



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



## MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

**OFFICE of the CITY MANAGER**1700 WEST 162nd STREET / GARDENA, CALIFORNIA 90247-3732 / [WWW.CITYOFGARDENA.ORG](http://WWW.CITYOFGARDENA.ORG) / PHONE (310) 217-9503

Dear Neighbor,

The City of Gardena offers a better quality of life than some other nearby communities and we want to continue to provide the essential city services that residents expect and deserve. In a City of Gardena Community Issues Survey conducted this year, 78% of residents believed the City has a real need for additional funds to provide the level of city services that residents need and want.

Residents also identified local priorities that they would like the City to continue to address, including:

- keeping public areas safe and clean
- repairing streets and potholes
- maintaining firefighters and paramedics
- protecting local drinking water supplies
- maintaining 911 emergency response times
- maintaining senior services
- maintaining vital city services, and
- maintaining gang and drug prevention programs.

The City seeks to maintain quality services that many Gardena senior citizens and families rely on free or low-cost hot meals served at the community center, and cultural and recreation programs. Additional locally-controlled funding is needed to make it possible to continue these important services, such as the City's affordable supervised day care program for residents with dementia and Alzheimer's Disease, giving Gardena's working families peace-of-mind knowing that their parents and grandparents are safe.

As part of this year's budget process, we want YOU to Get Involved Gardena! Please take a moment to share YOUR voice and complete a survey online at [www.cityofgardena.org/getinvolved](http://www.cityofgardena.org/getinvolved).

We appreciate your feedback as we continue to engage the public on Gardena's quality of life and fiscal sustainability.

Sincerely,

Edward Medrano  
City Manager

TASHA CERDA, Mayor / ART KASKANIAN, Mayor Pro Tem  
MARK E. HENDERSON, Councilmember / DAN MEDINA, Councilmember / RODNEY G. TANAKA, Councilmember  
MINA SEMENZA, City Clerk / J. INGRID TSUKIYAMA, City Treasurer / EDWARD MEDRANO, City Manager / PETER L. WALLIN, City Attorney



