



Monthly Newsletter

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WDDNA meets with Rio about student driving problems

In an effort to address the challenge of dangerous teen driving by Rio Americano High School students, members of the WDDNA board of directors recently met with Rio Principal Cliff Kelly and with the Rio Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) board.

WDDNA's initial suggestion to Kelly was to allow a patrol deputy to speak to students and explain the dangers of reckless driving on residential streets, the high cost of traffic citations and the potential for young drivers to lose their licenses for breaking the law.

Kelly, however, said students would be unlikely to pay attention to such warnings and that many parents have demonstrated a lack of concern about the driving practices of their children. Instead, he offered to include information about the problem in the Rio newsletter and suggested that WDDNA representatives meet with members of the PTSA to get their suggestions. We eagerly agreed to do that.

On Wednesday, March 12, two members of the WDDNA board, along with one of our patrol deputies, attended a PTSA meeting and presented our concerns to PTSA board members, including Executive Board President Jamie Holcomb. We also provided the PTSA with written information about the problem in our neighborhood.

Holcomb and the board were extremely supportive. They posted our information on their Instagram and Facebook accounts and a number of the board members agreed that dangerous drivers are a problem.

"Rio is now the largest high school in the San Juan Unified School District," Kelly noted during the meeting. "And our student body will grow even more next year."

One PTSA board member suggested that adding crossing guards could help reduce traffic problems in front of the school. Kelly agreed and noted that he would support a plan to use volunteer crossing guards. "We will be glad to manage crossing guard volunteers," he said. (See related story below.)

Possible Rio traffic signal to be studied

Neighborhood residents know how chaotic the traffic can be in front of Rio Americano High School during

school start and dismissal times.

WDDNA has spoken frequently with Lu Li, principal civil engineer at the County Department of Transportation, about the possibility of installing a traffic signal at the intersection of Saverien Drive and American River Drive to improve student and driver safety.

According to Li, this option has been studied in the past, but it was determined at that time that the parameters were not sufficient to warrant a signal. That may no longer be the case.



Rio Principal Cliff Kelly told WDDNA that Rio now has the largest student population of all the high schools in the San Juan Unified School District and it is expected to continue growing.

WDDNA spoke with Li last week and informed him of the school's growth. In response, Li agreed to conduct another study in April. If the parameters have changed, it may be possible to add the signal to the department's project waiting list.

But don't get excited yet.

"There are 40 other intersections in the county that are already approved for traffic signals and are waiting in line for possible funding," Li explained. "Some have been waiting for years."

So, even if the signal were added to the waiting list, it might be many years before it could be installed. However, Li added, the project might be expedited if the school district agreed to chip in on the cost of construction.

Li agreed to contact WDDNA after the traffic study is completed and let us know if the parameters are sufficient to support installation of a light. We will share the results with our members.

Volunteer to be a Rio crossing guard

Rio Americano High School Principal Cliff Kelly recently stated that he would support a plan to add volunteer crossing guards to manage student crossings to reduce congestion and unsafe conditions at the intersection of American River Drive and Saverien Drive.

According to San Juan Unified School District Safe Schools Director Michael Jones, the crossing guard proposal must first be approved by district officials. If it is approved, Kelly will develop the crossing guard schedule and volunteers will receive training and will be provided with the appropriate safety equipment.

If you are interested in volunteering to be a crossing guard, you may contact Kelly at cliff.kelly@sanjuan.edu or call the administration/principal's office at (916) 971-7494.



WDDNA seeks board members

We need you!

The Wilhaggin Del Dayo Neighborhood Association is run 100% by a small group of board members. We have no paid staff, no office. Our board members do everything from their homes.

Most of WDDNA's board members have been in place for a dozen or more years. We love what we do, but some of us are ready to move on. We are seeking members who are interested in stepping up to add new ideas and energy to our board roster.

More importantly, without willing volunteers, there may come a day in the not too distant future when we might be forced to shut down the association for lack of human resources.

