



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](mailto: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



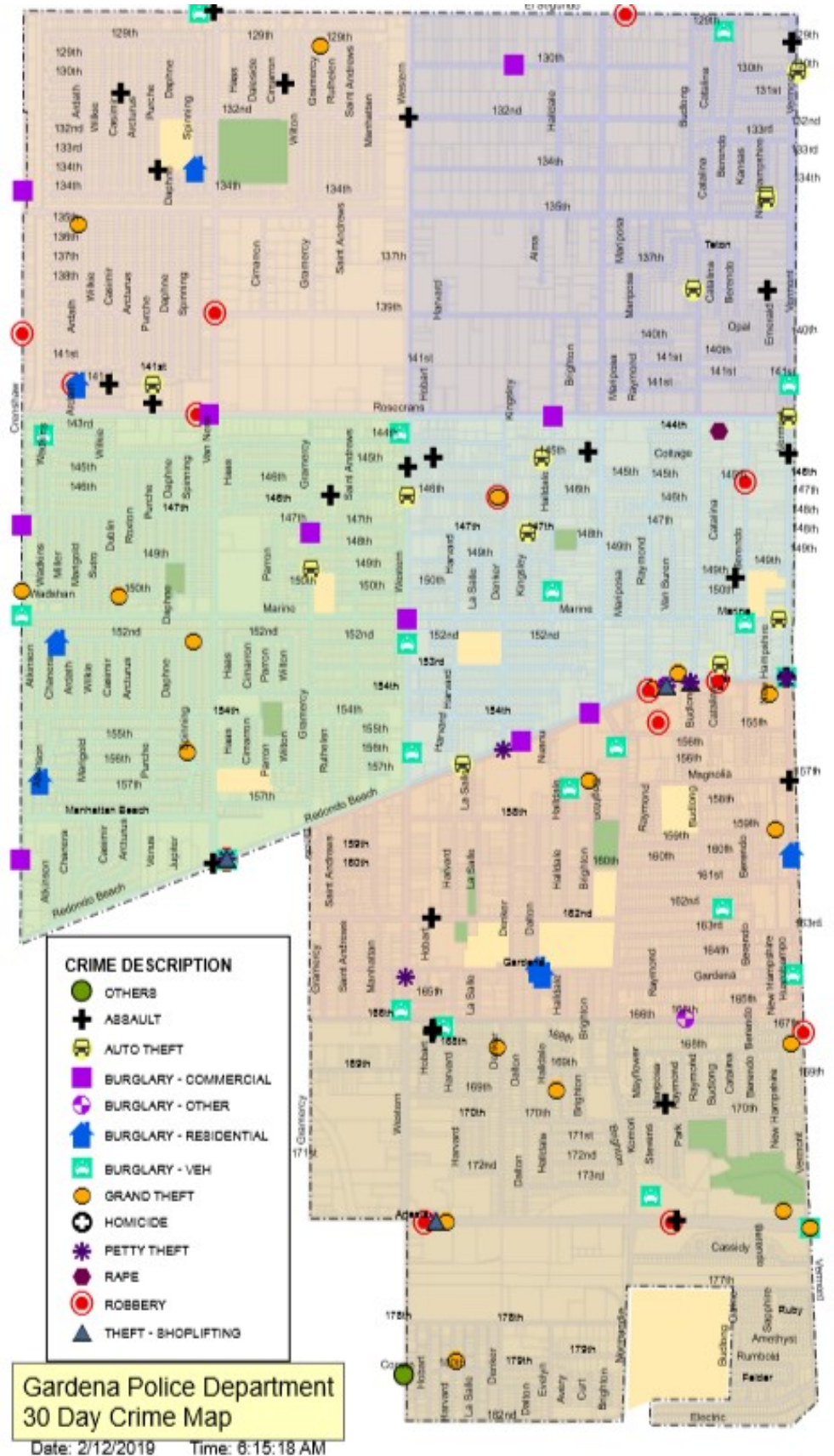


# CRIME UPDATE

The following map represents the crime in Gardena for the month of January. 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](http://www.gardenapd.org).

