



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2021!!!

We sincerely hope that 2021 is a wonderful year of health and happiness for you and your family. May our neighborhood community be safe from harm and our way of life be restored as soon as possible from this pandemic.

Annual Board Meeting & Elections

On **Sunday, January 17, 2021, at 2pm** we will hold the **Annual Meeting and Board Elections** for **four elected positions**: (1) President, (2) Vice-President, (3) Secretary, and (4) Treasurer and the many other positions it takes to run the clubhouse smoothly. An email with information on how to join the meeting has been sent to active Members earlier this month. **We ask that you strongly consider joining us as it takes a neighborhood to keep the clubhouse alive and running!** If you did not receive the email, please let us know by sending an email to presidentlgca@gmail.com

NOTE: Time Change for Pool Use During Rentals

Effective January 1, 2021, on days that the clubhouse is rented, Members may swim up to 2pm. This is a change from the current time of 4pm. Plan your day and be respectful of renters by leaving at 2pm.

COVID Updates

Continue to stay safe and healthy by following COVID-19 guidelines. Wear a mask and practice good hygiene. Avoid crowds as much as possible.

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LGCA HOT LINE (562) 443-4583 **WRITE & VISIT US** 4217 Ashworth Street, Lakewood, CA 90712

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN Project Shepherd.
While our collection was smaller this year, we are grateful for those who gave to support the community!

We would like to take this opportunity to **invite all current members** to attend our **Annual Membership Meeting on Sunday, January 17, 2021, at 2 p.m. virtually.**

If you would like to **serve on the board**, email **Info4LGCA@gmail.com**, or send written notification to **4217 Ashworth Avenue, Lakewood, 90712.**

Nominations will also be taken from members attending the General Meeting.

1. Executive Officers – To Be Elected

- A. President:** Presides at all meetings, has general supervision, direction, and control of the business and officers of the corporation.
- B. Vice President:** Shall perform the duties of the president in the absence or disability of the president. Works with Ways & Means to run the Fireworks Booth.
- C. Secretary:** Keeps and archives the meeting minutes, making corrections or amendments as required.
- D. Treasurer:** Keeps and maintains accurate accounts of the business transactions of the corporation, makes bank deposits, and disburses funds of the corporation.

2. Committee Chairs – To be Appointed

Clubhouse Rentals, Way & Means/Fundraisers, Membership Records, Membership Promotion, Bulletin Editor, Webmaster/Social Media, Entertainment/Events, Clubhouse Maintenance, Clubhouse Repairs, Pool Chair, I.T./Security

IMPORTANT: If you did not receive the email with instructions on joining the virtual election, let us know by sending an email to presidentlgca@gmail.com

2020 LGCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

PRESIDENT RAY JENKINS
VICE PRESIDENT RON UNDERHILL
SECRETARY FATIMA GUTIERREZ
TREASURER LAURA HAVLIK

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CLUBHOUSE RENTALS
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Neighborhood Ad:



Brand New Jewelry For Only \$5

Hi friends and neighbors! Do you love jewelry as much as I do? How about brand new jewelry for only \$5!?! I have a collection of Paparazzi jewelry for sale. Necklace sets (including earrings) bracelets, rings and earrings all for only \$5. If interested in taking a look at the collection, please reach out.

Tracy 714.642.7484.



My 2 cents...

Hi all! My name is Fatima, and I've lived in the neighborhood for about 15 years now. I've been on the LGCA Board for about 5 or 6 years, though not consecutively. It has been an interesting ride! You know how it goes: Sometimes the best of intentions don't turn out how you had planned. There were years where everything ran smoothly, and then other years where we had hard conversations about possibly shutting down the Clubhouse and what that would entail. But the teamwork we put in has helped keep the place open!

Overall though, I would not trade the time that I spent on the Board for anything. I got to meet my neighbors and enjoy a real gem of a Clubhouse with a huge swimming pool, in walking distance of my house! My children have gone to events there, Halloween, Christmas, Easter, St. Patrick's Day, and many others. As a family, we've celebrated birthdays, weddings, baseball team celebrations and just made good memories. And I think I've taught my children about the importance of volunteering in their community.

So, why am I writing this? Well, every year there seems to be less and less people involved. That means there is more and more work for a few overworked volunteers. What eventually happens is that people get burned out and they no longer want anything to do with any of the work! And to me, that is sad because we do have a real gem in the neighborhood. The Clubhouse is a meeting space, a pool, a place to make good memories and to enjoy each other's company. Where else can you live and pay so little for a place like that? We pay a minimal annual fee where most other places would charge that same price per month!

I don't know. Maybe the quarantine has got me sentimental as I write this, but I really don't want to have to shut down or sell or (to be honest) who knows what would happen if we would have to stop using the clubhouse as a community!?!?

So I am urging you to get involved and join us at the Board meeting. You might think you don't have time or it might be too much work. But the truth is, this may be the best time to join because the quarantine has limited our work in terms of events and fundraisers. Join me and you'll see that we do live in a cool neighborhood with good neighbors who become friends. I look forward to meeting you and volunteering with you! Thanks for taking the time to read this, as my husband tells me "there you go again, giving your 2 cents," LOL!

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3 Reasons To Be Optimistic In 2021

This year will be remembered for many reasons, and optimism is one thing that's been in short supply since the spring. We're experiencing a global pandemic, social unrest, an economic downturn, and natural disasters, just to name a few. The challenges brought on by the health crisis have also forced many homeowners to reevaluate their space and what they need in a home going into 2021. So, experts are forecasting that next year is one in which we can be optimistic about real estate for three key reasons.

1. The Economy Is Expected to Continue Improving... Tim Duy from the University of Oregon puts it this way, "There is nothing fundamentally 'broken' in the economy that needs to heal...there was no obvious financial bubble driving excessive activity in any one economic sector when the pandemic hit...With Covid-19 cases surging again, it is understandably hard to look optimistically to the other side of this winter...Don't let the near-term challenges distract from the economic stage being set for next four years."

2. Interest Rates Are Projected to Stay Low... In the latest projections from Freddie Mac, interest rates for a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage are expected to remain at or near 3% next year. These low rates will continue to make homes more affordable, driving demand for housing in 2021.

3. Future Home Sales Are Forecasted to Grow... While the economy improves and interest rates remain low, homes are also expected to continue appreciating as more people buy in the coming year. Danielle Hale, Chief Economist at realtor.com, says, "We expect home sales in 2021 to come in 7.0% above 2020 levels, following a more normal seasonal trend and building momentum through the spring and sustaining the pace in the second half of the year."

Bottom Line

Experts forecast that buyers and sellers are going to be active in 2021. If you've thought about selling your Lakewood Gardens home last year but have held off, now may be the time to take advantage of this market. Let's connect to take the first step toward your new home today and to see what is currently selling in the local Lakewood market.

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