



THE LAGUNA GREENS GUARDIAN

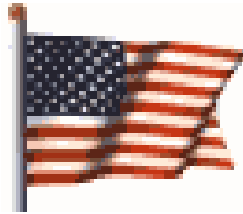


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**WELCOME NEW
MEMBERS TO THE
ORGANIZATION!**

The Laguna Greens Guardian is the official publication of Laguna Greens Neighborhood Watch, Inc. The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for **March, 21, 2009** at Jeanne Womack Park on Castleview Drive. Guest Speaker: **Michelle Orrock**, Board Member Cosumnes Community Services District.



REVISED MEETING / ACTIVITIES DATES

Meetings:

Spring, March 21, 4pm
Summer, June 6, 4pm
Fall, September 19, 4pm

Activities:

Spring – Potluck- May 16,
11 am-1 pm.
Summer - National Night Out
August 4, 6pm-9pm.
Winter – Winterfest –Dec. 19.

**ALL MEETINGS AND
ACTIVITIES TAKE PLACE
IN JEANNIE WOMACK
PARK. WEATHER
PERMITTING.**



SPRINGTIME GET TOGETHER

The Spring Activity will take place Saturday, May 16, 2009, 11:00 am in Jeannie Womack Park. Hotdogs, buns and chips will be provided. Bring a drink and your favorite dish to share. Bring a chair or blanket. Come and meet new people and reacquaint yourself with friends. Will we have Giggles the clown entertaining. Watch for flyers.

WHAT MAKES A SUCCESSFUL NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Typically, Neighborhood Watch groups organize to respond to an immediate threat – a series of rapes, a sharp increase in burglaries, child abduction or a rising fear of street crime. Often, when the crisis is resolved, membership and commitment to the group start to fade away. After all, why be diligent in preventing crime when the criminals are jailed or gone elsewhere? This short-sighted attitude ignores key benefits of the contemporary Neighborhood Watch benefits are that the group empowers people to prevent crime, forges bonds between law enforcement and communities they serve, and builds a foundation for broader community improvement and involvement. Neighborhood Watch is far more than a quick fix for an immediate crisis – it can be a moving force for positive changes that tackle root causes of crime. Also, it is difficult to steal from your neighbor when

you know him/her. Persons who are prone to crime do not like to be watched or know that their activities are being observed. (Portions of article from National Crime Prevention Council by permission)

Elk Grove Staff and Charter Commissioners

Our organization was asked to add this by the above persons.

Would you like an elected Mayor? How many Council Districts would you prefer? How would you like your City to work?

City of Elk Grove staff and Charter Commissioners are seeking your input on these and many other issues during a public meeting to be held **Tuesday, March 24, at the Elk Grove City Hall Council Chambers (8400 Laguna Palms Way). The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m., with an informal mixer scheduled beforehand at 6:00 p.m. and at the conclusion of the meeting.**

Public participation and input is at the heart of the process in drafting the City's potential new governing charter. This historical process will involve exploring issues such as election reform, selection of the mayor, number of council districts, bidding of public works projects, and more. If approved by the City council, the charter will go before voters in November 2010.

This is your opportunity to help shape the future of our city! So, please join City staff and the Charter Commissioners as they team with Elk Grove Community Connection in this important public meeting.

For more information or to access copies of agendas, meeting minutes, and draft charter language, please visit the Charter Commission Web site at

www.elkgrovecity.org/charter-commission. Be sure to sign up for e-mail alerts to stay informed. Members of the Commission are available to speak at your community group meeting or event. For details, contact the City Clerk's Office at 478-2202, or e-mail sblackston@elkgrovecity.org.

"What is a charter?" A charter is a document outlining the principles, functions, and organization of a corporate body; it is, in effect, the city's constitution.



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

CRIME ALERT

Identity theft continues especially during these economic times. Tips to avoid ID theft:

- (1) Do not place any mail with checks, money orders or cash in "neighborhood" mail boxes overnight.
- (2) Take your mail to a post office or a business you trust that has mail pickup.
- (3) Alert the mail carrier about problems.
- (4) Alert the police about strangers hanging around a mailbox and acting strangely.
- (5) Shred or finely tear into small pieces all documents with your name, birth date, social security number or unsolicited

credit card applications.

(6) Don't forget that medical or insurance documents have your social security number on them.

(7) Some dishonest retail clerks use skimmers to scan your credit cards when you are transacting business. A skimmer is as small as a pager and reads and records credit card data. Be diligent with your personal information.

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

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