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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 **September 3, 2016** at Jeanne Womack Park on Castlevue Drive. Guest Speaker, TBD.



## SPRING MEETING MINUTES JUNE 4, 2016

After the welcome and introductions, the meeting commenced at 4:06 pm. Michael welcomed everyone. Silvia read the Minutes of March 21, 2016 meeting. Teresa read the Treasurer's report. May ending balance was \$597.47. Each report was unanimously accepted.

Michael discussed the following Safety Tips:

### Identity Theft

Identity Theft continues to be a serious crime as hackers are able to hack into banks, universities, governments, and department stores. These hackers can be domestic or foreign.

Do not give out identifying information in a situation where you can be over heard. Do not use the same password everywhere one is required. Shred all documents with personal information.

### Nextdoor.com

This is a social media tool that the Elk Grove Police Department partners with. We are Elliot Ranch = Laguna Greens. Michael is the lead and provides a brief overview. This site is growing and 119 neighbors have joined Elliot Ranch. Nextdoor.com has an app and you are encouraged to join.

### CrimeReports.com

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

### Volunteer in the Police Service (VIPS)

If you need to go out of town, VIPS will patrol your residence. Submit your application two days in advance of your trip. Application is available online. After you return, a report is provided on their activity. You may send in a tax deductible donation for this invaluable service.

**National Night Out:** Tuesday, August 2, 2016, 6:00 p.m. This is our 21<sup>th</sup> National Night Out.

**Guest Speaker:** Our Guest Speaker Jim Cooper, Assembly member Ninth District was unable to attend.

Nevertheless, Elk Grove City Councilmember Darren G. Suen came to our meeting and discussed the following:  
- Elk Grove's vision: stronger communities and stronger

neighborhoods. To this end neighborhood watch groups are important;

- Sacramento appears to be a hub for human trafficking.
  - Compared to other cities of similar size, Elk Grove's crime is low. The highest crime category is Domestic violence. To this end, Elk Grove is working closely with WEAVE and My Sister's House.
  - Elk Grove is concerned about hunger among seniors and children and monitors both.
  - Some Elk Grove residents are concerned about Costco. The number one complaint is traffic and the architectural design as well as the proximity of gas pumps to homes.
  - Economic development of Elk Grove.
- The group sincerely thanked Councilmember Suen.

Meeting adjourned 4:55 pm.  
Respectfully submitted by,  
Silvia Rodriguez, Secretary.



Don't forget to mark **Tuesday, August 2, 2016, 6:00pm** on your calendars. Come and meet law enforcement partners and other members of our community.

#### WHAT IS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT?

### It's America's Night Out Against Crime!

The "33rd Annual National Night Out" (NNO), is a unique crime/drug prevention event created and sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW), and is scheduled for Tuesday, August 2, 2016. NATIONAL NIGHT OUT (NNO) is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Along with the traditional display of outdoor lights and front porch vigils, cities, towns and neighborhoods 'celebrate' NNO with a variety of events and activities such as:

- block parties,
- cookouts,
- visits from local police and sheriff departments
- parades, exhibits,
- flashlight walks,
- contests, and
- youth programs and ice cream socials.

NNO has proven to be an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and police-community

partnerships in our fight for a safer nation. The benefits your community will derive from NNO will most certainly extend well beyond the one night. National Night Out — A Great Community Event.

#### IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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| 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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