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LGCA Annual Meeting and Board Elections

On January 17, 2016 the LGCA held it's Annual Meeting and Board Elections. The following positions were either filled on that day or appointed by the Board at a later time: President: Jenna Stewart; Vice-President (*currently open*); Secretary: Natascha Martin; Treasurer: Laura Havlik; Social Media (Bulletin Editor, Website, Facebook, and Membership Promotion): Jerry Cimino; Membership Records: Tiffany Rodriguez; Clubhouse Rentals: Damaris Peredia; Ways & Means: Andrea Messina; Entertainment: Fatima Gutierrez; Clubhouse Housekeeping: Kim Mousette; Clubhouse Maintenance: (*currently open*); Pool Chair / Lakewood Aquatics Liaison: Robert Casillas.

If anyone is interested in becoming a part of this very enthusiastic group of volunteers please contact President Jenna Stewart.

Now is the Time to Join LGCA

If you have never been a Member of LGCA now is the time to join .. Join the LGCA as a New Member between February 1 and March 4 and receive two Golden Tickets for the St. Patrick's Day celebration dinner!"

LGCA Members Only Superbowl Party!

Join us Sunday Feb 7, 2016 at 2:30pm (1 hour before kick-off)
Watch the Game on the Big Movie Screen at the LGCA Clubhouse.

It's a Potluck - So bring an Entree, Side Dish, or your Favorite Snack to Share!
Punch, Water and Soft Drinks will be provided --- B.Y.O.B.

(Members may bring guests as long as they do not reside in Lakewood Gardens) .. Not a member yet? This is a great time to join - you will be able to attend the Superbowl Party and receive two Free Golden Tickets for our St Patrick's Day Dinner .. You can join by going to www.LGCA.info and join on-line or contact Jerry Cimino for an application.

Your Access Key is your ticket in to the Clubhouse .. Don't forget to bring it!

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

Membership Benefits:

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

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

Splinters from The Board

A new LGCA flag has been hung outside of the clubhouse and we are currently at 95 members, according to our Membership Records chair. Multiple events have discussed for planning, including the upcoming Grandparent's Afternoon Tea, the annual St. Patrick's Day dinner fundraiser, a Mexican Fiesta fundraiser, the fireworks booth, and a new summertime Chili Cook-Off. Additionally, the second Tuesday of each month has been calendared for game night, where adult members can come down and play a variety of board or card games with other adult members and kids are welcome to play with the equipment in the game room. We are currently looking into refurbishing the billboard in front of the clubhouse and have budgeted for new bulletin boards in the hallway by the pool. The fence that lines the pool area will be renovated with reed fencing for more privacy from the glass front doors and the board is considering different color schemes for the exterior paint of the clubhouse.

submitted by: Natascha Martin - Secretary LGCA

Upcoming Clubhouse Rentals (February):

- Feb 6: Clubhouse Open to Members
- Feb 7: Superbowl Potluck - LGCA Event - open to LGCA Members
- Feb 27: Esquivias - Non-Member Rental
- Feb 28: Grandparents Afternoon Tea - LGCA Event

Interested in renting the clubhouse for your next event or party? Email Rentals4LGCA@gmail.com

Note: Dues must be paid up to 6 months in advance if renting the clubhouse.

Upcoming Events

Sun, Feb 7, 2016:
Superbowl Potluck

Tues, Feb 9, 2016
Game Night

Friday, Feb 19, 2016
Movie Night - "Ponyo"
6:30pm

Sun, Feb 28, 2016
Grandparents Afternoon
Tea 3:00pm

Sat, March 12, 2016
St Patrick's Day Dinner
5:00pm - 8:00pm

Sat, March 26, 2016
Easter Event
11:00am - 1:00pm

Reminder: Notice of Dues Increase

Membership Dues increase in February!
Dues increased from \$150/yr. to \$175/yr and from \$15/mnth to \$17.50/mnth effective Feb 1, 2016.



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Tip of the Month

Many of us feel secure in our neighborhoods and think, "It won't happen to me. I live on a nice street and my neighbors are great." But rather than just assuming that it won't happen, why not do whatever you can to prevent a burglary?

Hopefully the following suggestions and information will enlighten you as to how thieves view the world and prevent your home from being the target of a burglary.

Don't leave your garage door open.

Don't position your television, computer, or game console within view of an open window.

Keep an eye out for potential burglars in your neighborhood. Here are a couple of the common tactics used.

1) The burglars knock on front doors. If no one answers, they enter the rear yard and break into the house. They may also knock on the doors of adjacent homes to make sure there are no witnesses to them entering the house they chose.

2) Burglars sometimes conduct door to door solicitations to obtain information on which homes to burglarize. These are the common scams:

a) The burglar (or someone working for the burglar) knocks on your door and attempts to sell you a product. They give you a long story about how they are raising money for school or for some type of educational trip. Most times the solicitors only have the display product with them. If you want to buy the product, they offer to return at a later time (specified by them). Many residents do not recognize this tactic and tell the solicitor that they will not be home at the time specified. Guess what time the thief will come back to burglarize your home?

*Anyone selling a product within Lakewood must have a solicitors' license. Ask to see it!

b) Burglars pose as employees of an alarm company. They knock on your door and say they need to check your alarm system. If you have displayed an alarm sign or decal, guess what company they say they work for? These thieves are trying to find out if you have an alarm so they can burglarize your home later. A real alarm company will only respond to your request for service. They do not drive around and merely check peoples' alarms.

If you plan to be away from your home for a vacation, you can always contact the Lakewood Sheriff's Station and request a "Vacation Check" of your home. Let us know what dates you will be gone, a contact number, and if anyone has your permission to be at the house (to water the plants, feed the animals, etc.).

Once logged, your home will be periodically checked by our Volunteers on Patrol. The volunteers immediately report any suspicious activity to deputies for further investigation.

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<http://www.lgca.info>

Join our Facebook group:

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And Facebook page:

Lakewood Gardens Neighbors

From the President

I'm so thrilled to be the NEW President of this great community. I am really looking forward to a new and exciting year. Our membership almost tripled last year and we're shooting to double our association this year.

We have a full calendar of events this year already. Starting with an NEW event, Grandparents Day and my favorite St Patrick's Day Dinner in March. We have recently started game night on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Come on down. In other news, our big project this year will be fixing up the front of the Clubhouse. This will give the Clubhouse a much needed facelift for better curb appeal.

Keep reading this LGCA Bulletin for all the NEW events coming up this year and visit our web site "www.lgca.info" for up to date information. If you have a suggestion for an event please e-mail me at presidentlgca@gmail.com or come one of the events, we would appreciate hearing from you.

Your LGCA President - Jenna Stewart

Join LGCA today!

It's Easy .. Just log in to www.LGCA.info and sign-up ...
Or
call Jerry Cimino and he will provide you with a Membership Application.