



Gardena, CA



Gardena Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

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Emergency	911	Detectives	(310) 217-9607
Non-Emergency	(310) 323-7911	Graffiti/Potholes	(310) 217-9650
Police Records	(310) 217-9600	Community Affairs	(310) 965-2321



Gardena Direct is an App which is free to the public and provides the community an easy way to receive updates about what's happening in Gardena, submit requests for service (graffiti, potholes, illegal dumping, etc.), and track their requests.

To submit a report:

On the Web: http://iframe.publicstuff.com/#?client_id=1000006

OR Download the app on the Google Play Store or Apple Store App—
Search for "Gardena Direct"

Message from Chief Kang: New GPD Chief



while improving the safety and quality of life for those who live, work and play in Gardena.

I am honored to be your Police Chief! I am committed to building relationships with community members while providing the highest level of service to keep our community safe. As Police Chief, I am committed to building public trust through transparency, fairness, impartiality and affording a voice.

Our Community District policing is at the heart of our organization and emphasized at every level through pride and professionalism. Our community partnerships been established through the daily efforts of our officers and support staff to maintain the confidence of those we serve.

Over the next few months, I will be attending District meetings and hosting "Chat with the Police Chief" events to give people an opportunity to meet and have conversations facing our community.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at: (310) 217-9601, or chief@gardenapd.org.

Beginning April 13, 2018, Chief Edward Medrano took on a new position as the City of Gardena's City Manager and I, Deputy Police Chief Thomas Kang, promoted to Chief of Police.

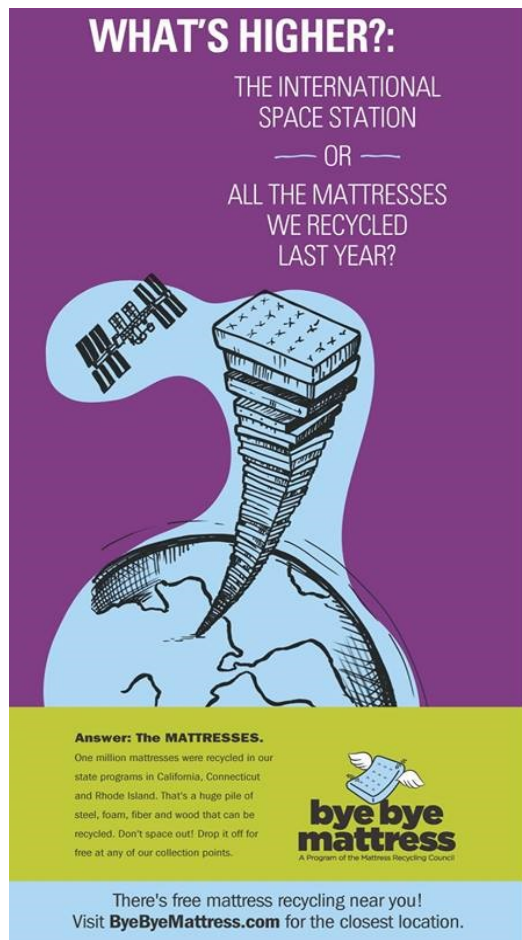
I praise Edward Medrano for his vision over the last twelve years transforming the Gardena Police Departments culture into a truly amazing Community Police Partnership organization; thus, building mutual understanding and trust



TAKE A BITE OUT OF
CRIME

Gardena Residents: Recycle your old mattresses!

There's a free mattress recycling facility near you:
American Transfer Station
1449 W Rosecrans Ave., Gardena
Hours of Operation are as follows:
Monday - Friday 8am-5pm and Saturday 8am-12pm
For additional information, visit <http://byebyemattress.com/>



Emergency Preparedness Tips of the Month

Animal Preparedness

Whether you are away from home for a day or a week, you'll need essential supplies for your pets. Keep items in an accessible place and store them in sturdy containers that can be carried easily (duffel bags, covered trash containers, etc.). Keep non-expired medications and food ready at all times. Be Sure All Your Pets are Clearly Identified

- Be sure all dogs and cats are wearing collars with security fastened current identification.
- Attach the phone number and address of our temporary shelter to their collar.
- If you have not identified a temporary shelter, include the name and numbers of a friend or relative well outside the impacted area.

