

It's Summertime in Long Branch!!

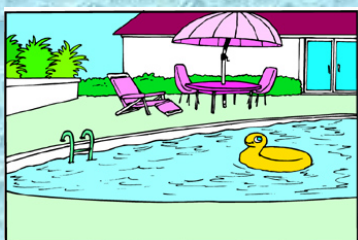
Don't miss the 2008 Polar Bear Plunge

Friday, May 23rd, 6-9 p.m.

\$5 per individual or family

S'mores and Koolaid provided

Bring your own coolers and heavy snacks to share.



May 25th - 4-7 p.m. *Summer Supper at the LBSRC Series*

Bring your own beverages and dish to share for our first *2008 Supper at the Pool.*

Paper goods provided by LBSRC.

Community Directory Update

Volunteer Amy Oleinick is working on the community directory update. This is a lot of work and Amy needs help to get this huge job done. We need kids who need community service time to verify local important phone numbers and political information. We need adults who are good at getting out into the community to fill the advertising pages. Many of our residents have changed e-mail addresses due to the Verizon Fios installation. PLEASE let Amy Oleinick (703) 764-0888 or oleinick@verizon.net or Mark Wiggins know if you can help.

Calling All Volunteers for Neighborhood Watch!



A message from Sharon Hrynkow, neighborhood watch coordinator:

Thank you to the fabulous families who have pitched in since the beginning of the year for Neighborhood Watch? Our deepest gratitude to the:

Bondys, Roberts, von Christiersons, Shumans, Wiggins, Burkes, Carmonas, Warmes, Burnes, and Hartmans.

Volunteers are needed for neighborhood watch in 2008. Sign up for a week of your choice, or share a week with a neighbor. Questions and sign-up, please call Sharon Hrynkow at (703) 764-4419 or e-mail me at s.hrynkow@verizon.net.

President's Pen

As we get ready for summer, a number of things will be keeping us busy in Long Branch. The pool will open over Memorial Day weekend and a Polar Plunge is scheduled for May 23. We will begin gathering information for the community directory in conjunction with our annual membership drive, which will start soon. We will need volunteers to help with database entry, collecting classified ads, and distributing them to our members. Please contact Amy Oleinick or me if you are able to help with the project.

There were some street signs that have been damaged and are in the process of being replaced. Please let me know if there are any signs that have not been replaced.

At the end of May, VDOT will begin pre-construction work to prepare staging areas for the Capital Beltway HOT Lanes project at Braddock Road. Braddock Road will serve as one of the staging areas for the project. www.virginiahotlanes.com details the scope and details of the HOT Lanes project. www.virginiadot.org will provide information on lane closures and travel advisories.

Watch the Long Branch Web site (www.longbranchcommunity.net) for the latest news!

Mark Wiggins, President
teamwiggins@msn.com

News from your Neighborhood Pool and Tennis Club:

Long Branch Swim and Racquet Club Has a Full Calendar for 2008 SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

May 23rd - 6-9 p.m. *Polar Bear Swim*

Hot Chocolate, S'Mores over a fire pit, be the first to take a dip in the pool.

Bring a snack to share, catch up with neighbors, and kick off the swim season!

POC: Jackie Lluy at jlluy@aol.com



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June 13th or 17th (date and time TBD - last day of school) *School's Out for the Summer Party*

Celebrate School's Out Party ~ all ages welcome. / \$5 kids and adults

Includes pizza, sodas, ice cream and organized water games

Tunes by **Drop Your Ducks**

POC: Karen Pregnall at pregnallfamily@msn.com and Tulann Von Christierson tulannvonc@cox.net

July 4th – 2 p.m. *Neighborhood Parade and Cookout*

Decorate your bikes, scooters, wagons, etc., and parade thru the neighborhood to the tunes of **Our Nation!** Prizes for most decorated "ride." Swim team Grill Master will be cookin' up hot dogs and hamburgers. All are asked to bring a dish to share.

