



GARDENA, CA

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GARDENA NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

EMERGENCY	911	DETECTIVES	(310) 217-9607
NON-EMERGENCY	(310) 323-7911	GRAFFITI/POTHoles	(310) 217-9650
POLICE RECORDS	(310) 217-9600	COMMUNITY AFFAIRS	(310) 217-9689



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

District Two

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

District Three

Lt. Lee (310) 217-9612
elee@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

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

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

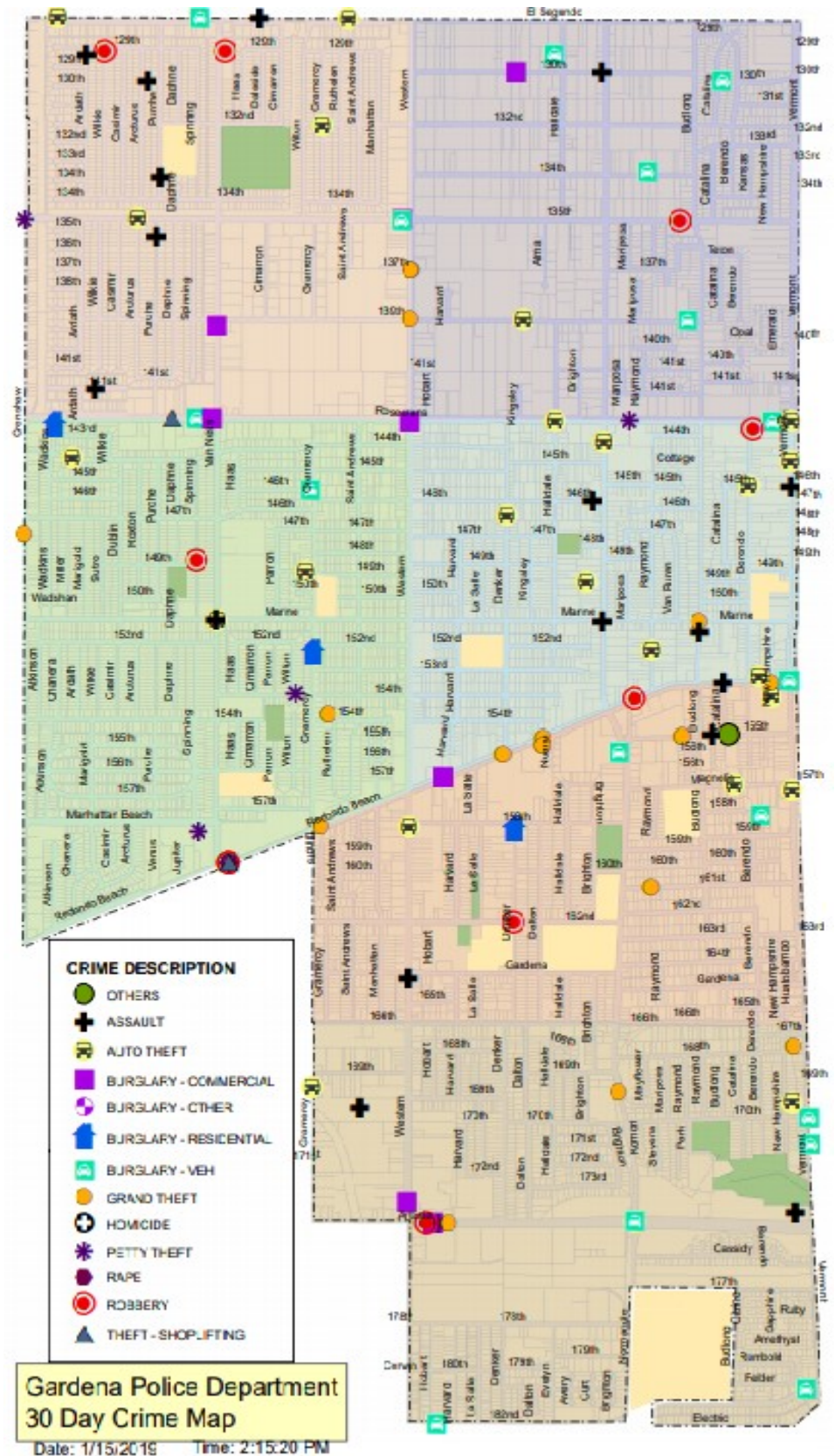


CRIME UPDATE

The following map represents the crime in Gardena for the month of December. The table list the types of crimes we have had in the past month. To find more up-to-date crime stats, please visit www.gardenapd.org.

December 2018

Homicide	0
Residential Burglary	4
Commercial Burglary	11
Vehicle Crimes	53
Assaults	20



GARDENA POLICE DEPARTMENT'S EXPLORER COMPETITION



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

COMMUNITY 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_iFtpSFo7IZ0dmyRJXXD4
VyA2rjjKn0k](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DGWZ362?fbclid=IwAR2wZ57_MaRf1r_p2Cwhxk8iO_iFtpSFo7IZ0dmyRJXXD4_VyA2rjjKn0k)



RECREATIONAL SPORTS

City of Gardena
Recreation and Human Services Department
1670 W. 162nd Street
(310) 217-9537
www.gardenaevents.com




YOUTH BASKETBALL SIGN-UPS

January 2 through February 3, 2019

Basketball registration: \$60 for Gardena residents
\$70 for non-residents
Includes jersey

REGISTER AT THE FOLLOWING FACILITIES AND PARKS

Bell Park	14708 S. Halldale Avenue	(310) 217-9557
Freeman Park	2100 W. 154th Place	(310) 217-9558
Fukai Park	15800 S. Brighton Avenue	(310) 217-9561
Johnson Park	1200 W. 170th Street	(310) 217-9563
Nakaoka Center	1670 W. 162nd Street	(310) 217-9537
Rowley Park	13220 S. Van Ness Avenue	(310) 217-9562
Thornburg Park	2320 W. 149th Street	(310) 217-9560



Basketball Ages & Divisions
(Year born in, not grade level)

Rookie	2013, 2014
Bantam	2011, 2012
Pee Wee	2009, 2010
Midget	2006, 2007, 2008

For Information call (310) 217-9537

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.



REGISTRATION FOR YOUTH SOCCER

JANUARY 7 - FEBRUARY 10, 2019

Soccer registration: *Includes jersey & award*

\$50 for Gardena resident
\$60 for non-residents

REGISTER AT THE FOLLOWING FACILITIES AND PARKS
Bell Park, Freeman Park, Fukai Park, Johnson Park, Nakaoka Center, Rowley Park, Thornburg Park

Rookie Division is coed and player must be 5 by March 1, 2019

Soccer Ages & Divisions
(Year born in, not grade level)

Rookie	2013, 2014
Minors	2011, 2012
Majors	2009, 2010
Juniors	2006, 2007, 2008

For more information:
(310) 217-9537




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GARDENA
CCIDENT
SUPPORT SERVICES LTD.



The Gardena Police Department is excited to open up the first Collision Reporting Center in Southern California. The Collision 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 your 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 Collision 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 Collision 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.



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



Gardena Police
Department



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How to create a Vegetable Garden

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 in 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 (Source: <https://www.almanac.com/vegetable-gardening-for-beginners>)



CONTRIBUTE

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



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