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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 **September 18, 2010** at 4:00pm, Jeanne Womack Park on Castlevue Drive. Guest Speaker: Jim Cooper, City of Elk Grove Councilmember.



The National Night Out will take place **Tuesday, August 3, 2010, 6:30pm in Jeannie Womack Park**. Hotdogs, buns and chips will be provided. Bring a beverage and your favorite dish to share. Bring a chair or blanket. Come and meet law enforcement partners and other members of our community. Will we have Giggles the clown entertaining. Watch for flyers.

SUMMER MEETING MINUTES JUNE 26, 2010 JEANNIE WOMACK PARK

Co-secretary, Eric Childers, called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. In attendance were Dan Walsh, Betty Hughes, Juanita Williams, Jettie Tillman, Valerie Tillman, Kenneth Williams, and guest speakers Katherine Maes and Sarah Meredith. Minutes of the Spring Meeting were accepted as printed in the *Laguna Greens Guardian* May/June 2010 issue. The Treasurer's Report was read by Eric Childers with an ending

balance of \$1,184.47. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was seconded and carried unanimously. The National Night Out will take place on Tuesday, August 3, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

Guest speakers Katherine Maes, the Domestic Violence Response Team Advocate with the Elk Grove Police Department and Sarah Meredith, the Educational and Outreach Coordinator for the Campus Violence Prevention Program at UC Davis spoke about the Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT), a partnership between WEAVE

(www.weaveinc.org) and the Elk Grove Police Department. The DVRT was established 15 months ago and is the first unit dedicated to reducing the risk of domestic violence, teen dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking in Elk Grove, and providing intervention services for victims who live in Elk Grove.

The DVRT provides a wide variety of confidential services, including a 24-hour support and information line (916-920-2952), an emergency safe house program, counseling, education, clothing, legal advocacy, and more. Katherine works within the EGPD and is copied on all police reports, and can also work with victims confidentially without filing a police report.

Sarah gave a very informative talk about domestic violence and sexual assault, focusing on what everyone can do, both reactively to help victims and proactively to reduce the risk of these crimes.

If you are a witness, you can react with one of the three D's:

- Be Direct by confronting to the victim or perpetrator (only if you feel comfortable and safe doing so),

- Delegate by calling 911 or asking others for help, or
- Distract the victim or perpetrator by interrupting in some way.

You can also proactively reduce the risk of abuse or violence by:

- Educating others (e.g., telling children what is OK and what is not OK in healthy relationships),
- Noticing behavior changes in people, especially when in new relationships,
- Protecting your personal information on social networking websites,
- Keeping doors locked and windows closed,
- Looking people in the eye when walking, and
- Being direct with anyone who makes you feel uncomfortable (say, “Back away from me, you are too close.”)

Sarah also talked briefly about the Megan’s Law website and registered sex offenders. She said that it is important to realize that only crimes that are reported (about 60%), prosecuted (about 16% of those reported), and conviction results in the perpetrator being a registered sex offender. She noted that it is a good idea to check the Megan’s Law website (www.meganslaw.ca.gov) for two reasons: 1) to be aware of offenders in your area, and 2) to notice any false addresses used by offenders (sometimes offenders register under fake addresses). Both speakers commended the Laguna Greens Neighborhood Watch for creating a sense of community in the area. Just being

familiar with our neighbors and talking with them when something just doesn’t seem right can make a huge difference.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m. Submitted by Eric Childers.



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.

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>

DON’T SPEED ON OUR STREETS!

DON’T DRINK & DRIVE!

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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