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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 6, 2015** at Jeanne Womack Park on Castlevue Drive. Guest Speaker, Michelle Orrock, Cosumnes CSD Board member to be our guest speaker.



MEETING MINUTES MARCH 28, 2015

After the welcome and introductions, the meeting commenced at 4:06 pm. Michael welcomed everyone. Silvia read the Minutes of January 20, 2015 Executive Board Meeting. Teresa read the Treasurer's report. March Ending balance was \$1,148.10. 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. Literature available during meeting; be aware of information you share on FaceBook, may be used to steal identity. Identity theft still high in Elk Grove, 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. Guest Speakers- Andrew Bornhoeft Crime Prevention Specialist, Elk Grove Police

Department and Jason Bolfango POP Officer, Officer Rene Olague, Officer Zack Lemire, and Sgt Jimmie Kang.

Elk Grove is partnering with www.nextdoor.com. This site is similar to Facebook, in which residents can obtain a profile and be informed on what is taking place in local community. Any residents of a community may register. Mayor will announce joint effort with police department this week.

Burglaries:

Best tools against burglaries are dogs and neighbors. Report suspected activities. Know that burglars will knock on your door at times just to check if residents are home. Make noise. Leave television on, if possible. Trend: Rear sliding glass break ins. Burglars are breaking glass because some alarms do not go off if glass is broken. Busiest times for Elk Grove Police Department are the hours between 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Mail Box Thefts:

Are still taking place. This is also not limited to Elk Grove. It is a national problem, especially now that is tax season. Do not drop outgoing mail in cluster mails. Raleys & BelAir have postal services inside the store. Maximize this service. Drop your outgoing mail in the big blue boxes. It is an added monthly cost, but you may want to consider renting a P.O. Box. It is more secure.

Car Registrations and Proof of Insurance:

Some police departments are accepting registration with addresses blacked out/or cut off. This is resulting from car thieves breaking into cars, obtaining home

address from car registrations only to burglarize home later.

Elk Grove Police Dept. will sponsor a Citizens Academy in September 2015.

Massage Parlors:

There are more massage parlors in Elk Grove than Starbucks. The concern is that these may be a front for prostitution or human trafficking. Department is placing additional resources to ensure they screen applicants more thoroughly.

Meeting adjourned 4:49pm.

Respectfully submitted by Silvia Rodriguez, Secretary.



Don't forget to mark **Tuesday, August 4, 2015, 6:00pm** on your calendars. Come and meet law enforcement partners and other members of our community. Watch for flyers.

NEXTDOOR

The Elk Grove Police Department announced on March 30, 2015 a partnership with Nextdoor (www.nextdoor.com), the free and private social network for neighborhoods, to build stronger, safer communities with the help of residents. This integration with Nextdoor will enable EGPD to communicate online with Elk Grove neighborhoods. Residents and the Elk Grove Police Department will be able to work

together to increase safety and strengthen virtual neighborhood watch. To join our Nextdoor Laguna Greens Watch, Inc. neighborhood, visit the Nextdoor website above to sign up. Our area is called Elliott Ranch East.

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.
- 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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