At the moment, there are two key positions for which we are seeking volunteers: secretary and treasurer.

Secretary

Our secretary takes minutes of our monthly meetings, sends them to the board via email and participates fully in board discussions and decision making.

As secretary, you would attend our board meetings on the second Tuesday evening of each month, take brief notes, then prepare the minutes. The minutes usually fill just one page and follow a standard format. The total number of hours required is likely just three or four each month.

To see a recent sample of our minutes, go to the WDDNA website, login and click on the "Board Minutes" link to the left of your membership information.

Treasurer

The job of treasurer is a very important position. As treasurer, you will be in charge of managing an annual budget in excess of \$300,000.

While it would be helpful if you have a bookkeeping background, it is not essential that you be a CPA or work professionally in the bookkeeping field. However, you should feel comfortable with bookkeeping software and with financial terms and data.

The treasurer is responsible for managing and recording all the association's deposits and expenditures, managing our bank and savings accounts, paying bills, developing and presenting monthly financial reports and working with the board to develop our annual budget.

To do this, you would record financial activities and produce reports of monthly and annual financial data using our QuickBooks software to manage revenue and expenditures and use our online Zoho software to ensure accurate processing of member dues.

In addition, the treasurer heads a small annual subcommittee to develop the coming year's budget and prepares tax information to be used by our CPA.

Our current treasurer will train you in our operations and you will work on a WDDNA laptop computer that is dedicated to the purpose.

Contact us

Please let us know if one of these positions interests you. Just email us at wilhaggindeldayona@gmail.com and someone will get back to you right away. We will be happy to answer all your questions and you are under no obligation to commit unless you wish to.

County issues invoice scam alert

Sacramento County has been made aware of a fraudulent email scheme targeting both current and former customers of the Planning and Environmental Review Department. The scam involves sending fake invoices using the names of county officials and the official Sacramento County logo, instructing recipients to wire money.

Customers should not respond to these emails or send any payments. Anyone who receives a suspicious email of this nature should forward it to sacplan@saccounty.gov for review.

"We urge our customers to remain vigilant and verify any financial requests directly with the county before taking action," said Planning Director Todd Smith. "If you're unsure whether an invoice is official, contact us to verify."

The Sacramento County Department of Technology is investigating the problem.

Sacramento County Department of Finance issues planning customer invoices through the U.S. Mail and does not instruct customers to wire funds as a method of payment.

If you have received an invoice from Sacramento County Planning and Environmental Review and would like to verify its authenticity, email sacplan@saccounty.gov or call Planning and Environmental Review at 916-874-6141.

County urges measles protection

Sacramento County is urging everyone to protect themselves and their children from measles by ensuring that they are up to date on their vaccinations. Officials affirm that the measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine provides the best protection against disease and serious illness.



How Measles Spreads:

Measles is caused by a very contagious virus – one of the most contagious in the world. It spreads easily through the air when infected people breathe, talk, cough or sneeze. The virus can stay in the air for many hours, even after the infected person has left the area. Someone who is infected can spread the disease to other people before noticing any symptoms, especially in the four days before and after the rash develops.

Measles is a serious disease that can lead to hospitalization, long-term illness and death. Measles symptoms appear from seven to 14 days after contact with the virus and typically include high fever, cough, runny nose and watery eyes. Measles rash appears from three to five days after the first symptoms. Physicians urge you to contact your health care provider right away if you think you or your child have been exposed to measles or if you or your child develop symptoms suggestive of measles. Do not arrive at a health care facility without giving advance notice.

Vaccination Information:

MMR vaccines protect against measles, mumps and rubella—three potentially serious diseases. Vaccines have made these diseases much less common in the U.S., but outbreaks of each one can still occur. Most people who complete the entire vaccination series will be protected for life.

