



Monthly Newsletter

October 2023

Mark your calendar

Desmond to speak at WDDNA meeting

Our county 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.

Desmond has said the problem of homelessness is one of his major concerns.

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.



County COVID vaccine information

Sacramento County health officials are recommending that everyone 6 months old or older receive the latest version of the COVID-19 vaccine.

In a press release, the county explained that the previous version of the vaccine has been phased out and has been replaced with a new version that matches the latest virus variant. The updated vaccine is now available.

Based on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines, eligible patients can

receive a single dose of an updated COVID-19 vaccine at least two months after their last dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

The COVID-19 vaccine is available at no cost through most insurance plans. For those without insurance, a network of pharmacies, health care centers and clinics offer the vaccine at no cost.

To stay updated on the latest information regarding the availability and distribution of the updated COVID-19 vaccine, you may visit the [Public Health website](#).

Harmful oriental fruit flies found nearby

County officials have detected an infestation of Oriental fruit flies in Rancho Cordova on the American River Parkway and have undertaken a program to eradicate them.



Invasive non-native fruit flies are serious pests for California's agricultural industry and backyard gardens," said Sacramento County Agricultural Commissioner Chris Flores.

To attack this infestation, Flores said officials will use the "male attractant" technique. This approach has successfully eliminated dozens of fruit fly infestations in California. Trained workers squirt a small patch of fruit fly attractant mixed with a very small dose of Spinosad, a natural pesticide made by a soil bacterium and approved for use on organic crops, approximately 8-10 feet off the ground on street trees and similar surfaces. Male fruit flies are attracted to the mixture and perish after consuming it.

The male attractant treatment program is being carried out over an area that extends 1.5 miles from each site where the oriental flies were trapped.

The oriental fruit fly is known to target over 230 different fruits, vegetables and plants. Important California crops at risk include grapes, tree fruits, citrus, dates, avocados, tomatoes and peppers. Damage occurs when the female fruit fly lays her eggs inside the fruit. The eggs hatch into maggots, which tunnel through the flesh of the fruit, making it unfit for consumption.

According to Flores, the vast majority of these pests are found in urban and suburban communities. The most common pathway for the pests to enter the state is by "hitchhiking" in fruits and vegetables brought back illegally by travelers as they return from infested regions of the world or from packages of homegrown produce sent to California.

Agricultural officials urge citizens not to endanger our state's agricultural system and their own domestic gardens by bringing fruits and vegetables into the state. For more information, go to the Don't Pack a Pest website at <https://www.dontpackapest.com/>.

For information about the project, call the Sacramento County Agricultural Commissioner's office at (916) 875-6603 or the California Department of Food and Agriculture's pest hotline at 1(800) 491-1899.

Festivals impacting bike trail

A minor detour is in place through Oct. 20 on the American River bike trail to accommodate the Aftershock and Golden Sky Festivals at Discovery Park on Thursday Oct. 5 to Sunday, Oct. 8, and Saturday, Oct. 14 to Sunday, Oct. 15.

The archery range and park through-road will also be closed to allow for large equipment and trucks to set up for the event.

The Aftershock Festival is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Sunday. Spectators are expected to be arriving as early as 8 a.m. The Golden Sky Festival is scheduled from noon to 11 p.m. on Saturday and until 10 p.m. on Sunday.

[CLICK HERE](#) to see the detour map. For questions about the bike trail detour, call (916) 875-6336 or email ParkEvents@SacCounty.net.

Pet adoption fees waived in early October

If you are thinking of adopting a watch dog to join your family, the Bradshaw Animal Shelter has a deal for you.

To help pets find loving homes, the shelter is teaming up with BISSELL Pet Foundation for its Empty the Shelters program and will waive adoption fees for all dogs and cats from Sunday, Oct. 1, through Sunday, Oct. 15.



"We are thrilled to partner with BISSELL Pet Foundation for this wonderful adoption event," said Annette Bedsworth, shelter director. "Our goal is to find loving homes for as many pets as possible."

Adopting a pet during this event includes their spay/neuter surgery, microchipping, up-to-date vaccinations, microchipping and a one-year pet license.