POC: Needed

August 31st 2 p.m. - *Labor Day Cookout*

Enjoy those last "Lazy Days of Summer" without cooking!

BYO dish to share and let the Grill Master do the cooking for your family!

POCs: Heather Hartung at heather.hartung@verizon.net, Julie Wiggins at roberts500@verizon.net or Susan Roden at susan.roden@verizon.net

Sept. 6th (Time TBD) ~ *3rd Annual Doggie Swim*

Who let the dogs out ... to swim in our neighborhood "swimmin' hole?"

Every LBC dog is invited to take a dip before we winterize the pool. Doggie treats and baggies included. \$5/per poochie.

Remember, this summer we are trying something new and different for the LBSRC social events that the Long Branch Swim and Racquet Club (LBSRC) sponsors over the summertime. Groups of neighbors on various streets are working together to organize different events during the season. This worked beautifully as the LBCA events unfolded over the past year, with each street or couple of streets handling the planning, publicity and then enjoying the FUN!!!

I hope that you'll jump onboard with this and help chair one of the Summer Events with your street neighbors! Current social chairperson Jackie Lluy is definitely open to new ideas for parties, and gatherings!

Again, we are also looking for someone to fill the Social Chair position by end of 2008 ~ let Jackie Lluy know if you are interested. So c'mon everyone! Let Jackie know how you can help out and she will follow up with e-mails designating streets and chairpersons for each event. Thanks so much in advance for helping LBSRC continue to be the **BEST PLACE TO BE IN THE SUMMERTIME!!!!**

If you have ideas for other fun activities that you would be willing to help organize, please contact Jackie Lluy @ (703) 978-4562 or jlluy@aol.com

—Your Pool Board

Stay Informed!

Don't forget to check the Long Branch Web site at www.longbranchcommunity.net for updates and all our community information! And don't forget to give us information for the Web site!

Please add longbranchcommunity@verizon.net to the "safe list" in your address book. Also, send any change of address should go to the same address. The newsletter editor will be unable to deliver the newsletter if the e-mail does not go through. Thank you!



Community Info: Celebrate Fairfax!

Celebrate Fairfax!, Northern Virginia's largest communitywide celebration, arrives June 6-8, 2008 to the Fairfax County Government Center. Presented by Celebrate Fairfax, Inc, the annual festival hosts tens of thousands of visitors during the three-day run.

The 25-acre site is magically filled with fascinating sights and sounds as more than 400 exhibitors, food vendors, crafters and interactive activities are included in the annual celebration. Celebrate Fairfax! showcases live concerts on seven stages, an interactive SciTech Center and ExxonMobil Children's Avenue, the Virginia Lottery Laser Spectacular, Petting Zoo, X-Treme Zone, great festival foods, and the award winning County Expo program.



Nightly fireworks, presented by SAIC, are a highlight of the festival, and one of many great family programs. Another great activity for kids is the Inova Train Ride to Good Health, located in County Expo. The Bud Light Main Stage features top headline performers including OK Go, Bowling for Soup, Joan Jett and the Blackhearts, and Emerson Drive! <http://www.celebratefairfax.org/index.asp>

Classified Ads

SUMMER POTTERY CLASSES ~ 2008

Dear Parents of future pottery students,

Currently, Susan Fox Hirschmann has two August sessions--one for 8 & 9 year olds, the other for 10-14 year olds—with the fees based on the number of students enrolled. Please register ASAP, by contacting Susan and completing a registration form and mailing it in with your check. The maximum number in each class is 6. This enables me to work with each child individually, for their best creative experience. Please register soon.

If you would like pottery classes....either for your child or adult classes-...at some other time other than the planned classes--for either children or adults-- e-mail your or your child's availability, and Susan can customize a class at a convenient time for you.

Let's make this a fun and rewarding creative summer experience for your child, learning pottery-making techniques while enjoying expressing themselves in clay. Hoping to hear from you soon!

To register and for more information, contact:

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