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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 April 12, 2014 at Jeanne Womack Park on Castlevue Drive. Guest Speaker, Denise Costello, Crime Prevention Specialist & POP Officer.



EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 6, 2014

The meeting commenced at 6:35pm with introductions: Laura Vo, Teresa and Michael Jones. Treasurer's report: Beginning balance \$845.39; Received \$164.64 United Way Ending Balance \$1010.03

The following 2014 Calendar Event Planning schedule was discussed and approved. In climate weather may cancel a meeting or activity.

Meetings:

- Spring, April 12, 2014 4pm
- Summer, June 28, 2014 4pm
- Fall, Sept. 13, 2014 4pm

Activities:

- Spring – due to low turnout last year, the board decided to forego a spring activity this year.
- Summer - National Night Out August, 5, 2013 6:00pm

- Winter – due to low participation last winter, the 2014 Winter Fest was cancelled this year.

ALL MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES TAKE PLACE IN JEANNIE WOMACK PARK.

Scheduled Meeting Dates 4pm in Jeannie Womack Park:

Spring: Saturday April 12th.

Michael will ask Denise Costello to speak and to invite our new POP Officer.

Summer: Saturday June 28th.

Michael will ask Michelle Orrock, Cosumnes CSD Board member to be our guest speaker.

Fall: Saturday, September 13th.

Michael will ask Robert Lehner, Elk Grove Police Chief to be our guest speaker.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Vo, Secretary.

WINTERFEST 2013 CHRISTMAS LIGHT CONTEST WINNERS

The winners of the 2013 Winterfest Christmas Light Contest were: **Best Decorated Home:** John, Karen, Anna & Johnny on Candel Ct; **Most Creative Idea:** Ron & Mary on Castlevue Drive; **Most Original:** Noss, Arlene & Richard on Stuben Ct. **Honorable Mention:** Greg & Jan on Clementine Way; Gutavo, Cindy, Julie & Jake on Castlecave Ct.; Maydahl & Mary on Castlevue Drive; Adrian & Donne on Castleshore Way and Darnell & Cathy on

Castelcave Ct. Each winner received a certificate and prize. A sincere "Thank You" to all who took the time to decorate their homes and made them beautiful. A special thank you to Supervisor Don Nottoli. Visit our web site to see the 2013 Winterfest winner's lights.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COORDINATORS MEETING

The City of Elk Grove Police Department Neighborhood Watch Coordinators Quarterly meeting was held Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at the City Council Chambers. The following is a summary of the meeting. Denise Costello, Crime Prevention Specialist and David Feinberg, Crime Prevention Assistant conducted the meeting.

Topics discussed: crime trends, credit card theft prevention, burglary prevention and National Night Out. Audrey Haug was announced as the new POP Officer Supervisor. Crime is down! Hired 8 new officers to fill vacancies and now there are 120 sworn Officers. If you see something that is suspicious, call the 24 hour non-emergency number. More Officers are now on bikes which provides very a efficient tool and helpful with fighting crime.

Credit card prevention: A credit card scanner was passed around for everyone to see. It is used to take your credit card information . It has a digital modem. Your information is transmitted to a person who uses the credit card. Easy to buy scanner on Internet; used at gas stations inside or outside. Credit card theft is major crime. Cards with chips are used in Europe not U.S. Protect yourself!

Don't let the person take your card in restaurant, go with them or scan it yourself and never run twice. Check your bill every month. ATM and Debt cards are high risk.

Home security: we watched a short video on home burglary. It's hard to recognize a burglar. Easy opportunity. 1 in 60 homes will be burglarized. You are at risk. Key to home safety is knowledge. Crime Prevention Officer has information on how to protect your home. Visit website Crime Prevention Tips for Your Home. Open windows attracts a burglar. A sign you are not home, e.g. lawn not cut and paper on porches. 60% of burglaries occur during the daylight hours. Burglars are always active, crime of opportunity. Outside lights around house that are not reachable. For sliding door, have an adjustable bar in middle. Jewelry & cash in master bedroom is burglar's first location. Safe deposit box at Bank is safest place. If you see someone in neighborhood, talk to them. Solicitor laws and policy are changed. They must wear their ID and show permit. Let your neighbor know that someone is soliciting around the neighborhood. Visit the EGPD website Crime Prevention Know Your Charities for more information.

National Night Out will be held Tuesday, August 6, 2014. Start planning for this activity. Crime Prevention number is 478-8122. Meeting adjourned 8:30pm.

CRIME STATISTICS

www.crimereports.com

This website allows you to look up crimes which have occurred in a neighborhood.

ELK GROVE POLICE DEPARTMENT

www.elkgrovepd.org

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

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Emergency	911
Emergency cell phone	714-5111
24 Hour Non-Emergency	714-5115
Traffic Issues	627-3714
POP Officers	478-8110
Service Center	478-8100
Graffiti Hotline	478-8231
Parking Enforcement	478-8160

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