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FROM THE OFFICE

Key Fob Replacements

In an effort to improve our security, no later than April 18, your key fob must be replaced with the new security ankle bracelets. See Sharon during regular office hours to get yours attached and programmed.

The benefits of the new system's permanent attachment bracelets include not having to fumble for those fobs in the dark, and a more efficient monitoring of all residents. The software will allow us to better track the use of all association facilities, and as an added bonus, if you haven't moved your ankle in the past 24 hours, Sharon will know to give you a call just to make sure everything is okay.

The new system has a range that extends approximately from Ocean to Third, Alamitos to Long Beach Boulevard. Extended range ankle bracelets that allow free access beyond that area will be available for a nominal fee. These new systems have really come down in price since their effective and well publicized use by Robert Blake and Martha Stewart, and ours will be one of the first condos to use them here in Long Beach.



Feel safer yet?

Koo's Attendees on the Rise After Life Drawing Classes Begin

Koo's is happy to report that its new Life Drawing classes are a really huge success. "We're really excited that this thing has gotten so big, so soon", says director Sally RuggBurn. This has exposed a real void in the East Village arts community that we're happy to fill."

"This sure beats bumming a ride all the way up to Fantasy Ranch in North Long Beach," says model Chi-Chi Baher. "I gotta tell you they run a real clean operation here. I do miss the big tips

from the lap dances, but it's real nice at break time to be able to put on my bathrobe, grab a smoke and walk across to Vons, to brown bag an Old English."

Chi-Chi, whose modeling career includes a five year tenure at The Wild Goose, hopes that her real specialty, oil wrestling video production classes, can be added as early as this summer. Let's hope she can twist Dennis's arm, because Lafayette residents seem to be pleased, as one Broadway building resident pointed out; "This is great, finally they've got a real quiet bunch that seems to be serious about their art. They don't hang out in front on the sidewalk, they seem to have real staying power, they stick to it until they're completely satisfied with what they've accomplished; and I like that."

Nude Yoga Coming?

In related news, in an effort to expand the range of recreation activities offered, The Lafayette's Recreation Committee will be exploring the possibility of adding exercise classes of various types.

"Canine Pilates and Nude Yoga classes have been a big hit in Santa Monica and West Hollywood, but nobody is doing anything similar here in Long Beach," says resident personal trainer John "Louie" Bueno. Asked if this is just one more case of the Lafayette trying to top Koo's, Louie remarked, "those guys can only wish they were there when I was getting tossed around the mosh pit at Fender's."

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PHOTO FROM "THE INTERNET"

Koo's provides another opportunity for exploring yourself.

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FROM THE OFFICE, CONTINUED

True Story

Many people have noticed the brightly lit “L”s that have been newly restored at the top of the Broadway Building. A few people have even asked what it’s for, or what it means or represents, with the guesses ranging from Love to Linden to Long Beach.

For those of us in the know, let’s just keep it our little secret and as for the others, well, there are just some mysteries of the universe that aren’t meant for everyone to understand.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Carpet Painting Dos and Don’ts

The Lafayette has lots of do-it yourselfers, and we would like to feature one homeowner’s project every month. Think of it as your very own HGTV, Design on a Dime, This Old Condo...

This month the spotlight is on how to paint your carpet. Often times a wall to wall carpet will just be too worn or soiled to shampoo properly, and too much trouble to pull it up; and that means it’s time to get out the spray can. Spray paint, although a bit toxic to breathe, gives results that are so much softer and longer lasting that just rolling out the rest of that flat latex paint leftover from painting the walls and ceiling. There is nothing worse than having your shag carpet matted down permanently because of too much latex paint applied too sloppily. A few cans of spray paint, however, can really be almost like getting a custom dye job. The range of colors available is quite amazing, and you can achieve effects ranging from realistic grass green to opulent metallic gold. Have fun with patterns, go wacko with fluorescents, clear-coat for extra durability; the sky’s the limit!

If you have a project you would like to feature, just drop off a snapshot at the office, and we’ll see who’s been hard at work this past month!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Who’s Who at the Lafayette

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ON THE GROUND

What’s In That Coffee?

The Garden of Pan has been brewing up some exciting new coffee drinks and herbal teas worth checking out. We’re not sure what’s in that coffee, but all we can say is wow, whatever it is we like it a lot! Yeah! And how about those brownies?

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: DIY

Your Own Neighbors

We encourage getting to know your fellow Lafayetteans, and in the spirit of neighborliness and social interaction, the office has arranged for your neighbors to introduce themselves to you at their convenience. Expect a knock at your door at any moment.

To increase the chance of meeting your neighbors, make sure your TV or stereo is set to a reasonably high volume, or that you are holding an excited conversation with your dog/cat/fish/reptile while you are at home.

FROM THE BOARD

Meet the New Board of Directors

Has the Lafayette gone to the dogs?



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