



# THE LAGUNA GREENS GUARDIAN



Vol. 24, Issue No.1 Winter  
January/February/March 2019

The Laguna Greens Guardian is published quarterly by the Laguna Greens Neighborhood Watch, Inc.

9570 Castledale Ct.

Elk Grove, CA 95758

Michael Jones: Coordinator  
(916) 684-5803

Email: [mjones53@comcast.net](mailto:mjones53@comcast.net)

Teresa Jones: Treasurer/Editor

Silvia Rodriguez: Secretary

TBD: Block Captain

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



The Laguna Greens Guardian is the official publication of Laguna Greens Neighborhood Watch, Inc. This is our 24<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 or incoming mail in your unlocked or locked mailbox.
- Never leave your mail overnight especially on the weekend.
- Deposit mail in a blue collection box outside or

your local post office or inside a secure collection box at post office or a grocery store. 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. If on vacation, fill out USPS form.
- 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. Try to remember details of suspects.

## 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.

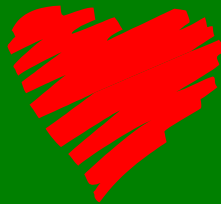
## CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

### DO NOT BECOME COMPLACENT

- Always be aware of your surroundings—even at home, or on your cell phone and shopping! Watch for suspicious acting people.
- Identify theft continues to be a threat. Shred any or remove personal information before discarding any envelopes delivery box, etc.
- Home Invasions continue. Use dead bolt locks and keep doors and windows locked, including the inside garage door. Be vigilant when you are in your garage or on the street.
- Watch for anyone following you home while you are walking, biking or driving home from shopping or banking.
- 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

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

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

**24 Hr. Non-emergency  
Dispatch - 714-5115**

Traffic Issues	627-3714
POP Officers	478-8110
Service Center	478-8100
Graffiti Hotline	478-8231
Parking Enforcement	478-8160

## PLEASE DO NOT SPEED

Keep our children and young adults safe!

## INFORMATION FOR DONORS

The Laguna Greens Neighborhood Watch, Inc. is an IRS recognized 501-© (3) tax-exempt not-for-profit charity. Federal Tax ID#68-0390652 All contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. The contributions are used for educational materials, public activities and supplies.

**THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR SUPPORT!**

**HAPPY  
ST. PATRICK'S**

