

# GARDEN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

September 2009

### Staying Safe in School

#### Getting to school and back home again

- Find an easy way to walk to school or the bus stop. Ask your parents if there is anything you should watch out for along way. Always walk with a brother, sister, neighbor, or friend.
- Don't talk to strangers, go anywhere with them, or take anything from them.
- Know your phone number and address, even your area code and zip code. If you have trouble remembering them, write them down and keep them in a safe place.



#### After School

- If you stay home alone for a few hours after school while your parents are at work, call and check in with them as soon as you get home. Check out the Home Alone Tips on the back page.
- Ask your parents what the rules are. Are you allowed to watch TV before you finish your homework? Or have ice cream as a snack?

#### In the class-room

- Most teachers have their own rules for what goes on in their classroom but there are a few other things you should remember when you're in class.
- If another kid, even a friend, asks you to do something you don't want to, don't do it.
- If you get into an argument, talk it out. Fighting will hurt you and will probably get you in trouble. It may even give you a reputation as a bully.

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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

## ARE YOUR CHILDREN 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.

## DON'T FORGET

We hear from young people that it's never too early to start talking with them about alcohol, tobacco and illicit drugs, and that parents are too trusting. The job of all parents and caregivers requires understanding, patience, and lots of love, practice and prac-

tice and practice... Don't forget our meetings will be starting again soon on the following months:

**Wednesday October 7, 2009**

**Wednesday December 2, 2009**

**March and May to be announced.**

All meetings are at 7pm at the Maplewood Center. See you there.

Thank you,

Det./Sgt. Brian Aure'.

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BLOCK / CITY CRIME STATS

### August Crime Statistics—Cases Reported

Arson 0  
 Breaking & Entering 19  
 Larceny 48  
 Stolen Vehicles 7  
 Assaults 30  
 Murder 0

Robbery 3  
 Fraud 4  
 Runaway 5  
 Drugs 7  
 Property Damage 17  
 Disorderly 4

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