

# GARDEN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

September 2008

### SCHOOL SAFETY

Remember to help your children stay safe during school time...



Work out a safe route (one you know about) with your child. If your child walks to school, choose the quickest way and the fewest street crossings and use intersections with crossing guards.

Stay away from parks, vacant lots, fields, and other places where there aren't many people

Whenever possible, walk to and from school with a friend, neighbor, brother or sister. Don't walk alone.

Know your home telephone number and address and the numbers of your parents' work and of another trusted adult and how to use 9-1-1 for emergencies.

Never talk to strangers or accept rides or gifts from them. Remember, a stranger is anyone you don't know.

Have a designated person that you and your parents know to pick you up in case of an emergency.

If nobody is home when you arrive, check in with your parents or a trusted neighbor.

Let parents know if your staying late after school or going to a friends.

### ADDITIONAL TIPS...

If you have a suspicious encounter and you're closer to home, return and call the police.

If you have a suspicious encounter and your closer to your school, return and advise a teacher to call the police.

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GARDEN CITY POLICE  
COMMUNITY SERVICES

CITY DEPARTMENT  
PHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY- 911

POLICE 793-1700

DETECTIVE BUREAU 793-1710

CITY HALL 793-1600

21ST DIST. COURT 793-1680

BUILDING DEPT. 793-1650

CITY CLERK 793-1620

LIBRARY 793-1830

MAPLEWOOD CTR. 793-1850

PARKS & REC. 793-1880

## DO YOUR CHILDREN STAY HOME ALONE?

- \* Are they old enough and mature enough to care for themselves?
- \* Can they be trusted to go straight home after school?
- \* Can they use the telephone, locks and kitchen appliances?
- \* Do they follow rules and instructions well?
- \* Can they handle unexpected situations without panicking?
- \* Can they stay home alone without being afraid?

### TEACH YOUR "HOME ALONE CHILDREN..."

- \* To check in with you or a trusted neighbor immediately after arriving home.
- \* How to use 9-1-1 in an emergency.
- \* To know their address.
- \* How to use the door and window locks and the alarm system if you have one.
- \* Never let anyone into the home without their parents permission.
- \* Never let a caller or someone at the door know they are home alone.

- \* Have them carry a house key with them in a safe place- don't leave one under the door mat or on the window ledge.
- \* How to escape in case of a fire.
- \* Do not go into their home if something doesn't look right- such as an open door, broken window, strange noises from inside, etc.
- \* To tell their parents if any thing unusual happened or if they are scared.

## WATCH BLOCK NEWS

As a reminder, meetings are coming soon. Remember Meeting dates:

**October**  
**December**  
**March**  
**May**

Once again, if you have topics of interest, please let Nancy Miner or I know so it can be scheduled into the next Newsletter or Meeting. **PLEASE BE ADVISED OUR NEXT NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING WILL BE ON THE SECOND WEDNES-**

**DAY OCT. 8th INSTEAD OF TUESDAY** and is again at the Maplewood Community Center at 7PM. I hope to see you there.

Thank you -  
Det./Sgt. Brian Aure'

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BLOCK / CITY CRIME STATS

**Robbery 1**  
**Public Peace 1**  
**Fraud 7**  
**Drugs 12**  
**Property Damage 12**  
**Sexual Assault 3**

**Arson 0**  
**Breaking & Entering 21**  
**Larceny 57**  
**Stolen Vehicles 3**  
**Assaults 26**  
**Murder 0**

The numbers listed represent statistics for the entire city during the month listed