



## Monthly Newsletter

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# *WDDNA deputy helps shut down party house*

On Saturday, Aug. 23, a WDDNA patrol deputy stepped in to prevent a raucous and potentially illegal pool party from overwhelming a quiet neighborhood in the Wilhaggin area.

The situation began earlier this summer. In July, WDDNA members in the vicinity of Estates Drive, Greywell and Claydon Ways reported that a huge party had been held in a home on Estates Drive. They said that more than 100 people showed up, clogged the streets with cars and rattled the neighborhood with extremely loud music. In addition, they reported seeing drunken party goers on the sidewalks, potentially endangering others when they drove away in their cars.

Neighbors said they wanted to report the noise issue at that time, but the party host had apparently scheduled the event to end at 9:30 p.m., before the county's 10 p.m. noise ordinance could be invoked.

Then in August, the neighbors saw that a similar party was being advertised through social media. It was scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 23, at the same house. The event was called a "Pum Pum Splash Out" and tickets were \$17.85 and up. The advertising images, showing scantily clad women in a pool, indicated that the event would again feature loud music and would run from 2:30 to 9:30 p.m.

When neighbors informed WDDNA about the upcoming event, we contacted county officials to alert them of potential code violations and we informed our Saturday patrol deputy (retired Sacramento County Assistant Sheriff LeeAnneDra Marchese) to check on the legality of the event.

Marchese said she spent some time researching the party advertising, then drove by the house, where she saw pop-up tents, tables and chaffing dishes being set up in preparation. She contacted the homeowner, who explained that it was not her party, that she had simply loaned her home to a friend to use as a party site. She gave Marchese a phone number to reach the party organizer.

When Marchese reached the organizer, she asked if they had obtained a special event permit from the county, which needed to be done 60 days in advance and required the payment in advance of a non-refundable fee. The party planner indicated that they had not applied for a permit. Marchese also noted that the regular Sheriff's Department patrol had been alerted to the party and they would be monitoring it and could potentially shut it down.

Marchese spent the rest of her shift handling other duties. However, her stern warnings

apparently worked. According to neighbors, soon after speaking with Marchese, the party team packed everything up and moved to another site out of the neighborhood.

The incident underscores the preemptive power of our experienced patrols and the importance of vigilant homeowners working together.

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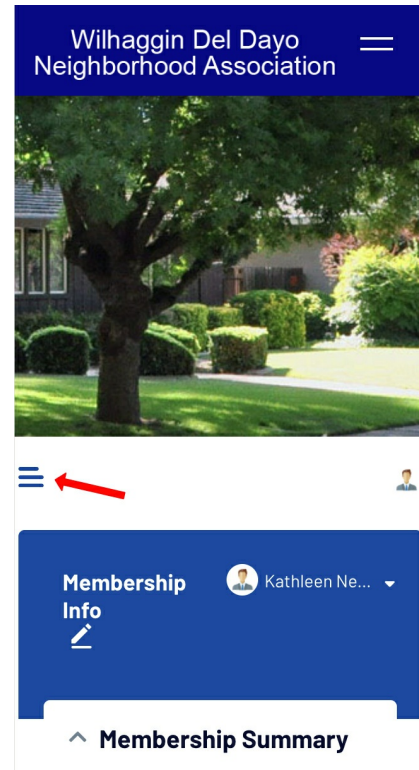
## *How to contact deputies from a mobile device*

A member contacted us recently to find out how to access the "Contact Patrol Officer" form from a mobile device.

While every mobile device is a bit different, in general the procedure is as follows:

- Go to our website at [WilhagginNA.com](http://WilhagginNA.com) and login.
- After your member portal is loaded, look to the top left of the screen below the street image. You will see several horizontal hash marks. (See image)
- Click on those marks and the full list of all the links to your member benefits will show up.
- To contact a deputy, simply click on the "Contact Patrol Officer" link, fill out the form that will come up and submit it.

The same procedure can be followed to access any of your member benefits, including filling out a vacation watch request form. Simply click on the appropriate link and follow the same procedures you would use if you were accessing your benefits from a computer.



If you have problems logging in, you may contact us at [wilhaggindeldayona@gmail.com](mailto:wilhaggindeldayona@gmail.com) and we will assist you.

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## *Who to call about rattlesnakes*

A WDDNA member recently asked who she should call to remove a rattlesnake from her patio.

While our first suggestion was to contact Sacramento County Animal Control, we have since learned that the county does not deal with snake removal. Instead, homeowners who need to have a snake removed may contact one of the professional services that handle such problems.



One such service in the area is SnakeOut. According to Jake Moliera, one of the company's service providers, the fee for removing a snake is based on location and the specific situation. In our neighborhood, he

estimated that the fee would likely range between \$100 and \$150. He said SnakeOut also does snake aversion training for dogs.

To contact SnakeOut, call (925) 366-0607 or go to <https://www.snakeout.biz/>.

### **How to keep rattlesnakes out of your yard**

Most homeowners would prefer to keep snakes out of their yards in the first place.

