

Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

November 2010

“NIXLE”—Stay Informed

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

VEHICLE THEFT DETERRENENTS

Kill Switches

A kill switch is a simple switch device that shuts off the engine's ignition system. A risk is that it may accidentally be activated by the driver, so placement is very important not only to you but also to conceal from a thief. Improperly installed switches can damage the vehicles' electrical system and possibly void any warranty.

Steering Wheel Locks

Steering wheel locks are visible from outside the car and prevent the wheel from being turned more than a few degrees. A variation on the steering is the J-bar or grip lock, an adjustable steel bar rod that hooks under the brake and locks to the steering wheel.

Etching Parts

Many cars are stolen for parts. Professional thieves shy away from a vehicle that has had the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) etched into the doors, windows, windshield etc.

Anti-Theft Systems

Starting at less than \$300 and going higher as options are added, anti-theft systems typically include siren alarms, starter disablers, motion sensors, remote control activation, panic buttons and shock detectors on doors, windows, truck lids. A beeper can alert the owner when someone trips the system.

Collars

Collars are devices that prevent the steering column from being stripped.

Note

Many newer cars are equipped with a combination of anti-theft devices such as alarms, flashing lights, ignition kill switches, steering wheel locks, coded keys, etc. These used in combination with etching and prevention tips are the most effective deterrents.

Remember, spending money on anti-theft devices won't help if drivers don't follow the basic precautions of locking doors, taking the key, and activating the anti-theft device installed.

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

October 2010 Crime Statistics—Cases Reported

Breaking & Entering 15
Larceny 32
Sexual Assault 6
Stolen Vehicles 8
Assaults 42
Murder 0

Robbery 2
Public Peace 6
Fraud 10
Drugs 18
Property Damage 22
Arson 0

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