



Monthly Newsletter

December 2025

DA to speak at annual meeting

Sacramento County District Attorney Thien Ho will be the featured speaker at WDDNA's annual meeting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 2.

Thien is expected to discuss the prosecution status of repeat property offenders and how Prop 36 is affecting criminal prosecutions of all types. We also have asked him to provide any information he can about prosecutions related to a series of violent front-door kicks that damaged homes in our neighborhood.

As in recent years, the meeting will be held in the welcome center at Jesuit High School. There will be a Q&A session, a prize drawing for a \$100 Emigh Hardware gift certificate and refreshments will be available.

A WDDNA patrol deputy also will be on hand to answer questions.



WDDNA license plate reader update

As we reported in our October newsletter, WDDNA is studying the pros and cons of installing several license plate reader (LPR) cameras in the neighborhood with the goal of using them to identify vehicles that may have been involved in criminal activity here.

LPR cameras gather license plate and vehicle data, electronically check it against criminal hotlists and provide real-time alerts to law enforcement. In addition, LPRs can identify cars that have entered the neighborhood and may have been associated with specific crimes that take place here, such as package theft and car burglaries.



We propose to install up to four LPR cameras at entrance points to the neighborhood. They would record still images of license plates and vehicle descriptions. After a crime has occurred, the data could then be checked by law enforcement and compared with images

captured by homeowner security cameras. Putting the two images together can provide important investigative leads.

We have been speaking with the Flock company, which provides many of the LPR cameras used by the Sheriff's Department. We recently met with company representatives to ask questions about their technology and ensure that the data recorded by the cameras could only be accessed by Sheriff's Department deputies and could not be shared with federal or out-of-state agencies.

The Flock representatives provided us with the following information:

- LPRs do not “track” people. LPR cameras capture still images of vehicles (including color, make and model) and license plates at a moment of time in one single location.
- Data collected by Flock's devices is stored in the cloud, encrypted, for 30 days, after which it is completely deleted. There is no mechanism for recovering the data once it has been deleted.
- Any search of license plate ownership data is done separately by the law enforcement agency.
- By law, the state of California prohibits LPR camera data from being shared with any federal agency. To ensure this, Flock built a special guardrail into their system to block any sharing of data outside the state. And Flock has removed every federal agency from its national lookup system.
- The only way Flock data can be stored is if the Sheriff's Department downloads particular images and saves them as part of an investigation into a crime.
- Flock does not have any contracts with ICE or the Department of Homeland Security.

The Sacramento County Sheriff's Department has written policies regarding the use of LPR data gathered from its Flock LPR cameras. To read the Sheriff's Department LPR policy manual, [CLICK HERE](#). Then scroll down to Policy 423 on the list of topics, click on that policy number and it will take you to that policy in the manual.

If you wish to ask questions or share your feedback on LPR cameras, you may contact us at wilhaggindeldayona@gmail.com or chat with us at the annual meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. in the Welcome Center at Jesuit High school.

International Marathon Dec. 7

The annual California International Marathon will once again dash past our neighborhood on Sunday, Dec. 7.

The 26-mile race will begin promptly at 7 a.m. near Folsom Dam. As always, Fair Oaks Boulevard will be part of the race course, with runners ending at the State Capitol. Fair Oaks Boulevard from Grant to Watt avenue will be closed beginning at 7:30 a.m. and will reopen between noon and 1 p.m., depending on runner activity.



As the race progresses, there may be large gaps between runners. In such cases, law enforcement personnel posted at intersections may carefully wave traffic through. Slower runners might fall behind the reopen times. In such cases, the runners will be required to heed normal traffic laws.

For more information, go to <https://runsra.org/california-international-marathon>.

2026 dues reminder

If you have NOT YET paid your 2026 dues, you have until Dec. 31 to renew and receive your \$25 early-bird discount, for a total payment of just \$325 for the year.

Those members who had not paid as of Friday, Nov. 28, have been mailed a paper invoice which can be paid by mail if you wish. Make the check payable to WDDNA and mail it, along with the invoice, to WDDNA, P.O. Box 2273, Carmichael, CA 95609.

