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RECYCLE FOR A BETTER HAWAIIAN GARDENS

DID YOU KNOW that Assembly Bill AB939, which requires that all cities recycle 50% of their solid waste generated from businesses and residents within the City, was passed in 1988? What does that mean to us? Very simply put, each business and resident must recycle 50% of their trash, which is why the City provides three separate bins for trash. At this time, residents and businesses are recycling at approximately 38%. Each 95-gallon trash container has a separate use. The blue container is for recyclables such as plastic, glass, cans, paper and cardboard. This material is sent to a recycling plant and the City receives credit for recycling. The small green containers are for green waster such as grass clippings, tree branches, but not for dirt, cement or rocks. These containers also contribute toward the recycling. The black container is for general trash items, which cannot be recycled. Please make every effort to help us reach our 50% diversion rate.

To help the residents recycle, in 2002, the City Council voted to purchase blue recyclable containers for the residents and paid \$98,000.00, so that residents would not have to pay the increased rate to Consolidated Disposal Services. The City Council also voted to pay two rate increases to Consolidated Disposal Services, one in 2004 for \$111,000.00 and again in 2007 for \$120,000.00 on behalf of the residents. This has kept residents' trash bill from being raised for the past several years. In order to have residents assist with the City's diversion rate, City Council voted to purchase larger green waste containers at a cost of \$101, 989.00. Once again, the City saved the residents from another rate increase. The containers will be delivered to the homes within a few months. To offset the increased cost of refuse service to city residents, the city has paid over \$400,000.00 in the last five years.

As a **REMINDER** for large bulk items such as couches, mattresses, washers, dryers, please call Consolidated Disposal Service at 800-299-4898. They will pick up those items free of charge four times a year. The City's Public Works Department does not pick up those items, so please do not call them. If you do leave large bulk items on the sidewalk, parkway or street, you will be cited or fined \$100.00 for illegal dumping by the City's Code Enforcement Department.

REMEMBER: RECYCLE, RECYCLE, RECYCLE!



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION SAFETY TIP- AVOID BEING A VICTIM OF THEFT

Avoid being a victim of theft. Please keep in mind some of the following tips:

- Never leave items that can be stolen for your vehicles. Most commonly stolen items from cars are gym bags & briefcases, garage door openers, mail, CDs and CD cases, purses and wallets (even if under seat), stereos and faceplates, cell phones and chargers), tools, keys, cash, jewelry, and computers.
- Auto burglary can lead to residential burglary. Garage door opener or house key in car plus registration or mail in car equals home burglary. A preventive measure that can be used is to have a photo copy of the registration with the addressed blacked out. Do not leave mail in your car especially where visible, this has your address on it. Garage door opener should never be left in car as it can be used to burglarize your home.
- What steps to take to prevent becoming a victim. Remove visible items from your vehicle. Be aware that someone may be watching as you put a wallet, purse, or cell phone under your seat. Take these items with you and lock your vehicle even for quick errands. Lock the trunk, hatchback or tailgate to block access into the car. Activate your car alarm! Criminals will choose the easiest target. If they have two cars to choose from - one with an alarm and one without - they will more than likely burglarize the one without.
- Park safely! At home, park in your garage if you have one. Lock your car and all garage doors. Park in well-lighted areas. Check to see that your vehicle is visible from pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

- What else can I do to protect myself? Install lighting controls and motion sensor on the exterior of your garage if you park in your driveway or on the street. Motion sensors will trigger your light to come on when it senses activity in the immediate area.

CITY-WIDE CLEAN-UP PROGRAM SATURDAY – AUGUST 11, 2007

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.

WHEN: Saturday, August 11, 2007

WHERE: All properties east of Norwalk Boulevard, 211th, 212th, 213th Streets, north of Carson Street

TIME: 7:00 am 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.

Please note: Subject to change due to weather. For more information, please contact Tina Rosas at City Hall (562) 420-2641, Ext. 242.

DON'T FORGET - ALL DISPOSAL SERVICES ARE FREE!

PLANNING COMMISSION OPENING

The Planning Commission has one opening. The Commission meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, or as needed. Meeting time is 6:00 p.m. Preferably someone with a background in urban planning. If you are interested in applying, please send a resume to the City Clerk, 21815 Pioneer Blvd. Hawaiian Gardens, Ca. 90716.



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NEXT NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

AUGUST 8 & SEPTEMBER 12, 2007

The next Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 8, 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, September 12, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. in the C. Robert Lee Center.

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

REPORTABLE CRIMES

Part I Crime	June
Homicide	0
Rape	0
Aggravated Assault	5
Robbery	7
Burglary	7
Theft	15
Auto Theft	3
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>

THE SPECIFICS OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

- A crime prevention program where neighbors look out for each other.
- A block captain is appointed to be the primary contact with the Sheriff's Department, deliver newsletters and other crime information.
- Neighbors are encouraged to get to know each other and their routines, so they will recognize any out of place activity.
- The program provides participants with ways to reduce the risk of being victimized at home, in public places or while in their vehicle.
- The program informs participants on the importance of recognizing suspicious activities and sounds and how to properly report them.
- The program informs neighbors how to make their homes more secure and how to properly identify their property through Operation Identification.
- A Neighborhood Watch block is a body of concerned and involved neighbors addressing issues that concern the entire community.

**OUR YOUTH – OUR FUTURE
MAKING A DIFFERENCE IS
WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT**