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**WELCOME NEW
MEMBERS TO THE
COMMUNITY!**



The Laguna Greens Guardian is the official publication of Laguna Greens Neighborhood Watch, Inc. The next quarterly meeting will be scheduled in **March, 2006 TBA** at Jeanne Womack Park on Castleview Drive. (Weather Permitting)



WINTERFEST 2005

The winners of the 2005 Winterfest Christmas Light Contest were: Ron & Mary Hill for **Best Decorated Home**; Dan Walsh & Joy Wisniewski for **Most Creative Idea**; Liz Salamy for **Most Original** for **Honorable Mention** - Kevin, Trudy & Hailey Miller; Shelly Beltran; Dan & Michelle Dixon; Ken & Shelly Welter; Anabel Crouch; Jesse & Barbara Bello; Terry & Rosaline Baker; Ralph & Mary Bosh; Brian & Rula Griffin; and Tony & Carrie Snodgrass. Each winner received a prize. Supervisor Nottoli expressed that each year it becomes extremely difficult judging the homes. He viewed all the homes several times to give him time to make his decisions. A sincere "Thank You" to all who decorated their

homes and made them beautiful. All who saw them were greatly impressed. Visit our web site link to see 2005 Winterfest winners.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COORDINATORS MEETING

The City of Elk Grove Police Department Neighborhood Watch Coordinators Quarterly meeting was held Wednesday, December 28, 2005. The following is a summary of the meeting. Denise Costello, Crime Prevention Specialist conducted the meeting. Denise thanked the coordinators in attendance for taking pride in our neighborhoods, making a difference and being important members of our city. We are an important link in making Elk Grove a safe and successful city. Denise introduced Special Guest Dan Quiggle (EGFD) CSD- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program. Dan discussed the CERT training program that meets Tuesday or Wednesday nights for 3 hours each night for 7 weeks and includes a \$25.00 fee. The commitment requires attendance at training classes and completion of a disaster exercise. CERT gear is provided upon successful completion of the training. Classes are taught by emergency responders and CERT team members, including firefighters, emergency medical staff and law enforcement personnel. Dan encouraged us to be part of an organized team trained to protect and aid others

in Elk Grove when disasters strike. For more information, contact Elk Grove's CERT coordinator at the CERT hotline (916) 405-7100, direct line (916) 405-7115 or email: cert@egcsd.ca.gov

Denise introduced her new staff Niva Swenson, Dan Koontz and David Feldman, POP Officers. Dan discussed prevention of vehicle auto theft and passed out a Vehicle Burglaries brochure. Also, to make you aware of your complicity and auto theft, they look in your car and put a yellow card on car windshield letting you know that you let yourself be a victim.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Emergency	911
24 Hour Non-Emergency	714-5115
Traffic Issues	478-8140
POP Officers	478-8110
TIP LINE	691-0411
Community Service Center	478-8100
Towing Enforcement	478-8150
Parking Enforcement	478-8160

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

DO NOT BECOME COMPLACENT

- Identify theft continues to be a threat.
- Car theft and vandalism is the #1 crime in our area. Always secure your vehicle doors, windows, hood and trunk.
- Put all packages and valuables out of sight including telephones and garage door opener.
- Lock both your car and

inside garage door. Keep garage door closed.

- If you must park outside your garage, an alarm helps to scare thieves.
- Pay attention to all alarms.
- Keep your purse close to your body.
- Never attach a tag with your name and address to a key ring.
- Teach your children not to open any door to strangers.
- Avoid planting large shrubs that can hide intruders near your doors or windows.

When parking:

- Park in well lit areas (under lights, as close to the building as possible).
- Always be aware of your surroundings-even at home!
- Leave malls with a friend/have someone walk out with you if it is dark.
- Do not enter or leave your vehicle if you spot someone suspicious.
- Stay away from large bushes or dark places that could hide someone.

When driving:

- Watch to see if anyone is following you home.
- At a stop light/sign leave

enough space between you and the car in front of you to maneuver out if necessary.

- Have a map and flashlight (with fresh batteries) in the car for emergencies.



HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!

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