

**GVA General Membership Meeting
May 8, 2025**

Guest Speaker, Milton Neira, Public Education Specialist, Orange County Fire Authority

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Stuart Hack, Shel Mende, Tom Stacy, Laurie Bereny, Leah Kushman

GUESTS PRESENT: SK Park (Third Board President)

1. GVA President, Stuart Hack, called the meeting to order.
2. There is a newly elected building captain, Lynn Murphy in 4011.
3. There is a new region #4 representative, Leah Kushman, in 3371.
4. It is now confirmed by the OCFD that the fire alarm boxes in the 3-story building hallways and walkways are NOT connected to a monitoring company nor the fire department. Call 911 in case of fire/smoke.
5. How do people know what region their building is in? Tom Stacy, GVA Director of Communications, will distribute a spreadsheet with this information to the regional reps for distribution to their regions' 3 story buildings and to the Laguna Woods Village website.
6. The annual GVA fundraising effort began in September (and occurs every year), when 3-story building residents are asked to chip in \$1 each per year to fund current expenses and any potential future expenses the GVA may have.
7. When dealing with Resident Services it is best to send an email to obtain a service request as this leaves a paper trail, and it is trackable in case there is no follow-up within a reasonable length of time.

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1. Awareness means knowledge. There are fire alarms available that will vibrate for people who are hearing challenged. These can be placed on your bed to alert you at night.
2. Red Cross: 714-481-5300. Installation of smoke alarms for free
Non-emergency OCFD: 714-573-6200
3. In case of fire there is very little time. A room can burn completely in two minutes. You have one minute to get out. The key to staying alive is preparedness. The average response time for OCFD is 4 to 6 minutes.
4. Get to a safe spot when outside.
5. Build a go kit – backpack, suitcase, etc.