The MMR vaccine is safe, highly effective and cost-efficient. Two doses provide 97% protection against measles. One dose offers 93% protection. Unvaccinated individuals

face a 90% chance of catching measles if exposed.

Who Should Get Vaccinated?

- Young children should get two doses of MMR vaccine, starting with the first dose at 12 to 15 months of age, and the second dose at from four to six years of age. Children can receive the second dose earlier than four years of age if at least 28 days have passed since the first dose.
- Infants at least six months old who are traveling internationally should receive one dose before their first birthday and at least two weeks before departing for international travel.
- All older children (K–12), college-age students and adults who are not up to date on their MMR vaccine.

Visit the [My Turn website](#) or contact your health care provider to get up to date on your MMR vaccines.

Biannual homeless report

Because of the high interest in homeless activities expressed by WDDNA members, following is the county's biannual homeless services report:

The Sacramento County Departments of Homeless Services and Housing and Health Services presented their biannual report to the Board of Supervisors detailing outreach efforts to the homeless population in the unincorporated region of Sacramento and along the American River Parkway from July 1 to Dec. 31, 2024.

Outreach by the numbers

From July 1 to Dec. 31, 2024, county outreach teams consisting of 10 parkway staff, 10 encampment services staff and six community-based outreach staff provided 25,274 services to 810 unduplicated individuals and supported 184 unduplicated individuals with transitioning out of unsheltered homelessness (which includes shelter and housing). On average, that is 31 services per participant.

Examples of service numbers and types include:

- General case management: 16,397
- Housing search/placement: 1,206
- Vital document support: 1,024
- Healthcare services: 393
- CalAim services: 294
- Coordinated Access System (CAS) referrals: 351

More than 70% of unsheltered individuals served were between the ages of 25-61; 53% were male and 53% were BIPOC.

People in shelters

In county-funded shelters, 45% of individuals are between the ages of 45 and 64, 64% report a disabling condition, 40% have no income and, on average, have experienced nearly four years of homelessness.

From July 1 to Dec. 31, 2024, county shelters enrolled 1,137 unique households.

For more information, go to <https://schs.saccounty.gov/pages/default.aspx>.

County asserts voter file accuracy

According to Sacramento County, local voters

can trust that their voter files are accurate, up to date and secure, despite a recent Southern California special interest group lawsuit challenging state voter file accuracy.

The Voter Registration and Elections (VRE) office has issued a press release asserting that Sacramento County VRE staff continually update local voter records, ensuring that they reflect new registrations, address changes, party affiliations and other critical updates. The process also includes updating language preferences, processing requests for accessible voting materials and handling voter inactivation and cancellations when necessary.

The press release said that the VRE collaborates with state and federal agencies to verify voter data, to catch discrepancies, track address changes and process notifications of deceased voters. These efforts help maintain an up-to-date voter roll, reduce errors and protect election integrity.

Sacramento County residents can check and update their voter registration online, by mail or in person at the VRE office at 7000 65th Street, Suite A, Sacramento. Keeping information current ensures that voters will receive their ballots and election updates without delay.

To learn more about voter file maintenance, [CLICK HERE](#).

To check your voter registration, [CLICK HERE](#).

To contact the Voter Registration and Elections office, call (916) 875-6451 or email voterinfo@saccounty.gov.



Member Q&A

Q: My security camera captured some activity at a neighbor's home. How can I share it with the Sheriff's Department?

A: You should contact the Sheriff's Department's non-emergency number at (916) 874-5115 and let them know what you have. They will advise you how to provide the video.

In addition, the Sheriff's Department has a camera registry program that allows homeowners to register their video cameras. Then, when a crime occurs, the Sheriff's Department will e-mail homeowners in an area in which a crime occurred, asking them to check their video surveillance system for a specific date and time to see if it captured images of a suspect, getaway car or a crime.

Homeowners who register with the S.E.E. Program receive a window sticker to show they are participating in the program.

To sign up, go to https://www.sacsheriff.com/pages/see_surveillance.php



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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