## January 2019

Homicide	0
Residential Burglary	4
Commercial Burglary	10
Vehicle Crimes	51
Assaults	17





## CHINESE NEW YEAR 2019



According to the Chinese zodiac, 2019 is the Year of the Pig(猪—Zhū). The pig is the twelfth of all zodiac animals and are considered a symbol of wealth. To know if you are of this Chinese zodiac animal, you would have to be born in the following years:1923, 1935, 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007, 2019, 2031.

Some characteristic traits of the Pig are they are optimistic and gentle. They are very focused, they enjoy life, love entertainment and will occasionally treat themselves. They are also energetic and always enthusiastic.





## BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Sergeant Horatio Julius Homer, was the first African American appointed to the Boston Police Department, where he served 40 years as a police commissioned guard. He was born May 24, 1848 in Farmington, Connecticut. At the tender age of 12 years old he decided to leave his education and began working in a hotel as a bellhop.

In 1873 Homer relocated to Boston where he worked as a waiter in several hotels. While working as a janitor in 1878 at the Globe Theater he met some influential men who suggested that he become a police officer.

On December 24, 1878, Homer joined the Boston Police Department and by 1895 he was promoted to Sergeant. During his time working in law enforcement, he worked on various assignments from assisting with the growth of the department to serving as an escort for President Rutherford B. Hayes and President Woodrow Wilson. He retired from the police force on January 29, 1919 at the age of 71.





## **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:

www.[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DGWZ362?  
fbclid=IwAR2wZ57\\_MARf1r\\_p2Cwhxk8iO\\_iFtpSFo7IZ0dmyRJJXXD4  
VyA2rjjKn0k](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DGWZ362?fbclid=IwAR2wZ57_MARf1r_p2Cwhxk8iO_iFtpSFo7IZ0dmyRJJXXD4VyA2rjjKn0k)

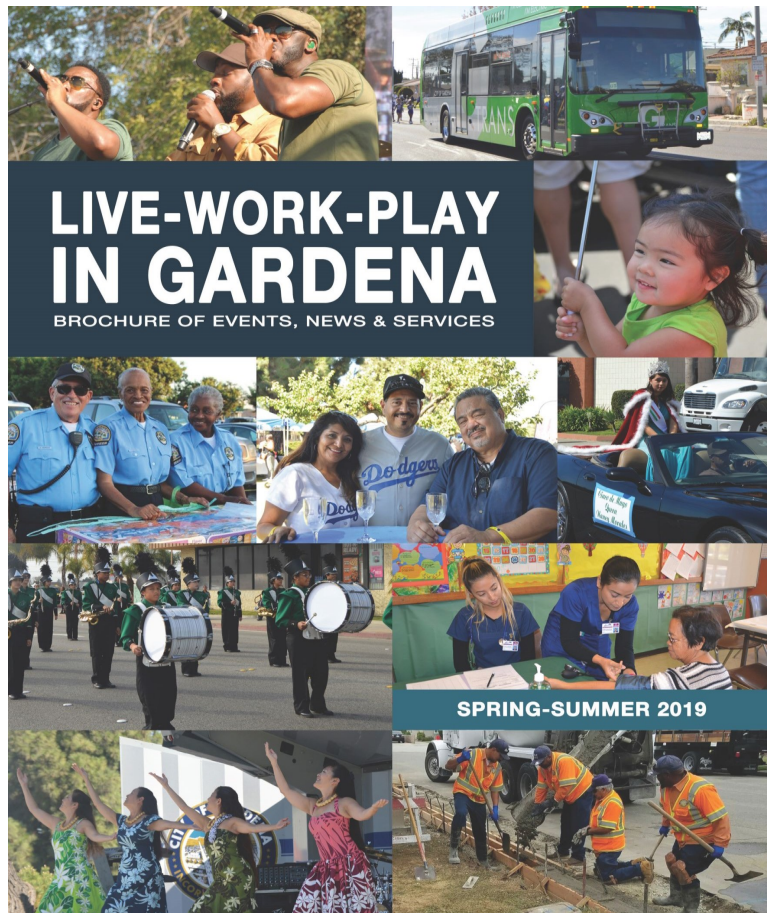


## City of Gardena's LIVE-WORK-PLAY MAGAZINE



We are excited to announce the City of Gardena's **Live-Work-Play Magazine** Spring/Summer 2019 edition.

