



# CRIME PREVENTION NEWSLETTER

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## Telephone Numbers

(All 916 area code unless noted)

EGPD 24 Hour Dispatch	714-5115
Emergency Fire/PD	714-5111 or 911
EGPD Business Office	478-8000
Tip Line	627-3333
Animal Services	687-3023
Business License	478-2211
Bus Service (e-tran)	683-8726
Chamber of Commerce	691-3760
City Clerk	478-3635
City Council	478-2201
City Hall	683-7111
City Manager	478-2201
Code Enforcement	687-3023
Crime Prevention	478-8122
CSD Fire Non-Emergency	405-7100
Garbage and Recycling	635-2500
Graffiti Hotline	478-8231
Mosquito Control	(800) 429-1022
Patrol Officer Voicemail	627-3700
Poison Control	(800) 876-4766
Public Works	683-7111
Street Lights	687-3005
Suicide Prevention	368-3111
Traffic concerns	627-3714
TTY / TDD	(888) 435-6092
WEAVE (Domestic Violence Agency) 24 Hour Crisis Line	920-2952

## Elk Grove Police Online:

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## Hello Elk Grove!

Welcome to Spring, the start of warm weather, tax season, and all of the fun it brings. In this month's newsletter, we have some reminders about tax scams, as well as tips and hints for the upcoming season.

## Running of the Elk Half Marathon, 5k, 10k & Kid's Run

The "Running of the Elk" half marathon, 5k, 10k, and kid's fun run is coming this Sunday, April 03, 2016. This is one of the premier half marathons in the Elk Grove area. For more information on the race, or to register, visit their website at [www.runningoftheelkhalf.com](http://www.runningoftheelkhalf.com). Of course, running a race in Elk Grove will necessitate the temporary closure or restrictions on some roads. A map of the half marathon course is attached to this post. Here is a list of roads which will be affected by the race. All times are approximate, as road closures may start earlier or extend slightly as per the demands of the race.

- The event starts on Longleaf Drive and this location will be closed starting Saturday afternoon.
- Laguna Springs will be closed to through traffic from 0700-1100 hours.
- Elk Grove Blvd between Big Horn and Auto Center will be closed from 0700-0900.
- The entire Auto Center area will be closed from 0700-0900.
- W. Stockton between the Auto Mall and Lent Ranch Parkway will be closed from 0730-0900.
- Emerald Vista between Gem Crest and E Stockton will be closed from 0730-1030. Local residents will be allowed access via escort. It is recommended plans be made in advance due to anticipated delays.
- Lujan between Emerald Vista and Terra Linda will be closed from 0730-1030. Local residents will be allowed access via escort. It is recommended plans be made in advance due to anticipated delays.

- Halverson between Terra Linda and Elk Grove Florin will be closed from 0730-1030. Local residents will be allowed access via escort. It is recommended plans be made in advance due to anticipated delays.
- Elk Grove Florin Road between Bond Road and Elk Grove Blvd Road will be closed from 0730-1030. Local residents will be allowed access via escort. It is recommended plans be made in advance due to anticipated delays.
- One westbound lane of Elk Grove Blvd will be blocked with the speed limit reduced to 25 mph between Elk Grove Florin Road and the creek trail before Emerald Oak. Residents will be allowed access via Williamson which will be controlled, so expect delays.

Here's a map of the half marathon route:



## Tax Season Fraud Reminder

Tax season brings its own special scams. This is just a reminder that the IRS will not call you to say you owe taxes, just as the sheriff or police will not call to say you have a warrant. If you get a phone call that sounds too good to be true, or threatens you like this, it is probably a scam. The best thing is to just hang up. If you question its validity, you can contact them back at a number you know is valid, not the one they called you from.

## Spring is in the air! Time for Yardwork and Trimming!

CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (CPTED)

What is it and why is it important to implement? CPTED is an approach to deterring criminal behavior by designing your residence or business to influence criminal acts prior to them occurring. CPTED is an important strategy to employ to your residence as it will, generally, make potential burglars feel less comfortable in your area and around your home. Here are some things you might want to consider while cleaning up your yards.

### **Residential Entry Points:**

Daylight View – Stand outside of your home’s primary front entry/exit areas.

- ✓ From this line of sight, what can you see?
- ✓ Ask yourself, can you be seen by neighbors or vehicle passing by? If you cannot see them, they cannot see you either. Criminals like privacy too!
- ✓ Repeat this process on each side of your home.

Night View – Now, stand outside of your home’s primary front entry/exit areas at night.

- ✓ Repeat the review process as above. What can you see from your doorways?
- ✓ Is lighting present to highlight these same entry/exit points?
- ✓ Are there dark spaces that could be lighted?
- ✓ Repeat this process on each side of your home.

