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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 20, 2010 (Rain or Shine)** at Jeanne Womack Park on Castleview Drive. Guest Speaker **POP (Problem Oriented Policing) Officers**. Please bring chairs. The park is not completed yet.



## SPRINGTIME GET TOGETHER

The Spring Activity will take place Saturday, May 15, 2010, 11:00 am (Rain or Shine) 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 acquaint yourself with friends. Will we have Giggles the clown entertaining. Watch for flyers.



## FIRST QUARTER NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COORDINATORS MEETING

On 2/16/10, the above mentioned meeting took place at City Hall. Denise Costello, Crime Prevention Specialist III discussed Crime Prevention updates, guest speaker Daphne Harris, discussed the 2010 Census Questionnaire which will be delivered or mailed to all

housing units in March. Census Day is April 1. The bilingual (Spanish/English) questionnaires will consist of ten questions. To review the ten questions, visit <http://www.2010.census.gov>

Leslie Boggess from the EGPD Alarm Unit and Police Dispatcher discussed the Alarm Ordinance, alarms and how alarm calls are handled. The Alarm Ordinance was passed in 1982. The new Alarm Permit application costs \$50 for three years. You get two (2) free false alarms per year and no fee per alarm. Thereafter false alarms, will be billed consecutively per false alarm. The 3<sup>rd</sup> false alarm fee is \$75; the 4<sup>th</sup> fee \$100; the 5<sup>th</sup> fee \$250. For more information call 478-8155 or visit

[www.elkgrovepd.org/more/alarm-bureau.asp](http://www.elkgrovepd.org/more/alarm-bureau.asp) to obtain a permit.

David Feinberg discussed the new online crime reporting tool called CrimeReports.com. CrimeReports.com is the largest and most accurate online resource for up-to-date crime information. The Crime Reports network offers a family of affordable, easy-to-use software tools for law enforcement agencies to understand crime trends and share up-to-date neighborhood crime data with the public, including a free iPhone app. Community members can access the integrated crime map and receive email crime alerts for free at [www.CrimeReports.com](http://www.CrimeReports.com) empowering them to make informed decisions and help improve the safety of their neighborhood and community.

## CRIME ALERT

**Identity theft crime** continues to be high especially during these difficult 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, and unsolicited credit card applications.

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

(7) Dishonest retail clerks in stores and gas stations use skimmers to scan your credit card information 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.

(8) Use a Gelpen when signing checks or important documents. The ink does not “wash” off easily.

(9) Check your credit report annually or if you suspect you are a victim.

## CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

### DO NOT BECOME COMPLACENT

- Car theft and vandalism continues. Do not leave vehicles unlocked in the street or in an open garage.
- Place all packages and

valuables out of sight including cell phones, ipods, garage door opener, GPS system, purses, cigarette cartons, leather coats, DVDs, CDs, diaper bags or other bags.

- Keep all garage doors locked especially the door that opens into your home. Keep your garage door closed.
- If you must park outside your garage, a car alarm helps to scare thieves.
- Pay attention to all alarms.
- Use your home or car alarm.
- Keep your purse close to your body or do not use one if you have pockets for your important cards and \$.
- Never attach a tag with your name and address to a key ring.
- Always look before you open your door.
- Teach your children not to open any door when the door bell rings or someone knocks.
- Avoid planting large shrubs that can hide intruders near your doors or windows.
- Stay away from large bushes or dark places that could hide someone.
- Park in well lit areas as close to a 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 home or vehicle if you spot someone suspicious nearby.
- Do not use the ATM if you spot someone suspicious. Protect your pass word.
- Watch to see if anyone is following you home from shopping, the movies, or any errand.

## HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

### IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Emergency	911
Emergency cell phone	714-5111
24 Hour Non-Emergency	714-5115
Traffic Issues	478-8300
POP Officers	478-8123
Service Center	478-8100
Graffiti Hotline	478-8231
Parking Enforcement	478-8160

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