These were mailed out to every Gardena household, however, if you did not receive one, they are available for pick up at City Hall. Feel free to stop by and get your copy today !



## UPCOMING EVENTS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE CITY OF GARDENA



# STATE OF THE CITY 2019

PRESENTED BY MAYOR TASHA CERDA & CITY LEADERS

THURSDAY	MEET, GREET & EAT	PROGRAM
03.21.19	6PM	7PM
NAKAOKA COMMUNITY CENTER-1670 W. 162ND STREET		

Join our City Leaders as they review  
the City's accomplishments and share  
their vision for the future.

FREE TO THE PUBLIC

For additional information contact 310-217-9507 or [citymanager@cityofgardena.org](mailto:citymanager@cityofgardena.org)

Gardena Community Members, please join us on Thursday March 21, 2019 for the State of The City 2019 presented by Mayor Tasha Cerda and City Leaders. Meet and Greet time will start at 6pm and the program will begin promptly at 7pm.

This event will be held at the Nakoaka Community Center 1670 W. 162nd Street Gardena, CA.

For additional information please contact (310) 217-9507 or [citymanager@cityofgardena.org](mailto:citymanager@cityofgardena.org)





## UPCOMING EVENTS

A flyer for a Starbucks event. The background is a close-up of coffee beans in the foreground and a Starbucks coffee cup with steam rising from it in the background. The text is centered and reads: "GARDENA POLICE DEPARTMENT Presents" followed by a shield logo with "Coffee WITH A COP" and a coffee cup icon. Below that is the Starbucks logo, the address "1759 W. Artesia Blvd", the date "Thursday, February 28, 2019", and the time "8:30 am - 10:30 am". Further down, it says "COME JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS AND POLICE OFFICERS FOR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION" and "No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns, get to know the Officers in your neighborhood!". At the bottom, it says "For questions, please contact Gardena PD Community Affairs Coordinator Erika McLeod at (310) 217-9689". There are two circular logos at the bottom: the City of Gardena seal on the left and the Gardena Police Department seal on the right.

**GARDENA POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
*Presents*

**Coffee**  
= WITH A =  
**COP**

**Starbucks**  
1759 W. Artesia Blvd  
Thursday, February 28, 2019  
8:30 am – 10:30 am

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

For questions, please contact Gardena PD Community Affairs Coordinator Erika McLeod at (310) 217-9689

The Gardena Police Department will be hosting its Coffee with A Cop Event Thursday, February 28, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Starbucks 1759 W. Artesia Blvd (Next door to Chipotle and Jersey Mikes)

Please contact Community Affairs Coordinator Erika McLeod for additional information at (310) 217-9689 or [emcleod@gardenapd.org](mailto:emcleod@gardenapd.org)

We look forward to seeing you there !



Text 'Gardena' to 888777

for updates from GPD  
about road closures,  
events, crimes, and more.

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Visit us on the web at:

[www.gardenapd.org](http://www.gardenapd.org)



Gardena Police  
Department



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## National Bird -Feeding Month



February is national bird-feeding month, which is a good time to provide food, water and shelter to help wild birds survive.

It's fairly easy and inexpensive to contribute by providing bird seed, bird-feeders/houses. Not only does it help wild birds survive but it is educational and an entertaining pastime.

Here are some tips to participate :

1. Set up a bird-feeder in your front/back yard. You can also add feeders as well as different birds prefer different feeders.
2. Add heated water to your bird bath. During the cold days, they enjoy a place to clean up and drink.
3. Participate in the Annual Bird Count. Please find out more information through the National Audubon Society.

## 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](mailto:emcleod@gardenapd.org)



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