



THE LAGUNA GREENS GUARDIAN



Vol. 13, Issue no.5
September/October 2008

The Laguna Greens Guardian is published bi-monthly by the Laguna Greens Neighborhood Watch, Inc.
9570 Castledale Ct.
Elk Grove, CA 95758
Michael Jones: Coordinator
(916) 684-5803
Email: mjones53@comcast.net
Mitch Jang: Co-Coordinator
Teresa Jones: Treasurer/Editor
Anabel Crouch: Secretary
John-Joseph Bello: Block Captain
Patrick Crouch: Block Captain
www.lagunagreens.org

**WELCOME NEW
MEMBERS TO THE
ORGANIZATION!**

The Laguna Greens Guardian is the official publication of Laguna Greens Neighborhood Watch, Inc.

2008 National Night Out
Pictures are on our website
www.lagunagreens.org

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The **National Night Out** was held Tuesday, August 5, 2008. It was a great success made by all who attended and brought delicious and nutritious food. We could not succeed without all of you! The friendly ambience created by those who care about others and joyful children made it extra special.

In attendance were Assist Police Chief Ed Kelley, Sophia Sherman, and Mike Leary, City Council Members, CSD representatives, members of the public, neighbors and friends. Hotdogs and sausages were served and everyone shared the food brought by our members. Mitch Jang, Co-coordinator made refreshing root beer floats. They were a great addition! Giggles the clown entertained the children with balloons and face painting. Thanks to John Joseph Bello who helped with name tags and Mitch and Cindy Jang who did the cooking. Also, a special thank you goes to Teresa Anne Bello and Azalia Negrete who made beautiful National Night Out signs.

FALL MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 13, 2008 JEANNIE WOMACK PARK

Michael Jones commenced the meeting at 4:10p.m. In attendance were: Michael & Teresa Jones, Guest Speaker Sophia Scherman, City Councilwomen, Anabel Crouch, Secretary, Betty Hughes, Dan Walsh, Steve Detrick and Todd Eberle. Introductions were made. Teresa read the minutes from the previous May 10th meeting. Dan motioned to accept as read and Todd seconded. Unanimous approval. Teresa gave the Treasurer report; balance at end of July is \$696.48. Todd motioned to accept as read and Anabel seconded. Unanimous approval. Michael emphasized safety tips. Be aware of who receives your personal information. Michael showed a "good neighbor letter" from a Neighborhood Association. The group discussed this as a tool we may use after more research.

Sophia Scherman began her presentation by discussing the youth council. Each city council person can choose two members. Sophia is looking for two youth volunteers, one 13 yrs old and one 16 yrs old to work in tandem with the city council regarding youth programs and the needs of our youth. The 13 yr. old to hold a four year position and the 16 yr. old to hold a two year position. Sophia was asked about the land behind the park for sale? Sophia said it was zoned for commercial or residential. But

the city is not going to buy the land. Sophia was asked that after serving you have two terms, what her vision is for a third term. Sophia stated she hoped to help with foreclosures, holding property owners, and (people/bank) responsible. Another question had to do with a Field of Dreams for Elk Grove. Her response was that there is a similar park in Sacramento, so we will not have one in Elk Grove.

Sophia was asked about what is happening with the vacant JVC building? Her response was that the building will be split and house a bowling alley, a rock climbing wall, a wave machine, a family fitness gym and possibly paint ball and some form of day care. She was asked about the status of the new Police Chief search? She said there are two people in the running. No news yet. Retired Chief Simmons is filling in until a new chief is hired.

Steve Detrick attended the open meeting. The group asked him what his main concern was. Steve's #1 issue is crime prevention and the community working with the law enforcement. The meeting was adjourned the meeting at 5:25pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Anabel Crouch, Secretary

**ELK GROVE POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

Visit the new website for "Crime

Prevention Tips" documents and "Online Reporting".
<http://www.elkgrovepd.org>

CONTRIBUTIONS

Citigroup Foundation "Matching Gifts Program and Volunteer Incentive Program" gives monetary awards to their employees for volunteering on behalf of the public. Laguna Greens Neighborhood Watch, Inc. was awarded \$500 due to the work of Michael Jones, our Coordinator. On behalf of our organization, the Editor commends Citigroup Foundation for its volunteer recognition program and Michael Jones for his unwavering commitment to making our lives safer. Through the United Way many of our State employee neighbors contribute funds. Thank you all for your continued support of the Laguna Greens Neighborhood Watch, Inc.

**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!
7. Homes with no lights on are not participating in trick or treat. Do not disturb them. Watch your step as it may be very dark around these

homes.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Emergency	911
Emergency cell phone	714-5111
24 Hour Non-Emergency	714-5115
Traffic Issues	478-8300
POP Officers	478-8110
Service Center	478-8100
Graffiti Hotline	478-8231
Parking Enforcement	478-8160

Thanks to John Joseph Bello, Patrick Crouch, and Bogdan, Boguslav, Radimir, Mandzyuk and Lori, Chris, Brea, Becky Murakami for their assistance in distributing newsletters!

**INFORMATION FOR
DONORS**

The Laguna Greens Neighborhood Watch, Inc. is an IRS recognized 501-© (3) tax-exempt not-for-profit charity. All contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. The contributions are used for educational materials, public activities and supplies.

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR
SUPPORT!
HAPPY HALLOWEEN!**