According to rattlesnake expert Mike Cardwell, a fence or wall that effectively excludes snakes is difficult and expensive to construct and is seldom 100% effective. Commercially available repellents have not been shown to work. The easiest and most effective thing to do is to eliminate places where snakes and their prey – such as mice – can hide.

Rattlesnakes live on the ground and they rarely climb. So, you should reduce possible snake hiding places in your yard. Keep shrubs trimmed so you can see the bare ground under them. Don't use bird feeders because they attract rodents and rodents attract rattlesnakes. Cover openings to drain pipes and crawlspaces under sheds and raised decks with screen or hardware cloth.

Most of the time, when you see a rattlesnake in your yard, it is during spring or fall when male rattlesnakes are wandering around looking for females. That's when they often turn up in yards, on paths and other places. Female rattlesnakes look for places where there is food and shelter. They don't move around nearly as much as males, so a clean, tidy yard with nothing to eat and no place to hide is not likely to attract them. If there are no females to be found in your yard, chances are the males will just slither through without incident.

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## *Protect dogs from rattlesnakes*

Not long ago, a WDDMA member reported that their dog was bitten by a rattlesnake in their back yard. According to U.C. Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, approximately 150,000 dogs and cats are bitten each year by rattlesnakes. Particularly in our area adjacent to the American River Parkway, rattlesnakes are a fact of life. So, what is a pet owner to do?



### **How can you protect your pet from being bitten?**

Make your yard unfriendly to snakes by removing low branches under shrubbery, clearing tall grass, keeping landscaping trimmed and blocking gaps under decks to limit snake hiding places. Clear away anything that may attract the rodents that snakes hunt. Remove bird feeders, pick up ripe fruit that falls from trees, enclose compost piles and keep yard clear of debris that rodents might find attractive for nesting.

Whenever you are in the American River Parkway or in any wild area, keep your dog on a leash and keep an eye on where he is sniffing.

### **What about rattlesnake vaccine?**

There is a vaccine for dogs against rattlesnake venom. According to authorities, the vaccine stimulates the dog's immune system to make antibodies against the venom so that, if bitten, the dog will have a less severe reaction. The vaccine is not made specifically for our type of rattlesnake – the Northern Pacific Rattlesnake – but it is still thought to provide some protection. The vaccine is offered at VCA Country Oaks Animal Hospital, 4636 Fair Oaks Boulevard, near Jesuit High School.

### **What if, despite your best efforts, your dog is bitten?**

Even if your dog has been given the vaccine, a snake bite can be serious. As soon as you suspect a bite, get your dog or cat to a vet immediately.

Snakebites in dogs, cats and horses usually occur on the face or limbs, note UC Davis experts. One or more puncture marks, swelling and bleeding indicate a rattlesnake bite. These signs may be accompanied by pain, agitation or depression in the animal.

Wounds vary widely in severity. The amount and type of venom differs with each situation, and some rattlesnake bites – up to 25% — contain no venom at all. But even these bites can cause harm to your pet. You still should consult a veterinarian.

If your pet is bitten, you must take it to one of the following emergency facilities for treatment:

**VCA Sacramento Veterinary Referral Center**

9801 Old Winery Place  
Sacramento, CA 95827  
Main: (916) 362-3111

**MarQueen Pet Emergency & Specialty Hospital**

9205 Sierra College Blvd. #120  
Roseville  
(916) 757-6600

**Atlantic Street Pet Emergency Center**

1100 Atlantic St, Roseville  
(916) 783-4655

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## *Sign up for Smart 911*

We all know that we should call 911 in an emergency. However, there is an additional safety measure available to us in Sacramento County. It is a free service called Smart911, which helps first responders help you.

Smart911 is provided by the Sacramento County Office of Emergency Services as part of its overall reverse 911 system, which is used to alert people to safety and security issues in the county.

But Smart911 goes further than that. It is a system that allows first responders to instantly pull up personalized information that you have entered into a secure database about your family, your home and your vehicles. So, if you call 911 or if you are injured in an accident, first responders can quickly look up such things as your health information or your family contacts.

Smart911 allows residents to create a safety profile of personal and household data, including household members and pets, photos, medications or medical conditions that are immediately viewable by 911 dispatchers. This safety profile provides information and details that may not otherwise be readily available during a crisis. The system is secure and the data is neither sold nor used in any marketing effort.

It allows residents to provide first responders with specific directions to their property, information about utility shut-off locations and other crucial details. It allows you to associate your family's mobile phones to home and work addresses and even specific family members, ensuring that the appropriate response team is quickly dispatched to the right location.

Smart911 is a free service. It is incorporated into the county's emergency alert system,

A promotional graphic for Smart911. At the top left is the Smart911 logo, which includes a green shield icon with a white 'i' and the text 'Smart911®'. To the right of the logo are two buttons: a green 'SIGN UP' button and a white 'SIGN IN' button. Below the logo, the text 'RESIDENTS AND FAMILIES' is written in small white capital letters. The main heading 'Protect What Matters Most' is in large, bold, white font. Below this, a paragraph in white text reads: 'Be prepared for any emergency by giving public safety the information they need to better help and communicate with you.' At the bottom left of the graphic is a white button that says 'SIGN UP TODAY'. The right side of the graphic features four circular images showing diverse families and individuals in various settings, including a man with a dog, a woman with a child, and a family of four.

which also provides alerts via email and/or phone. When you sign up for the alerts, you can specify what types of alerts you wish to receive. These includes alerts that are critical and time-sensitive, such as flooding, levee failures, severe weather, disaster events, unexpected road closures, missing persons and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods.

