



Neighborhood Watch Newsletter



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SUMMER TIME RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

Burglary is one of the most preventable crimes. By taking a few simple precautions, you can dramatically reduce your risks of falling victim to this crime. With the onset of warmer weather, many residents open windows and garage doors to ventilate their homes. However, leaving windows and garage doors open and unattended provides a would-be thief with the opportunity to inventory your belongings for future reference, or even gain access to your home. The average burglar will spend no more than four to five minutes trying to break into a residence. An open window or door provides a burglar with direct access in a few seconds. Many thieves are capable of stealing property in a very short amount of time. People who are walking or driving by a residence can steal bicycles, lawn care products, tools and other items in a matter of seconds. Even worse, a burglar could enter a garage, close the door and have more than enough time to pry open the inner door to a residence while remaining hidden from the street.

Shrubbery also provides a burglar with a place to hide and should never block the view of your exterior doors or windows. The Crime Prevention Office encourages homeowners to be alert when any exterior doors are open. If you need to ventilate your garage, remain inside of the garage or in the front yard where activities can be monitored.

Even when owners have been in the backyard, there have been incidents where perpetrators entered the garage to steal items. Make it a point to properly close your garage door if you are not planning on maintaining visual contact with the front of your house. If you see that your neighbor's garage door is open, try to contact them and pass on this important message. If you are unable to contact them, be a vigilant neighbor and keep an eye on their property. Do not hesitate to make eye contact with anyone you suspect may be "casing" your property, but do not take any confrontational action yourself.

If you see a suspicious individual, call the San Gabriel Police Department immediately at (626) 308-2828. Remember, it takes less time to open a window and cool down your home after you have returned to your residence than it does to replace all of your stolen property.

Did you know . . . LEASHES ARE REQUIRED ON ALL DOGS AND YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEANING UP AFTER YOUR PET!

We would like to remind dog owners to always carry a plastic bag to pick up dog excrement. It is illegal to have your dog run free without a leash, even if it's only for a few minutes in a neighborhood. This fact is obvious to most residents, but there are some who feel that picking up after their pet is not their responsibility. Leaving excrement creates a health problem for others and you may be fined. San Gabriel Municipal Code 92.52 reads as follows: 92.52 LEASHES REQUIRED; ANIMAL NUISANCES CLEANUP.

(A) No person owning or having the charge, care, custody or control of any dog shall cause, permit or allow the same to be or to run at large upon any street, lane, alley, court or other public place in the city, or upon any private property or premises in the city other than those of the person owning or having the charge, care, custody or control of such dog, unless such dog shall be restrained by a substantial chain or leash not exceeding six feet in length and is in the care, custody or control of a competent person.

(B) No person owning or having the charge, care, custody or control of any dog shall cause, permit or allow the same to be in any automobile or other vehicle upon any street or other public place in the city unless such dog shall be restrained by a substantial chain or leash not exceeding six feet in length and shall be in the charge, care, custody or control of a competent person.

(C) It shall be unlawful for the owner, keeper, walker or person in control of any animal to dump, deposit, or allow to remain, the excrement of any animal on any public or private property, including streets, sidewalks, public parks, parkways and alleys, other than the animal owner's property. In the event the animal deposits any excrement on any public or private property, including streets, sidewalks, public parks, parkways, and alleys, other than the animal owner's property, the owner, keeper, walker or person in control of the animal, shall immediately remove the animal's excrement and properly dispose of it. Any excrement on the animal owner's property must be properly disposed of in a timely manner so as not to create a health hazard. (Ord. 471, passed -; Am. Ord. 506-C.S., passed 9-19-00) Penalty, see § 92.99. § 92.99 PENALTY. (A) Any person who shall violate any of provisions of this chapter, for which no penalty is otherwise provided, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment in the city or county jail for not more than six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment. LEASHES ARE REQUIRED ON ALL DOGS AND YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEANING UP AFTER YOUR PET! (B) Every person convicted of an infraction for violation of §§ 92.46, 92.51 or 92.52 shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$100 for a first conviction, a fine not exceeding \$200 for a second conviction of the same section within two years of the first conviction and a fine not exceeding \$500 for a third conviction of the same section within two years of the first conviction. A fourth conviction within two years of the first conviction shall constitute a misdemeanor. (C) Any violation of §§ 92.80 - 92.96 involving a potentially dangerous dog shall be punishable by an administrative fine not to exceed \$500. Any violation of §§ 92.80 - 92.96 involving a vicious dog shall be punishable by an administrative fine not to exceed \$1000. All administrative fines paid pursuant to §§ 92.80 - 92.96 shall be paid to the city for the purpose of deferring costs of implementation of these sections. The City Prosecutor, in his or her sound discretion, may prosecute violations of §§ 92.80 - 92.96 as infractions or misdemeanors. (Ord. 422-C.S., passed 4-5-94; Am. Ord. 493-C.S., passed 9-15-98; Am. Ord. 509-C.S., passed 11-7-00)

Mark Your Calendars!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Mission Playhouse - Plaza 320 S. Mission Dr., San Gabriel

Tuesday, August 6, 2019 – 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

