**Gardena Neighborhood Watch Newsletter**

**Gardena Direct** is an application 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 online:** [http://iframe.publicstuff.com](http://iframe.publicstuff.com)

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

**Message from Chief Thomas Kang**

The Gardena Police Department places a strong emphasis on Community Policing, and has successfully implemented a District Policing Program citywide. Within our District Policing Program, Gardena is separated into three Districts, each with its own District Commander and dedicated police officers. By having three Districts, officers become specialized patrol units in each area, understanding the specific needs of the neighborhood and customizing their service to what the residents want. Under this model, we are able to interact one-on-one with residents and have a stronger knowledge of each neighborhood’s uniqueness. By maintaining open lines of communication and consistent community involvement we are continually working on building a stronger community-police partnership. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to email me at: chief@gardenapd.org, or by calling (310) 217-9601.
DistrictLieutenants

District One
Lt. Prendergast (310) 217-9686
sprendergast@gardenapd.org

Holly Park HOA
Rowley Park Community Room
13220 South Van Ness Avenue
First Thursday of every month
@ 7:00 PM

NE Quadrant NW
Community Room of GTrans
13999 South Western Avenue
Last Tuesday of every month
@ 6:30 PM

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

Haas Ave Block Watch
13123 Haas Avenue
Contact District Lt. for upcoming dates

District Two
Lt. Brock (310) 217-6128
dbrock@gardenapd.org

Junipero Serra High School
14830 South Van Ness Avenue
Second Thursday of every month
@ 6:30 PM

CrossRoad Church NW
15916 Crenshaw Boulevard
Last Monday of every month
@ 7:00 PM

District Three
Lt. Lee (310) 217-9612
elee@gardenapd.org

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

Area Two
Arthur Johnson Park
1200 West 170th Street
Fourth Tuesday of every even month @ 7:00 PM

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

Garden West Mobil Estates
17700 South Western Avenue
Second Wednesday of every even month @ 7:00 PM
The following map represents the crime in Gardena for the month of August. The table lists the types of crimes we have had in the past month. To find more up-to-date crime stats, please visit www.gardenapd.org.

**August 2018**

- Robbery: 15
- Residential Burglary: 15
- Commercial Burglary: 12
- Vehicle Crimes: 83
- Assaults: 30
This year the City of Gardena hosted its 16th Annual Jazz Festival at Rowley Park. This event sold out weeks in advance of the show. Selling a total of approximately 7,000 tickets. The festival began at 11 a.m. and ended at 7 p.m. This years’ event included two stages, with a main stage featuring name artists and a second stage for local talent. The primetime line-up featured the Fernando Pullum Youth Jazz band, Donald Hayes, Naturally 7, Euge Groove and Maze with Frankie Beverly. The Gardena Police Department was in full force that day to monitor and assist at the concert. City Manager Edward Medrano and Chief Thomas Kang were also there in attendance to enjoy the festivities.
The National September 11 Memorial is a tribute of remembrance and honor to the 2,977 people killed in the terror attacks of September 11, 2001 at the World Trade Center site, near Shanksville, Pa., and at the Pentagon, as well as the six people killed in the World Trade Center bombing in February 1993.

The names of every person who died in the 2001 and 1993 attacks are inscribed into bronze panels edging the Memorial pools, a powerful reminder of the largest loss of life resulting from a foreign attack on American soil and the greatest single loss of rescue personnel in American history.
The South Bay Regional Law Enforcement Explorer Academy held their first day of training for Class #77 on September 8th, 2018 at El Camino College. Beginning with inspection, the seven explorer Drill Instructors worked together to make a lasting impact on the 33 recruits. After inspection, the recruits learned basic facing movements, along with how to forward march. Drill instructors, explorers, and advisors were introduced during orientation. All recruits performed the Physical Training 500 test where their scores were recorded by drill instructors. This is the same physical test that is used for Los Angeles Academy. At the end of the day, the recruits were led back to the classroom, where they were given motivational speeches by their Instructors, in hopes to encourage the recruits to return the following weekend.

The South Bay academy and drill instructors share the value of truly wanting to develop personal growth into the recruits and respect for law enforcement. There are eleven more weeks of preparing the recruits to become future explorers. The Gardena Police Department is always looking for new recruits between the ages of 14 years-20 years of age, to be apart of our Explorer Academy. If you would like to join and would like more information, please feel free to contact Detective Goodpaster (310) 217-9653 pgoodpaster@gardenapd.org or Detective Saldana at (310) 217-9625 osaldana@gardenapd.org.
Pet LICENSING

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

For more information, please contact the City of Gardena Code Enforcement Division 310-217-6184 or 310-217-6171.

http://www.cityofgardena.org/pet-licensing/

Did you know all dog owners are required to license their pet?
Per Chapter 6.02 of the Gardena Municipal Code, every dog owner must register their animal through LA County Animal Care & Control.

Why is this required?
Most importantly, it is state and local law to license our furry friends.

It is also important to license your dog(s) to help prevent the spread of rabies or other disease outbreaks in our City. Having a license can also help to return lost pet(s) to their owner quickly.

How do I obtain a license for my dog?
Licenses may be purchased by completing a license application form (available at City Hall or online) and mailing it in with proof of rabies vaccination, proof of sterilization, and payment to:

County of Los Angeles Animal Care & Control Enforcement Services Bureau
Attention: Pet License Application
12440 East Imperial Highway, Suite 603, Norwalk, CA 90650

What is the cost to license my dog?
Unaltered Dog: $60.00
Spayed or Neutered Dog: $20.00 / $7.50 for Senior Dog Owners

Discounted license fees for dogs are available to senior citizens (age 60 or older). Seniors must submit proof of age (official government-issued identification).

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

18TH ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2018

SAVE THE DATE
GARDENA POLICE DEPARTMENT’S
18TH ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

DATE: 10/06/2018
TIME: 7:00–10:00 AM

Nakaoka Community Center
1670 W. 162nd Street

Only $5.00 Per Person

All Proceeds Will Benefit The Gardena Police K-9 Program

Come out and support Gardena Police Department’s K-9 Program

When: Saturday, October 6, 2018
Where: Nakaoka Community Center
1670 W. 162nd Street, Gardena, CA 90247
Time: 7:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.
Cost: $5.00 per person

K-9 Shirts and Merchandise will be available for sale!!

For more information, please contact Community Affairs Coordinator Erika McLeod at (310) 217-9689 or via email: ecleod@gardenapd.org
Upcoming Events

Oil Filter Exchange Event

Please join us
Saturday
October 13, 2018
9:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.
AutoZone 1116 Redondo Beach Blvd
Gardena, CA 90247

Únase a nosotros .
el sábado 13 de octubre de 2018
9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.
AutoZone
1116 Redondo Beach Blvd
Gardena, CA 90247

For more information please call (562) 944-4766
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We welcome any contributions for crime prevention tips or articles to our next newsletter!

E-MAIL SUBSCRIPTION

Subscribers to our email list will receive our monthly Gardena Police Department Newsletter.

WELCOME FOLDERS FOR NEW RESIDENTS!

The Gardena Police Department creates Welcome Folders for our new residents, as a new outreach method. These folders include a welcome letter from Chief Kang, and a variety of City and Police resources.

If you are a new resident or know someone who recently moved into your neighborhood, please let us know!

To contribute to our newsletter, subscribe to our email or information on our welcome folders for new residents, please contact Community Affairs Coordinator Erika McLeod (310) 217-9689 or via email at emcleod@gardenapd.org