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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 **September 13, 2008** at Jeanne Womack Park on Castlevew Drive.



Don't forget to mark **Tuesday, August 5, 2008, 6:00pm** on your calendars. Come and meet our law enforcement partners and others who support neighborhood watch activities. Watch for flyers.

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

SPRING MEETING MINUTES MAY 10, 2008 JEANNIE WOMACK PARK

Michael Jones commenced the meeting at 4:05p.m.

Introductions were made. In attendance were: Dan Walsh, Arnel Allmagno, Michael & Teresa Jones, David Feinberg, Community Service Center and Officer Mark Bartley, EGPD – guest speakers, Eric and Coleen Childers, Betty Hughes, Victor Negrete, Raymond and Louaida Martin, Radimir, Bogdan and Boguslav Mandzyuk. Todd motioned to waive reading the minutes from the previous meeting and Eric seconded. Teresa gave the Treasurer's report; balance at end of May is \$501.24. We spent approx. \$300.00 on the "Spring Activity". Dan motioned to accept as read and Todd seconded. Michael noted that Identity Theft is still #1 crime. Also, Michael reminded everyone of National Night Out Tuesday, August 5th. Dave Feinberg discussed the following crimes in Elk Grove: There were 27 reports of vandalism caused by juvenile pranks, e.g. BB Guns, homes being egged, graffiti on cars. There is a ten o'clock curfew for youth 18 and under. They must be going or coming from work, can't be hanging out. The Police Activities League will provide youth with teenage activities. The Service Center provides finger printing (hard card), vacation home watch for vacationers and takes reports on identity theft. There has been an increase in identity theft reports. You must come into the Service Center with documentation to support the theft. Check your bank records every month. A credit card mostly used out of state is one type of identity

theft. A stolen car registration used with the license plate number is another type. Dave recommended making your registration smaller and place in your wallet. Cover the vehicle identification number (VIN)# in your car. Call police for any suspicious person or suspicious activity, e.g., a person on a bicycle or in a car taking pictures of homes. Call Non-Emergency 714-5115 number to report. Dave introduced Officer Mark Bartley to our members. Mark answered questions and provided valuable crime prevention information. He stressed calling the police for any suspicious activity and to be diligent. We are the eyes, ears and the voice of neighborhood watch and crime prevention. Meeting adjourned at 5:05pm. Respectfully submitted by, Teresa Jones, Acting Secretary.

**NEIGHBORHOOD
LEADERS SOLUTIONS
SUMMIT JUNE 30, 2008**

Mayor Davis conducted the meeting. Betty Hughes, Teresa and I were in attendance representing our neighborhood watch organization. "Building on relationships with neighbors and the City" was the theme as neighborhoods came together to share ideas, create solutions and learn more about available resources at City Hall. Susan Cochran, City Attorney discussed foreclosures, unpaid mortgages, notices of default and notices of sale. Shane Diller, Community Enhancement Manager discussed landscaping issues,

abandoned swimming pools, vehicles, homes, animals, and vacant buildings. Susan McDonald, President Franklin Reserve Neighborhood Association and Terrie Robinson discussed best practices and highlighted its popular "good neighbor" letter. The letter represents an anonymous neighbor that's sent on the behalf of the organization. It politely asks neighbors to be responsive to common complaints such as loud parties, barking dogs, and other nuisances. Sample letters were provided to members in attendance. Their Association has a proposed ordinance to register property ownership with the Elk Grove City Clerk. Lt. Craig Potter and Officer Paul McClung discussed the red light photo enforcement program that began February 2008 to enforce red light violations at Franklin & Laguna Blvd. and Bruceville and Laguna Blvd. intersections. They are studying future intersections to add more cameras. Robert Strange, Detective, Gang Unit discussed the departments gang unit that started in 2006. Gangs are everywhere and can be found in nearly every community. Their unit's main duties include: investigating gang crimes, surveillance, targeted enforcement operations, being expert witnesses in court to assist prosecutor and case follow-up. Their success involves prevention, education, intervention and suppression. Also, partnerships with groups e.g. schools, religion, youth

services and law enforcement are important. Lynn Bowler, Support Services Commander discussed Cellular 9-1-1 calls from your cell phone, Voice-over Internet Protocol VOIP 9-1-1 Internet phone service via a computer and 9-1-1 calls answered within two rings by dispatcher. To learn more about VOIP, call your Internet provider. Denise Costello, Crime Prevention Specialist discussed neighborhood watch. We do have to work together was her theme. Get to know your neighbors. The program really works. Mayor Davis said he hopes to have more events in the future.

**DON'T SPEED ON OUR
STREETS!**

DON'T DRINK & DRIVE!

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