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Crime Can Be Preventable

Mulford Gardens is a place that we love. There has been very little to worry about. Sure, there is the occasional skunk confrontation or rowdy teenagers who haven't learned how to act in a civil manner. But I am now hearing reports that there have been burglaries happening during daylight hours that most of us in Mulford Gardens do not know about.

With the state of the economy being the way it is; with city managers cutting their police departments and shrinking all services, all of us are going to have to take safe and rational proactive measures to take care of each other. Stopping or at least preventing crime has to be a community endeavor.

Most of us here in Mulford Gardens probably got some Code Red robo calls from the City of San Leandro on the afternoon of Sunday, January 15th alerting us to an alleged shooting suspect who was running loose in the area. They caught him because someone who heard the description from the robo call, identified him and was able to tell the police where to find him.

One Gardenian I spoke with said her neighbor across the street saw 4 suspicious young men go across his street to her house (she was not home), and separate into two groups. Three of them went into her back yard while one stayed at the front door as a look out. They broke into her house, stole a TV and a laptop then ran because they could hear the police coming. She added that another of her neighbors' houses was broken into while the owner of the house was still in the house!

Now I'm generally at the head of the line when it comes to keeping the police or any government agency out of my face with respect to civil liberties. Even this new San Leandro Code Red system sort of gives me the creeps. It reminds me of the high school required reading of Ray Bradbury's Fahrenheit 451 where a suspect was tried in absentia, found guilty, and whose position was tracked (like the OJ Simpson car chase) then executed on 2 way TV so that the public would think that their police were taking care of them. But unlike Bradbury's futuristic forecast our information was increased rather than censored. SLPD's intent was to make us aware of potential harm and all is well. It was a good thing.

What's the point here? We have to watch *each other's* backs. The SL police HQ is far away from Mulford Gardens and if they get a report it may take extra time to get here. Become informed. Know what kinds of crimes are happening in your neighborhood. Report not only to the police any suspicious activity, get the cell / phone numbers of all your neighbors and let them know that they are being violated. Call 911 first however. Crime is here in MG unfortunately. YOU can make a difference.

There are tools at www.sanleandro.org to provide information by district (Mulford Gardens is District 6) with respect to local criminal activity.

If you go to <http://www.sanleandro.org/depts/pd/default.asp> (SL police department home page), you can find information in Press releases-Criminal Investigation Division. It is a chronological list of published crimes and updates. Go to the website and learn how you can protect yourself. Don't wait until your burglary shows up in the published crime reports.

Below is the published crime statistics for OUR District 6 over the last year. December statistics weren't available at the time of this writing.

Thanks for being there.

Be Safe. Steve Modifer, Prez DuJour, MGIA

Crime in District 6

Crime	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Total
Murder	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Rape	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
Robbery	2	2	2	3	0	1	4	4	6	2	4	30
A. Assault	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	2	9
S. Assault	2	6	5	1	6	9	4	8	5	6	8	60
Burglary	15	7	16	9	13	5	4	2	9	12	9	101
Larceny	29	26	30	27	27	26	41	45	36	38	38	363
Auto Theft	11	7	13	12	14	8	10	14	3	11	7	110
Arson	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	59	49	68	53	63	50	63	74	61	70	68	678

BE AWARE:

Lt. Tudor said "The suspects [below] have been targeting both male and females and our victims range in age from 18-60 years. We are actively investigating these cases to stop these two from committing additional robberies in our community."

Suspect #1: Black female adult, 18-25 years of age, 5'02-5'08 tall, dark hair, wearing a head wrap, carrying a dark colored purse. Suspect armed with a handgun possibly concealed in her purse.

Suspect #2: Black male adult, 18-25 years of age, thin build, wearing a cap or beanie.
Suspect Vehicle: N/A

Between 12-26-11 and 1-07-12, the above listed **suspects have committed seven street robberies in the surrounding areas of Bancroft Ave, Estudillo and Joaquin Ave**. During the commission of these robberies the suspects are seen together on foot. The suspects target victims who are walking alone. Prior to the robbery, the suspects separate and Suspect #1 (female) approaches the victim, states that she has a gun, and demands the victim's wallet or purse. The suspects then flee the area on foot after obtaining the loss from the victim.



Street Robbery: Dos and Don'ts

Never wrap a purse strap around your wrist; forcible removal could result in serious injury.

Keeping cash in a separate money clip or pouch will allow you to hand it over without sacrificing your credit cards, identification and personal papers.

RELEASE THE PURSE.

- ✓ Do not risk personal injury.
- ✓ Obey the robber's instructions.
- ✓ Make a mental note of the robber's appearance, i.e., height, weight, hair color/style, clothing, etc.
- ✓ If possible, take down the vehicle license plate number, a description of the vehicle, and the direction the robber is fleeing.
- ✓ Then call 9-1-1 immediately!

For more information, contact the San Leandro Police Department Crime Prevention Unit at 510-577-3247 or go to the National Crime Prevention Council website at www.weprevent.org
Crime Information Webpage for the City of San Leandro:

<http://www.sanleandro.org/depts/pd/crime/default.asp>

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UPCOMING MGIA EVENTS:

Buoyed by the popularity and success of our Halloween Haunted Park and the Mulford Movie Night Under the Stars, we are hoping to garner interest in an Easter Egg Hunt at the Park! It's never too early to start planning. Let us know if you think you would be interested in attending!! Call Jean (510 495 4480) or Janet (510 352 6258) with your ideas and suggestions. Or email mgia@live.com

We would also like to have a flea market when the weather gets a bit warmer – what do you think?

We are YOUR neighborhood Association! Let us know how we can foster a sense of community with you, your neighbors and MGIA. Would you be interested in Potlucks? Barbeques in the Park; Yard Sales; Bingo; Guest Speakers (who, what topic) at our General Meetings? You don't have to be a paid member (a whopping \$3/year) to attend. Without your participation and encouragement we may cease to exist... Sort of like our beautiful Marina...soon to be a fading memory!

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Clip and mail in with your \$3.00 annual membership dues. (Please make check payable to M.G.I.A.)

Mail to: Mrs. Janet Porrill, Treasurer, 1966 Arctic St., San Leandro CA. 94577. (510-352-6258)

Name _____ Phone _____

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M.G.I.A. General Meeting:
January 31, 2012 07:30pm
Last Tuesday of each month

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PUBLIC MEETINGS



San Leandro City Council:
1ST & 3RD Mondays/each month
City Council Chambers, City Hall, 835 E. 14th St

Mayor - Stephen Cassidy
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Board of Zoning (BZA) 1st & 3rd Thursdays / each month City Council Chambers, City Hall

San Leandro School Board:
1st & 3rd Tuesday 7:00PM
City Council Chambers, City Hall

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MGIA Club House Rentals
Bo Johansen 510-206-4249



Are you looking for a quaint, clean place for your Memorial observations, Bridge/Card Club, Garden Club, Exercise, Mens/Womens group, Shower Parties, Birthday Parties or Bunko game nights? Our Club House is available for daily/hourly rentals as well as weekend/evenings. Call Bo Johansen for information on rentals: 510-206-4249.

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Elections are all over the news. MGIA board member elections are coming up in April. Please think about joining our Board of Directors. If you are a homeowner-member and want to nominate yourself or someone else, please come to our General Meeting and express your wishes. We welcome new members and new ideas. Renters can join as 'associate members' but cannot hold office or vote in elections.