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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 **TBD, 2013** at Jeanne Womack Park on Castleview Drive. Guest Speaker, **TBD**



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The **National Night Out** was held Tuesday, August 7, 2012. 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.

2012 National Night Out

Pictures are on our website

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FALL MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 29, 2012 JEANNIE WOMACK PARK

After the welcome and introductions: the meeting commenced at 4:06 pm
Attendance: Michael & Teresa Jones, Tim Treichell, Carl Gibson (Guest from East Elk Grove), Arnel Alimagno, Cardel & Ruby Portis, Laura Vo and guest speaker, Erika Cardenas, Elk Grove Code Enforcement Officer .

Arnel reported door bell ringing late at night by juveniles. Be aware. Call PD, they can send out a Community Service Officer. A law enforcement presence might deter any potential crime. The call is logged in the dispatch system for future reference if similar activities occur.

Laura reviewed Spring Meeting Minutes (6/2/12); Tim motion to accept the minutes; Arnel second motion; Unanimously in favor.

Teresa provided Treasury report Beginning Balance - \$963.39 Income - \$123.48 United Way Charity deposit Ending balance - \$1093.07. Tim motion to accept Treasury report; Ruby second the motion; Unanimously in favor.

Michael discussed the following: Identity Theft update (handout available); Crime statistics - go to EGPD website; Winterfest will be December 15th. There are four Categories - Best decorated, Most Original Idea, Most Creative Idea and Honorable Mention. Must be home and lights must be on to win and receive a prize.

Guest Speaker - **Erika Cardenas**, Elk Grove Code Enforcement Officer presentation included:

1. Who They Are - identified by City of Elk Grove emblem, Code Enforcement
2. What They Do -
 - respond to enforcement code violations
 - identify non-compliance with ordinances
 - issue fees/citations for violations.
 - If there is a RED sticker on home identified as unsafe, do not enter.
3. Who They Are NOT
 - do not issue traffic citations
 - do not respond to emergency calls.
4. Enforceable codes include:
 - A. Zoning Code Title 23
 1. Fence setbacks,
 2. Home Occupancy; such as, different people living in same

home and renting rooms to people NOT related to owner.

3. RV Parking on street.

4. Signs - not permitted in public area or green belts .

5. Garage Sales - only 3 weekends a year permitted.

B. Nuisance code Title 16:

1. High weeds;

2. Attractive nuisance: same furniture sale sign up for months; political signs;

3. Encroachment onto roadways;

4. Mosquito breeding areas (swim pool, standing water);

5. Graffiti;

6. Yard Parking.

C. Business license code Title 4

Residential zone, NOT Commercial; Cannot run business from home.

Code Enforcement Volunteers Needed. They will perform clerical duties, process Service Requests, Field Volunteers do preliminary inspection, i.e., basketball hoops, shopping carts, graffiti removal, and assist with abatement.

Citizens Academy: 6-8 weeks, Wednesdays 6:00-8:00 pm Elk Grove PD now accepting applications.

Code Enforcement Contact Info. Program Line 916-687-3023

www.elkgrovecity.org/code-enforcement/report-form.asp

Ask Elk Grove 916-691- CITY (2489)

Meeting Adjourned: 5:00 pm

ELK GROVE POLICE DEPARTMENT

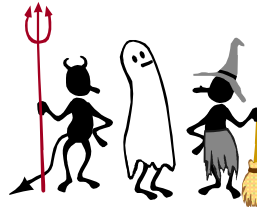
www.elkgrovecity.org

Website for "Crime Prevention Tips" and "Online Reporting".

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.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



WINTERFEST 2012

We will continue our Christmas light decoration contest for Best Decorated, Most Creative, Most Original and Honorable Mention on **Saturday, December 15, 2012 6:30pm. Watch for more information in November.** Prizes are awarded. Start Planning. Let's make this year even more creative, decorative and festive.

DON'T SPEED ON OUR STREETS!

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

- Wear bright or reflective clothing when walking, jogging or riding bicycles at night.
- Avoid the holiday rush – shop early and during the day!
- Remember to make your home

secure and appear lived in.

- Don't place purchases in your trunk and then leave to purchase more. Move your car. There are criminals watching and can get into trunks quickly and easily.
- Use the buddy system – shop with a friend.



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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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A Happy New Year!