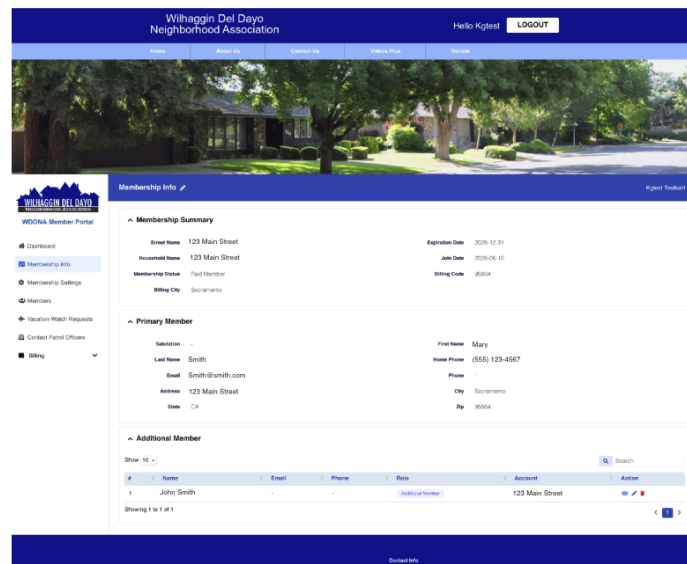




# Monthly Newsletter

## July 2026

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## *WDDNA to launch new services*

In mid-July, WDDNA will launch two new online features designed to improve our service to current members and encourage non-members to join.

### **Current members**

For our current members, we have invested in an improved member portal with enhanced functionality and additional features.

This new portal will not only make it easier for our members to manage their accounts, but WDDNA also will own the portal software.

For the past two years we have used a portal provided by an outside vendor. When that vendor dramatically increased our monthly rate last fall, we opted to have a developer create a proprietary portal for us. The move will save us nearly \$5,000 a year in fees.

When our new portal comes online in mid-July, it will look similar to our current version, but with some great new features. As a member, you will be able to login and do the following:

- Check your invoice and payment history
- Change your credit card information
- Change your phone numbers and email addresses
- Change the primary person on your account who receives our invoices
- If you are the only person listed on your account, you can add an additional member.

- If your household should change, you can delete or change the additional member.

We expect to make the transition to the new software around July 15. We will issue an email alert just prior to the change, so you will know. We don't believe it will be necessary for you to change your password, but if you experience any problems logging in after the transition, you may contact us at [wilhaggindeldayona@gmail.com](mailto:wilhaggindeldayona@gmail.com).

### **New membership option**

The second new feature we will launch in mid-July is a monthly membership option.

Since its founding in 2006, our members have been charged a single annual fee each fall to cover their membership for the coming year. This was necessary to allow us to reliably budget for our contract with the Sheriff's Department and also to limit the amount of work necessary for our small volunteer board to manage the payment process.

We still rely heavily on the reliability of annual membership payments for our budgeting needs. However, we also recognize that a large annual dues payment may pose a challenge for some homeowners in these inflationary times.

So, beginning in mid-July, we will be offering new members the ability to choose between a standard annual membership or a continuous monthly payment option -- specifically \$31/month paid automatically by credit card. (As is usual in subscription services, the sum total of 12 monthly dues charges is higher than our annual rate to cover the cost of additional credit card processing fees.)

The monthly program is not just for new members, however. If a current member wishes to switch from paying dues annually to monthly, we can set that up, as well. Obviously, since current members have already paid for 2026, the change to monthly service cannot take effect until Jan. 1, 2027. And, we would need to know if you wish that change before you have paid your upcoming Nov. 1 invoice, since we cannot process refunds.

If you, as a current member, wish to make the switch, there will be a button on your new member portal that will allow you to alert us to your desire to do so. Or you can simply email us at [wilhaggindeldayona@gmail.com](mailto:wilhaggindeldayona@gmail.com) after July 15 to let us know and we will set you up.

In late July, we will mail information about our new monthly option to all the non-member homes in our neighborhood. You can help with our marketing effort by telling your neighbors about WDDNA and encouraging them to join.

We thank you sincerely for your support of our association.

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## *Report dangerous fireworks*

Sacramento County and law enforcement agencies are reminding residents that dangerous fireworks pose a serious threat to neighborhoods, schools, parks, open spaces and the American River Parkway.

### **SAFE FIREWORKS DISPOSAL**



**ENJOY - SOAK - DRAIN - TRASH**

According to county officials, enforcement efforts will be increased throughout the Fourth of July holiday period. "Illegal fireworks are not a harmless tradition," said Sacramento County Sheriff Jim Cooper. "They are dangerous and can have devastating consequences for our community. Increased enforcement efforts will be underway throughout the Fourth of July holiday, and those who choose to ignore the law will face the consequences."

## **Reporting is Confidential**

County officials state that confidential reports from residents play a critical role in helping enforcement personnel identify and address dangerous fireworks activity before it leads to injuries, property damage or wildfires.

