

Gardena Circle Neighborhood Watch Newsletter Feb / Vol 20

NEXT MEETING

Monday, February 11
7:00PM- 8:30PM
Freeman Park
154th Street, east of Van Ness

GARDENA CIRCLE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Gardena Circle Neighborhood Watch (GCNW) is YOUR crime watch community. It's neighbors, businesses and the police department working together to stop crime. Together we work to build and maintain a strong community. Our area has the lowest crime rate in all of Gardena. But that does not mean we are without crime. There is still a need for neighbors to continue to call the police with details and report the suspicious activity they witness. **Neighbors do call and arrests have been and will continue to be made.** GCNW WEBSITE: <http://www.gardenacircle.com/>

WARNING

If YOU are a DRUG DEALER or involved in CRIMINAL ACTIVITY in our neighborhood, you are NOT welcome here. Neighbors will call the police about your activity.

THEME

As a neighborhood watch we are interested in a safe and healthy community. Whatever the extent of your involvement in GCNW or other organization, you are a valued thread in the vibrant community fabric. There are many elements that support a healthy community. Drug and alcohol abuse prevention, gang prevention, homeless support services, youth and senior groups, and more. Throughout the coming year we'll hear from representatives of different groups about services, activities and resources they provide to different segments of our community.

FEBRUARY GUEST SPEAKER

FLORENCE CHUNG, is Community Organizer for **American Asian Drug and Alcohol Prevention, Inc.** (AADAP). AADAP provides an impressive array of services that reach deep into the community to address the needs of many people. I know Florence through her leadership in **Gardena Drug and Alcohol Prevention (GDAAP)**. Through GDAAP kids are equipped with information and skills to **keep them OFF DRUGS and OUT OF GANGS**. They are taught skills to help them with **self-esteem, relationships, and communication**. Those with school age children or grandchildren may be familiar with **High School Task Force (HSTF)**. If you or your child is not aware of this program, please come to the meeting and find out more. If your child is in the HSTF, please have them join us at the meeting and share their comments on the program.
AADAP WEBSITE: <http://www.aadapinc.ws/>
GDAAP WEBSITE: <http://www.gdaap.org/>

PREVIEW: MARCH MEETING

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KELLY FUJIO and other **Parks & Recreation** representatives will be present to discuss Gardena's parks. Grants have been awarded to City of Gardena Parks that will be used to **upgrade park equipment** to current safety standards. A fresh coat of paint will also be applied and **we can choose** the colors. Come share your views and ideas about the parks, and have your questions answered.
PARKS & REC: http://www.ci.gardena.ca.us/Rec_Web_Site/index.htm

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Next meeting: **Tuesday, February 13, 7:30PM**

City Council Chambers, 1700 W 162nd Street, Gardena

Find out what is going on in Gardena. Be a part of the decision making process by speaking up before the council. The voice of the people IS taken into consideration. A new gas station at Vons on Redondo Beach Boulevard? Designated truck route changes? Renewal or limitation of business licenses? How are your tax dollars spent? **Attend a meeting** and be part of the decision making process!

GCNW MEETING CALENDAR

GCNW meetings are on the following **Mondays**:

Jan. 14	Feb. 11	March 18	April 15	May 20	June 17
July 15	Aug. 19	Sept. 16	Oct. 21	Nov. 18	

All meetings will be held 7:00 - 8:30PM at Freeman Park. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to bring a family member or friend. If you cannot attend a meeting but have ideas or concerns to share, send an email to

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CONTACT INFORMATION

For crime-related matters:



CRIME IN PROGRESS **911**
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY **323-7911**
GRAFFITI **217-9568**
WeTIP **800-78CRIME, 800-782-7463**

For ideas & issues regarding GCNW:



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Safe Neighborhoods Don't Just Happen. Report Suspicious Activity to the Police!

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.