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) 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

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 @ 7:00 PM
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.

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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.
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:

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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

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 being 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
UPCOMING EVENTS

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 at (310) 217-9689 or emcleod@gardenapd.org

We look forward to seeing you there!
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.

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