Otherwise, you can either pay the invoice that was emailed to you or you can go online to our website at WilhagginNA.com, log in and pay from your member portal.

After you log in, you will see a list of links to the left of your membership information. Or, if you login from a phone, just click on the small hash marks at the top left of your screen and that will take you to your member benefit links.

Once you are in, follow these simple steps:

1. Under the "Billing" link, click on "Invoices."
2. A list of your invoice history will appear. Invoices that have been paid will say "Paid" in green. Your most recent invoice is at the top. If you have not paid it, it will say "Sent" in blue.
3. If it says "Sent," you can either click on the invoice number or the "Action" button. Either action will take you to the invoice.
4. When your invoice appears, click on the blue "Pay Now" button at the top right and it will take you to a form that you can use to enter and submit your payment information.

If you have any problem paying online, feel free to contact us at wilhaggindeldayona@gmail.com.

Holiday pet safety tips

[Bradshaw Animal Shelter](#) has offered the following tips to help keep family pets safe and healthy through the holidays.

Food:

It's hard to resist those eyes staring up from under the dinner table, but not everything on your plate should be shared.

Safe (in moderation):

- Plain turkey or chicken without skin, bones or seasoning
- A scoop of plain sweet potato or pumpkin
- Simple fruits and veggies like apple slices, green beans or carrots
- A small lick of peanut butter (make sure it's xylitol-free)

Keep away from pets:

- Chocolate
- Onions, garlic or chives
- Grapes and raisins
- Anything sugar-free that contains xylitol
- Cooked bones that can splinter
- Alcohol or raw dough



If you're not sure something is safe, stick with pet treats instead. And don't forget to secure the trash, pets have an incredible sense of smell and no shame in sneaking a

snack.

If you think your pet has eaten something it shouldn't have, contact your veterinarian right away or call the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435.

Decorations and Holiday Hazards

Keeping decorations out of reach helps your pets enjoy the holidays safely.

- Tinsel, ribbon and string can cause serious intestinal issues if swallowed.
- Glass ornaments can break easily and injure paws or mouths.
- Holiday lights and cords are tempting for chewers and can cause burns or shocks.
- Candles and wagging tails are a dangerous mix—try flameless options instead.

Plants to Watch Out For

A few traditional holiday plants are toxic to pets, even in small amounts.

- Poinsettias can cause mild stomach upset.
- Mistletoe and holly can lead to vomiting and diarrhea.
- Lilies are extremely toxic to cats—avoid them altogether.

Guests, Noise and New Routines

Between parties and visitors the holidays can be overwhelming for pets. Make sure they have a quiet, safe spot to retreat to when things get busy. Let guests know not to sneak them treats, and double-check that collars, tags and microchip info are current, doors tend to open and close a lot this time of year.

Lighting to improve security

With the shorter daylight hours this time of year, you may be thinking about adding security lights around your home.

Burglars working at night generally avoid homes with good security lighting. And if they do approach a home at night, lights make it easier for your family, animals, neighbors, passing traffic and security cameras to spot them.



According to first responders, the first line of defense should always be a good porch light that clearly illuminates your house number. This not only may deter a burglar, it ensures that emergency personnel can find you home in a crisis.

Nationwide Insurance offers the following advice, as well:

<https://www.nationwide.com/privateclient/loss-prevention/articles/security-lighting-made-easy>

Choosing your lights

When purchasing lights, be sure to look for fixtures with long-lasting LED bulbs. Opt for motion-detecting lights because they're more likely to scare away intruders.

Focus on your front and back entrances first

Contrary to popular belief, 34% of burglars walk right through your front door and 25% slip through your back door. Installing lights and cameras on both sides of each entrance, instead of only one over your door, gives you a clearer view of visitors through peepholes and cameras.

Next, tackle your garage

Your garage provides easy access into your home, and it's another favorite entrance for intruders, so be sure to secure it with motion-detecting spotlights and cameras pointing to your valuables.³

Illuminate your gate or fence

Adding lights with cameras to your main entrance gate lets you know immediately if anyone is on your property. Placing light fixtures on each gate post or pillar adds more security.

