Crime Prevention Office at 866-9771 ext 2114. Or register for an upcoming **"Ultimate Guide to Protecting Your Home"** class at the Lakewood Sheriff's Community Safety Center.

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

Red & Blue Child Swimming Cards

Red & Blue Child Swimming Cards are also returning for child swimmers for use during *Open Swimming* time. For those of you who aren't aware of what these are, here is an explanation:

Red cards: Junior members 16 to 17 yrs of age. Members who have not previously had a blue card must pass a swimming test.

Blue cards: Children seven (7) years old and older who have passed a required swimming test.

Members *ineligible to hold cards:* Children under seven (7) and children seven & older who have *not* passed a swim test. Also children whose families have *not* signed up to Door Check are ineligible.

Red & Blue Child Swimming Cards will also be issued to each child of a member when:

- 1) The child has passed the swimming test conducted by our trained lifeguards at the beginning of the Summer Swim Season, and
- 2) The member's family has signed up to volunteer as a door checker for a specified period of time during the Summer Swim Season. Door checkers must be 18 years old or older and ***may not*** be in the pool during their duty. See Swimming Pool Chairperson, Sam Rushing, to sign-up.

Please note: Blue/Red cards will NOT be issued to any member's child who has not completed ***both*** of these requirements

Door Checkers Duties: Members volunteering to be Door Checkers will be responsible for each person's membership card against the current member roster. Members who do not bring their card must not be admitted and need to return home for their card.

Adult members who present their membership cards to the door checker will have it logged into the record, but may retain it in their possession.

Door Checkers will also collect Red and/or Blue Child Swimming Cards from child swimmers and keep them in the card file until the swimmers are ready to leave. No Exceptions!

If the Lifeguard and/or Door Checker has deemed it necessary to send a child home or to ban them from the pool, the swimmer will *not* receive their card back when they leave. The child's parent must meet with the Board to get the child reinstated and must agree to adhere to the Pool Rules.

OPEN SWIMMING: Lifeguard and door checkers are on duty

FAMILY SWIM: No lifeguard on duty. Adult Member must get a key from a Board Member or Block Captain and remain on the premises AT ALL TIMES. You must have your membership card with you

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Check our new Website!

See us at:

<http://www.lgca.info>

Join our Facebook group:

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And Facebook page:

Lakewood Gardens Neighbors

From the Editor

Summer is here and the Pool will be open on Monday, June 30th with a lifeguard on Duty from Noon – 4pm

The Ice Cream Social was a lot of fun! For those of you who couldn't make it, we plan on having this event every year. So come out and join us next time!

Our next event is Casino Night on August 2nd.

Tickets are \$25 per person and semi-formal/cocktail attire is required. Please contact Jerry Cimino for tickets and/or additional information at (562) 822-4288. Only 100 tickets will be sold for this event— don't be left out!

Have a safe and happy summer!!



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