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CITY TO ADDRESS GANG VIOLENCE AND HATE CRIMES

On Tuesday, January 16, 2007, the City Council will have a Council Meeting to address the issues and challenges in our community relating to gang violence and hate crimes. This meeting will take place at 6:00 p.m. at Fedde Middle School. Members of the Los Angeles

County Sheriff's Department, ABC Unified School District and other community leaders will be present to discuss these issues. The community is encouraged to participate and support our City. Mark your calendar and we'll see you there! (Refreshments will be served.)

CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS TO HOST VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DINNER

In a show of appreciation, respect and thanks, the City of Hawaiian Gardens will host its annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner on Saturday, January 6, 2007. The dinner will take place at 6:00 p.m. in the Mary Rodriguez Senior Center. The evening will also include raffles, awards and live entertainment. Over sixty volunteers and guests are expected to attend this fun filled event.

Many successful city sponsored programs and services are made possible due to the hours of service dedicated

by these volunteers. Without volunteers, many programs would not be possible. The dedication displayed by volunteers is very instrumental in providing services to our community.

Some programs and services that volunteers assisted in include: The Mary Rodriguez Senior Center, Youth Sports, Special Interest Classes, Parks, Teen Center and Special Events. In the year 2006, approximately 6,700 hours of volunteer work was provided by these generous residents. For this, the City is very grateful.

NEWS FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

The City of Hawaiian Gardens' Public Works Department will begin trimming and pruning City trees throughout the City beginning early January. To begin, the Public Works Maintenance crews will be trimming those trees that are most hazardous

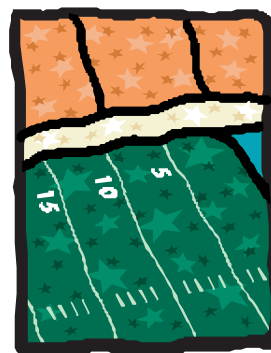
and need trimming before the winters storms are upon us. A plan is in place to trim all City trees by the start of summer. If you see a tree that needs trimming and is hazardous, please contact the Public Works Department at (562) 420-2641, ext. 202.

YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL PROGRAM BRINGS HOME A SECOND PLACE FINISH



A flag football team consisting of 5th and 6th graders from Furgeson, Hawaiian and Melbourne Elementary Schools recently participated in a SCMAF South East Flag Football Tournament. The tournament was held in the City of Montebello, with over nine teams competing. The Hawaiian Gardens team was successful in defeating teams from Cerritos and Downey. Unfortunately, the team lost in

the championship game to the City of Downey by only one point, 14 - 13. As a reward for their efforts, the second place finish allowed the team to advance to the SCMAF tournament which will be held in the City of Garden Grove and feature flag football teams from throughout Southern California.



YOUTH VOLLEYBALL TEAMS SUCCESSFUL IN LOCAL TOURNAMENT



The Human Services Department's Youth Sports program recently sent two volleyball teams to compete in the SCMAF South East Volleyball Tournament. The "A" division team consisted of players in 7th and 8th grade. This team traveled to the City of Commerce to compete. They were victorious in defeating teams from Commerce and Bell Gardens. By winning first place in this tournament, the team advanced to the next round. The team will represent the City of Hawaiian Gardens at the SCMAF tournament in Commerce, which consists of volleyball teams

throughout Southern California.

The "B" division volleyball team consisted of ten players in 5th and 6th grade. The players were very excited to participate in their first SCMAF South East Volleyball Tournament and entered all their games with positive attitudes. The girls played with lots of heart and determination; however, they were not victorious in their first two games. Both games were close in score and tested the girl's teamwork. The team battled for third place against the City of Commerce and won bronze medals. Our city teams look forward to next years tournaments, as they hope to continue to improve and have fun in these events.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION SAFETY TIP: BICYCLE HELMETS

The Public Safety Commission would like to inform parents and children of the importance of wearing bicycle helmets. Bicycle helmets can reduce the risk of head injury by up to 85 percent. Most deaths related to bicycle falls and collisions involve head injuries. This means that wearing a helmet can save your life. Bicycle helmets offer head protection for sports like skate boarding and roller-skating. In addition, wrist guards, kneepads, and elbow pads are recommended for these sports. For those children who will be using bicycles during the school session, please be safe and

wear your helmet. To parents, if your child uses a bicycle to and from school, make sure your loved one is protected by using his/her bike helmet. All young children should wear a bicycle helmet, whether they are riding bicycles, tricycles, or are passengers on a parent's bicycle. Never carry a child under age one on your bicycle. It's the Law, wear your helmet, have fun and be safe.



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NEXT NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

JANUARY 11, 2007 & FEBRUARY 7, 2007

The next Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 11, 2007, at 6:00 pm in the C. Robert Lee Center, Room A, at 21815 Pioneer Boulevard, Hawaiian Gardens. In addition, the February Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be Wednesday, February 7, 2007, at 6:00 pm in the C. Robert Lee Center, Craft Room, at 21815 Pioneer Boulevard, 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	November
Homicide	0
Rape	1
Aggravated Assault	10
Robbery	0
Burglary	4
Theft	9
Auto Theft	6
Arson	0

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

CRIME PREVENTION TIP FOR THE MONTH

HOW TO BE A GOOD WITNESS:

- Watch what is going on but do not get involved
- Call **911** for emergency or (562) 623-3500 for non-emergencies
- Report suspicious activities or crimes
- You can remain anonymous when you call
- Give a description of suspect(s) (sex, race, age, height, weight, clothing, hair type, tattoos or distinguishing features)
- Give a description of any vehicles involved (year, make, model, color)
- Provide the last seen location or direction of travel of suspect(s)