Identification and microchips are highly recommended for all pets—and required for dogs in unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. Contact Animal Care & Control at (562) 728-4882 or your vet for more information.

Get a Pet Emergency Supply Kit

Just as you do with your family's emergency supply kit, think first about the basics for survival, particularly food and water. Consider two kits. In one, put everything you and your pets will need to stay where you are. The other should be a lightweight, smaller version you can take with you if you and your pets have to get away. Plus, be sure to review your kits regularly to ensure that their contents, especially foods and medicines, are fresh.

- **Food**—Keep at least three days of food in an airtight, waterproof container.
- **Water**—Store at least three days of water specifically for your pets in addition to water you need for yourself and family.
- **Medicines and medical records**—Keep an extra supply of medicines your pet takes on a regular basis in a waterproof container.
- **First aid Kit**—Talk to your veterinarian about what is most appropriate for your pet's emergency medical needs. Most kits should include cotton bandage rolls, bandage tape and scissors; antibiotic ointment; flea and tick prevention; latex gloves, isopropyl alcohol and saline solution. Include a pet first aid reference book.
- **Collar with ID tag, harness, or leash**—Your pet should wear a collar with its rabies tag and ID at all times. Include a backup leash, collar, and ID tag in your pet's emergency supply kit. In addition, place copies of your pet's registration information, adoption papers, vaccination documents and medical records in a clean plastic bag and add them to your kit.
- **Crate or other pet carrier**—If you need to evacuate in an emergency situation take your pets and animals with you provided that it is practical to do so. In many cases, your ability to do so will be aided by having a sturdy, safe, comfortable crate or carrier ready for transporting your pet. The carrier should be large enough for your pet to stand, turn, and lie down.
- **Sanitation**— Include pet litter and litter box if appropriate, newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags and household chlorine bleach to provide for your pets sanitation needs. You can use bleach as a disinfectant (dilute nine parts water to one part bleach), or in an emergency you can also use it to purify water. Use 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented or color safe bleaches, or those with added cleaners.
- **A picture of you and your pet together**—If you become separated from your pet during an emergency, a picture of you and your pet together will help you document ownership and allow others to assist you in identifying your pet. Include detailed information about species, breed, age, sex, color and distinguishing characteristics.
- **Familiar items**—Put favorite toys, treats or bedding in your kit. Familiar items can help reduce stress for your pet.

PET LICENSING

The City of Gardena requires every dog owner to register their animal through LA County Animal Care and Control. It is important to obtain a license to ensure your pet has all of the necessary vaccinations and also ensure your lost pet is returned to you as quickly as possible.

For more information, please contact the LA County Animal Care and Control Pet Licensing Services at 310-523-9566.

Canvassing begins late March/early April 2018. Failure to obtain a license may result in a fine/penalty.

Additional information is available on our website:

www.cityofgardena.org/pet-licensing/



Or:

www.animalcare.lacounty.gov

Discounted license fees for Seniors



FIREWORKS NOTICE

On February 13, 2018, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 6305 suspending the issuance of permits for sale of Safe and Sane fireworks.

It is unlawful for any person to possess, store, use, or discharge Safe and Sane fireworks or any fireworks in the City.

Penalties for breaking the law include: confiscation of fireworks; a fine; and potential jail time depending on the violation.

This Fourth of July, celebrate safely and avoid a ticket by leaving the fireworks to the professionals.



FIREWORKS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE CITY OF GARDENA

Officer Highlight



Crime Analyst Stephanie Saldana

Crime Analyst, Stephanie Saldana has dedicated herself to the Gardena Police Department for the past six years. After graduating high school, she continued her educational career, obtaining a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Cal State University of Long Beach and Forensic Science from University of Leicester. She then obtained her Crime and Intelligence Analyst Certificate from Cal State University of

Fullerton. She decided to seek a career as a Crime Analyst because she has always had a passion for law enforcement. When she learned about a Crime Analyst career opportunity within the field, she immediately knew it was the career for her. She decided to work for Gardena PD after going on a ride along with Sergeant Cuff, who explained to her the District/Community Policing program implemented in the City. During the ride along, she saw how GPD officers interacted with community members, responded to calls, and genuinely cared about the community. This was something she did not see in her community, but were the values she was looking for in a police department. Her job as a Crime Analyst is to collect information on crime, analyze, and identify trends and patterns. This information is then disseminated to patrol in order to deter crime in the City. She also assists investigators in investigations by identifying suspects and linking crimes. She enjoys working collectively with investigators solving cases and assisting in bringing justice to victims. She finds pleasure in knowing that she is providing patrol officers with useful intelligence that helps them keep our community members safe as well as themselves.

