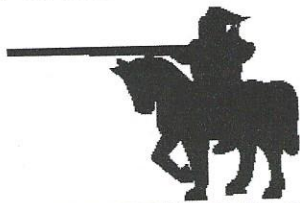




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**WELCOME NEW
MEMBERS TO THE
ORGANIZATION!**

The Laguna Greens Guardian is the official publication of Laguna Greens Neighborhood Watch, Inc. The next quarterly meeting is **TBD, 2017** at Jeanne Womack Park on Castlevue Drive. Guest Speaker, **TBD**



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out was held Tuesday, August 2, 2016. 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.



2016 National Night Out
Photos are on our website
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NEW POLICE CHIEF

On Wednesday, September 14, 2016, Elk Grove City Manager Laura S. Gill held a press conference and announced the selection of Assistant Chief Bryan Noblett as the next Chief of Police of the Elk Grove Police Department. Chief Noblett will assume his new duties beginning on October 3 working alongside the retiring Chief Robert Lehner

who will assist with the transition through the end of October.



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Elk Grove's Independent Google News Source.

FALL MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 8, 2016, JEANNIE WOMACK PARK

After the welcome and introductions, the meeting commenced at 4:10 pm. Michael welcomed everyone. Silvia read the Minutes of June 4, 2016 Meeting. Teresa read the Treasurer's report. September ending balance was \$427.00. Each report was unanimously accepted.

Michael discussed the following:
Identity Theft
Be conscious of when, where and type of personal information you give, such as, bank account information, social security numbers for you or family members. Shred credit offers or mail that reveals any of the above. If you don't want it shared, shred it! If you are a victim, file a police report, call the three major credit report agencies, and inform your bank and institution with whom you do business. Identity thieves are getting more sophisticated in obtaining information where government and commerce takes place by hacking your computer and those institutions who hold our information. Credit cards are

equipped with electronic chips that make it more difficult to steal your number. Beware of thieves who swipe an electronic device next to your purse, wallet and pockets. This device steals your information.

Nextdoor.com

This is a social media tool that Elk Grove Police Department is partnering with. Our area is Elliot Ranch East and Michael is the lead. Guidelines changed due to inappropriate use of this tool. This site is growing and 120 neighbors have joined us. Also, Nextdoor.com has an app. This is a free and private social network for neighborhoods, to build stronger, safer communities with the help of residents. To join our Nextdoor Elliot Ranch East (Laguna Greens Watch, Inc.) neighborhood, visit the Nextdoor website above to sign up

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 you selected.

Guest Speakers – Elk Grove Police Officers Michael Chilner and his partner Jason Skelton presentation included:

Community policing and POP (Problem Oriented Policing) Officers who are community relations specialists handle special events and neighbor disputes, the Juvenile Diversion program. Beat 2 (our area) crimes are mostly property crime. Elk Grove crime statistics are dropping or are staying stagnant. Follow our Police Department on Face Book and Twitter. Law Enforcement Police depends on us in our communities; please report suspicious persons or

activities. It's okay if after being investigated, there is no issue.

All areas need police resources to fight or identify crime. As such we are needed to help be their eyes and ears.

Our new Police Chief Brian Noblett experienced was discussed and Michael shared Brian's belief in neighborhood watch and attendance at our Nation Night Out.

Open Questions:

What new technology is being implemented? Body cameras are being piloted and policy is being created. Grab Them is a devise that takes finger prints if a suspect gives a false name or refuses to provide identification. License plate readers are small cameras on police vehicles. This system photographs license plates and compares them to a database. This helps to identify stolen cars, cars used in a crime, etc. *What is the hardest part of training to be a Police Officer?* For some, it is learning to seek help on ways to improve learned skills. *What does the city offer to police officers for personal development for "self-care"?* Chaplains, and an Employee Assistance Program. *Is there a directory of names one can call to alert someone when out of town?* Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) provide residential vacation check service. *What is Coffee With A Cop?* You can meet your local officers and ask them questions. More information on E.G.P.D. website.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:50 pm.
Respectfully submitted by Silvia Rodriguez, Secretary.

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

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.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!