

GARDEN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

March 2009

Is that a Drug House?!

So you've become suspicious, you're wondering could it be that you have a drug dealer in your neighborhood? It's difficult to say for sure, but there are signs that may have already alerted you. These indicators may have caused you become suspicious to the activities taken place. There are four things that make a drug house:

Product
Buyer
Seller
Location

Most neighborhoods have very little control over Product, Buyer, or Seller. Drug dealers may look for locations where neighbors do not communicate and isolate themselves. This makes it easy to intimidate those neighbors that do notice drug activity. Drug dealers like neighborhoods that say "It can't happen here." Money is a key element for the drug dealer. If they establish a drug house in a neighborhood where kids and adults have money to

buy drugs, business will thrive. Do any of these sound familiar?

- Excessive foot traffic to and from a house or property
- Loitering in or around a house.
- Frequent and unusual traffic patterns such as: Stop - Enter - Leave
- Traffic frequently stops and a resident comes out and talks briefly with occupants of car
- Threats of intimidation connected to a residence
- Open exchange of drugs and money
- Sudden increase in criminal activity

Prevention is the best way to stop drug houses!

You can reduce the chance that a drug house moves into your neighborhood by using Neighborhood Watch—get to know your neighbors. If a problem develops in the neighborhood, work with law enforcement to resolve them quickly.

What should you do if there is a drug house in your neighborhood?

One of the tools of the drug dealer is intimidation. There is safety in numbers.

- Use Neighborhood Watch and the House Watch sheet provided, log all activity connected to the suspected drug house.
- Speak with property owners, if applicable about problems that the tenants are causing for neighbors. If you are having problems, the property owner is probably having problems too.
- Talk to the Police Departments' SIU Officer and give the information from your House Watch sheet to them.

The Garden City's Police Department's Anonymous Tip Line to report suspected drug activity is (734) 793-1718.

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

CITY ORDINANCE



The following are ordinance complaints that become more frequent as the weather gets warmer. As a reminder, I've included some of the more common city ordinances that effect neighbors. If you have questions regarding City Ordinance, please contact the Garden City Building Department, City Hall or the Police Main number.

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.

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 again will still be:

DECEMBER
MARCH
MAY
OCTOBER

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are still 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.

Thank you, D/Sgt. Brian Aure'

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BLOCK / CITY CRIME STATS

February Crime Statistics—Cases Reported

Arson	Robbery 1
Breaking & Entering 12	Public Peace 4
Larceny 13	Fraud 6
Stolen Vehicles 4	Drugs 12
Assaults 29	Property Damage 12
Murder 0	Sex Crimes 4

The numbers listed represent crimes reported for the entire city during the month listed