"When it comes to protecting your community, your voice matters," said Mike Sanchez, chief of Sacramento County Code Enforcement. "Reporting parties' identification are kept confidential, and the more information we receive, the likelier it is we'll be able to cite illegal usage."

To improve the likelihood of successful enforcement action, Sacramento County Code Enforcement recommends providing:

- A video or photograph of the illegal fireworks activity
- Eyewitness statements
- The specific address where the activity occurred

## **Where to report**

In our unincorporated area, call 916-874-5115 or report through [fireworks@sacsheriff.com](mailto:fireworks@sacsheriff.com), or the [311 Connect App](#)

In the unincorporated area of Sacramento County, individuals who use illegal fireworks may face substantial administrative fines:

### **Fine Schedule**

- \$1,000 each device
- \$2,500 for each additional device within one year of the first violation
- \$5,000 for each additional device within one year of the first violation
- \$10,000 when used at schools, parks or within the American River Parkway

## **Know the Law**

In California, legal consumer fireworks are known as Safe and Sane Fireworks and must display the California State Fire Marshal's seal. Safe and Sane Fireworks may only be sold until 9 p.m. on July 4

Safe and Sane Fireworks may only be used now through July 4 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 10 p.m. Use of fireworks outside these dates and times may result in enforcement action and penalties.

## **Fireworks Safety Tips**

"Every year, firefighters respond to fires and injuries caused by illegal fireworks," said Diana Freeman, Deputy Fire Marshal, Sacramento Metropolitan Fire. She urged residents to take the following precautions:

- Always keep a non-combustible bucket of water nearby.
  - Soak used fireworks overnight before disposal.
  - Keep a hose connected to water readily available.
  - Never use fireworks near dry grass or flammable materials.
  - Do not use fireworks under canopies, covered patios, balconies, trees or bushes.
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## *Keep pets safe July 4*

The Fourth of July is often one of the scariest nights of the year for pets. Every year, animal shelters across the country see a sharp increase in lost pets around July 4 as frightened dogs and cats panic at the sound of fireworks, escape yards, slip out open doors or bolt from leashes.

Here are some simple steps can help keep your pets safe at home.

- **Keep pets indoors.** Even pets that are usually comfortable outside can become startled by fireworks. Bring them inside before celebrations begin and keep them there for the evening.
- **Create a safe, quiet space.** Set up a comfortable room with their favorite bed, blankets, toys and water. Closing windows and curtains
- **Playing calming music** or the TV can help drown out loud noises.
- **Double-check identification.** Make sure your pet is wearing a collar with current ID tags. If they're microchipped, verify that your contact information is up to date. A microchip is one of the best ways to help your pet find their way home.
- **Talk to your veterinarian.** If your pet becomes anxious during fireworks, talk to your veterinarian before the holiday about medications or other options that can help reduce stress.
- **Exercise early.** Take dogs for a walk earlier in the day before fireworks begin. Keep them on a secure leash.
- **Leave them home.** Fireworks shows, neighborhood parties and crowded events are not pet-friendly. The safest place for your pet is inside your home.
- **Watch the doors.** Guests coming and going can create opportunities for pets to slip outside. Remind visitors to keep doors and gates closed.
- **Never leave pets in the yard during fireworks.** Even fenced yards aren't escape-proof when a frightened pet is trying to get away.

### **Waived Redemption Fees**

To help reunite lost pets with their families as quickly as possible, Sacramento County's Bradshaw Animal Shelter is waiving owner redemption fees through July 11.

The fee waiver applies to all redeemable animals except those involved in ongoing investigations or animals that have been confiscated or placed under quarantine.

If your pet goes missing, don't wait. Visit the shelter as soon as possible and check the shelter's lost pet listings daily online at <https://animalcare.saccounty.gov/us/en/lost-and-found-pets.html#gsc.tab=0>

### **Looking for Your Lost Pet?**

Visit Bradshaw Animal Shelter at 3839 Bradshaw Road during public hours:

- Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday: Noon–5 p.m.
- Wednesday: Noon–6 p.m.
- Closed Mondays and holidays.

## *E-bike enforcement on parkway*

Sacramento County park rangers, working in partnership with the Sacramento County Probation UTV Team and California Highway Patrol motorcycle officers, recently conducted a targeted enforcement operation along the American River Trail between Watt Avenue and Chase Drive in Rancho Cordova.

The operation focused on addressing growing concerns related to unsafe e-bike and e-motorcycle activity on the parkway while educating riders about regulations designed to protect all trail users. As e-bikes and similar vehicles become increasingly popular, rangers have observed an increase in violations involving excessive speeds, unauthorized vehicles on the trail and riders who may not fully understand the rules governing their use.



During the operation, rangers issued seven citations and towed four vehicles, including Class 3 e-bikes and e-motorcycles that were being operated in violation of state law and county ordinances. Violations included operating Class 3 e-bikes on the bike trail, riding without required helmets, exceeding the parkway's 15 mph speed limit, operating unregistered vehicles, driving without the appropriate license or motorcycle endorsement and operating e-motorcycles on the trail.