The Smart911 portion of the system serves the entirety of Sacramento County.

To sign up for Smart911, you can begin by signing up for alerts at <https://sacramentoready.saccounty.gov/Pages/Emergency-Alerts-Notification-System.aspx>. And you can go directly to Smart911 at [www.Smart911.com](http://www.Smart911.com).

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## *Fentanyl awareness information*

Sacramento County's annual Fentanyl Awareness Summit will be held on Thursday, Sept. 4. This year's event centers around the news that fentanyl-related deaths are declining in Sacramento County for the second year in a row.

After years of staggering increases, new data shows another year of progress. The Sacramento County Coroner's Office reported a 32% reduction in fentanyl-related deaths from 2023 to 2024.

Following are ways you can get involved in the fight against Fentanyl:

- **Educate and Advocate:** Learn and spread the word about campaigns like [Safer Sacramento](#) and 1 Pill Can Kill.
- **Join the Opioid Coalition.** Meetings are held quarterly. Visit the [Sacramento County Opioid Coalition Website](#) for the meeting schedule and more information.
- **Share Your Loved One's Story** through an Opioid Awareness Project featuring Gone Too Soon Memorial Posters, commemorating the precious lives lost in Sacramento and surrounding counties. Those interested should contact Lori Miller at [Millerlori@saccounty.gov](mailto:Millerlori@saccounty.gov).
- **Watch and Share "The Ripple Effect."** Sacramento County's Department of Health Service's Sacramento Substance Use Prevention and Treatment, in collaboration with NTI Upstream, proudly presents The Ripple Effect – a powerful nine-part documentary blog series exposing the devastating impact of the fentanyl crisis in the United States, with a sharp focus on Sacramento County. Each episode offers an in-depth exploration of the epidemic's roots, its far-reaching impact on individuals and communities, and the determined local response aimed at prevention, education and recovery. [The Ripple Effect is available on the Safer Sacramento website.](#)

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## *Help with robo calls*

Robo calls are a constant irritation and potentially a danger if you unintentionally fall for one of their scams.

The [Federal Trade Commission](#) suggests a couple of ways to combat the calls.

- **Register** your phone number for free in the National Do Not Call Registry. Registering may cut down how some unwanted calls. Unfortunately, it won't stop calls from scammers, and organizations and groups are still allowed to call you.
- Check **call-blocking or call-labeling** services. Find out what your phone company offers by contacting their customer service using a phone number or website you know is right. Watch a short video to help you block unwanted calls on your cell or landline phone.

- Sign up for the robo call blocking service NoMoRobo, which filters calls and texts from spammers, scammers and fraudulent senders. The company offers both free and pay service to block callers. <https://www.nomorobo.com/>
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## Amazon refund scams

Scammers are pretending to be Amazon again. This time, they're sending texts claiming there's a problem with something you bought. They offer a refund if you click a link — but it's a scam.

Here's how the scam works. You get an unexpected text that looks like it's from Amazon. It claims the company did a "routine quality inspection" and an item you recently bought doesn't meet Amazon's standards or has been recalled. The text offers you a full refund and says you don't need to return the item — as long as you click a link to request your money back. But there is no refund. Instead, it's a [phishing scam](#) to steal your money or personal information.

To avoid a scam like this:

- **Don't click links in unexpected texts** — and don't respond to them. If you think the message could be legit, contact the company using a phone number, email, or website you know is real — not the info from the text.
- **Check your Amazon account.** If you're worried, log in through the Amazon website or app — don't use the link in the text — to see if there's a problem with or recall on anything you've ordered.
- **Send unwanted texts to [7726 \(SPAM\)](#)** or use your phone's "report junk" option. Once you've reported it, delete the message.

Learn more about how to get fewer [spam texts](#). And if you spot a scam, tell the FTC at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](#).

Want to know more about what to do if you have a problem with something you bought? Read [Solving Problems With a Business: Returns, Refunds, and Other Resolutions](#).

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## Member Q&A

**Q:** I am interested in setting up a small neighborhood watch group on our street. Can you provide me with information about which homes on our street are members of WDDNA?

**A:** Congratulations on your desire to set up a neighborhood watch group. The more people get involved in watching out for their neighbors, the safer the whole neighborhood can be.

National Neighborhood Watch, a division of the National Sheriffs' Association, offers some tips at <https://www.nnw.org/start>. You also should work with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department. You can reach out to the department's neighborhood watch advisor, Doreen Ta'avao, who works out of the Sheriff's Office Community Services building, 4510 Orange Grove Ave., Sacramento, (916) 875-5484.

Unfortunately, for privacy reasons, we are not able to give out information about our members. But that should not impede your effort to create a neighborhood watch group. Neighborhood watch is about neighbors watching out for their nearby neighbors. We applaud your willingness to bring everyone together to make that happen.

# ***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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