Neighborhood Watch Meetings

District One

Lt. Prendergast (310) 217-9686

Holly Park HOA
Rowley Park Community Room - 13220 S. Van Ness Ave)
1st Thursday of every month @ 7 PM.

Wilkie NW Group
Ms. Kathy Haynes' home -
13816 Wilkie Ave
2nd Tuesday of every month @ 7 PM

NE Quadrant NW
Community Room of GTran Municipal Trans. Facility -
13999 S Western Ave
Last Tuesday of every month @ 6:30 PM

Casimir Gate Keepers Block Watch
Meets Quarterly, Contact District Lt for upcoming dates

Hass Ave Block Watch
13123 Haas Ave
Contact District Lt for upcoming dates

District Two

Lt. Brock (310) 217-6128

Junipero Serra High School
14830 S. Van Ness
2nd Thursday of every month @ 6:30 PM

CrossRoad NW
Crossroad Church - 15916 Crenshaw Blvd
Last Monday, monthly @ 7:00 PM

Amestoy Elementary
1040 W 149th St
3rd Thursday of every month @ 7:00 PM

Melville NW
2718 W. 143rd Place
Contact District Lt for upcoming dates

District Three

Lt. Lee (310) 217-9612

Area One
Gardena Juvenile Justice Center
16206 Western Ave Suite F
3rd Thursday of every even month @ 7:00 PM

Area Two
Arthur Johnson Park
1200 W. 170th Street
4th Tuesday of every even month @ 7:00 PM

Area Three and Four
Gardena Juvenile Justice Center
16206 Western Ave Suite F
4th Thursday of every odd month @ 7:00 PM

Garden West Mobile Estates
17700 S. Western Ave
2nd Wednesday of every even month @ 7:00PM



Crime Update

The following map represents the crime that we had in Gardena for the month of March. The tables list the amount of crimes we have had in the past two months. To find more up-to-date crime stats, please go to www.gardenapd.org.

Feb. '18

Robbery	16
Res. Burglary	16
Comm. Burglary	9
Vehicle Crimes	38
Assaults	3

March '18

Robbery	12
Res. Burglary	13
Comm. Burglary	18
Vehicle Crimes	47
Assaults	19





Text 'Gardena' to 888777
for updates from GPD about road
closures, events, crimes, and more.

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SOCIAL MEDIA!

Visit us on the web at:
www.gardenapd.org



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@GARDENAPD



Gardena Police

Department



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UPCOMING EVENTS



LAX
AUTO REPAIR

14301 S Western Ave
April 26, 2018
8:30 – 10:30 am

**JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS AND POLICE
OFFICERS FOR COFFEE AND
CONVERSATION!**

**No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice
concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood!**

For questions, please contact Abigail Quiroz at (310) 965-2321



**GARDENA POLICE
DEPARTMENT**



CONTRIBUTE

If you would like to add crime prevention tips or
articles to our next newsletter, please email them
to aquiroz@gardenapd.org.

E-MAIL SUBSCRIPTION

If you are not on our E-mailing list, please
email aquiroz@gardenapd.org and request to
be added.

WELCOME FOLDERS FOR NEW RESIDENTS!

A new outreach method the Gardena Police
Department has created is the Welcome Folders
for our new residents. These folders include a
welcome letter from Chief Kang, information
regarding Neighborhood Watch, and a variety of
City and Police resources.

If you are a new resident or know someone who
recently moved into your neighborhood, please
email aquiroz@gardenapd.org with the new
resident's name and address!



Gardena Police Department

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Gardena, CA 90247

