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ANONYMITY IN REPORTING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

Residents often call police dispatchers to report suspicious activity and at times request to remain anonymous. We value our resident's privacy and safety and will honor their request.

-Keep in mind, if you do not want to be contacted at your home, you can request officers to contact you via telephone. Officers may need to contact you to get additional information regarding an incident.

-Residents serve as the "eyes and ears" for the police department and are often the first to call and report suspicious activity. We value the partnership we have with the residents of Downey and are thankful for their vigilance and assistance in the reporting process.

DOOR KNOCK SCAMS

At a recent Neighborhood Watch meeting, residents reported that suspicious subjects were knocking on their front doors and representing themselves as "curb painters" who were painting street addresses on curbs for emergency personnel. Residents were suspicious of their permit and persistence in soliciting for donations and called the police. The city only issues one company a permit to paint street addresses on the curbs and they are, "Neighborhood Curb Painting Services."

Tips: Always ask to see a solicitors permit. If a permit looks suspicious or fake, call the police. Do not open your door if you feel the subjects are acting suspicious.

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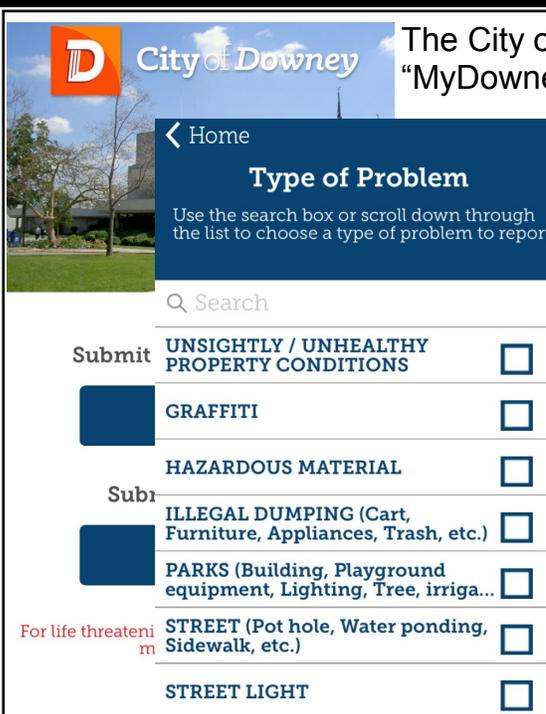
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REPORTING TRASH PICK UP

Section 4116 of the Downey Municipal Code states that no person shall place, deposit or throw garbage on any public or private property of any kind. Some residents have called to report that alleys have become a dumping ground to dispose of garbage and larger trash items. If you see large trash items such as couches or mattresses, call the City's Public Works Department (562) 904-7194 or email pwmaint@downeyca.org. If this is a persistent problem at a property you can contact the Code Enforcement Department at (562) 904-2392. They can contact the property owner and take necessary measures to resolve the situation.

For abandoned shopping carts, call (800) 252-4613 in an effort to have the carts returned to their respective stores.

UPDATES TO CITY OF DOWNEY PHONE APPLICATION



The City of Downey has changed its "MyDowney" App to the "City of Downey App." The new update allows residents to report various concerns to City staff such as; unsightly property conditions, graffiti, hazardous material, illegal dumping and potholes.

Residents can follow the 6 step reporting process to alert maintenance staff of concerns in the City. The new app allows residents to provide details and contact information for follow up questions.

**The purpose of this application is solely for maintenance requests and not for crime reporting. Please call 9-1-1 to report an emergency.*

Submit	Type of Problem	Checkbox
Submit	UNSATISFACTORY / UNHEALTHY PROPERTY CONDITIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>
Submit	GRAFFITI	<input type="checkbox"/>
Submit	HAZARDOUS MATERIAL	<input type="checkbox"/>
Submit	ILLEGAL DUMPING (Cart, Furniture, Appliances, Trash, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Submit	PARKS (Building, Playground equipment, Lighting, Tree, irriga...)	<input type="checkbox"/>
For life threatening	STREET (Pot hole, Water ponding, Sidewalk, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	STREET LIGHT	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Downey City Hall
(562) 904-7246

Police Department
(562) 861-0771
Dispatch - (562) 861-0770

Neighborhood Watch
(562) 904-2374

Fire Department
(562) 904-7345

Code Enforcement
(562) 904-2392

Graffiti Removal Hotline
(562) 923-4484

Emergency Preparedness
(562) 904-7347

Business Watch
(562) 923-2191

Gangs Out of Downey
(562) 335-2826

Shopping Carts
(800) 252-4613

Animal Control
(562) 803-3301

GANGS OUT OF DOWNEY LUNCHEON



On Wednesday, March 9th, members of the Downey Police Department attended the annual Gangs Out of Downey (G.O.O.D.) luncheon at the Rio Hondo Country Club. Over 300 people attended the sold out event, including Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard and Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe, who was also the keynote speaker. During the ceremony, G.O.O.D. honored fallen Downey Police Officer Ricardo Galvez, by presenting two scholarships in his name for local youths. It was also announced that the annual G.O.O.D. golf

tournament will now be known as the "Officer Ricardo Galvez Memorial Golf Tournament."

G.O.O.D. is a tremendous asset to the Downey community, providing valuable resources and helping build relationships between our community, the police, and local civic groups.

DOWNEY POLICE DEPARTMENT EXPANDS GANG UNIT

This year, the Downey Police Department expanded its Gang Suppression Unit to include a sergeant and an additional detective. Gang Detectives are responsible for investigating any criminal activity committed by gang members, including graffiti.

Additionally, they take a proactive stance towards gang enforcement and are often out on the street, making contact with gang members. Our Gang Detectives also work closely with the schools and local groups such as Gangs Out of Downey (G.O.O.D.).



This expansion will increase the effectiveness of suppressing gang activity within our City.