

Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

January 2011

“NIXLE” in the New Year

What is “Nixle”?

Nixle is a community information service provider built exclusively to provide secure and reliable communications. It is an alert or warning system that communicates to your cell phone via text message alerts. It is the first authenticated and secure service that connects municipal agencies and community organizations to residents in real time, delivering information to geographically targeted consumers over their cell phones (via text messages), through e-mails and via web access. Nixle has secured a partnership with Nlets (the international Justice and Public Safety Network), allowing local police departments nationwide to send immediate alerts and advisories. Privately funded Nixle, which has offices in New Jersey and California, is free to all governments, their agencies and organizations, nongovernmental organizations and consumers. For more information visit: www.nixle.com.

The Nixle community has allowed Garden City Police and other city departments and agencies to create and publish messages delivered to

subscribed residents instantly via cell phone text message and or email. Notifications can also be accessed online at Nixle’s web site www.nixle.com.

The service is FREE and there is NO SPAM, and no hidden costs. Nixle builds on the foundations of other public-to-public communication services, such as Twitter, MySpace and Facebook, but adds a key security component. When citizens receive information from our agency via Nixle, they know it can be trusted. “Nixle is a first of it’s kind tool for communities that need to provide critical information to their residents”, said Craig Mitnick, Founder and CEO. “in today’s world you have to trust the source of your information”. Residents can rest easy that the messages they receive are authentic.

Some examples of the text messages residents may receive may include a missing child alert, road closures, serious weather reports, police situations, vehicle accidents, and or any other important information that may effect the safety and welfare of the community.

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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

A Common Scam...

Foreign Lottery

In this scam, you receive a call, email or letter--usually from a foreign country-- telling you about a way to select winning lottery numbers, and you need to call a toll-free number to find out more. There is no need to call that number. All the con criminal has is a winning way to take your money.

The Opening Pitch

Congratulations! You may receive a certified check for up to \$400,000 in cash! That's right, lump sum and tax-free, it must be your lucky day! Hundreds of people win every week using our secret system! You can win too!

The Presentation

There are multiple variations, but a typical presentation is that you respond to a letter in the mail by calling a toll-free number. The person on the other end of the line, whose

voice is filled with excitement, says something like, "Today is your lucky day! The company has reserved numbers for you." They imply that you will get the winning numbers that will allow you to collect \$400,000 (the number varies). All you have to do to claim this winning number is wire transfer a "processing fee."

The Result

The result is you wire the money to Canada or Spain or the Virgin Islands and you never receive your check for \$400,000 nor do you ever hear from them again.

How to Avoid It

Ask yourself one simple question when you hear this pitch, if a company or anyone had the ability to select the winning lottery number, why would they give it to you for a fraction of the winnings?

There are no secret systems for winning foreign lotteries. Your chances of winning more than the cost of your tickets are slim to none. If you purchase one foreign lottery ticket, you can expect many more bogus offers for lottery or investment "opportunities." Your name will be placed on "sucker lists" that fraudulent telemarketers buy and sell. Keep your credit card and bank account numbers to yourself. Con criminals often ask for them during an unsolicited sales pitch. Scammers will use this type of information to empty your bank accounts.

Another twist to this scam is this person sends you a check asking you to cash it into your account and send them a small "processing fee" from the money you receive from the bank. The trouble is the check is fraudulent and some banks will still cash it and then hold YOU responsible for the money lost!

WATCH BLOCK NEWS

Neighborhood Watch Meetings are still continuing and will be held during the first weeks of the months of October, December, March and May. Every meeting will now be held at the Garden City Police

City Police Department at 7PM and will be during the first week of the month, normally Tuesdays unless otherwise noted. I will try and do reminders for those who need them. As always, if you have a

topic or questions or you would like to have information about in the newsletter or at a meeting, please let me know.

Thank you, Det. Sgt. Brian Aure'

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BLOCK / CITY CRIME STATS

December 2010 Crime Statistics—Cases Reported

Breaking & Entering 12
Larceny 22
Sexual Assault 0
Stolen Vehicles 3
Assaults 22
Murder 0

Robbery 2
Public Peace 4
Fraud 14
Drugs 6
Property Damage 9
Arson 0

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