



Monthly Newsletter

October 2024

WDDNA dues invoices go out Nov. 1

Heads up: Your 2025 WDDNA dues invoice will be sent to your email inbox on Friday, Nov. 1.

As you know, WDDNA's annual dues have remained unchanged for the last four years. However, due to the rising costs of our deputy patrols, we must now increase them to \$350. Of course, you still will enjoy the usual \$25 early-bird discount if you pay by Dec. 31 – bringing your total down to just \$325, or the equivalent of about \$27 a month.

We truly appreciate your support of our association. If you have questions or comments, you may email us at wilhaggindeldayona@gmail.com.

Vehicle thefts up in 2023

According to the California Highway Patrol, vehicle thefts were up slightly in 2023. And the vehicles that thieves seemed to favor were the 2015 Kia Optima, the 2013 Hyundai Sonata or Elantra, and older models of the Chevy Silverado. This was the third consecutive year that the Silverado made the list.

Why do thieves prefer older vehicles?

According to the website autoappraisalnetwork.com, “criminals prefer easy targets, and older vehicles tend to be easier to steal. They feature fewer robust security systems, or no security systems at all, and they can be sold to indiscriminating scrap yards or chop shops for quick cash.”



CHP's annual vehicle theft report for 2023 states that vehicle theft rose by 2.2 percent statewide over 2022. In Sacramento County, that rate was a bit higher at 2.6 percent.

A total of 8,518 vehicles were stolen in Sacramento County last year, making us ninth out of the top 10 counties in the state for vehicle theft. The other leaders were:

1. Los Angeles 62,594
2. Alameda 23,535
3. San Diego 12,085

4. San Bernardino 11,360
5. Riverside 10,109
6. Santa Clara 10,069
7. Kern 8,675
8. Orange 8,603

Tenth was San Francisco County at 7,202.

Statewide, 202,893 vehicles were stolen, at an estimated value of \$1.8 billion. The largest percentage stolen were personal trucks and sport utility vehicles at 44.2 percent. Automobiles came in a close second at 41 percent. The rest were commercial trucks and trailers, motorcycles and various other specialized vehicles.

According to the CHP, 85.4 percent of all stolen vehicles were successfully recovered statewide. Sacramento County did much better than that. Of the 8,518 vehicles stolen, 8,124 were recovered – a more than 95 percent recovery rate and a 5.8 percent increase from 2022.

CLICK HERE to view or download the full 2023 vehicle theft report, including county-by-county data and a full list of the top 40 theft targets for each type of vehicle.

<https://www.chp.ca.gov/FieldSupportSectionSite/Documents/2023%20Vehicle%20Theft%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf>

Investigations & drones to be featured at WDDNA annual meeting

Mark your calendar for our annual WDDNA neighborhood meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 3.

The program promises to be especially interesting. It will feature Sheriff's Department Chief Deputy Dan Donelli. He will explain how the Department conducts its investigations and will describe how it 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.



Don't miss the meeting in the welcome center at Jesuit High School at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 3. There will be a Q&A session, a drawing for a solar security camera and refreshments will be available.

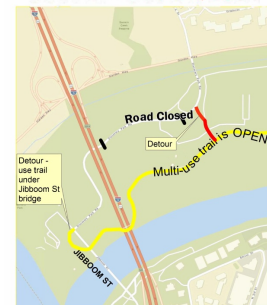
You need not be a member to attend. Feel free to bring along non-member neighbors to give them a chance to see the advantages of membership in WDDNA.

Bike trail detour for music festival

The Aftershock and Golden Sky Festivals are set for Discovery Park on Thursday Oct. 10 through Sunday, Oct. 13, and Friday Oct. 18 and Sunday Oct. 20.

The American River Parkway bike trail will remain open, but delays may occur. A slight trail detour will be in place beginning Tuesday Oct. 1 through Oct. 25. See the trail detour map.

To view the detour map, [CLICK HERE](#). For additional information



Don't forget to vote for WDDNA!

If you have not yet cast your vote to help the Wilhaggin Del Dayo Neighborhodd Association earn the title of best neighborhood association in Carmichael, please do it soon.

WDDNA has been nominated as a competitor in the annual Carmichael Chamber of Commerce Best of Carmichael competition. We are well on the way to winning, but we have worthy competitors. Your vote can help us cross the finish line first.

Voting takes only a few minutes. Just click on the link below, select our listing and cast your vote.

Winners are chosen by the people who fill out the online ballot. The Carmichael Chamber of Commerce will track IP addresses, so if more than one person in your home wants to vote, they may not use the same computer, tablet, phone or shared network.

Voting closes on Oct. 17. Winners will be announced at a gala event at the La Sierra Community Center in November.

Click here to vote: <https://www.bestofcarmichael.com/category/4770/best-neighborhood-association> . And thank you for your support!

Facts about parkway homeless projects

On Sept. 10, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors approved spending \$19.4 million on two new projects designed to shelter and house people exiting homelessness directly off the American River Parkway.

In response to incorrect information circulated about the projects, the county provided the following response about the process and how the money is being used.

- In April 2022, Sacramento County received \$25 million in funding from the State of California to support efforts to address homelessness on the American River Parkway. Parkway funding was initially planned to pay for the land acquisition, construction and operations for a new Safe Stay homeless shelter program for people moving off the Parkway. However, the county was unable to negotiate a purchase of the property on which to do that.
- Then the Sutter Capital Group approached Sacramento County with a proposal to purchase and convert the 176-room Residence Inn, located at 1530 Howe Avenue, into a multi-family supportive and workforce apartment community. The Board of Supervisors agreed to make a one-time \$8 million payment to support the purchase. When finished, the facility will include 32 units of supportive housing for homelessness people leaving the Parkway, as well as 142 units of housing to serve moderate income renters.
- The board also approved spending \$5.5 million to operate a 50-bed scattered site

interim shelter program for three years. This program will provide 24-hour shelter, meals, case management, supportive services and rehousing services at up to 10 sites for individuals exiting the Parkway.