Several riders were contacted traveling well above the posted 15 mph speed limit, including some operating at speeds approaching 30 mph. Rangers also encountered vehicles being represented as e-bikes that, upon inspection, met the definition of e-motorcycles and were therefore subject to additional licensing, registration and operating requirements.

The American River Parkway trail is a shared-use recreational facility used by cyclists, pedestrians, runners and families. Speed limits and vehicle restrictions are intended to reduce conflicts and help ensure a safe environment.

Recent changes to Sacramento County ordinances have been approved to strengthen the tools available to park rangers when addressing unsafe or unauthorized e-bike activity. In addition to educational contacts and citations, beginning June 19, rangers will have the discretion to pursue misdemeanor enforcement actions for certain violations when circumstances warrant. With these changes, rangers emphasize that riders should not assume violations will result only in warnings.

"These enforcement efforts are about more than issuing citations," said Commander Trevor Schnitzius. "Our goal is to address the public's concerns regarding unsafe e-bike and e-motorcycle activity, improve safety for everyone who uses the trail and educate riders about the rules that are in place to protect all visitors. Working alongside our partners at Sacramento County Probation and CHP allows us to address these issues more effectively, and visitors should expect to see continued enforcement throughout the parkway."

Class 3 e-bikes are prohibited on the American River Parkway trail, e-motorcycles are not permitted on the trail and all trail users must comply with the posted 15 mph speed limit.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read trail rules and regulations.

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## *Outdoor burning suspended*

Cal Fire has suspended residential outdoor burn permits across most of California, including Sacramento and neighboring foothill counties, due to rapidly drying vegetation and rising wildfire risks. The ban prohibits homeowners from burning landscape debris like branches and leaves on residential properties.

**What is Banned:** All residential outdoor burning of landscape debris (leaves, brush, branches) is halted.

**Alternative Debris Disposal:** Cal Fire urges residents to utilize woodchippers or haul yard waste to local biomass energy or green waste facilities.

#### **Defensible Space Reminder:**

With burning suspended, officials advise using the time to prepare properties for wildfire season. Residents are encouraged to clear dead vegetation and maintain at least 100 feet of defensible space around all homes and outbuildings.

Go to <https://www.readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire/defensible-space> for detailed information and videos about creating defensible space.

#### **Shade Trees**

Shade trees require careful management to enhance fire safety:

- **Tree health:** Regularly assess tree health and remove or replace those that are diseased or in decline to keep your property safe.
- **Risks of overhanging branches:** Branches close to or overhanging buildings can damage structures and increase fire risk by dropping debris on roofs, gutters, and decks.
- **Fire safety measures:**
  - Remove any branches that overhang roofs or decks to prevent fire spread and physical damage.
  - Maintain a healthy tree canopy, which is less likely to catch embers.
  - Position trees at least 5 feet from structures, prune lower limbs and clear away dead materials to prevent fire from climbing.

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## *Ignore jury duty threats*

From the [Federal Trade Commission](#)

Did you get a call claiming you missed jury duty and need to pay? Followed by a text or email with official-looking documents saying there's a warrant out for your arrest? As alarming as these things sound, they're a scam designed to steal your money.

Most jury duty scams start with an "urgent" call from someone claiming to be a U.S. Marshal or an officer from local law enforcement. To catch you off guard, the caller might already know things about you, like your full name or address. They say you missed jury duty (you didn't) and threaten to arrest you (they won't) unless you pay a fine using a payment app or cryptocurrency.

That scam is probably familiar so far, but now scammers also text or email you a document that looks like an official warrant for your arrest, complete with how much you owe for missing jury duty. While this might make the scam look more convincing, it's all fake.

Here's how you know it's a scam:

- Real law enforcement will never text or email you an arrest warrant.
- Even if the caller ID looks like it's coming from local law enforcement or the U.S. Marshals, real law enforcement officers won't call to say they'll arrest you. And they won't threaten to arrest you if you hang up.
- Courts never demand payment over the phone. In fact, no government agency will.

- Only scammers say you can **only** pay with a payment app, cryptocurrency, gift cards or a wire transfer.

If you get a call like this, tell the FTC at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://reportfraud.ftc.gov). And if you already paid a scammer, read [What To Do if You Were Scammed](#) to find out what to do next.

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## Member Q&A

**Q:** There has been a older vehicle parked on the street near our house for weeks. I noticed that it has an expired tag on its license plate. What should I do about this?

**A:** Under state and county code, a vehicle cannot be left in the same location on a public roadway for more than 72 consecutive hours.

You can send a message to our deputies using the "Contact Patrol Deputy" form in your member portal. However, to go direct to the source, you should contact the Sacramento County Sheriff's Parking Enforcement office. An officer will be dispatched to check out the vehicle and will post a notice on the windshield to alert the owner that the vehicle must be moved. The officer will return after 72 hours. If the vehicle has not been moved, it will either be cited or towed at the owner's expense.

You can contact Parking Enforcement at (916) 874-5115, or reach out to the Sacramento County 311 dispatch service (dial 311 or call 916-875-4311.)

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## 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](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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