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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 **June 26, 2010** at 4:00pm, Jeannie Womack Park on Castleview Drive. Guest Speaker: **Katherine Maes, WEAVE (Women Escaping A Violent Environment).**



SPRINGTIME GET TOGETHER

The Spring Activity will take place Saturday, May 15, 2010, 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.



SPRING MEETING MINUTES MARCH 13, 2010 JEANNIE WOMACK PARK

Michael Jones commenced the meeting at 4:10 p.m. In attendance were Guest Speaker Officer Brian George, Problem Oriented Policing (POP) Unit, Elk Grove Police Department, Teresa Jones, Maxine Rickie, Hector Martinez, Jesse Bello,

Teresa Anne Bello, Todd Eberle, Eric & Colleen Childers and Mitch Jang. Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as read. Teresa read the Treasurer report, ending balance, February 2010 \$1,234.62. Motion to pass the treasurer's report was seconded and carried unanimously. Michael discussed the following Safety Tips:

IDENTITY THEFT: Still quite prevalent. Be sure you don't use your debit card at the gas station due to the use of card skimmers.

CRIMEREPORTS.COM: This website allows you to look up crimes which have occurred in our area.

RESIDENTIAL SECURITY CHECK: Volunteers with the Elk Grove Police Department provide a free residential security check while you're away on vacation. The Volunteers in Partnership Program (VIP) is a non-profit group which is supported by donations. Contact the police department at 478-8000 for more information.

SPRING ACTIVITY: Join us for the spring activity. The Laguna Greens Neighborhood Watch will be celebrating its 15th anniversary as well as the opening of the new playground. Hot dogs, brats, and polish dogs will be provided. Please bring a potluck side dish to share and a chair/blanket. Giggles the Clown will perform face painting and balloon twisting and the kids will enjoy the piñata provided by Colleen and Eric Childers.

Our Guest Speaker, Officer Brian George, Problem

Oriented Policing (POP) Unit, Beat 5, Elk Grove Police Department began by informing us that there was a recent home invasion robbery on Roselin Way, where the suspects were dressed as law enforcement officers. These suspects were apprehended after intensive police work.

If you have concerns about registered sex offenders living in your neighborhood, you should contact Detectives Terry Chew or Kevin Papineau with EGPD.

Officer George discussed the POP unit's focus. Most of the calls the POP unit receives revolve around neighborhood complaints. Some of these complaints could be handled without police intervention if neighbors had good working relationships. POP unit duties are part patrol, part investigations, and maintaining an ongoing caseload. In addition, each POP officer has a specialty. Officer George's specialty is working with multi-unit housing issues. Some law enforcement agencies' POP units are being closed down due to budget issues. It is recognized that having a POP unit is a luxury item for the city; however, no cuts to service are in store at this time.

Officer George reminded us that the curfew for minors is 10:00 pm year round.

Many of the calls the POP unit receives are traffic and parking complaints around schools and parks. Some neighborhoods have received city approval to put up "no parking" signs in these areas. Officer George

reminded us that this might not necessarily be a good idea as these signs prohibit parking all the time even for the residents' own personal events.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.
Submitted by Colleen Childers.



Don't forget to mark **Tuesday, August 3, 2010, 6:30pm** on your calendars. Come and meet law enforcement partners and other members of our community. Watch for flyers.

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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