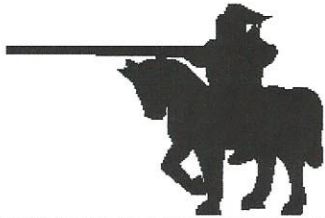




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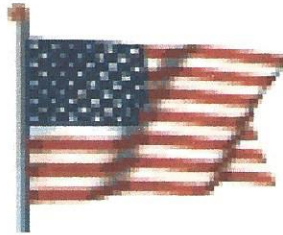
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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO THE ORGANIZATION!



The Laguna Greens Guardian is the official publication of Laguna Greens Neighborhood Watch, Inc. This is our 22<sup>th</sup> year as a Neighborhood Watch! The Newsletter is emailed to neighbors, posted on Nextdoor.com and our website.



### PREVENTING MAILBOX THEFT

The theft of mail from residential mailboxes is a problem. Con artists use this as a means to obtain your identity information and to steal checks and other items of value. This problem can be reduced or minimized by following these tips:

- Do not leave outgoing mail in your unlocked mailbox.
- Never leave your mail in overnight which includes placing it there on the weekend.
- Deposit mail in a blue collection box or inside your local post office.

Don't leave mail in a collection box that is full.

- Make sure your home mailbox is in good condition. Mail that is exposed can be damaged by bad weather and is visible to thieves.
- Promptly pick up your incoming mail after it is delivered.
- Be observant of activities on your street, including those near your letter carrier, the postal vehicle, residential mailboxes, and collection boxes.
- If you see suspicious persons or activity, call 877-876-2455 US Postal Inspector to report thefts or 911 while the suspects are still present.

### CRIME STATISTICS

[www.crimereports.com](http://www.crimereports.com)

This website allows you to look up crimes which have occurred in a neighborhood.

### ELK GROVE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

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

### SMOKE DETECTOR

Not only should you change batteries during the time change, but every 10 years replace your smoke detector. Also, carbon monoxide detectors are now required in your homes.

## 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 checks, credit card or bank information overnight in any mailbox outside of the post office. Shred any personal information before discarding.
  - Home Invasions continue. Use dead bolt locks and keep doors and windows locked, including the inside garage door.
  - Watch for anyone following you home while you are walking, biking or driving.
  - Car theft and vandalism is the #1 crime in our area. Always secure your vehicle doors, windows, hood and trunk and use your car alarm when possible.
  - Put all packages and valuables out of sight including telephones and garage door opener, bags, purses and wallets.
  - Use caution when wearing extravagant jewelry.
- 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.

## HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!



### IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Emergency	911
Emergency cell phone	714-5111
24 Hour Non-Emergency	714-5115
Traffic Issues	627-3714
POP Officers	478-8110
Service Center	478-8100
Graffiti Hotline	478-8231
Parking Enforcement	478-8160

**In Progress or Life Threatening Emergencies - 9-1-1**

**From your cell phone - 714-5111**

**Non-emergency Dispatch - 714-5115**

**PLEASE DO NOT SPEED**

Keep our children and young adults safe!

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!**

