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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 **June 8, 2013** at Jeanne Womack Park on Castlevue Drive. **Guest Speaker, Mayor Gary Davis.**



SPRINGTIME GET TOGETHER

The Spring Activity will take place **Saturday, May 4, 2013, 11:00 am** in Jeannie Womack Park. Hotdogs, buns and chips will be provided. Bring refreshments your favorite dish to share and a chair or blanket. Come and meet new people and reacquaint yourself with friends. Will we have Giggles the clown entertaining. Watch for flyers.

MEETING MINUTES APRIL 13, 2013

After the welcome and introductions, the meeting commenced at 4:15pm. Michael welcomed everyone. Teresa read the Minutes of September 29, 2012 and Treasurer's report. March Ending balance was \$715.00 Each report was unanimously accepted. Michael discussed Identity Theft. Be conscious of where

you give out your personal information.

Identity theft still high in CA and nationwide.

- Literature available during meeting;

- Be aware of information you share on FaceBook, may be used to steal identity;

- Crime statistics can be found on "www.crime-reports.com". Enter address and mile radius.

Guest Speaker - **Esteban Nava, SMUD Representative.** His presentation included:

Smart Meter Program. Visit the SMUD website at

www.smud.org to view your electricity usage. The Smart Grid participates with State, UC and CSD. Analog meters are being replaced with old meters for those who do not want a Smart Meter. SMUD conducted 19 months of testing and Smart Meters were installed incrementally. They can obtain data usage and long term data. They do not share data, only analyze data. There are 650 thousand SMUD customers with Smart Meters, but a few customers opted out. Android app will be available for Smart phone. Esteban discussed their Rebate Program and future benefits for Smart Meters, e.g. freezers, washer and dryers and smart homes. By 2014 Smart Meters budget will be \$307 million. The goal is to change how we use electricity, consumption and interact with all devices. There are 40 other utility companies nationwide with 36 million customers and in next 5-7 years there will be over 200 million. SMUD Neighborhood Safety Program

was also discussed. SMUD is partnering with the community for safe, reliable electricity. Esteban informed us to report overgrown vegetation, trash, graffiti, metal theft, intrusions and any suspicious activities around SMUD power stations. The place to call is SMUD Security Operations Dispatchers (916) 732-5900 or call 911. Meeting adjourned 5:05pm. Respectfully submitted Teresa Jones, Acting Secretary

CRIME STATISTICS

CRIMEREPORTS.COM:

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

ELK GROVE POLICE DEPARTMENT

www.elkgrovepd.org

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



Don't forget to mark **Tuesday, August 6, 2013, 6:30pm** on your calendars. Come and meet law enforcement partners and other members of our community. Watch for flyers.

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 bills overnight in any outside mailbox. Shred any personal information. Be aware of new technology that can scan your credit card numbers from your wallet.
- Home Invasions have increased. Use dead bolt locks and keep all doors locked.
- Watch for anyone following you.
- Car theft and vandalism is the #1 crime in our area. Always secure your vehicle doors, windows, hood and trunk.
- Put all packages and valuables out of sight including telephones and garage door opener.
- Never wear extravagant jewelry when going out alone. Gold chains are easy to pull off your neck.
- 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 or place personal information on social media.
- Only use secured websites.

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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