Leave no shadows

Consider illuminating dark foliage by attaching lights to trees and under shrubs. The goal is to create a yard where there's no place dark enough for an intruder to hide.

Make them smart

And because you'll want to monitor your property remotely, look for lights with Wi-Fi connectivity that can be controlled from your smartphone.

Leave a visible light on inside your home

Our Sheriff's deputies tell us they notice many dark homes on their evening patrols. Seeing lights on in your window(s) can deter criminals as they scout for unoccupied homes. You can add one or two timers to turn lights on and off at appropriate times while you are on vacation.

Call to have street lights fixed

To report dark or malfunctioning street lights, call 311. If possible, when reporting a problem, have the pole number or property address available. The pole number can be found on a sticker approximately eight feet up the pole. For more information, [CLICK HERE](#).

FTC forms to help avoid scams

According to the Federal Trade Commission, scammers tell many different stories to try to get your money or personal information. They might lie and say you owe the government money. Or pretend to be your bank and say your account's been hacked. They might claim someone in your family had an emergency or that your computer has a virus. Or they might tell a different lie.

Scammers tell you all these things to try to get you to panic. They want you to hurry and do what they say before you have time to think, check out their story, or reach out to someone who might intervene.

The FTC has a new tool, [How I'll Avoid a Scam: My Action Plan](#), to help. You can use it to make a list of people you trust — your friend, neighbor, parent, daughter, or grandson — who you can reach out to if you think you might be dealing with a scammer. Talking it through can help you be sure that something's not right.

The Action Plan also suggests that you list contact information for companies you do business with — such as your credit card company, bank and favorite online shopping sites — so you'll know how to reach them directly if you're worried there's a problem with your account.

Scams can affect anyone at any time. So [make your own action plan](#). Post it on your fridge or keep it near your phone or computer. Then help others in your life make one.

Order free copies to share [here](#). And if you spot a scam, tell the FTC: [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](#).

Member Q&A

Q: A post on NextDoor.com indicates that Rancho Cordova had a sting operation in schools and handed out tickets to kids on motorized bikes and scooters, including around the American River Parkway. Is this something that is going to happen in our area?

A: Rancho Cordova is an incorporated city that sets its own policies and policing priorities. Even though they use Sheriff's deputies as their police force, it is a large force under a special contract with the county. It operates like a stand-alone police department. The city determines what its patrols should focus on.

In fact, Rancho Cordova has a dedicated Problem Oriented Policing Unit that concentrates on specific public safety issues in neighborhoods and business areas. It is possible that POP unit was doing the motorized bike stops you are reading about.

As you know, we do ask our deputies to watch for various types of traffic problems. However, the Sheriff's Department does not generally deal with traffic issues. That is the responsibility of the CHP. The only traffic unit run by the Sheriff's Department is its parking enforcement crew.

Our WDDNA off-duty patrol deputies do traffic stops as part of their patrol responsibilities. But we have just nine or 10 shifts a week. Each shift has one deputy who covers an area of two square miles. Besides traffic, they also do an average of 20 vacation watch checks each shift, respond to incidents regarding suspicious people and vehicles, monitor transients and check for illegal activity in the park and near the river. One car can only be in one place at a time.

Yes, our guys have stopped young people riding recklessly on our streets and they moonitor around the schools when possible. But, as much as we would like to, we don't have the resources to cover two schools at once both morning and afternoon.

The California Highway Patrol is the agency responsible for traffic issues throughout the county. That agency, too, is stretched very thin. They do have a POP unit at their north division office. And, when there have been persistent problems at specific locations in our neighborhood, they have deployed a unit for a day or two to monitor that location. But they have a huge area to cover and a very limited POP staff. You may be able to contact CHP's POP unit at 250pop@chp.ca.gov.

As to the American River Parkway, we do not have jurisdiction there. That is the responsibility of the park rangers. There are two rangers who cover our area on the parkway — Ranger Barrett at barrettog@saccounty.gov and Ranger Avendano at avendanoj@saccounty.gov. Or, if you are on the Parkway and see an emergency, you should immediately report it to 911.

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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