

# GARDEN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

April 2012

### Springtime Awareness

*With Spring approaching and warmer weather, people are back outdoors from hibernation. Unfortunately, criminal activity will also enjoy the warmer weather. Particularly, home break-ins. This type of crime generally increases as the weather gets warmer. DON'T allow yourself to become a target to this. Start NOW in prevention! Begin a Home Security Checklist (See your Neighborhood Watch Manual).*

*Check Window Security and locks.*

*Check Door Security and locks.*

*Check garage Doors and locks.*

*Some things to remember:*

*Do you leave outside lights on? Front and Back?*

*Will you keep the shrubbery and landscaping at a level where neighbors can see around your home?*

*Do you ALWAYS lock the doors and secure windows when you leave, even for a short time?*

*Are ALL you outside leading doors solid wood or metal?*

*Do you have lock throws that lead at least 1" into the doorframe?*

*Is you door frame protected by a sufficient strike plate?*

*Can you and do you lock your garage door?*

*Have you photographed and record your valuable items?*

*Are they marked by Operation ID?*

*How about Fire Safety?*

*Do you have Fire Alarms throughout your home or only in 1 location?*

*Do you check your Smoke detectors monthly to be sure they work?*

*Do you secure items such as matches and lighters from children?*

*Do you store flammable liquids in a secure area?*

*If you're not sure of any of the answers to these questions, then you need to refer to your Neighborhood Watch Manual.....*

*Also with the warmer weather coming, so do Ordinance Complaints. A reminder or awareness of certain common ordinance violations many neighbors complain about. Could this be you violating a City Ordinance and not even knowing it?*

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**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**

# CITY ORDINANCE



## ORD#92.01 Public Nuisance

Anything that annoys, injures or endangers the safety, health, comfort, allows accumulation of junk or obnoxious matters on private property, or in any way renders the public insecure in life or property.

Just in case of snow after you read this:

## ORD.#70.4 sec.8.27 Snow

Emergency-A snow emergency will be in effect anytime 3 or more inches of snow has or will fall. Parking will be prohibited on any city street until those streets have been plowed and the Snow Emergency declared has been lifted.



ORD.#90.14 Barking Dogs-No person shall keep any dog which is loud, frequent, or a habitual barker or howling that shall cause serious annoyance to the neighborhood or people passing on the streets.



ORD.#92.05 Abandoned Vehicles-The parking or storing of any motor vehicle, body or chassis without bearing a currently valid motor vehicle license plate is prohibited unless it is enclosed in a building or other enclosure not visible by surrounding property.



ORD.#112.26 Soliciting-No person shall engage in the business of solicitation within the city without obtaining a license granted except upon certification of the Chief of Police. (EX. Door to door sales)



ORD.#135.03 Curfew-No child under age 16 can be on the public streets or in a public place between the hours of 10PM-6AM except being accompanied by a parent/guardian or adult designated as such. No child under 17 can be in the public during the hours of 12AM-6AM unless accompanied by a parent/guardian or adult designated as such.



ORD.# 53.04 Trash Refuse-It is the duty of the owner, occupant, or person in charge of any dwelling to place refuse in appropriate containers (ORD.#53.03) and to place it within their own property side or rear yard and to place same at the curb lines to the dwelling for collection no sooner than 5PM on the previous day of collection.



## WATCH BLOCK NEWS—WATCH BLOCK MEETINGS

I would like remind everyone of the Neighborhood Watch Meetings. We are still holding the meetings at the Maplewood Center. The months we meet are still:

**DECEMBER**  
**MARCH**  
**MAY**  
**OCTOBER**

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings days are still to be announced but will be during the first Tuesdays of those months at 7PM. I am always open to questions that you may have and topics you wish to discuss at the meetings.

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BLOCK / CITY CRIME STATS

### February Crime Statistics—Cases Reported

Arson 0	Robbery 2
Breaking & Entering 15	Public Peace 8
Larceny 28	Fraud 13
Stolen Vehicles 11	Property Damage 15
Assaults 22	Sex Assault 2
Murder 0	

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