



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BLOCK PARTY

Saturday, October 28 will be our Neighborhood Watch Block Party. This is an opportunity for us to gather for a relaxing time and become more acquainted with each other. Because it will be on the weekend before Halloween, activities are planned to help get you in the 'spirit' of the season and have a 'howl' of a good time:

- Costumes are highly encouraged for children and adults!
- Face painting and 'tattoo' activities for children;
- A 'Pumpkin Patch' where you can display your carved or decorated pumpkins;
- Pot Luck food to be shared.

Final details will be in the October newsletter. Upcoming block party planning meetings are Wednesdays on 9/13, 10/4, and 10/25. All meetings are at Freeman Park at 7PM. Come to a meeting or call Louise Stein to share your ideas or learn how you can help.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH SIGNS

Have you seen them? They are popping up everywhere -- our Neighborhood Watch signs! With these signs, we announce to everyone coming to our neighborhood that we are watching for and will report suspicious activity. The sign project was made possible by the efforts of several people. Josephine Bantique, Ingrid Tsukiyama, Helen Stone, Les Suderman, Jim Lopez, and Stan Cabotaje, our Area Coordinators, walked their areas and recorded the address and location of every signpost. Sgt. Ed Medrano reviewed the extensive lists and map of sign locations, and worked with the Gardena Department of Public Works who installed the signs.

FROM THE AUGUST MEETING

- Arrests have been made in the rash of break-ins we experienced last month. 'Thank You' to our neighbors who reported unusual activity and the officers who were successful in apprehending these criminals. Working together works!
- What would you do if you were walking around the neighborhood and witnessed something you thought required police attention? What if you knew that by the time you got home and made the call, it might be too late to help? Consider going to someone's house, identify yourself as a neighbor, tell him or her the situation and ask if they would please call the police. You should not ask to use their phone because this is a tactic a criminal could use to gain entry into a home. If possible, while the call is being placed, continue to observe the situation so you can provide more details to the police later.
- Did you know that using your cell phone to call 911 connects your call to the Highway Patrol? As your call is being re-routed to the GPD precious time is being lost, so memorize or store the GPD phone number in your cell phone or call the GPD directly at 310-323-7911.
- Waste Management (WM) representatives elaborated on a letter sent by the City of Gardena. Our annexed area is being brought into the same billing structure as that of the rest of Gardena and you can expect your collection fees to be 1) on your tax bill, 2) reduced, and 3) tax deductible. Senior citizens are eligible for a discount but must contact Gardena City Hall. If you have been receiving a discount from WM under the old billing

HELPING W/ NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Welcome to the beautiful end-of-summer weather! There are many ways to enjoy it, not the least of which is to help deliver the NW newsletter. Get a little exercise for yourself, the kids and/or the dog; meet your neighbors; become more familiar with the neighborhood; be a 'walking watcher'; help the NW program! Can't make it to a meeting but would still like to show your support? Deliver to as few or as many houses as you'd like. Call either Louise Stein or your AC for details. Need further incentive? . . . Distributors get an advance look at the newsletter!

NEXT MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Starts at 7:00PM - ends at 8:30PM

FREEMAN PARK at the end of 154th Street, across Van Ness

CONTACT INFO

For crime-related matters, call one of the following numbers:



CRIME IN PROGRESS 911

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY 323-7911

GRAFFITI 217-9568

WeTIP 800-78CRIME (800-782-7463)

For ideas & issues regarding GCNW



Ofc. Dave Golf, Lead Officer 217-9670

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system you will still have to reapply for the discount. WM will not supply containers, but they do have 'green waste' stickers available for you to affix to your own refuse containers you designate as yard waste. Call WM Customer Service Center w/ your questions at 310-830-7100.

- Officer Dave Golf's shift rotation and responsibilities have changed and he will be working the Thursday through Saturday daytime shift. The GPD recently hired many people and Dave is one of the officers who will be training them. This additional responsibility and the change of schedule mean he will no longer attend our monthly meetings. Dave has been a great resource for us since we started our Neighborhood Watch in April. He provided us with information on crime in our area, answered our questions regarding crime and non-crime issues, and followed up on other concerns. He has been easy to work with and demonstrated professionalism and pride in his work. In these past few months, Dave helped build a positive bond between the GPD and the people in this neighborhood. We are grateful for his efforts and the opportunity for getting to know him. Fortunately for all of Gardena he is not leaving the police force and, through his training, he will continue to set a good example for future officers. We are not being abandoned, however, and look forward to working with other officers who will also join us at future meetings. Applause and a heartfelt 'Thank You' Dave!

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Safe neighborhoods don't just happen. Make the call!

