



Monthly Newsletter

December 2024

Town hall meeting Tuesday

Don't miss WDDNA's town hall meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 3., at 7 p.m. in the welcome center of the gymnasium at Jesuit High School.

The program will feature Sheriff's Department Chief Deputy Dan Donelli, who will explain how the department conducts its investigations and uses an array of drones to support deputies on the ground. He will even bring along one of the department's small drones and give a demonstration.



There will be a Q&A session, a drawing for a solar security camera and refreshments will be available.

You need not be a member to attend. Feel free to bring along non-member neighbors to give them a chance to see the advantages of membership in WDDNA.

WDDNA named best in Carmichael

For the second year in a row, the Wilhaggin Del Dayo Neighborhood Association has been named the best neighborhood association in Carmichael by the Carmichael Chamber of Commerce.



The announcement was made during the Chamber's annual awards banquet on Nov. 1. Our award will be on display at WDDNA's Dec. 3 town hall gathering.

A total of four associations were nominated in the "Best of " competition: Carmichael Creek Neighborhood Association, Cameron Ranch & Oak Creek Estates and Carmichael Colony Neighborhood Association.

Chamber members and the general public were invited to vote for their favorite nominees. According to Chamber officials, WDDNA won by a huge margin.

"We are thrilled to receive this recognition once again," 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."

We sincerely thank all the WDDNA members who cast their votes in the competition and

helped put us in first place once again.

Travel issues at Sac Airport

As you plan your Christmas holiday travel, be aware that [Sacramento International Airport](#) (SMF) has closed its hourly parking lot due to construction of a new parking garage.

With the closure, airport officials warn that the garage and daily lot will fill and close frequently, leaving only the remote lots.

Officials state that SMF shuttle buses will run 24/7 to and from the remote lots and airport staff will be increased to provide guidance to passengers who are unfamiliar with the overall parking situation.

To ensure a smooth travel experience, SMF offers the following tips for passengers heading out of town:

- **Arrive early:** Travelers are strongly encouraged to arrive at least 2.5 hours before domestic flights and three hours before international flights, and more if you are parking at the airport.
- **Use rideshare and public transportation:** Consider utilizing rideshare services like Lyft, Uber and Wingz, or opt for public transportation such as Sacramento Regional Transit District's route 142, which offers express service between the airport and downtown. Taxis are also available.
- **Parking availability:** If you do need to park at the airport, check out the SMF website (<https://sacramento.aero/smf/to-and-from/parking>) for current information about available parking lots. NOTE: All parking is on a first-come, first-served basis. Arrive early to allow time to park in an alternate lot if necessary.
- **Insider tips:** For those picking up passengers, use the Free Waiting Area until they are ready for pickup. Check-in kiosks are available throughout the terminal before security checkpoints, allowing travelers to bypass crowds at the main desks.
- **Expedited screening options:** Travelers can expedite their security screening process by enrolling in TSA Pre✓ at <https://Tsaprecheckbyclear.tsa.dhs.gov>, available at SMF. The application center, located in the southeast corner of Level 1 of Terminal B, operates from 8 a.m. to noon and from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Additionally, CLEAR subscribers get expedited identification verification in the security line, with membership available on the CLEAR website at <https://www.clearme.com/>.

Dangers of rat poison

A member on American River Drive recently reported that the family dog was very nearly killed after picking up a small block of rat poison that somehow had been dropped into their back yard. Fortunately, a quick trip to the vet saved the dog's life. Many other pet owners are not so fortunate.

Rats are a common pest in our area. Some homeowners use poison blocks to control them. However, unless the blocks are confined to enclosed bait stations, rodents often pick up the blocks and drop them around your home or property. So, to prevent accidental poisoning of pets, small children and wildlife, pest control experts urge homeowners to use traps

rather than poison.

According to the Los Angeles Times, a 2023 California Department of Fish and Wildlife report found that roughly 88% of raptors and 90% of mountain lions tested had been exposed to rodent poisons. They are exposed when they eat rodents that have consumed poison.

To protect wildlife from contact with rodent poisons, the California legislature this year passed a bill banning all baits that are anticoagulants. Anticoagulants prevent an animal's blood from clotting, which causes internal bleeding. The legislation tightly restricts the use of chlorophacinone and warfarin.



Dealing with rats

The EPA suggests that you can help prevent rat and mice infestations in various ways:

- Seal holes inside and outside the home to keep rodents out. This may be as simple as plugging small holes with steel wool, or patching holes in inside or outside walls.
- Remove potential rodent nesting sites from your property, including leaf piles and deep mulch.
- Clean up food and water sources in and near your house.
 - Keep kitchen garbage in containers with tight-fitting lids.
 - Pick up ripe fruit that has fallen from fruit trees.
 - Turn compost piles to cover newly added food scraps.
 - Stop feeding outdoor birds while you are controlling an infestation.

Safe alternatives to poison

The safest alternatives to rat poison include single- and multiple-entrance snap traps, electrocuting traps and glue traps. Live traps, such as cage-type traps, capture rodents alive, but the rodents must then be released or killed. Rodents released outside may find their way back.

For more information, click on the image to view or download the "Got Rats" flyer.