Bradshaw Animal Shelter is located at 3839 Bradshaw Road. It is open for adoptions Tuesday through Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. with extended hours from noon until 6 p.m. on Wednesdays. The shelter is closed on Mondays.

[CLICK HERE](#) to check out the adoptable dogs.

[CLICK HERE](#) to see the adoptable cats.

WDDNA renewal invoices coming Nov. 1

As you may recall, WDDNA undertook an upgrade of our database and account management system in May.

Among other things, the upgrade fixed some critical system failures, allows us to provide our members with an automatic renewal option and reduces a lot of manual record-keeping previously required by our volunteer membership team.

Our new system will begin member renewal invoicing on Nov. 1. So, keep an eye out for the renewal invoice in your email.

When our upgrade was installed in May, it was not possible for technicians to transfer member passwords over to the new system. At that time, we alerted members that they would need to register new passwords and many members did so. However, some did not.

For those who did not, we created standardized passwords and sent emails alerting them to the change.

If you have difficulty logging into our system during renewal, it is possible that your password was among those that were changed. If so, you might first try the standardized format we used to set up new passwords. That is, the last name of the primary member of your household with a capital first letter, followed by your house number. So, if your last name was Smith and you lived at 1234 Shady Lane, your password would be Smith1234.

Otherwise, if you still have difficulty logging in, feel free to email us at wilhaggindeldayona@gmail.com and a volunteer will help you.

How to protect against rats on your property

A WDDNA member recently asked about the prevalence of rats in our neighborhood. Rats are, indeed, prevalent in Sacramento County, as they are in most urban areas.



The [vector control district](#) in nearby Contra Costa County offers the following advisory to help homeowners prevent rats on their property:

- DON'T put bird seed and pet food outside on your property because rats love to eat them. Bird seed is considered gourmet food to rats and mice and the #1 attractant to an area.
- DON'T plant climbing vines that grow up the side of your home to provide rats a "highway" to the roof.
- DON'T store grass seed outside so that rats have easy access to a food source.
- DON'T place wood piles up against your home or fence to give rats a great place to build a nest.
- DON'T leave trash and grass clippings in bags along a fence line to give rats protection from the elements.
- DON'T allow non-operable vehicles to be stored on your property. They are good housing for generations of rats.
- DON'T place water bowls outside for your pets.
- Pick up fallen fruit and nuts from trees.
- Harvest everything in a vegetable garden so rats can't eat what's left.
- DON'T plant ivy, palm trees, juniper bushes and cypress trees. These plants and trees are favorite homes for them.
- Repair ripped or ill-fitted vent screens so rats don't have easy access into crawl spaces.

- DON'T leave garage and side doors open for long periods of time.
- DON'T leave bits of food on or around your BBQ and outdoor kitchen areas.

Member Q&A

Q: I recently lost my iPhone somewhere in the neighborhood. Is there a way to let people know who it belongs to if they find it?

A: Our patrol deputies are frequently contacted by neighborhood residents who have found all sorts of personal property. The deputies always take possession of the items and log them into the property room at the North Division office on Garfield. Twice a week, those items are picked up by the Property Department staff and stored at their facility at 3750 Bradview Drive near Bradshaw Road.

According to deputies in the property room, here is the procedure in the event that you either lose or find an item:

IF YOU LOSE AN ITEM – If you have lost an item you hope to recover, you can file a report with one of our deputies or by visiting the North Division office at 5510 Garfield Ave., (916) 874-1021. You should describe when and where you lost it and provide as much detail as possible about the item (such as color, serial number, identifying marks, etc.). Then you should contact the Sheriff's Department Property Department, (916) 875-5651, on a regular basis to find out if your item has been turned in. Property that goes unclaimed will eventually be auctioned off on PropertyRoom.com.

IF YOU FIND AN ITEM – You can either turn it over to one of our patrol deputies or you can personally take it to the North Division office at 5510 Garfield Ave., (916) 874-1021. Be sure to let them know exactly when and where you found the item. If the item is something you would like to retrieve if no one claims it, you will be required to place an ad in a local newspaper describing the item and when and where you found it. Then, if nobody claims it after a specified period of time, you can claim it before it goes to auction. For more information about this process, contact the Property Department at (916) 875-5651.

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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