Is the county spending \$19.4 million on 82 beds?

No. The county is using \$19.4 million to invest in both affordable housing and to subsidize rent for 10 years and to add 50 shelter beds through the scattered-site shelter model.

Did the county sit on this money for 2 1/2 years?

While the state granted these funds in April of 2022, the county received the money in April 2023. During that time, the county pursued land acquisition adjacent to the American River Parkway. After months of negotiations, the seller sold the land to another buyer.

The county then called for bids to build a Safe Stay Community project. The County received three responses, none of which were determined to be viable.

Is the county spending this money on Residence Inn units that are serving people who aren't homeless?

No. The county's \$8 million is funding only the 32 units that will exclusively serve Parkway homelessness people who will pay low-cost rents.

Doesn't this project cost more per bed than other affordable housing projects?

No, building affordable housing from scratch can cost up to \$600,000 per unit, particularly for units that require supportive services. By leveraging an existing hotel that has bedrooms, bathrooms and kitchens, Sutter Capital Group can transform these units for less than \$250,000 per unit.

Is it true that once people move into the 32 Howe Avenue units, they'll stay there forever?

While it's possible that some of the residents may need rental subsidies in the future, the overall goal is to graduate households out of the supportive units and into workforce units at higher rental rates.

Has the county swept all homeless people off the Parkway?

No. The county Department of Homeless Services and Housing and the Department of Regional Parks have 10 dedicated community health workers who provide outreach, rehousing services and case management to people living along the Parkway. Rangers often alert staff to encampments that need support. If there is imminent danger threatening encampments, such as fire or floods, campers are relocated out of harm's way.

To read more, go to <https://www.saccounty.gov/news/latest-news/Pages/Sacramento-County-Funds-Affordable-Housing-Project.aspx>.

Residence/Business	Burglary	Panic/Robbery
a) First and Second False Alarms	No Fee	No Fee
b) Third False Alarm	\$75	\$150
c) Fourth False Alarm	\$100	\$200
d) Fifth False Alarm	\$200	\$250
e) Sixth and Subsequent False Alarm	\$250	\$300

(Multiple false alarms in one calendar day shall be counted as one alarm for the purpose of assessing fees)

About home alarm regulations

How much is the permit?

The permit fee is \$50.00. However, if you are notified by the Alarm Ordinance Bureau that an alarm permit is required and have not complied with the notice, additional fees will accrue:

- After 30 days, a \$25 surcharge will be added, raising the permit fee to \$75.
- After 30 days, a failure to comply fee of \$250 will be added, raising the permit fee to \$325.

How do I get an alarm permit?

Call the Alarms Ordinance Bureau at (916) 874-4616. Permits are valid for two years. You will receive a courtesy notice at least 45 days prior to the renewal due date. There is no grace period.

What is a false alarm?

"False Alarm" means the activation of an alarm system which precipitates a response by police services of Sacramento County when police services are not required. False alarms do not include alarms resulting from violent acts of nature, such as earthquakes, gale force winds, or tornadoes.

What are the penalties for multiple false alarms?

Click on above image to view or download the penalty chart.

How do I appeal a false alarm invoice?

Anyone may appeal the assessment of a false alarm service fee by filing a notice of appeal with the sheriff within 15 days of receiving the fee invoice.

If you choose to appeal, the notice of appeal must state all the reasons you believe that the fee was improperly assessed and must be accompanied by any documentary evidence. The appeal will be reviewed by the Sheriff's Department and its decision is final. If it is determined that the false alarm fee was improperly assessed, it will be canceled.

What happens if I miss my renewal due date?

After your renewal due date has passed, a \$50 reactivation fee (\$45 renewal fee and \$5 late fee) will be required.

For additional alarm information, go to

https://www.sacsheriff.com/pages/fiscal_alarm_ordinance.php .

Protect information on your phone

From the Federal Trade Commission

Your cell phone holds some of your most sensitive personal information, such as your passwords and account numbers, emails, text messages, photos and videos. If your phone ends up in the wrong hands, someone could steal your identity, buy stuff with your money or hack into your email or social media accounts. Here's how to protect yourself:

Lock your phone

Set your phone to lock when you're not using it and create a PIN or passcode to unlock it. Use at least a 6-digit passcode. You also might be able to unlock your phone with your fingerprint, your retina or your face.

Update your software

Updates to your operating system often include critical patches and protections against security threats. Set your phone to update automatically. Otherwise, keep an eye out for updates and don't delay in running them. Update your apps, too.

Back up your data

Regularly back up the data on your phone to the cloud or your computer. That way, if you

lose your phone, you'll still have access to your personal information.

Get help finding a lost phone

Mobile operating systems have a program that helps you find your phone if you lose it, or to lock it or erase it if you think someone stole it. Go to your settings and turn on this feature.

For details on how to do any of these functions on your type of phone, go to <https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/how-protect-your-phone-hackers#Lock>

Member Q&A

Q: I was glad to see that the county has installed a 25 mph speed limit sign on our block. Did WDDNA have anything to do with that?

A: Yes, WDDNA meets periodically with officials at the County Department of Transportation. At one of those recent meetings, we suggested that they add more speed limit signs and pavement markers to our streets to remind people that the speed limit on all our streets, with the exception of American River Drive, is just 25 mph. A DOT official recently confirmed that they finally were able to get our neighborhood on the schedule to improve signage.

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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