



Monthly Newsletter

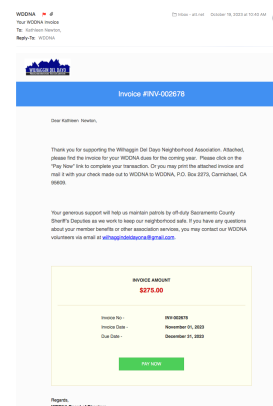
November 2023

WDDNA invoices go out this week

WDDNA's new online system will begin emailing 2024 membership dues invoices to our members beginning Wednesday, Nov. 1.

Your invoice will be sent exclusively to the email address associated with the person in your household who initially signed up for membership in our association. As always, it will include the \$25 Early-Bird discount, for a total of \$275.

Please check your email folder and your spam folder beginning Nov. 1. Look for an email coming from WDDNA. We expect that it will be coming from our automated invoicing system's email: message-service@sender.zohobooks.com.



To reduce the workload on our volunteers, we encourage you to pay your dues by credit card. Just click on the payment option on your emailed invoice. When you do, you can choose to take part in our new auto-pay system. If you opt in, your membership will renew automatically at the end of 2024 and each Dec. 31 after that for as long as you remain a member. You may, of course, opt out at any time in the future.

If you are unable to find your emailed invoice, you can still pay through your online member portal. Just login to our website, www.WilhagginNA.com, and go to the "Billing" link to the left of your Membership Information. Click on the top invoice and the Pay Now button.

If you can't find your invoice either in your email or online by Nov. 6, please contact us at wilhaggindeldayona@gmail.com and we will assist you.

If you prefer to pay by mail, you may mail your check for \$275 to WDDNA, P.O. Box 2273, Carmichael, CA 95609 before Dec. 31. Be sure to include your name, address and phone number with your check and write "2024 WDDNA Dues" in the memo field.

Thank you for your support of our neighborhood association.

WDDNA deputy prevents spread of fire

A late-night brush fire in the Del Dayo area might have gotten out of control this month, if not for quick action by a WDDNA patrol deputy.

Sgt. Gene Goff works the night shift for WDDNA on Tuesdays and Saturdays. In the early morning hours of Oct. 18, he was on the job when he spotted smoke in the area of Del Dayo Elementary School. Following is his report:

At 2:20 a.m. I noticed very thick smoke in the Del Dayo area up through the elementary school. I knew this was more than a fireplace. The fire department did not have anything reported yet, so I drove around the neighborhood making sure no homes or backyards were on fire.

At 2:30 a.m. I checked William B. Pond Park and located about a ½-acre brush fire burning on the bike trail directly south of the main entry kiosk. I called in Sacramento Metro Fire to respond. I opened all the gates and bollards so they could have quicker access to the fire. Once the fire was extinguished, I left to continue patrolling the area.

We are always grateful to our deputies for checking on our homes while we are on vacation, for dealing with transients and stop-sign runners. But incidents like this are an important reminder that our deputies protect us and serve in ways we don't often think about.

Over the years, they have saved the lives of residents in medical distress. They have returned lost or confused seniors to their families, helped families deal with difficult domestic conflicts, alerted homeowners to open garage doors and damaged gates, stopped vehicles filled with would-be burglars and, yes, spotted a fire in a back yard while the homeowners were away.

Our deputies get to know and care about our neighborhood. They recognize when things are out of place or not as they should be. And they respond.

Without the support of members like you, their patrols would not be possible. Thank you for helping to make our neighborhood one of the safest in Sacramento County.

And, if you would like to thank Sgt. Goff in person, he will be on hand at WDDNA's annual meeting Dec. 6.

Desmond to speak at Dec. 6 meeting

Supervisor Rich Desmond will be the featured speaker at WDDNA's annual public meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. in the Welcome Center at Jesuit High School.

Desmond, who currently serves as the chairman of the County Board of Supervisors, is expected to address issues surrounding homelessness, as well as traffic and county road maintenance.

There will be a question-and-answer period following Desmond's remarks. In addition, a WDDNA patrol deputy



will speak about the work of patrols in our neighborhood and will answer questions.

