

## Volunteers Needed...or Re-Invent Memorial Day



Today may be April Fool's Day but this ain't no joke. Our Board of Trustees needs more volunteers and event chairs if we are going to maintain the holiday activities that LWCA residents enjoy and expect.

For the past several years, Board members, the majority of whom are fulltime employees and parents, have kept our activity schedule alive with help from a few volunteers who set-up and clean-up. What has been missing is assistance with advance planning, shopping, coordination, and advertising.

The first event facing cutbacks is our traditional Memorial Weekend Opening Parade and Barbeque, scheduled for Saturday, May 24. Here is what the prospective Chair and committee need to do:



- Contact the South OB Fire Department to schedule a firetruck to lead the parade.
- Purchase supplies—burgers, hot dogs, ice cream, rolls, water, etc. in advance. Check inventory for paper goods.
- Advertise event and create RSVP sign-up sheet for potluck and side dishes, post on Facebook.
- Schedule our grill guy for the party.
- Recruit volunteers to help with setup of food tables and grills, ice cream distribution, and clean-up of same.



If no one agrees to chair/co-chair this event, the Board will probably just schedule a potluck or residents can host guests on their own. This is a tough pill to swallow because children enjoy the historic bicycle/stroller Parade and 150 residents show up for the Barbeque. But you can't run an event like this with just a few hands. The same is true for the Last-Day-of-School Party, Fourth of July and Labor Day.

Other events in recent years have included Friday movie nights, arts and crafts, ice cream sundaes, and Trunk n Treat. Chairpeople are needed to step up and take responsibility for these events, or they are at-risk.

If you'd like to volunteer, especially for Memorial Weekend Opening, contact [pool@lakeridgewest.org](mailto:pool@lakeridgewest.org).

## LWCA Clean-Up Day on Saturday, April 26



Join us for a few hours to get our pool grounds ready for our Summer 2025 Opening. Although our pool staff and landscaping company handle major tasks, residents have typically cleaned and organized storage and the grills, touched up benches and picnic tables, weeded and planted flowers, and powerwashed the deck.

Start-time is 9 am, and we work until about 2 pm. Enjoy the fresh air. In case of inclement weather, watch for announcements on our Facebook page. If you have an extra broom, small garden tools, or work gloves, bring them. Email [pool@lakeridgewest.org](mailto:pool@lakeridgewest.org) if you can assist.

## Reminders:



**Schedule your summer party.** LWCA members can rent an area of the Swim Club for private celebrations, and use the grills, refrigerator, and freezer. Our party policy and regulations are listed on our website or email [pool@lakeridgewest.org](mailto:pool@lakeridgewest.org).

**The 2025 Annual Assessment**, in the amount of \$675, is due no later than May 1. Payments received after May 15 will be subject to a late fee, and households in arrears will be denied entrance to the pool facilities.

**Update your Member Splash account.** Verify email addresses, phone numbers, and members of your household. Log onto [lakeridgewest.membersplash.com](http://lakeridgewest.membersplash.com). Your username is your house number and street, e.g. 39Cymbeline (no space).

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