



# Neighborhood Watch Newsletter



December 2006

## MERRY CHRISTMAS



With the holiday season approaching, many enjoy vacationing. And a few, believe or not, enjoy shopping!

### *If you're out for the evening...*

Turn on lights and a radio or the TV so that it appears that someone is home.

Lock all doors and windows while you're out, even if you'll be gone for just a few minutes.



A few holiday tips ...

### *If your traveling...*

Get an automatic timer for your lights.

Ask your neighbors to watch your home, shovel the walks, pick up newspapers, collect mail, and park in the driveway from time to time.



Do not place packages or gifts near windows or in other high-visibility sites.



Secure valuables while you're gone.

### *If you're at home...*

Turn on outside lights to deter burglars.



Report any suspicious behavior to police.

Be sure of your homeowners insurance and use Operation ID.

Be suspicious of any door to door business. Ask for ID and verify who they work with. If your suspicious, contact 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

# SHOPPING SAFELY



Don't carry cash.

Do not place your purse or wallet down.

Purchase expensive items last.

Use charge accounts-your check or credit cards.



Avoid the need to carry too many packages to your vehicle and have your key ready BEFORE you get to your vehicle.

Do not wear flashy jewelry.

Shop with another person.

Arrange for delivery of parcels if possible.

Select a open visible, lighted parking space near the building or traffic when possible.

If you must shop alone try not to shop at night. If you do, and it's available, ask for an escort to your vehicle.

Lock your door as soon as you enter your home, don't wait until you put your purchases away.

Do not park near occupied vehicles or suspicious persons walking or standing near by.

If you suspect someone may be following you, go to the nearest populated area and ask for help from a business employee to contact security or police.

Never expose cash or valuables in the public.

Never walk between cars, stay in open view while in parking lots.

Lock all doors upon exiting and entering your vehicle after checking the back seat.



When possible, always secure your purchases in the trunk.



## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BLOCK / CITY CRIME STATS

Year to Date Crime Statistics January 2006 — October 2006