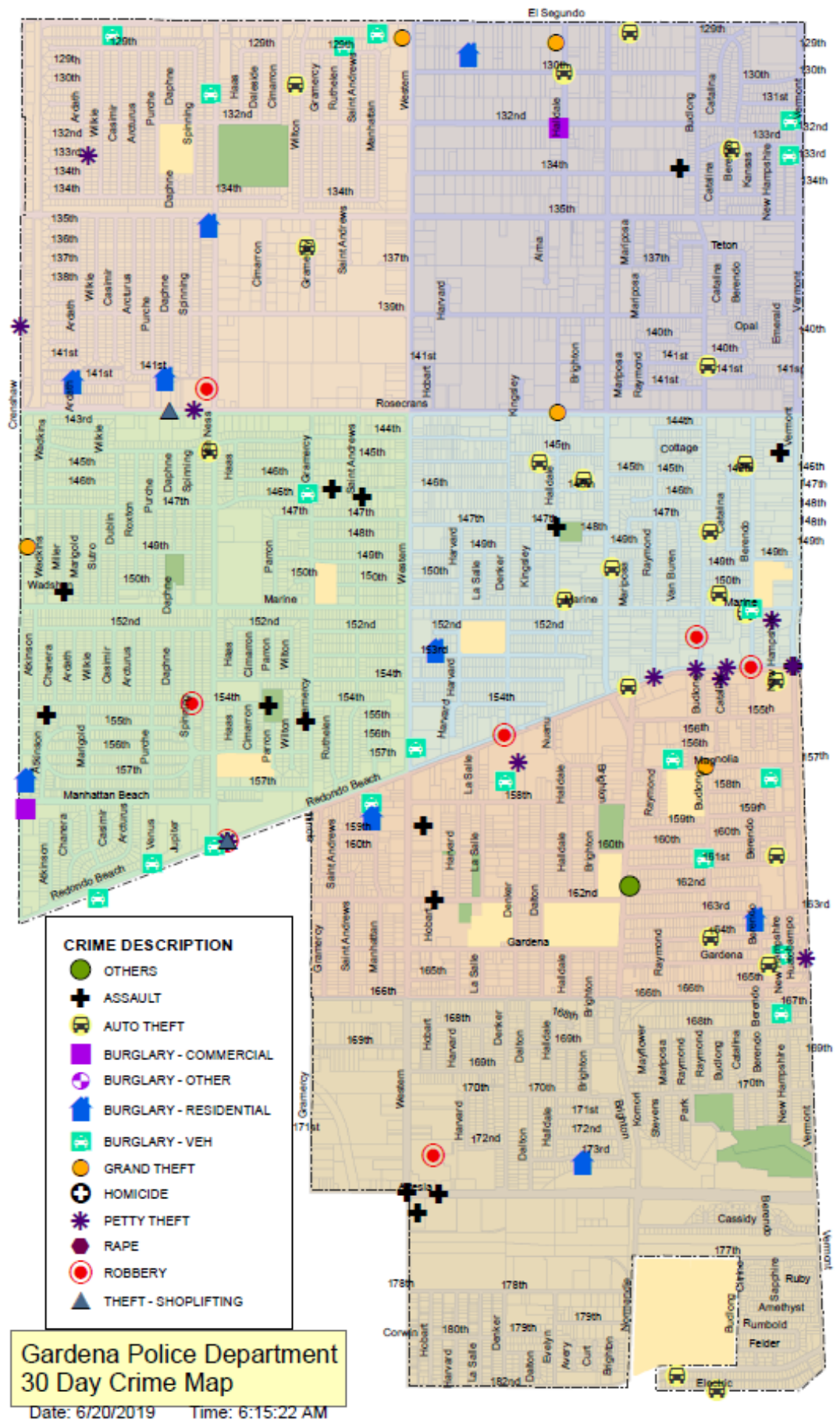
# CRIME UPDATE

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

## May 2019

Homicide	1
Residential Burglary	14
Commercial Burglary	10
Vehicle Crimes	73
Assaults	17

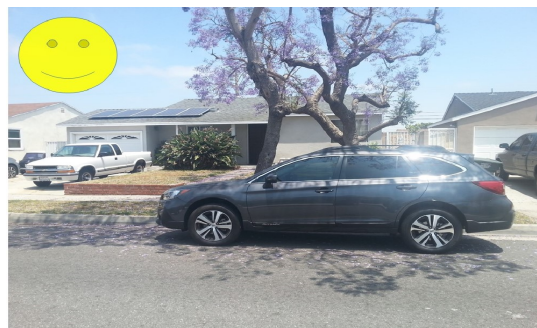


## PARKING, DO'S AND DON'T'S

Parking disputes between neighbor's ranks as one of the top five dispatched calls our police respond to. By understanding the basic rules surrounding parking and practicing some common sense and courtesy. The rules, according to the Gardena Police Department's lead parking enforcement officer are as follows:

### Rule #1

As much as some people would like to think, you do not own the parking spaces in front of your home. In our neighborhood, we have an unspoken rule that we try to always park in front of our own house and our neighbors generally reciprocate. In essence, we are respectful of our neighbor's spaces, and they are respectful of ours.



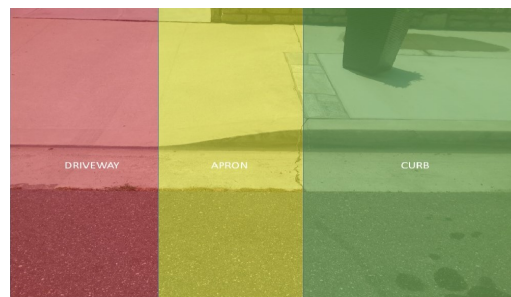
### Rule #2

It is against the law to park on the street blocking a driveway even with permission from the owner and even your own driveway. As a law, this is a judgement call by the police, who may or may not decide to enforce it, especially if parking is tight on a block due to parties, holidays, etc. Still, they can issue a citation by law.

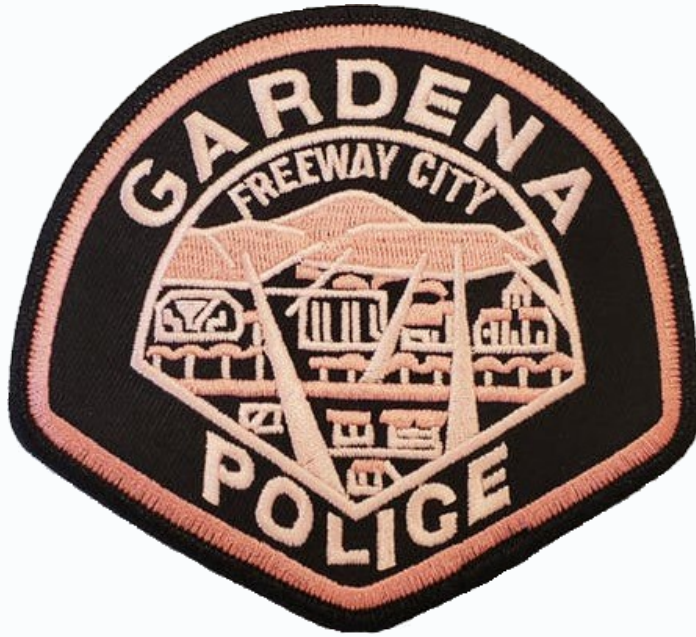


### Rule #3

The transition from the curb to the actual driveway is known as the 'apron' and is technically another no-man's-land of parking. Like the aforementioned Rule #4 though, it is also a judgement call by parking enforcement. Even if you aren't cited however, you run the risk of having your car run into by people attempting to enter or exit their driveway.



## GARDENA PD PINK PATCH PROJECT



The Pink Patch Project (PPP) is an innovative public awareness campaign designed to bring attention to the fight against breast cancer and to support breast cancer research organizations in combating this devastating disease.

