

Gardena Circle Neighborhood Watch Newsletter May / Vol 23

NEXT MEETING

Monday, May 20

7:00PM- 8:30PM

Freeman Park (2100 W 154th Place, east of Van Ness)



GARDENA CIRCLE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



MEETING TOPICS

- Florence Chung, of Asian American Drug & Alcohol Abuse Prevention (AADAP) and Gardena Drug & Alcohol Abuse Prevention (GDAAP), will be joined by members of the High School Task Force (HSTF). The students will present a video they made and share the results of their study for the Smoke Free Parks Campaign, which included a study of Freeman Park. Learn about the positive impact involvement in HSTF has on the lives of high school students. Confidence building activities, communication development skills, awareness and respect of others and their uniqueness, and community involvement are all part of the HSTF experience. Bring your pre- or high school aged child to learn more about this program.
- Discuss results of [Test Your Safety Savvy quiz](#). See Page 3 for the test and Page 4 for the correct answers. Dave Nathanson adapted this from an article by Jim Grover, [Street Smarts, Firearms, & Personal Security](#).
- A Gardena Police Officer will answer questions about crime in our community, and your home and personal safety.

CRIME ALERT – GETTING THE WORD OUT!

Get the details about suspicious persons and vehicles to be on the lookout for in our neighborhood. Send your email address to [Louise](#) and ask to be on the '**CRIME ALERT**' email list. Neighborhood watch does make a difference and email is a tool we can use to quickly get the word out!

Planning Today for next year

Your efforts have made Gardena Circle Neighborhood Watch a success. We continue to have the lowest crime rate in all of Gardena. Activities such as putting house numbers on your alley entrance, calling 323-7911 to report suspicious activity, attending meetings, sharing your ideas and concerns, distributing newsletters, and calling the City to report graffiti or street lights out add up to an active and effective neighborhood watch. Good Job!

GCNW has been going strong since 2000. It has always been my desire that others share their efforts and ideas to the continued success of GCNW. There are several positions open that I need help doing. Any of the following tasks can easily be divided and shared among several people.

- Newsletter (gather info, prepare the newsletter, copy for distribution by others)
- Meetings (secure location for 2003, bring informational literature, arrange for guest speakers, select informational videos, confirm GPD attendance; you may consider offering meetings on a weekend or a weekday to accommodate families or evening workers and folks who are at home during the day)
- Alternate or Co-Block Captain (co-leader and liaison for community contact and events). I encourage your thoughtful consideration of these positions and am happy to discuss anything with you.

Even with my involvement in the above mentioned activities reduced I will hardly be out of the picture! While I look forward to continuing to be of value and involved in GCNW, I would like to share the skills and experience I continue to gain to help start other neighborhood watch groups. This will be my second year as a member of the

Chief of Police Citizen Advisory Panel (COPCAP). In that capacity I will bring your concerns and ideas for improving our community to Chief Lyons and other community activists and leaders. I will contribute to the newsletter and in meetings and share information relevant to the safety of the residents and businesses in our neighborhood. [Dave Nathanson](#) has graciously done all the work on our website and I would like to learn how to do this and expand upon it.

Thank you for your support and enthusiasm for GCNW. You have made and can continue to make everything that is good and worthwhile possible!

2002 GCNW MEETING CALENDAR

- Next meeting: Monday, June 17. Meetings are the 3rd Monday of the month, 7:00-8:30PM at Freeman Park. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to bring a family member, friend or neighbor. Unable to attend a meeting and have ideas or concerns to share? Email [Louise](#).

CERT' - COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING

Be part of a community team trained in emergency response. CERT is Community Emergency Response Training. Training is scheduled for Tuesday evenings for seven weeks commencing July 9th. The time will be 2 1/2 hrs. in the evening. Still to be determined is the start time (6:30PM or 7:00PM).

Contact Dana Soo Hoo, Emerald Square Neighborhood Watch, danasoohoo@hotmail.com if you are interested or have questions on the details of the program. Don't delay! There are only a few seats left so contact her if you are interested.

GCNW MEETING CALENDAR

X	X	X	X	May 20	June 17
July 15	Aug. 19	Sept. 16	Oct. 21	Nov. 18	

3rd Monday of the month. All meetings will be held 7:00 - 8:30PM at Freeman Park. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to bring a family member or friend. **Unable to attend a meeting? Have ideas or concerns to share? send an email to [Louise](#).**

CONTACT INFORMATION

For crime-related matters:



CRIME IN PROGRESS 911
 SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY 323-7911
 New: TTY 379-0909
 GRAFFITI 217-9568
 WeTIP 800-78CRIME, 800-782-7463

For ideas & issues regarding GCNW:



Gardena Circle NW Web Site www.GardenaCircle.com
Louise Stein, Block Captain [email](#)
Ofc. Dave Golf 217-9670 Dgolf@gardenapd.org

YOUR LETTERS

This is YOUR newsletter and you are encouraged to write articles relevant to Neighborhood Watch that I can include in the newsletter. Please e-mail them to [Louise](#) or if you don't have e-mail you can drop them by my house.

TEST YOUR SECURITY SAVVY

How much do you really know about personal security? Personal security is an important issue these days. A

lot of magazines run self-tests on issues ranging from self-help to fitness and diet. What about personal security? Take this test and decide how prepared you are to make yourself a "hard target" to today's criminal

intruder, mugger, carjacker, and thief. Answers are on the next page. Good Luck!

1. The biggest burglary deterrent is

- A. a dog
- B. an alarm system
- C. high quality locks
- D. appearance of occupancy

2. Landscape around your home should provide privacy by masking windows

- A. true
- B. false

3. Most burglaries are committed during the day

- A. true
- B. false

4. Most burglaries are committed despite quality locks and doors

- A. true
- B. false

5. When installing a dead bolt, which is most important?

- A. the dead bolt itself
- B. placement of the deadbolt
- C. the length of the screws used to secure the strike plate
- D. selecting a double key or knob type

6. You can shoot an intruder in your home if

- A. it is night time
- B. he is stealing your stuff
- C. you are in fear of your life
- D. he threatens you or your family with violence
- E. all of the above
- F. C and/or D

7. The single biggest deterrent to carjackings is

- A. locking your doors
- B. a gun in the glove box
- C. blowing your horn
- D. leaving one car length between you and the car in front

8. A less-than-lethal weapon should:

- A. be effective regardless of assailant's clothes, mental state or size.
- B. be useful without a lot of technique
- C. manipulate easily under duress
- D. all of the above

9. The most common crime is

- A. robbery
- B. physical assault
- C. larceny theft
- D. burglary

10. Police Departments are equipped, manned, and prepared to prevent crime in communities

- A. true
- B. false

11. Outdoor motion sensor lighting should be concentrated on areas you can see from inside your home

- A. true
- B. false

12. Fences always help improve security

- A. true
- B. false

13. Denying the criminal _____ is fundamental to home security.

- A. access
- B. concealment
- C. both A & B

14. Responsibility for your personal security rests squarely on your shoulders. No one else can be responsible.

- A. true
- B. false

Let's see how you did..You may want to print this page first. [QUIZ ANSWERS are on the next page](#).(will open in a new window so you can see both this quiz & correct answers).