



Monthly Newsletter

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Last day to renew & save

If you have not already renewed your membership for 2025, today is the last day to do so and receive your \$25 early-bird discount.

We have been sending email reminders that include a PDF of your invoice. To pay online, go to that invoice, click on the Payment Options button at the bottom, and it will take you to the payment window where you can pay by credit card.

As an alternative, you can login to your account, go to the "Billing" link to the left of your member information, and follow the invoices link to pay.

Or, if you prefer to pay by check, just make it out for \$325 and date it today, then mail it to WDDNA, P.O. Box 2273, Carmichael, CA 95609.



Chief Deputy Dan Donelli



Detective Andy Cater



Deputy Andrew Swift

WDDNA's 2024 town hall

If you were not able to attend WDDNA's annual meeting on Dec. 3, you missed a fascinating presentation.

The program featured three Sheriff's Department speakers: Chief Deputy Dan Donelli, property crimes Detective Andy Cater and drone expert Deputy Andrew Swift.

Chief Donelli spoke briefly about the department's priorities under Sheriff Jim Cooper. Those main priorities are human trafficking, retail property theft and homelessness. He also noted that the passage of Proposition 36 will allow the department to aggressively

arrest and jail repeat property crime offenders.

Donelli spoke for about five minutes, then introduced Detective Cater, who described the efforts that the property crimes division is taking to deal with retail theft. He noted that Prop. 36 will allow the department to better crack down on the thieves, some of whom also engage in home burglaries.

The final speaker was Deputy Swift, who is in charge of operating the department's drones, which are being used to help deputies investigate and manage crime scenes in ways that are saving time, money and lives.

All three presentations can be viewed on WDDNA's website. [CLICK HERE](#) to go to the Annual Meeting page.

New WDDNA member guide available

WDDNA has an updated version of our membership guide booklet available to our members.

The booklet contains updated instructions for accessing your membership information and links to all your member benefits.

To download a PDF version of the updated guide, [CLICK HERE](#).

If you wish to receive a new printed copy of the booklet, you may email WDDNA's communications director Kathleen Newton at knewton761@att.net.



Please don't share WDDNA emails

A long-time WDDNA member recently reported to us that his neighbor was forwarding our patrol reports and newsletters to others on the block who are not members.

While we can understand the impulse to help a neighbor stay abreast of security information, we ask that you not distribute our emails to non-members.

The contents of our patrol reports and newsletters have real value and are the result of a lot of hard work.

The patrol reports are made possible thanks to the diligence of the deputies whom we pay to patrol our streets. And the emails themselves are put together and edited through the time and effort of a volunteer board member. That same volunteer also spends hours researching, writing and assembling the content for each of our newsletters. She does that purely for the benefit of the association and its paid members.

In addition, WDDNA's emailed publications are a true member benefit and are an important part of our marketing program to help grow our membership. If non-members are able to read the publications for free, they are less likely to join the association and help support our patrols.

It is simple: The more members we have, the more patrols we can afford. So please help us. Instead of forwarding our emails to neighbors, we suggest that you tell them how easy it is to join and get their own copies. All they need to do is go to www.WilhagginNA.com and click on the JOIN button.



Holiday tree recycling, Jan. 4-5

On Jan. 4 and 5, you can give holiday trees the proper send-off and a new life as beneficial mulch or compost by dropping them off for free mulching or recycling. To learn more about participating locations and restrictions, visit the [Holiday Tree Recycling page](#).

Requirements:

- Trees must have all tinsel, lights, decorations, nails and stands removed.
- Flocked trees are not accepted for recycling.
- Be sure that holiday trees are properly secured during transport.

Saturday, Jan. 4, free mulching event

Bring holiday trees to be mulched for free to:

SMUD Corporation Yard

6100 Folsom Boulevard., (just off Highway 50), 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Mulched tree offered free to customer

Flyer: [Free Drop-off Holiday Tree Recycling Event](#)

Sacramento County locations

Saturday, Jan. 4 and Sunday, Jan. 5, rain or shine, free holiday tree recycling:

- Kiefer Landfill* -- 12701 Kiefer Blvd. (Jackson Highway, north on Grant Line Road, right on Kiefer Boulevard), 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- North Area Recovery Station* -- 4450 Roseville Road (Hwy 80, north on Watt Avenue, left on Roseville Road), 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

*Loads in excess of five trees must be issued a voucher for the trees to be accepted at no charge. Nonprofit civic groups and community organizations can obtain vouchers by submitting the [Annual Holiday Tree Recycling Program Application Form](#). For more information, email SacGreenTeam@SacCounty.gov.

Other drop-off locations

Saturday, Jan. 4

- Elder Creek Recovery and Transfer Station -- 8642 Elder Creek Road (Jackson Highway, south on Florin Perkins Road, left on Elder Creek Road), 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Sacramento Recycling & Transfer Station -- 8491 Fruitridge Road (Jackson Hwy, south on Florin Perkins Road, right on Fruitridge Road), 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Also accepting trees Dec. 26-Jan. 4, Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Folsom - Dan Russell Rodeo Arena Rodeo Park -- Located at the end of Stafford Street, next to the arena, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Curbside organics collection of holiday trees

Homes with Department of Waste Management & Recycling curbside collection service can also recycle their live cut holiday tree (all tinsel, lights, decorations, nails and stands removed) by cutting it up and putting it loosely in the curbside organics cart. Make sure the lid will close. The cart will be emptied on your next regularly scheduled organics collection day.