There will be a free drawing for a Reolink solar security camera – a \$159 value. Refreshments will be served and an array of informational materials will be available.

The meeting is free and open to all residents of the neighborhood, whether or not they are members of the association.

WDDNA named Best in Carmichael

The Wilhaggin Del Dayo Neighborhood Association has been named the best residential neighborhood in Carmichael in the 2023 Best of Carmichael competition sponsored by the Carmichael Chamber of Commerce.

This was the first year the Best Residential Neighborhood category was included in the competition. There were 39 categories in all.

Six neighborhoods were nominated in the Best Residential Neighborhood category. Besides our association, the list included Carmichael Creek Neighborhood Association, Barrett Hills, Continental, Carmichael Whispering Oaks and Maple Grove.



Chamber members and the general public were invited to vote for their favorite nominees.

In the Best Residential Neighborhood category, 131 ballots were cast for WDDNA, making us the first-place winner. The award was presented to us at the Chamber's annual awards banquet, along with certificates of recognition from Rep. Ami Bera, State Sen. Roger Niello, Assemblyman Josh Hoover and Supervisor Rich Desmond.

"We are thrilled to receive this recognition," said WDDNA Board President Paul Blaise. "We are honored by the community's support of our volunteer association and the work we do to help keep our neighborhood safe."

More county offices moving here

The County Clerk/Recorder's (CCR) office is consolidating and relocating two of its three offices to the 3636 American River Drive office park just east of Watt Avenue, in the same building with the County Assessor's office.



According to a county press release, by early 2024 CCR will be consolidating the downtown office (600 8th Street) and the East Area Service Center location (5229 Hazel Ave. in Fair Oaks) and taking over a 26,952-square-foot office in the American River Drive office park.

“We are excited for this change!” said Donna Allred, Sacramento County clerk/recorder. “This new location will provide a more streamlined customer experience in an updated and more spacious facility.”

The Clerk/Recorder’s office provides the following services:

- Issues and registers marriage licenses
- Performs civil marriage ceremonies
- Registers notaries public, process servers, professional photocopiers, legal document assistants (LDAs) and unlawful detainer assistants (UDAs)
- Files environmental impact reports
- Records or files authorized documents and maps
- Preserves the official archive of legally recordable documents
- Maintains records of all marriages, births and deaths occurring within Sacramento County
- Issues birth, death and marriage certificates and certified copies of recorded documents.

The first move will come with the closure of the eastern location in mid-November. Due to deliveries and installations needed at the new American River Drive location, an exact date has not yet been confirmed for when the East location will close.

With more services now being offered online, CCR determined that consolidating the two locations into one centralized office would be more efficient.

To learn more about the consolidation and relocation, go to the [County Clerk/Recorder’s website](#). For questions or concerns, contact CCR at (916) 874-6334.

What to do for WDDNA password problems

If you have not logged into our website for some months and you find that your password does not work, there is a reason.

As you may recall, last May we had to update our database system and could not carry over the old passwords into our new system. So, that month we sent emails alerting members to the need to register their passwords into our new online system.

Unfortunately, many members did not get around to registering. If your email does not work, it is possible that you were among them. As a result, to ensure that everyone would be able to use our new system, we created standardized passwords for members who did not register and we emailed those members about the password change.

The standardized password protocol is your last name with a capital first letter, followed by your house number, with no space in between. So, if your last name was Smith and you lived at 1234 Forest Lane, your password would be Smith1234.

If you are not able to login, please try that standardized password format. If it does not work, you may email us at wilhaggindeldayona@gmail.com and we will help you.

Run the Parkway is Nov. 5

The annual Run the Parkway half marathon will be held Sunday, Nov. 5.

The event will start at 7:30 a.m. in Hagan Community Park in Rancho Cordova and will cross over the bridge to William Pond Park about 2.5 miles later. The course will continue west on the Parkway to just past the Kadema Driver River Access, then return.

The Run the Parkway event is hosted by the Sacramento Running Association. It is the official training run of the California International Marathon. Proceeds from Run the Parkway will benefit the American River Parkway Foundation.

For information go to <https://runsra.org/run-the-parkway/>.