### **Street View of Property:**

Walk or drive by the front of your residence from the street.

- ✓ Can you see clearly down both sides of the residence?
- ✓ Can the windows and doors be seen from the street-view?
- ✓ Does your property follow the 2’-6’ rule (hedges and bushes no more than 2’ high, and tree limbs trimmed to at least 6’ above ground)? This reduces hiding spots for criminals.
- ✓ At dark, have tree canopies grown so large that they block any street or residential lighting sources?
- ✓ Are there places for a person to conceal themselves near your doorways?
- ✓ How well maintained is your yard? A well-manicured property displays strong ownership and presence.
- ✓ Is there any signage present to display ownership (No trespassing, alarm signage, etc.)?

## Garage Sale Safety Tips

Warm weather is coming. It is the perfect time of year for holding a garage sale to declutter and pass on your junk as someone else's treasure. Such sales, however, can be prime targets for people with less than honorable intentions. Follow these tips to help keep your sale on the safe side.

1. Do not let strangers come in your house for any reason. Not to use a restroom, try on clothes, or borrow a phone. They could be casing your house, stealing small items, or even unlocking a window for later. Nobody you don't know goes inside your house.
2. Keep your cell phone or home phone close by.
3. Team up. Have a multi-family garage sale, or a neighborhood garage sale. Four eyes are better than two, and so on.
4. Greet everyone who walks up. Make sure they know you have seen them.
5. Keep just enough cash on hand to make change. Put extra money in the house.
6. Keep larger, higher-priced items near the garage.
7. Do not accept large bills.
8. Keep cash you have been paid with laying out while you make change. This will keep con artists from trying to tell you they gave you a larger bill than they actually did.
9. Keep the sale in plain sight. Set items outside the garage on the driveway or lawn. This keeps you from getting trapped in a place where others can't see.
10. Lock up. Keep the front door to the house locked, as well as the door from the garage.
11. Remember that your safety is more important than your stuff. Keep yourself and your family safe.

## Prison Unity Tour for Youth

The Elk Grove Police Department, in conjunction with the California State Prison Medical Facility in Vacaville, has combined their efforts to bring a highly praised program to the citizens of Elk Grove called the UNITY PRISON TOUR. The program is designed to show the youth of Elk Grove how decisions they make now can affect their future, what it means to be in prison, and the harsh realities of prison life.

Several carefully selected inmates conduct a presentation to the youth by explaining to them what they did when they were teenagers, and what led to their current life in prison. The inmates, along with Corrections staff, take the youth on a tour of the prison while also trying to explain why it is important to abstain from committing crimes. The participants see and visit where the general population live, eat, and carry out their prison duties.

This is a "non-confrontational" program creating an environment of mutual respect with the juveniles while accomplishing the goals of the program. This program is open to male and female juveniles, aged 12-17, who are making poor choices, and are not on probation or taking the tour in lieu of probation. The program is conducted on a monthly basis. Parent involvement is highly encouraged. There is no fee for the program.

If you feel your child would benefit from this program please contact Elk Grove Police Department POP Officer Jennifer McCue at [youthservices@elkgrovepd.org](mailto:youthservices@elkgrovepd.org).

## **WEAVE, the Elk Grove Police Department, and Walk a Mile**

WEAVE ([www.weaveinc.org](http://www.weaveinc.org)) is the primary provider of crisis intervention services for survivors of domestic violence and sole Rape Crisis Center in Sacramento County. WEAVE also provides outreach, crisis intervention and advocacy for victims of sex trafficking. The Elk Grove Police Department is proud to have a WEAVE advocate working in our station. Her assistance in helping victims with the legal process, answering questions, following up after the officers have finished their reports, and in general being a friend to the victims has proven invaluable.

WEAVE is hosting Walk a Mile in Her Shoes on Saturday, April 23, at the Capitol Mall in downtown Sacramento. Walk a Mile in Her Shoes is part of an international effort where men take the lead to raise awareness about the serious causes, effects, and remediations to violence against women. Hundreds of men will literally walk for a mile in high heeled shoes, in sizes not normally seen. In addition to many officers from the Elk Grove Police Department and other area departments, the Elk Grove Police Explorers will have a team at WAM. The Explorers will be competing in a youth division, and donating towards their team may lead them to fabulous prizes. It is a fun day and a great way to raise funds and awareness against domestic violence and sexual assault. For more information, to register, to volunteer, or to support the Explorers, visit [www.weaveinc.org/walk-mile-her-shoes](http://www.weaveinc.org/walk-mile-her-shoes).



*That's all for this month. Stay safe Elk Grove!*