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
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.
**District Lieutenants**

**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 Ste 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 Ste F  
Fourth Thursday of every odd month @ 7:00 PM

Garden West Mobil Estates  
17700 South Western Avenue  
Second Wednesday of every even month @ 7:00PM
Crime Update

The following map represents the crime in Gardena for the month of December. 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.

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On January 18, 2019, the Gardena Police Department’s Explorers traveled many hours to participate in the Annual Explorer’s Tactical Competition held in Chandler, Arizona. During this national, two-day competition, they are joined by over 50 other police agencies around the country including California, Illinois, Nevada, Arizona, and Minnesota. It is created to simulate real life, SWAT-based scenarios such as crisis negotiations and vehicle assault. It puts teamwork, problem solving skills, and working well under pressure abilities to the ultimate test by displaying realistic scenarios that truly utilize critical thinking like police officers. Explorers are scored based on officer safety techniques, timing, strategies, and communication within the team. The physical portion of this competition includes a three-mile run, an obstacle course, and a SWAT Fitness Challenge.

Our Gardena Explorer’s team returned back home with eleven trophies won in various tactical competitions. We are very proud and honor to have these amazing Explorer’s part of the Gardena Police Department!
City of Gardena Park/Facility Improvement Survey

The City of Gardena’s goal is to develop a concept plan for the City’s parks & facilities based on the funding that has been received. We would appreciate your input and thank you for your time and feedback.

With using your smartphone, you can scan below, by using the QR Scanner App, or, you may visit to participate in the survey:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DGWZ362?
fbclid=IwAR2wZ57_MArF1r_p2Cwhxk8iO_iFtpSFo7IZ0dmyRJJXXD4VyA2rjjKnb0k
For more information on how to sign up for the Youth Basketball and Soccer league, please contact the City of Gardena Recreation Division at (310) 217-9537.
The Gardena Police Department is excited to open up the first Collision Reporting Center in Southern California. The Collison Reporting Center is a facility where the members of the public can report traffic collisions to meet state legal requirements and insurance needs. This service is offered for collisions that occur within Gardena city limits.

With this new center, traffic collision reporting can move out of the road and into a safe and comfortable facility and will clear any traffic collision congestion. This new service is provided for the residents of Gardena at no cost.

Steps to be taken by all drivers before arriving at the Collision Reporting Center:

1. If it is safe to do so, remove vehicle from roadway.

2. Exchange information with the other involved driver/parties, including independent witnesses. Obtain name, addresses, phone numbers, insurance and vehicle information, including plate number.

3. As soon as possible, go to the Collision Reporting Center with you vehicle. If your vehicle is drivable, it is advised that you report your collision within 48 hours. If your vehicle is disabled and requires a tow, the tow company will transport you and your vehicle to the Collison Reporting Center, directly from the scene.

4. Bring your documentation with you to the Collision Reporting Center (i.e. driver’s license, vehicle registration and insurance. The driver must report to the Collison Reporting Center with the vehicle.

The center is located on 16206 S. Western Ave Suite G, Gardena, CA 90247 (310) 817-4611, and the hours of operation is Monday-Friday 10 am-6pm and closed weekends and holidays.
January is a perfect time to start off the new year with planning your vegetable garden. Here are some friendly tips on how to plant your garden:

1. **Pick the right location.** Picking a good location for your garden is absolutely key.

2. **Plant in a sunny location.** Most vegetables need at least 6 hours of direct sunlight per day.

3. **Plant in good soil.** Plant’s roots penetrate soft soil more easily, so you need nice loamy soil.

4. **Plant is a stable environment.** You don’t want to plant in a place that’s prone to flooding during heavy rains, or in a place that tends to dry out a lot.

5. **Space your crops properly.** Plants set too close together compete for sunlight, water, and nutrition and fail to mature.

6. **Water properly.** Watering your plants the correct amount will give them the best chance at producing well-formed, mature vegetables.

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