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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 is scheduled **June 21, 2008** at Jeanne Womack Park on Castlevue Drive. Guest Speaker, Denise Costello, Crime Prevention Specialist III, and POP Officer Elk Grove Police Dept.



## SPRINGTIME GET TOGETHER

The Spring Activity will take place Saturday, May 10, 2008, 11:00 am in Jeannie Womack Park. Hotdogs, sausages and beverages will be provided. Bring your favorite dish to share. Come and meet new people and reacquaint yourself with friends. Giggles the clown will be entertaining.

## CITY OF 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>

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COORDINATORS QUARTERLY MEETING

On 4/10/08, the above mentioned meeting took place at City Hall. Denise Costello, Crime Prevention Specialist III and David Feniberg discussed Crime Prevention updates, guest

Speakers Shane Dillard discussed Public Nuisances and Terry Chew discussed Sexual Predators.

Denise and David reminded us that residential burglaries continue to be an issue as we continue to leave door and windows unlocked. Place a screen door lock in windows and sliding door. Copper and mail theft with income tax refunds are other problems. Keep eyes and ears open to suspicious persons and activity.

Shane Dillard discussed vacant properties, community enhancement and animal control. Property that is vacant must be free from junk and graffiti. It must be secured with "no trespassing" signs. Weeds or grass can't be 1 foot or higher. If graffiti is present, Public Works must remove it. Private or bank owned owners are liable. Vehicles that are inoperable and in a drive way with flat tires or abandoned are given a notice that is sent to DMV. It may be towed and destroyed within 10 days. Only four animals are allowed in a home. Dogs must be licensed if over four months old. Nuisance dogs – send a log of the barking and the inspectors go out at least three times to hear. If they can't hear a barking dog, figure out another way to get evidence. Nuisance code – pools, ponds must be maintained. Clear visibility – intersection can't be blocked with over 30 inch high bushes or fence. Basketball hoop – not sidewalk or street.

Detective Terry Chew discussed convicted sex offenders. There is 1600 sex offenders, 126 registered; 58 are on Megan's Website. They must cooperate with law. Det. Chew does unexpected visits. The community is very active and works together in a team. Operation Boo on Halloween means sex offenders can't open their door to trick or treaters or they get arrested. Sign up on link for alerts on E.G.P.D. website.

**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



Don't forget to mark **Tuesday, August 5, 2008, 6:30pm** on your calendars. Come and meet law enforcement partners and other members of our community. Watch for flyers.

**CRIME PREVENTION TIPS**

**DO NOT BECOME COMPLACENT**

... Identify theft continues to be a threat. Shred documents.

- ... 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.

**DON'T DRINK & DRIVE!**

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