Delivered packages attract porch pirates

The holidays are coming and that means an increase in home package deliveries and theft by porch pirates.

An excellent method to protect yourself is to use the alternate delivery and tracking options now provided by Federal Express, UPS, Amazon and the Postal Service.

AMAZON

Amazon allows you to select one of the company's pickup locations as your preferred shipping address. You can designate a location during checkout.

When your package is ready to be picked up, you'll receive an e-mail notice from Amazon.com. [CLICK HERE](#) for details.

For home deliveries, Amazon also offers a text alert service. You can sign up for shipment updates via text by going to your Amazon account. Under the "Email alerts, message, and ads" section, click "Shipment Updates via Text." These texts are only available for orders shipped by Amazon, not other sellers. [CLICK HERE](#) for the instructions.

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

The US Postal Service has a personal tracking service that even includes mailed envelopes. This service is called "Informed Delivery."

According to the USPS website, Informed Delivery is a free and optional notification service that allows you to see what is coming to your mailbox by viewing it on a computer, tablet or mobile device.

USPS digitally images mail pieces that run through its automation equipment and uses those images to provide digital notifications in advance of the delivery of physical mail. For items with USPS Tracking®, users are able to view delivery status of packages, provide USPS Delivery Instructions™, manage their notifications and schedule redelivery from the app dashboard.

Users can also receive USPS Tracking updates for incoming packages via separate email or text notifications. The service is available in both the 95608 and 95864 ZIP codes.

To learn more about Informed Delivery and to sign up, [CLICK HERE](#).

FEDERAL EXPRESS

Federal Express offers its FedEx Delivery Manager program that allows you to track and direct packages to alternative delivery locations. For instance, you can have your packages delivered to a FedEx Drop Box at 3600 American River Drive, or at Walgreens

at the corner of Eastern Avenue and Arden Way.

For more information about the FedEx program, [CLICK HERE](#)

UPS

UPS has a program called UPS MyChoice. Most of the services under this program are free. When you sign up for the free service, you get delivery alerts, a delivery planner, estimated delivery times, provide "leave at" instructions, tell them to leave the package with a neighbor and you can hold or "will call" a package at a UPS store. If you frequently receive shipments while you are away from home, there is a premium service that, for a fee, allows you greater control over where and when things are delivered.

For more information, [CLICK HERE.](#)

Q&A

Q: I like to walk in the mornings pushing my little one in a stroller. I have one problem. One of the homeowners on my favorite route does not prune back his giant Italian Cypress tree and it reaches out over part of the sidewalk, forcing me to push my stroller into the street to go around it. With the way some folks drive these days, I don't feel safe doing that. Is there something that can be done about this?

A: According to the Sacramento County Department of Transportation, all homeowners are required to trim their vegetation back so it does not extend onto or over the sidewalk or roadway in any way that could interfere with pedestrian or vehicle traffic. If you see a violation of this ordinance, you can call 311 to report it and provide the address of the property in question. In such cases, the county generally sends a letter to the homeowner requesting that they correct the problem, followed by further measures if they do not comply.

HOW TO CALL FOR HELP

IN AN EMERGENCY

If you have an immediate emergency - if your life or property is in immediate danger, if you feel threatened by someone on or near your property, if you have just become the victim of a crime or if you are witnessing a crime in progress:

- CALL 911 from a land line.
- Or, if calling from a cell phone within Sacramento County, call (916) 874-5111.

TO REPORT A CRIME

There are two ways to report a crime to the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department:

1. Call the Sheriff's Department NON-EMERGENCY LINE at (916) 874-5115. To bypass the recorded messaging when you call, dial 0 after the line is answered.
2. File a report online through the Sheriff's Department website. Click on this link to begin the process: https://www.sacsheriff.com/pages/crime_report.php

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY (Not an emergency)

If you see someone engaged in suspicious activity but it is not an emergency, call 916-874-5115 (Sheriff's Department non-emergency line).

GENERAL CONCERNS, REPORTS OR QUESTIONS

If you have an issue that can be addressed later, you may contact our neighborhood patrol officers about it. The best way is via [EMAIL at wilhaggin4@sacsheriff.com](mailto:wilhaggin4@sacsheriff.com).

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