



HAWAIIAN GARDENS

monthly newsletter

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CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS (FAITH ACTION IN THE HOOD!) F.A.I.T.H.

INTRODUCING A NEW GROUP ESTABLISHED TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST GANG VIOLENCE, HATE CRIMES AND DRUGS

The City of Hawaiian Gardens, in collaboration with the local church organizations and Sheriff's Department has created a new team to provide awareness and resolution to our challenges with the gang violence, hate crimes and drugs that hurt our children, youth and the entire community.

In December our City Council took an official stand that our City and members of our community would no longer tolerate gang violence and hate crimes. As a result of this new policy and the input provided by the public, businesses and local organizations during a recent Community Meeting, F.A.I.T.H. was established. Local churches have been committed to this vital cause by sending their pastors and representatives to our monthly meetings and discussing ways to address and resolve the local issues.

In the past, the City and various organizations have tried ways to end the violence, but had failed. Now, the City through F.A.I.T.H. through action, deeds, and love will begin to work with our children

and youth. These are some of the programs that will be implemented very soon:

- Each church will adopt our local youth sports teams to provide support and mentoring to our children to serve as positive role models and encourage sportsmanship and teamwork.
- A team consisting of former gang members, local youths, who have not been involved in gangs, and Sheriff Deputies will be visiting local schools to provide information. They will encourage students to stay out of gangs to re-establish a positive relationship between the community and Sheriff's Department.

F.A.I.T.H. is an action and faith based organization that will strive for success by empowering the members of our community through resources such as counseling, mentoring and teamwork. We hope to count on your support! If you would like to have additional information, please call Sue Underwood, City Clerk/Records Manager at 562.420-2641, Ext. 251.

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NEXT NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

APRIL 4 & MAY 9, 2007

The next Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 4, 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, May 9, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. in the C. Robert Lee Center.

For more meeting information, please contact Steven Peguero, Community Relations Officer, at (562) 420-2641, ext. 224.

ANIMAL CONTROL NEWS

As of January 1, 2007, a law was passed in the state of California that prohibits the tethering of a dog to any object for more than three hours in a 24-hour period. The term refers to the practice of fastening a dog to a stationary object or stake, usually in backyard, as a means of keeping the animal under control. Depending on the specific offense, violation of this new law could result in an infraction or misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 per dog and/or up to six months in county jail. However, there are some exceptions to the law, which allow for dogs to be tied to a pulley system; tethered on farms; or short term tethering for the completion of temporary tasks.

DOG LICENSE INFO:

All dogs over four (4) months in the City of Hawaiian Gardens must have rabies vaccination and a dog license. You may pay your dog license at Hawaiian Gardens City Hall, Monday-Friday, 8:00am - 4:30pm. Please bring complete information on your dog, including sterilization and vaccination records to: 21815 Pioneer Blvd to pay the necessary fees as follows:

New License: \$30.00
Renewal: \$30.00
Spayed/ Neutered: \$15.00

Spayed/Neutered w/ Senior discount: \$ 7.50

Senior discount applies to those 60 and older. Payment may be made by check, money order (payable to: County of Los Angeles - Animal Care & Control), or in cash. License will be sent by mail in approximately 4 to 6 weeks.

ANIMAL CONTROL INFO:

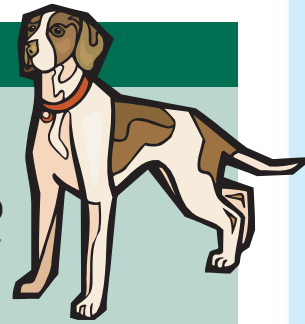
If you are experiencing problems with stray or dead animals on your street please notify the Los Angeles County Animal Control hotline phone number at: (562) 940-6899

Should your pet be picked up by Los Angeles County Animal Control you may visit the following location or call the number below.

11258 S. Garfield Ave., Downey, CA 90242
(562) 940-6898

HOURS:

Monday - Thursday 12 PM - 7 PM
Friday and Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM
Closed Sunday and Holidays. Or visit them on the web at: www.animalcontrol.co.la.ca.us



CITY SPOT LIGHT: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The City's Public Works Department has been a valuable resource for the City's public roadways. Even though the City contracts with various agencies for its services, the Public Works Department continuously provides unconditional services throughout the public streets of the City. The department addresses the areas of parkway-median landscaping, fertilizing and city landscaping, irrigation repair and maintenance, weed control, installs poles and street signs, sign maintenance, board-ups and vandalism repairs, emergency work (accidents/spills/storms, flooding), alley clean ups, roadway debris removal, graffiti abatements, temporary repairs of potholes and curbs, gutters, and other miscellaneous street work.

The Public Works Department will report street-lights to the Edison Company; sewer & storm drains to the County; gas leaks to the Gas Company; water leaks to the Water Company; phone lines to the phone company; roadway damage, problems with traffic signal lights, and toxic hazardous spills to the County. Residents may contact the Public Works Department for general roadway and public-right-of-way information at (562) 420-2641, ext. 202, 245 and 231.



CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS FEBRUARY 2007

REPORTABLE CRIMES

Part I Crime	February
Homicide	0
Rape	0
Aggravated Assault	4
Robbery	9
Burglary	6
Theft	7
Auto Theft	6
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>

ROBBERY CRIME TIPS HOW CAN I PROTECT MYSELF?

- Be aware of your surroundings and stay in well-lit areas at night.
- There is safety in numbers: use the buddy system.
- If you carry a purse, don't put the strap over your shoulder. Carry it close to your body.
- Don't leave purses or wallets on a counter or in shopping carts.
- Be cautious of people just "hanging around," especially near banks, pay phones, building entrances, bus stops, and public restrooms.
- Be aware of people around you when using your ATM card.
- If you are walking and a vehicle is following you, cross the street or turn around and go back.
- Lock your vehicle when unattended to prevent a criminal from hiding in your backseat.
- If you happen to be a victim of a robbery, Do Not Resist and Be Alert so that you can give deputies good information on the suspect.

