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## MAYOR'S WALK OF ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM AWARDS \$30,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS



June 12 was an exciting day for 15 local high school seniors. Together they were awarded \$30,000 dollars in scholarships from the 2007 Mayor's Walk of Achievement Program. The top three winners had their names engraved on a bronze plaque on Carson Street in front of the Kentucky Fried Chicken Restaurant.

In the Academic Category, four students were winners: Edna Mendoza of Whitney High won \$4,000, Ludia Kwon of Whitney High won \$2,000, Ellen Choi of Whitney High won \$1,500, and Sonja Arias of Artesia High won a \$1,500 award.

In the Athletic Category, Daniel Pak of Whitney High School who won a \$3,500 scholarship, Si Zhao of Whitney High won \$2,000, Enrique Roa of Artesia High won \$1,500, Marisa Bracamonte of Artesia High won \$1,500, and finally, Jessica Santana of Artesia High won \$1,500.

In the Civic Category, Adriana Ramirez of Artesia High School won \$3,500, Madeline Perez of Artesia High won \$2,000, Lucia Martinez of Artesia High won \$1,500, Norma Larios Mejia of Artesia High won \$1,500, Rachel Bruce of Turner High won \$1,500, and Breeana Johnson of Leewards Independent Studies won \$1,500.

Amongst the crowd of family members and officials present to congratulate the scholarship winners were the Mayor and City Council along with City Commissioners, various dignitaries from ABC Unified School District, representatives presenting Congressman Linda Sanchez, Senator Alan Lowenthal and Assembly Member Antonio Mendoza offices. Congratulations are in order to these Hawaiian Gardens students and their community wishes them well in their chosen fields of study at colleges and universities!

## NEXT NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

**JULY 11 & AUGUST 8, 2007**

The next Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 11, 2007, at 6:00 pm in the C. Robert Lee Center, Craft Room, at 21815 Pioneer Boulevard, Hawaiian Gardens. The following Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be Wednesday, August 8, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. in the C. Robert Lee Center.

For more meeting information, please contact Alma Reyes, Community Relations Officer, at (562) 420-2641, ext. 200.

## CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS JULY 2007

### REPORTABLE CRIMES

Part I Crime	May
Homicide	0
Rape	0
Aggravated Assault	16
Robbery	3
Burglary	6
Theft	14
Auto Theft	9
Arson	0

At the request of the City Council and residents, crimes statistics have been prepared for general information. A monthly report will be present on the newsletter.

<http://hawaiiangardens.areaconnect.com/crime1.htm>

## ILLEGAL FIREWORKS

Every year the City of Hawaiian Gardens allows several non-profit organizations to sell Safe and Sane Fireworks. Unfortunately some residents think that illegal fireworks are also allowed. That is not the case. What is an illegal firework you ask, well I'll tell you. It is any fireworks that go up in the air like bottle rockets or any fireworks that make a big bang, like the M80's or any of the Safe and Sane Fireworks' that you have altered to make a huge noise or fly. Most of the illegal fireworks are brought into the City from out of state.

To report illegal fireworks please call the Fireworks Safety Hotline at 888-654-Fire, or the Lakewood Sheriff's Department at 562-623-3500. If you are using illegal fireworks, you will be issued a citation and be subject to a \$1,000.00 fine and all fireworks will be confiscated. The Lakewood Sheriff's Deputies will out in force on the 4th

of July looking of illegal fireworks. Each year children and adults are blinded or maimed by illegal fireworks. Do not let this happen to you or your loved ones. When illegal fireworks are used, the neighbors are subjected to the noise and fear that the fireworks may fall on their roofs and set their homes on fire.



We all want to enjoy the 4th of July, but remember have respect for your neighbors and keep your family and friends safe by purchasing your fireworks from one of the seven Safe and Sane Fireworks stands in the City.

Sue Underwood, City Clerk

## H.G. ANNUAL BENEFIT CAR SHOW



On Sunday, July 8, 2007, the 7th Annual Benefit car show will be held at Fedde Middle School from 11:00am to 5:00pm. The City of Hawaiian

Gardens has sponsored the event for the last few years in conjunction with the Imperials Car Club and expects to draw a big crowd again this year.

Initially started as a fundraiser, the car show grew from a modest show to large event with approximately 300 cars and 200 motorcycles in display. The car show draws several residents, guests, and visitors to our community. Every year, residents and visitors look forward to the various arrays of vehicles, past and present, while listening to various musical entertainments provided.

This year, music for the 7th Annual Benefit Car Show will be provided by SOTO, SAVOR and special guest performer ROCKY PADILLA. Two other bands, SALVAGE and THE HEAT, are also scheduled to perform. Admission is \$5 with donation. 12 and under is free with a paying Adult.

## ROBERT CANADA FRIENDSHIP POW WOW



The Robert Canada Friendship Pow Wow, sponsored by the City of Hawaiian Gardens will be held August 4 & 5, 2007, Saturday 12:00 noon to 10:00 p.m. and Sunday 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m., at Fedde Jr. High Baseball Field 21409 S. Elaine Avenue, Hawaiian Gardens (Pioneer & 215TH Street)

Native Americans arts and crafts, food, drums and dancing will be featured. Drum performances Maskwa Ridge and Hale & Company. Free admission, the general public are invited to attend.

For organizations and businesses interested in vending booths, please contact (562) 420-2641 ext. 229 or 225.

## HOW TO TELL IF YOUR CHILD IS ON DRUGS

Parents need to look for sudden mood swings and below listed behaviors:

- Withdrawal from the family
- Change in friends
- Increase in absences at school/ditching
- Low or no interest in school
- Failing grades or grades drop
- No motivation in regular activities
- Stealing/lying/cheating
- defiant, resistive to authority
- Very secretive, irritable
- Lack of concern with hygiene/appearance
- Staying out late

Parents also need to look for physical changes in their child:

- lack of energy
- sudden weight loss
- unhealthy appearance
- bloodshot eyes
- dilated or constricted pupils
- constant runny nose or cough
- change in eating habits
- change in sleeping pattern

If you notice several of these behaviors and physical changes and you suspect your child is using drugs, the best thing to do is monitor what your child is doing, who he/she is with and question everything. Check your child's belongings and look at their personal pictures, drawings on backpacks and folders, and for drug paraphernalia.