



HAWAIIAN GARDENS

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CHRISTMAS TREE REMOVAL FOR 2006



Each year we face the annual task of arranging the Christmas Tree collection and disposal. In order to better assist our residents, the City in conjunction with Consolidated Disposal Services have scheduled Christmas Tree Collection to commence **Wednesday, December 27, 2006, January 3, 2007, and January 10, 2007.** Please remember to strip the Christmas tree from items such as; ornaments, lights, tree stands/ water bowls, and

flocking, before placing it on the curbside. As a reminder, please do not burn or dispose Christmas trees on streets, alleyways, or vacant lots. Under the HGMC 6.12.010 the dumping of Christmas trees is considered Illegal Dumping. Also under HGMC 18.50.090 B (11) Outdoor ornaments, decorations and Christmas lighting being displayed between the months of February through October are considered a nuisance. The violation of these codes may and can result in the issuance of a fine. **The City Council and Staff wishes you and your family a Happy Holidays.**



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FIRST ANNUAL TOY DRIVE

AFSME Local Union 3624 in conjunction with the City of Hawaiian Gardens is having a TOY DRIVE!

This toy drive will benefit our residents here in the City of Hawaiian Gardens. Beginning November 12, 2006 through December 15, 2006, toys can be donated at three different locations:
C. Robert Lee Activity Center- 21815 Pioneer Boulevard, Hawaiian Gardens

City Hall - 21815 Pioneer Blvd., Hawaiian Gardens
Helen Rosas Educational Center (Head Start School) - 22150 Wardham Avenue, Hawaiian Gardens
This is the reason for the season. Your toy will benefit needy children. For more information, call us at (562) 420-2641, ext. 229 or ext. 200.

CITY-WIDE CLEAN-UP PROGRAM SATURDAY – DECEMBER 2, 2006

The City of Hawaiian Gardens will once again be offering unlimited, free use of trash bins for all residents to dispose of unwanted trash, furniture, appliances and general household debris. Bins will also be provided for disposal of green waste. **Please note that trash bins will be placed in front of or in the near proximity of your home and therefore you will not need transportation.**

WHEN: Saturday, December 2, 2006
WHERE: All properties south of Carson and 221th Streets; East of Claretta St. and west of Wardham Ave.
TIME: 7:00 am to 2:00 pm (or until bins are full)

Reminder...
Do not park on these streets during the cleanup. Cars left on street will be cited and towed at owners' expense. Sorry, no commercial or hazardous waste will be accepted. Proof of Identity and Residency are required. For more information, please contact Tina Rosas at City Hall (562) 420-2641, Ext. 242.



AVOIDING THEFT

Theft is a serious event which occurs without notice or warning. However the following preventative measures can help you avoid becoming a victim of theft:

- Do not leave any important items in your vehicle. Items such as: Gym bags, garage door openers, mail, CD's and CD cases, purses, wallets (including those under the seat), stereos, cell phones, computers, and jewelry are most commonly stolen.
- If necessary to leave any of these items in your car properly hide them prior to reaching your destination to avoid a criminal from watching where items are hidden.
- Always lock your vehicle and if possible use a car alarm.
- Keep the copy of your registration in your car with the address portion blacked out to avoid a criminal from finding your home address.
- Do not leave mail or your garage door opener in

your car, especially where visible, since these items provide access to personal information and to your home.

- Be aware of your surroundings. If someone near your car looks suspicious wait in a very public area and, if necessary, notify proper authorities.
- Always park in a well lit and visible area.

Besides protecting yourself and your vehicle there are ways to also protect your home from burglary with just a few minor additions. These additions include:

- Installation of lighting controls and motion sensors on the exterior of your garage.
- Install deadbolts on all exterior doors and an adequate lock for your garage door.
- Install proper window safety locks.

So with a few adjustments to your daily routine and changes to your home you can help protect your family and belongings from theft this holiday season.

CHRISTMAS TIPS

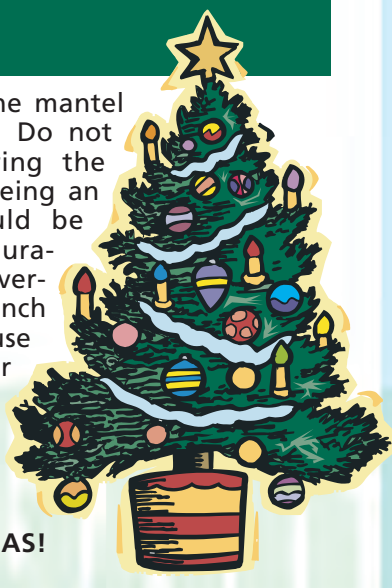


Each year tragic fires start when Christmas decorations are misused or become deteriorated. The Fire Department encourages everyone to use good judgment and exercise caution this holiday season, and offers the following safety tips: avoid using extremely flammable decorations, don't place your Christmas tree in front of exits, and never use candles on/near your tree. Keep trees away from heaters, warm vents and open flame, purchase electric lights which have a testing laboratory label. Discard/replace malfunctioning lights, unplug electric decorations when not present, and use ground fault protection on outside displays. Use candles carefully and sturdy base candleholders, do not leave candles unattended; keep away from children and things that burn. Do not hang

Christmas stockings from the mantel when using your fireplace. Do not overload wall outlets during the holiday season, due to it being an unsafe practice and should be avoided even for short durations. To avoid possible overheating, do not coil or bunch an extension cord when in use and do not run it under carpets or rugs. Have a safe and



MERRY CHRISTMAS!



NEXT NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

JANUARY 11, 2006

The next Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 11, 2006, at 6:00 pm in the C. Robert Lee Center, Craft Room, at 21815 Pioneer Blvd., Hawaiian Gardens. For more meeting information, please contact Steven Peguero, Community Relations Officer, at (562) 420-2641, ext. 224.

CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS 2006

REPORTABLE CRIMES

Part I Crime	Aug	Sept	Oct
Homicide	0	0	1
Rape	0	1	0
Aggravated Assault	12	5	7
Robbery	4	0	1
Burglary	7	5	3
Theft	13	17	14
Auto Theft	1	5	11
Arson	1	1	1

At the request of the City Council and residents crimes statistics have been prepared for general information.

CITY PHONE directory

Main Phone Number is: 562.420.2641

MAJOR CITY EXTENSIONS

Front Desk	200
Administration	201
City Clerk	251
Human Services	225
Finance	220
Public Works	231/202
City Line	222
Community Development	208
Transportation (DIAL-A-RIDE)	241
Sheriff's Department Lakewood Station	(562) 623-3500
Fire Department – Station #34	(562) 865-4119
Emergencies	Dial 911