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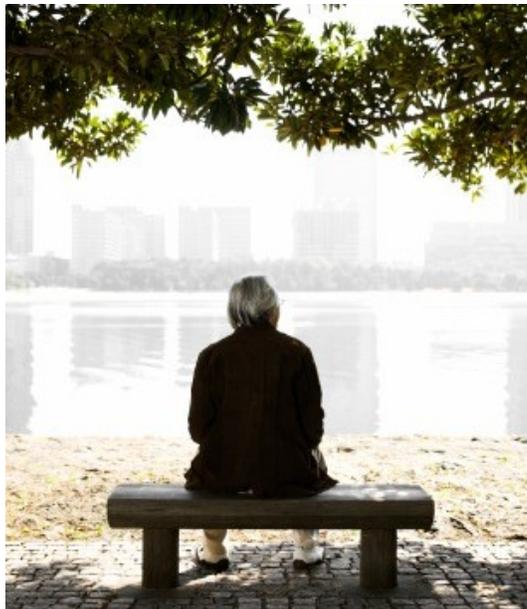
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DOWNEY POLICE DEPARTMENT LAUNCHES RETURN HOME REGISTRY



The Downey Police Department has launched a "Return Home Registry Program." This program is designed to assist officers in locating lost or wandering persons when they go missing from their home or caregivers. This searchable database will provide police officers with the vital information they need to locate and return your family members sooner.

This program is offered at no cost to participants. Caregivers can voluntarily register persons who may suffer from illnesses such as Alzheimer's, Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome or other debilitating illnesses, and children with special needs. This program is NOT for persons who voluntarily run away from

home for other reasons and/or have behavioral issues not related to a special need.

The Return Registry will be used in two ways: A loved one or caregiver can notify the police department when they realize their loved one is gone and critical information will already be on-hand to better assist police personnel in locating and returning the individual home. If an officer or other police department personnel observes an individual that appears to be lost or confused, they will have the tools on hand to help them quickly identify the individual and return them home

To register for the program, or for more information, call Jane Guzman at (562) 904-2374. An online registration form is available at downeypd.org under the "Neighborhood Watch" tab.



All issues of the Neighborhood Watch Newsletter will be available online at http://www.downeyca.org/gov/police/neighborhood_watch_program/neighborhood_watch_newsletters.asp

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GOLDEN PARK AREA NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Residents of the Golden Park Area have added a new Neighborhood Watch group. Approximately forty five residents attended the Neighborhood Watch meeting that was held on Saturday, August 25th, at Golden Park. Council Members Gafin, Guerra, and Marquez were in attendance. Members of the Police Department provided an introduction to Neighborhood Watch and crime prevention tips. The Gunderson Ave. group became the City's 119th Neighborhood Watch group.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING SPEAKER IDEAS

- Emergency Preparedness
- Burglary Prevention
- Vehicle Theft/Burglary
- Identity Theft
- Internet Crimes
- Gangs Out of Downey
- Fire Safety
- American Red Cross
- Energy Conservation
- Water Conservation
- Gas Company
- City Council
- Megan's Law
- Reporting Suspicious Activity
- Anti-Bullying
- Animal Control
- Code Enforcement
- Fraud/Forgery
- Fire Safety
- Personal Safety
- Scams
- Keep Downey Beautiful
- C.E.R.T.
- Crime Prevention
- Maintaining an Active Neighborhood Watch Group
- Gang Awareness
- Drug Awareness
- Holiday Precautions
- Safety Tips for Seniors
- Observation Skills



DUNROBIN AVENUE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BBQ



On Saturday, August 18th, the Neighborhood Watch group at the 12600 block of Dunrobin Avenue hosted its 4th Annual Neighborhood Watch Barbecue. Residents had the opportunity to meet Council Member Marquez and Council Member Guerra as well as members of the Police Department. The group was established in 2008 and remains very active.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

If you would like to have a question answered, please e-mail the question to jguzman@downeyca.org

CITY OF DOWNEY DIRECTORY

Downey City Hall
562-904-7246

Police Department
562-861-0771

Fire Department
562-904-7345

Code Enforcement
562-904-2392

Graffiti Removal Hotline
562-923-4484

Emergency Preparedness
562-904-7347

Neighborhood Watch
562-904-2374

Business Watch
562-923-2191

Gangs Out of Downey
562-904-3514

Shopping Carts
800-252-4613

Animal Control
562-803-3301

OPERATION “SAVE OUR SEATS”

**Saturday, November 3, 2012
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**DOWNEY POLICE DEPARTMENT
(WEST PARKING LOT AREA)**

**10911 BROOKSHIRE AVE.
DOWNEY, CA 90241**



Thieves continue to target “3rd row seats” from SUVs in Los Angeles County. The Downey Police Department will be offering a free service to “etch” the license number of your vehicle onto the frame of your 3rd row seats.

The purpose of this program is to provide law enforcement personnel the opportunity to recover and return seats that are stolen from their respective owners.

Anyone who drives a sport utility vehicle with a 3rd row seat is encouraged to participate, specifically owners of newer GMC, Chevrolet, and Cadillac full size models.

If you plan to attend, please contact Detective Roberts by phone at 562-904-2334 or E-mail at eroberts@downeyca.org. Notification is not a requirement, but requested so we can staff accordingly. The entire process is estimated to take approximately 15 to 20 minutes and is done free of charge.

COLLECTION OF UNWANTED MEDICATION

On Saturday, September 29, 2012, the Downey Police Department, members of the Drug Enforcement Agency (D.E.A.) and community volunteers took part in the *National Prescription Drug Take-Back Initiative*. As a result community members dropped off close to 300 pounds of expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Many potentially dangerous syringes were also collected during the event. All of the collected items will be properly disposed of by the D.E.A. and the Downey Police Department.

This program addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. According to the 2009 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high--more Americans currently abuse prescription drugs than the number of those using cocaine, hallucinogens, and heroin combined. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from home medicine cabinets.

There will be an additional take-back day in 2013. For more information regarding proper methods of disposing of your medicine, please visit the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) website at www.fda.gov.

Anyone with questions about how to properly dispose of unused medications is encouraged to contact the D.E.A. at 1-800-882-9539.