Protect yourself from porch pirates

The 2024 holiday season has already seen an increase in thefts by porch pirates.

An excellent method to protect yourself from them 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](#).



Shop safely for holiday gifts

Don't get caught by fake shopping sites. Many ads on social media show expensive products like electric scooters, designer bags and popular toys at unbelievably low prices. According to the Federal Trade Commission, many of these bogus sites use photos and logos the scammers steal from legitimate businesses, but they won't send you authentic products.

Unusually low prices are a sign of a scam. Don't click on ads that advertise a product at a very low price when you know it's usually a very expensive item. Clicking the link in the ad could take you to a scammy site that takes your money and either sends a fake or nothing at all.

To protect yourself while shopping online.

- **Do some research.** Before you buy from an unfamiliar seller, search online for the name of the seller plus words like “review,” “complaint” or “scam.”
- **Check the terms of the sale.** Look at the price, other charges, the refund policy, who pays for return shipping and if there’s a restocking fee.
- **Pay by credit card.** Credit cards offer more protections and give you the option to dispute charges if what you get isn’t what you ordered, or you get nothing at all.
- **Never buy from online sellers who demand** that you pay with gift cards, wire transfers, payment apps or cryptocurrency. Only scammers tell you to pay that way.

If you have a problem, first, contact the seller and try to work it out. If that doesn't work, contact the company you used to make the payment to dispute the charges. If they can't help, tell the FTC at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.ftc.gov/complaint).

New Cannabis ordinance

On Nov. 21, a new Sacramento County ordinance became effective prohibiting sales of certain products containing intoxicating cannabinoids derived from hemp.

According to Sup. Rich Desmond, unregulated products containing intoxicating cannabinoids have been sold in locations such as smoke shops, gas stations and convenience stores. Because people of any age could purchase those unregulated products, there was a subsequent rise in emergency room visits and hospitalizations due to ingestion and adverse events, particularly in young children and adolescents.

The amended ordinance of the code (Sacramento County Code Chapter 4.54 and adding sections 4.54.500 through 4.54.560) prohibits sales of chemically or synthetically altered industrial hemp products with a concentration higher than .3% of THC.

The ordinance institutes administrative penalties for businesses conducting these sales and allows for suspension or revocation of the business license, should the retailer not comply with the ordinance. Administrative penalties include:

- \$2,500 for the first violation
- \$5,000 for the second violation within one year of the first violation
- \$10,000 for each additional violation within one year of the first violation.

What to do if you get hacked

From the Federal Trade Commission

How can you tell if someone has hacked your email or social media accounts to steal your personal information, such as your username and password, bank or credit card account numbers, or Social Security number?

The Federal Trade Commission says these are some things that might tip you off to a problem:

- You get a notification that your email address or phone number changed or that your password was reset. But you didn’t make those changes.
- You get a message that someone tried to log in, or did log in, and it wasn’t you.
- You can’t log in to your account.

And, if someone has hacked you, how can you recover?

If you **can’t** log in to your account, follow the provider’s account recovery instructions. Here are links to some of them: [Facebook](#), [Google](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Microsoft](#),

[Pinterest](#), [Snapchat](#), [TikTok](#), [WhatsApp](#), [X](#), [Yahoo](#), and [YouTube](#).

If you get a notification about activity you don't recognize and you can log in, here's what to do:

- Change your account password. Create a unique, strong password that is hard to guess. Aim for 12 to 15 characters. Or use a passphrase: a series of words separated by spaces. Then sign out of that account on all devices. That way anyone who's logged in to your account on another device will get kicked out.
- Secure your account. If the account offers two-factor authentication, turn it on and add an extra layer of security.
- Update your account recovery information. Account recovery information helps you get back into your account if you're locked out, forgot your password or if someone else is using it. Check your account recovery information and make sure the email address and phone number listed are correct.
- Check for signs that someone had access to your account. Check if there are auto-forwarding rules in your email account that you didn't set up. Hackers might create these rules to forward your emails to another address. Check your social media for messages the hacker posted or sent, or for new friends you don't recognize.

If you believe someone has stolen your personal information, go to [IdentityTheft.gov](https://www.identitytheft.gov) to report it and get a personalized recovery plan.

Member Q&A

Q: We have noticed that there is a lot of speeding on Kingsford Drive after school gets out, between the hours of about 2:30 and 4 p.m. Would it be possible to position a patrol car on Kingsford Drive during those hours?

A: We have informed our deputies about the issue and we are sure they will monitor that area whenever possible.

However, it is not possible to have a car posted in one location for a long period of time. We have just one deputy and one car per shift and that deputy must also do all the vacation watch checks (usually more than 20 homes most days), respond to emergencies, take reports, deal with transients and patrol our large service area, which stretches from approximately Watt Avenue to Arden Way and from Fair Oaks Boulevard to the river.

It is a sad fact that speeders and stop-sign runners have increased dramatically everywhere in the past few years. We have other streets and intersections experiencing the same speeding issues, so our deputies monitor those problem spots, too. We totally understand your concern and we share it. Rest assured that our deputies will do all they can to address this community-wide problem.

Thank you for supporting our association.

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.

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