Flocked trees can be cut up and placed loosely in the curbside garbage cart for collection - ensure lid will close.

Check before you burn

The Sac Metro Air District's annual Check Before You Burn season runs through the end of February.

Regulations restrict or prohibit the use of all fireplaces, wood stoves, inserts and pellet stoves whenever fine particle pollution is forecast to be high. The program provides same-day and next-day burn status. [CLICK HERE](#) to check the burn status. You also may call 1-877-NO-BURN-5 (1-877-662-8765).

For the daily Air Quality Index (AQI) forecast, go to <https://sparetheair.com/sacramento/>

Burn Day Status Categories

These burn day status categories apply from November through February of each year.

Stage 2

All Burning Prohibited: It is illegal to burn any solid fuel, including wood, manufactured fire logs, and pellets, in any device.

Stage 1

No Burn Unless Exempt: It is illegal to burn unless you use an EPA-certified fireplace insert or stove or pellet stove, and it does not emit visible smoke. To check if your fireplace insert or stove is EPA-certified, go to [Woodstove Database](#) | [Burnwise](#) | [US EPA](#).

Burning Discouraged

The Sac Metro Air District asks you to voluntarily not burn.

Legal to Burn

There are no restrictions to burn. When it is legal to Burn, refer to the [Wood Burning Handbook](#) for tips on burning cleanly and efficiently, reducing smoke from wood burning and alternatives to wood burning.



How to create a home inventory

Experts suggest that the beginning of the New Year is a good time to create or update your home inventory. Creating a home inventory ensures that you have sufficient homeowner's insurance coverage and assists you in filing a claim if you suffer a loss.

The California Department of Insurance offers a home inventory guide. You can order a copy by calling the department at (800) 927-4357, or you can download a PDF version. [CLICK HERE](#) to access it.

The department states that photographs of household goods are especially helpful when an item is hard to describe on paper, or if a purchase receipt cannot be obtained. Each



photograph should be labeled with date stamps and any additional pertinent information. Officials recommend the following:

Walk around with a video camera, video every drawer and comment about each item. Store the images on a thumb drive or a secure site in the cloud.

A copy of the inventory and supporting documentation, such as receipts and model numbers, should be stored in a safe place, as well. These records should also include financial documents such as insurance policies and mortgage information.

Home inventories should be updated at least once per year, and your insurance company should be notified of new purchases so that you are adequately insured for the entire amount of your belongings.

The lists should include:

- A description of the items, including the make and model (if applicable)
- Estimated value of each item
- Purchase dates
- Receipts
- Serial numbers

Another method is to organize the list by category, such as furniture, musical instruments, jewelry, artwork, collections, etc.

Photographs of household goods are helpful when an item is hard to describe or if a purchase receipt cannot be obtained. Each photograph should be labeled with date stamps and any additional pertinent information. And taking a video survey of each room and storing it on a thumb drive in the envelope with your list can also be useful.

Don't forget to list and photograph any off-site items, such as belongings kept in a storage facility. Your homeowner's insurance policy may cover theft and fire of items at off-site facilities.

There are a number of software packages and smart phone apps on the market that you can purchase to help you organize your list.

Consumer Reports gives top marks to an app offered free by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC). It lets you categorize photos and videos of your belongings and features a barcode scanner to upload product information from appliances, electronics, and other purchases. You can then export your lists to a CSV or PDF file. The app collects none of your personal information. The app is available in the App Store or through Google Play. [CLICK HERE](#) to download it.

Re-evaluate your insurance on valuable items

It may be wise to use the inventory process to make sure your homeowner's insurance is sufficient to cover your high-value items, such as jewelry, musical instruments, artwork and electronics. Your insurance policy may put a special sub-limit on certain types of items.

Other considerations

- Check your policy's declarations page to see what your contents limit is. Does it appear to be enough to replace all of your furniture, rugs, curtains, clothes, appliances and other possessions?
- Make sure your policy covers the replacement value of your possessions, not the current cash value.
- Depending on where you live in our neighborhood, you may wish to consider flood insurance. And many Californians also opt for earthquake insurance. Without special policies for these specific disasters, your home and belongings won't be covered.

The state Department of Insurance offers various informational guides to help you understand and choose insurance coverage policies. [CLICK HERE](#) to see what is available.

Member Q&A - Vacation watch

Q: It has been a long time since I set up a vacation watch and I can't seem to figure out how to do it. Can you help me?

A: Very glad to help. To login, just go to our website at <https://wilhagginna.com/>. At the top right corner, you will see a LOGIN button. Click on that. A window will come up where you can enter your email address. Then enter your password. If you can't remember your password, just click on "Forgot Password?" and it will allow you to create a new one.

After you enter the email and password, click on the blue "Login" button and it will take you to your user portal. To the left of all your user data is a column of links, which include "Vacation Watch Request" and "Contact Patrol Officer," among others.

It's very simple, but if you have any difficulty, feel free to get in touch with us at wilhaggindeidayona@gmail.com and we will assist you.

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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