The purposes of the PPP are to raise awareness about breast cancer and raise funds for cancer research, treatment and education through the sale of commemorative pink patches.

Together we will find a cure!

All donations and proceeds will go towards finding a cure for breast cancer. All proceeds will benefit City of Hope!

You can purchase your patch at the Gardena Police Department. Please feel free to contact Community Affairs Coordinator Erika McLeod at (310) 217-9689 or via email at [emcleod@gardenapd.org](mailto:emcleod@gardenapd.org) for any questions and/or concerns.





## UPCOMING EVENTS

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Committee of Gardena proudly presents

# Hatt-a-Tude 2019

## A Summer Breeze Fling

**Saturday  
June 22, 2019**

Nakaoka Community Center  
1670 W. 162nd Street  
Gardena, CA 90247

**2:00 pm - 5:30 pm**

**Donation: \$30**

Join us for a lovely afternoon  
of beautiful people (like you),  
good food, entertainment,  
music, line dancing, and  
a fashionable catwalk

Make checks payable to:  
Martin Luther King Jr. Committee

**INFORMATION or TICKETS:**  
(310) 324-6540 or (310) 516-1958

*Benefiting the Arthur Johnson College Scholarship  
and MLK Commemorative Programs*



For more information on  
these events,  
please call (310) 217-9537

Come out and join us

for these two great events

**Hatt-a-Tude 2019 and Free Movies in  
the Park !**

**FREE MOVIES IN THE PARK**

THE CITY OF GARDENA PRESENTS

**SPIDERMAN INTO THE SPIDERVERSE**  
Saturday, June 29, 2019  
Rowley Park  
13220 S. Van Ness Avenue

**CAPTAIN MARVEL**  
Saturday, July 20, 2019  
Mas Fukai Park  
15800 S. Brighton Avenue

**INCREDIBLES 2**  
Saturday, August 3, 2019  
Nakaoka Community Center  
1670 W. 162nd Street

**Food Vendors open at 7pm**

**Bring your blankets and lawn chairs!**

**INFORMATION (310) 217-9537**

Recreation and Human Services Department  
Ken Nakaoka Community Center  
1670 W. 162nd Street  
Gardena, CA 90247

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**17th ANNUAL GARDENA JAZZ FESTIVAL**

**Sunday, August 25, 2019**  
11:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**Jazz Funk Soul**  
Featuring  
**Jeff Lorber,  
Paul Jackson Jr.  
and  
Everette Harp**

**Tickets on Sale May 6, 2019**  
To purchase tickets visit [gardenajazzfestival17.eventbrite.com](http://gardenajazzfestival17.eventbrite.com)  
or visit our website at [cityofgardena.org](http://cityofgardena.org)

Tickets will also be sold at the Nakaoka Center  
1670 W. 162nd Street  
Gardena, CA 90247

**FACEBOOK** - [www.facebook.com/gardenajazzfestival](http://www.facebook.com/gardenajazzfestival)  
**TWITTER** - [www.twitter.com/gardenajazzfest](http://www.twitter.com/gardenajazzfest)  
**INSTAGRAM** - [www.instagram.com/gardenajazzfestival](http://www.instagram.com/gardenajazzfestival)

**STEVEN BRADFORD**  
Senator 35th District  
Chair and Founder

For more information contact the Recreation Division @ 310.217.9537 or  
email us: [gardenajazzfestival@cityofgardena.org](mailto:gardenajazzfestival@cityofgardena.org)

### The 17th Annual Gardena Jazz Festival

**Sunday, August 25, 2019**

**11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

**To purchase tickets please visit:**

**[gardenajazzfestival17.eventbrite.com](http://gardenajazzfestival17.eventbrite.com) or visit**

**[www.cityofgardena.org](http://www.cityofgardena.org)**

**For more information please call (310) 217-9537**





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

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



Gardena Police  
Department



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## SAVE-THE-DATE

### COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY

TOGETHER, WE CAN  
MAKE GARDENA A  
CLEANER PLACE!

**SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2019  
8:00 AM - NOON**



The City of Gardena and the Gardena Beautification Committee invite you to participate in the City of Gardena's 20th Annual "KEEP GARDENA BEAUTIFUL DAY."

You can make a difference in our community. Help us clean up our City parks, rights-of-way, and neighborhoods. We will plant flowers, remove litter and do minor landscaping around the City. Afterwards, we will celebrate our achievements with a lunch at Mas Fukai Park, 15800 Brighton Ave, Gardena, CA 90247.

For more information about how you can participate, contact the City Manager's Office at (310) 217-9503 or email your questions to [volunteer@cityofgardena.org](mailto:volunteer@cityofgardena.org).

***Sponsorship Opportunities Available!***



For more information, please contact

(310) 217-9503

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)

## 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!



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**1718 WEST 162ND STREET**

**GARDENA, CA 90247**

