



HAWAIIAN GARDENS

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ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PROGRAM



The City of Hawaiian Gardens will be celebrating Halloween with its annual Halloween and Haunted House activities. The events will be held at the C. Robert Lee Activity Center, Tennis Court area. The Halloween festivities will take place on Tuesday, October 31, 2006, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Activities will include: games, a photo area, costume contests, prizes, candy and tons of fun. All guests are encouraged to attend dressed in your favorite Halloween costume. There will be three costume con-

test categories: Most original, funniest and scariest. Age groups will be: 1 month to 5 years old, six to eleven years old, twelve to seventeen years old and eighteen years or older.

The Haunted House will be open the following dates and times:

- Thursday, October 26, 2006 6:00 p.m.– 9:00 p.m.
- Friday, October 27, 2006 6:00 p.m.– 9:00 p.m.
- Saturday, October 28, 2006 6:00 p.m.– 9:00 p.m.
- Monday, October 30, 2006 6:00 p.m.– 9:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 31, 2006 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Admission into the Haunted House is free. Should you have any questions regarding these events, please call 562.420.2641, extension 229.

COMMON CODE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION ISSUES

The City of Hawaiian Gardens Code Enforcement Division responds to complaints from citizens, peer to peer groups, and other agencies regarding property maintenance issues. Systematic inspections are also performed throughout the City in an effort to keep developing situations from becoming worse. The City is currently aggressively pursuing illegal garage conversions due to the serious health and safety issues they present. An illegal garage conversion occurs when a property owner alters or modifies their garage for living purposes without obtaining the proper approvals or permits from the City.

When a garage is illegally converted into living quarters, serious health and safety issues are created. Improperly installed electrical wiring may cause fires, improper venting of water heaters or heaters may cause asphyxiation resulting in possible injury and/or death, and plumbing installed not according to the Building Code may lead to other health hazards. Other health and safety issues associated with illegal garage conversions may include not having the proper amount of emergency exits or windows, not having fire resistant construction materials, and insufficient fire prevention systems or smoke alarms.

In addition, illegal garage conversions affect the quality of life in your neighborhood. Improper and illegal occupancy of a converted garage increases the

overall density in the City, thus increasing demand for City services, and impacting on-street parking.

A garage is meant to store your vehicles and personal items, and not to serve as a living quarters. An illegal garage conversion may cost someone his or her life, and this is why the City regards the enforcement of illegal garage conversions as a priority. Please be aware that legal action may be taken against any property owner who rents out an illegal dwelling, which results in harm or injury to its occupants. Fines and permits to restore a garage conversion to its original use can cost a property owner more than \$750.00. In addition, Section 16.16 of the Hawaiian Gardens Municipal Code requires that a property owner whom evicts a tenant from an illegal dwelling is required to pay relocation benefits.

We encourage tenants and owners to take pride and responsibility in maintaining their properties, and it is the City's goal to achieve voluntary compliance. If you have any questions regarding this issue or would like to report an illegal garage conversion in your neighborhood, please call the City of Hawaiian Gardens Code Enforcement Division at (562) 420-2641, ext. 221.

With your cooperation, we will continue to keep the City of Hawaiian Gardens a healthy, safe, and livable community.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FROM THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Everyone needs to take extra care on Halloween – October 31st – when excited children in costumes are out in force. A seasonal safety message should remind all motorists to be extra careful, and remind parents to review pedestrian safety rules with their children. Alcohol consumption is also high on Halloween due to the increased popularity of adult parties. The Public Safety Commission urges the following for all parents:

Adults should accompany their children; Teach you children to stop and look before crossing streets; Use a flashlight and wear retro-reflective strips or patches on your clothing or costume to be more visible to motorists; Check all Halloween candy before your children enjoy their treats. Have a safe and **HAPPY HALLOWEEN!**

CITY-WIDE CLEAN-UP PROGRAM SATURDAY – OCTOBER 21, 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, October 21, 2006

WHERE: All properties between 221st and 226th Streets; East of Norwalk Boulevard and west of

Claretta Avenue

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.

DON'T FORGET - ALL DISPOSAL SERVICES ARE FREE!



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NEXT NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

OCTOBER 3

The next Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 3, 2006, at 6:00 pm in the C. Robert Lee Center, Craft Room, at 21815 Pioneer Boulevard, Hawaiian Gardens. Also, the November Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 1, 2006 at 6:00 pm in the C. Robert Lee Center, Craft Room, at 21815 Pioneer Boulevard, Hawaiian Gardens.

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

In addition, the Sheriff's Department is seeking a bilingual (Spanish/English) speaking resident of Hawaiian Gardens to volunteer their time and services to the Neighborhood Watch Program. The concerned citizen would assist Deputy Limbrick with preparation for meetings, translation at the meetings, calling members to remind them of date and time of the meetings. If you are interested in the volunteer position, please contact Deputy Limbrick at City Hall (562) 420-2641, ext. 255.

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) 865-0411
Emergencies	Dial 911

