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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 **TBD, 2016** at Jeanne Womack Park on Castleview Drive. Guest Speaker, **TBD**



## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The **National Night Out** was held Tuesday, August 4, 2015. 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. We are extremely appreciative to Target, Raley's and Safeway who contributed to our activity.



## 2015 National Night Out

Pictures are on our website

[www.lagunagreens.org](http://www.lagunagreens.org)

**FALL MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 3, 2015, JEANNIE  
WOMACK PARK**

After the welcome and introductions, the meeting commenced at 4:06 pm.

Michael welcomed everyone. Silvia read the Minutes of June 6, 2015 Meeting. Teresa read the Treasurer's report. August ending balance was \$857.43. Each report was unanimously accepted.

Michael discussed the following Safety Tips:

### Identity Theft

Be conscious of what and where you give your personal information; shred all documents with personal information. Identity Theft continues to be a serious crime as thieves are getting more sophisticated in obtaining information where government and commerce takes place and by hacking into computers. Credit cards are equipped with electronic chips that make it more difficult to hack.

### Nextdoor.com

This is a social media tool that Elk Grove Police Department is partnering with. We are Elliot Ranch, Laguna Greens. Michael is the lead. This site is growing and 98 neighbors have joined us. Nextdoor.com has an app and Michael provided a brief overview on its use.

### CrimeReports.com

Crime statistics can be found on the site. Enter your address and mile radius. It is a tool that provides information on types of crimes happening in the area.

### Winterfest activity

The decorated home activity will be held on Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm for Best Decorated, Most Creative, Most Original and Honorable Mention homes. Winners will receive a certificate and prize. The Honorable Don Nottoli will be our judge.

**Guest Speaker** - Honorable Don Nottoli, Board of Supervisors Fifth District presentation included:

1. Kudos to attendees for being there and participating in Laguna Greens Neighborhood Watch, Inc.
2. All areas need police resources to fight or identify crime. As such we are needed to help be their eyes and ears. Scams on vulnerable and gullible people are on the rise. Keep your antennae up. Mr. Nottoli gives credit to Laguna Greens Neighborhood Watch for our 20 years of serving the community. An attendee mentioned our community even has urban farming where neighbors grow their own vegetables!

3. County Perspectives- law enforcement needed for public safety; overcrowding in State prisons causing early release. As criminals are sent to county jails, cost is high and there is overcrowding. The result is the likelihood some prisoners maybe released into communities and we need to be even more vigilant and alert to crime.

4. The eastern part of county is growing. Construction to ease traffic from highway 50 to I-5 to 99 is being proposed to improve mobility.

5. The extended drought is causing a change in water priorities and different strategies are proposed.

6. Contact your representatives when you have concerns about issues and make your voice heard.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:05 pm.  
Respectfully submitted by Silvia Rodriguez, Secretary.

## ELK GROVE POLICE DEPARTMENT

[www.elkgrovepd.org](http://www.elkgrovepd.org)

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

## WINTERFEST 2015

As mentioned earlier, we will continue our Christmas light decoration contest for Best Decorated, Most Creative, Most Original and Honorable Mention on **Saturday, December 19, 2015 6:30pm**. 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

- At night, wear bright or reflective clothing when walking, jogging or riding bicycles (helmet always).
- Avoid the holiday rush – shop early and during the day! Or go with a friend at night.
- 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.
- Do not leave valuables visible in your car.
- Be Aware of Surroundings. Do



not be distracted by your telephone or earphones. You become a target.

## INFORMATION FOR DONORS

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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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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**A Happy New Year!**