



Neighborhood Watch Newsletter



December 2009

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Prevent Identity Theft this holiday season remembering these simple tips to protect yourself!



- Be aware of your surroundings
- Obstruct "line-of-sight" views while using you bank card PIN number
- Memorize your bank card PIN



- Have your bank card ready before you use the ATM



- Closely monitor anyone who handles your credit card when making purchases



- Sign all credit cards or write "See ID" on the back

- Cancel credit cards that you do not use

- Be cautious of e-mail scams
- Shop Online Merchants that you know and trust



- Don't carry your social security card with you

- Don't give your social security number out unnecessarily



SERVICE-PRIDE-INTEGRITY



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.



When possible, always secure your purchases in the trunk.



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

WATCH BLOCK NEWS

I hope everyone has a great Holiday season and I would like remind you 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

All meetings are still during the first week of those months listed

at 7PM. I am always open to questions that you may have and topics you wish to discuss at the meetings.

Thank you,
Detective Sergeant Brian Aure'

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BLOCK / CITY CRIME STATS

November Crime Statistics—SORRY NO STATS AVAILABLE THIS MONTH