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Come celebrate National Night Out in the Mission District on Tuesday, August 6, 2019

Save the date and come join the City of San Gabriel in celebrating its 25th Annual National Night Out event on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. For the third consecutive year, the San Gabriel Police Department will be hosting the festivities in the historic Mission District located at 320 South Mission Drive (between Broadway and Santa Anita Street), where the entire community are invited to gather together for an evening of food, music and fun.

Police, fire and military vehicles and equipment will be on display in addition to various public safety exhibits and demonstrations. There will also be City department informational booths, a live DJ, a bounce house and games for the children, and much more! Members of the US Armed Forces, City leaders, local officials and community group representatives will also be participating in the event. Bring your families, neighbors and friends and join us for a night of fun.

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for and participation in local anti-crime programs, strengthen neighborhood unity and police-community partnerships, and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

For more information about National Night Out or joining a Neighborhood Watch Group, contact Community Engagement Bureau at (626) 451-5455 or info@sgpd.com.

Fireworks illegal in San Gabriel

The Fourth of July holiday is just around the corner. With your help, we can inform our residents that ALL fireworks are illegal in the City of San Gabriel.

If you are not aware, it is also illegal and dangerous to set off bottle rockets, M-80s, Roman candles and firecrackers. These types of fireworks cause the overwhelming majority of injuries and property damage each year.

Check your local newspapers for safe and sane fireworks shows in your area.

For those of you who may have a wood shake roof, the Fire Department recommends that you keep a hose and nozzle handy.

If you suspect illegal fireworks in your neighborhood, call the Fire Department at (626) 308-2880 or the Police Department at (626) 308-2828.

What You Can Do About Mail Theft

1. Never leave mail out for your letter carrier to pick up. In this day and age, the little red flag or mail dangling out of your mailbox is an invitation for mail thieves to steal your mail.
2. If you are going on vacation, fill out a vacation hold form at your post office or have a trusted neighbor or relative pick up your mail.
3. Try to deposit outgoing mail in the Post Office's blue collection boxes as close as possible to the time the mail is collected, or better still, deposit your outgoing mail inside the Post Office.
4. If you did not receive an important piece of mail as expected, first contact the mailer to verify it was mailed -- if it was mailed to you over a week before, ask the Post Office to put a tracer on it.
5. If you see your mail lying outside your mailbox and note that some of it has been rifled through, contact your local Postal Inspector's Office and file a mail theft report.
6. If your bank notifies you that you are overdrawn and you know you aren't, there's a chance some of your checks have been stolen. These could be blank checks you were expecting or checks you mailed to pay your bills. Thieves can alter checks easily. In cases such as these, you should contact your local Postal Inspector's Office and file a mail theft report. If you have photocopies of the stolen checks, please provide them along with your complaint. It is also important to work with your bank when you know your checks, or even your credit cards have been stolen. Postal Inspectors often work closely with bank officials to solve these crimes, especially when your mail is involved.
7. And finally, buy a shredder and shred all envelopes and other identifiable papers before putting them in the trash. Thieves go through trash to find information they can use to assume your financial identity.