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**WELCOME NEW
MEMBERS TO THE
ORGANIZATION!**

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ELK GROVE POLICE DEPT.

On July 15, 2006, we were asked to participate in a booth for Neighborhood Watch during the Elk Grove Police Department Open House. Many persons visited the booth and were impressed by our 10 year history and our photos of our history. Some of the police officers recognized themselves and friends from years past. We received many compliments and wishes for more success.

Visit the new website for “**Crime Mapping Web Tool**” that is designed to assist you in staying informed on what types of crime are happening in our community and where they are occurring.

Link to Tool:

<http://elkgrove.mygeoprise.net/crimeview>

CRIME ALERT

Last month, a car parked in a driveway on Castlegrove Drive was burglarized and tires stolen. If you have expensive wheels, park in your garage. Don't leave anything valuable in your vehicle. Take time to observe persons casing our streets. Law enforcement cannot prevent crime without our assistance. We must be **proactive** in deterring crime. Crime occurs when an unobstructed opportunity arises or when we become complacent.

NEXT MEETING

**Saturday, September 16., 2006,
3:00 pm Jeannie Womack Park
on Castlevue Drive.** Guest Speaker, Denise Costello, Crime Prevention Specialist and a Problem Oriented Policing (POP) Officer from the Elk Grove Police Dept. Meet and make your concerns known.

2006 National Night Out

Pictures are on our website.

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

On July 26, 2006, Michael went to the City Council meeting. During the Public Comment period, he invited the City Council and all in attendance to our National Night Out activity. Michael also introduced Anabel and Patrick Couch and Teresa Jones.



The **National Night Out** was held Tuesday, August 1, 2006. It was a great success made by all who attended and by our delicious and nutritious foods. The friendly ambience created by people who care about others and joyful children and a clown made it extra special.

In attendance were Mayor Rick Soares, Crime Prevention Specialist Denise Costello, City Manager John Danielson, Council Member Mike Leary, Assistant Police Chief Ed Kelly, Public Information Officer Christopher Trim, K-9 Team Officer Bob Barnes and Mike, Fire Department representatives,

neighbors and friends. Thanks to Youth Officer Matt Sanchez who drove the Elk Grove Police's PT Cruiser to Jeannie Womack Park.



This year we served pizza instead of hotdogs. Mitch Jang, Co-coordinator made refreshing root beer floats. The floats were a great addition to our menu. We also had Giggles the clown entertaining.

Thanks to John Joseph Bello, Marcus Bello and Barbara Bello who helped with name tags and acted as hosts. We are extremely appreciative to Albertson's, Raley's and Safeway who, for the tenth year in a row contributed to our activity.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS

Our National Night Out activity was reported in the Elk Grove Citizen newspaper on Friday, August 4, 2006. Cameron Macdonald, Citizen Staff Writer wrote an informative article entitled "Neighbors party on National Night Out" Also, we were reported in the Laguna Citizen newspaper on Thursday, August 10, 2006 in an article entitled "Laguna joins National Night Out". Included in both articles were pictures of our participants.

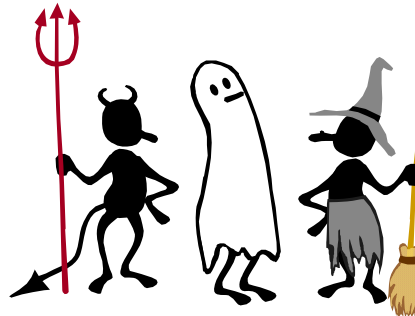
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COORDINATOR'S APPRECIATION BBQ

The Elk Grove Police Department held an Appreciation BBQ for Coordinator's on Saturday, August

12, 2006 in Elk Grove Park. In attendance were several neighborhood watch coordinators and their families. We shared ideas, concerns, and had a wonderful time with Mayor Soares, Council Member Dan Briggs, Mayor Pro tem Sophia Scherman, Dan Koontz, POP Officer, Crime Prevention Specialist Denise Costello, and her assistant Katie Gilstrap. We met many Neighborhood Watch Coordinators and their families. Several people asked us for assistance and tips. We told them having wonderful committed members like ours helps!

PROTECT OUR CHILDREN

School is in session and we have a problem with speeders. Please **do not** speed as we have many children who walk to the bus stop, play in our streets and ride bicycles. Saving a few seconds **does not** compare to the safety and life of a child.



SAFETY TIPS FOR TRICK OR TREATING

1. Wear reflective or light colored costumes.
2. Take a flashlight or small light.
3. Go in groups.
4. Don't eat candy until it is

inspected.

5. Always be aware of your surroundings.
6. Look before you cross streets!

WINTERFEST 2006

We will continue our Christmas Light and Decoration contest for Best Decorated, Most Creative, Most Original and Honorable Mention. Supervisor Don Nottoli will be our judge. Watch for more information in November. Prizes are awarded. Start planning. Let's make this year even more creative, decorative and festive.

Thanks to John Joseph and Marcus Bello, Connie Provedor, Patrick Crouch, Bogdan, Boguslaz, and Radimar Mandzyuk, Lori, Chris, Brea and Becky Murakami for their assistance in distributing newsletters!

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN!