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**WELCOME NEW  
MEMBERS TO THE  
COMMUNITY!**

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Laguna Greens Guardian is the official publication of Laguna Greens Neighborhood Watch, Inc. The next quarterly meeting is scheduled **March, 22, 2008** at Jeanne Womack Park on Castlevue Drive.



### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 28, 2008

The meeting commenced at 6:30 pm with introductions by Anabel Crouch, Mitch Jang, Teresa and Michael Jones. The following schedule was discussed and approved.

#### **Meetings:**

Spring, March 22, 4 pm  
Summer, June 21, 4 pm  
Fall, September 13, 4 pm  
Fall, October 18, 4 pm

#### **Activities:**

Spring – Potluck- May 10,  
11 am-1 pm.  
Summer - National Night Out  
August 5, 6 pm-9 pm.  
Winterfest - TBD

### ELK GROVE POLICE DEPT.

Visit the website for “Crime Prevention Tips” documents and “Online Reporting” at the Elk Grove Police Department.  
<http://www.elkgrovepd.org>

### IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Emergency	911
Emergency from Cell Phone	714-5111
24 Hour Non-Emergency	714-5115
Traffic Concerns	478-8300
POP Officers	478-8110
Service Center	478-8100
Graffiti Hotline	478-8231
Parking Enforcement	478-8160

### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COORDINATORS MEETING

The City of Elk Grove Police Department Neighborhood Watch Coordinators Quarterly meeting was held Wednesday, January 15, 2008. The following is a summary of the meeting. Denise Costello, Crime Prevention Specialist conducted the meeting. Denise introduced Jim Miller, Youth Programs Manager. Jim discussed the Youth programs/partnership with other agencies, e.g. CSD, and Project Ride. He mentioned there are two youth centers in Elk Grove, they plan to create a Police Activity League (PAL); work with non-profits for funding; and obtain grants for youth programs. If you have ideas on youth programs, please contact Jim 683-7111, ext 3450. We viewed the Elk Grove Police Dept. website Crime Mapping Tool that allows you to check current crime data. You can

search crime by type, distance, location and time period. I typed in my street address location, type of crime (robbery) distance (2500 ft) and time period (30 days) and no records were found. This is an example on how to use the Crime Mapping Tool. To use this tool, visit [www.elkgrovepd.org](http://www.elkgrovepd.org) Go to Get Informed, Crime Analysis/Statistics. Click on Crime Mapping Tool at the bottom of the page. We also toured the Communication Center.

### **CRIME PREVENTION TIPS**

#### **DO NOT BE COMPLACENT!**

- Identify theft continues to be a threat. Install security software on your computer. Shred your documents.
- Criminals target people who are lax and not on their guard.
- Car theft and vandalism are still being committed in our area. Always lock your vehicle doors, windows, hood and trunk.
- Put all packages and valuables out of sight including cell phones, garage door openers, electronic devices, CDs, DVDs, wallets and purses.
- 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 as does a bright light.
- Pay attention to all alarms.
- When walking keep your purse close to your body.
- Never attach a name tag with your 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.
- Report suspicious cars, people walking or bike riders if they seem to be casing the homes.

#### **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 to your care or home.

- Lock your doors and “buckle up”.
- Keep your cell phones charged.
- 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.

#### **DON'T DRINK & DRIVE!**

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**HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!**