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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 **June 28, 2014** at Jeanne Womack Park on Castlevue Drive.
Guest Speaker, Michelle Orrock, Cosumnes CSD Board member to be our guest speaker.



MEETING MINUTES APRIL 12, 2014

After the welcome and introductions, the meeting commenced at 4:15pm. Michael welcomed everyone. Laura read the Minutes of February 6, 2014 Executive Board Meeting. Teresa read the Treasurer's report. March Ending balance was \$960.28. Each report was unanimously accepted. Michael discussed Identity Theft. There were several business hacked and customers who used debit and credit cards were placed at risk for identity theft. Never give out your personal information. Using a debit card? Be extra careful. Look out for suspicious activity. People may be scanning your card, wallet or purses.

- Literature available during meeting;
- Be aware of information you share on FaceBook, may be used to steal identity; Kris mentioned Facebook Hacking and to change your passwords frequently and never reuse passwords, even from years past.

Identity theft still high in CA and nationwide.

- Crime statistics can be found on "www.crime-reports.com". Enter address and mile radius of report. The site sends you crime alerts to make you aware of recent crimes in your area.

Tim discussed Identity theft and to be aware of "Microsoft Adobe" website. Allegedly that site attempts to get all your information by asking to access your computer remotely to work on computer problems.

Guest Speakers— **Denise Costello Crime Prevention Specialist, Elk Grove Police Department** and **Jason Bolfango POP Officer.**

Denise shared there will be a kids safety event sponsored by Elk Grove Police Department in June.

Elk Grove POP Officers are now equipped with bicycle racks on their patrol vehicles and bikes to be able to patrol smaller confined areas such as near the rail road tracks or go after running criminals. Denise highly recommended the Crime Reports website CRIMEREPORTS.COM

to stay aware of crimes in your area. Be more vigilant about suspicious acting people and people just sitting in cars for periods of time. Denise shared the Crime Report alert on her telephone email to show how alerts are sent specially to your street address. Upon signing up at the site, enter your home address to get alerts pertaining to your street only.

CSD Dispatchers have ability to monitor the camera located in our park. Not sure what direction the camera faces. Elk Grove Police Department officers cannot view activities on the camera to check and monitor in their vehicles. Jason thinks the CSD officers can access the camera. There are many

calls for Service about renters who damage property and have loud parties. Tim asked if renters have to register as renters. Officer Bolfango shared that when Elk Grove Police Department receives calls for service to a specific homes due to the occupying tenant being disruptive, they first have to conduct a survey to the surrounding neighbors to validate the concern. If there is a consensus that the renters are causing issues, Elk Grove Police Department can issue Administrative citations calls for service to the house if they are a repeat offender. The landlords cannot be forced to evict the renters due to financial hardship; however, the renters may tire of the continued police presence. The police will check for criminal offender and conduct searches if they get a hit.

- Solicitors require a permit to solicit the neighborhood. Officer Bolfango advised us to always respond to solicitors when you are at home because burglars will attempt to enter your property if they think you're not home. Say through the door, "no thank you", "not interested". NEVER let anyone you DON'T know into your home. Denise shared an incident where a woman let someone in her home and the person asked to use the bathroom. Next thing she realized, all her prescription pain meds were all gone. DO NOT let strangers in your house.

- Be aware not to leave your ladders in your yard. Burglars are using home ladders to access 2nd story windows left open. With the warmer weather, be diligent if you leave windows open when you are not home or for long periods. Store your ladders in locked area such as the garage or locked sheds. Meeting adjourned 5:05pm.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Vo, Secretary.



Don't forget to mark **Tuesday, August 5, 2014, 6:00pm** on your calendars. Come and meet law enforcement partners and other members of our community. Watch for flyers.

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

DO NOT BECOME COMPLACENT

- Always be aware of your surroundings-even at home and shopping! Watch for suspicious acting people.
- Identify theft continues to be a threat. Do not leave bills overnight in any outside mailbox. Shred any personal information. Be aware of new technology that can scan your credit card numbers from your wallet.
- Home Invasions have increased. Use dead bolt locks and keep all doors locked.
- Watch for anyone following you.
- Car theft and vandalism is the #1 crime in our area. Always secure your vehicle doors, windows, hood and trunk.
- Put all packages and valuables out of sight including telephones, backpacks, brief cases and garage door opener.

- Never wear extravagant jewelry when going out alone. Gold chains are easy to pull off your neck.
- Lock both your car and inside garage door. Keep garage door closed.
- If you must park outside your garage, an alarm helps to scare thieves.
- Pay attention to all alarms.
- Keep your purse close to your body or use your pockets.
- Never attach a tag with your name and address to a key ring.
- Teach your children not to open any door to strangers or place personal information on social media.
- Only use secured websites.

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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