

THE ACORN



Arden Oaks Neighborhood Association Newsletter - ardenoaks.org

March 2022

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 9, 2022 - 7pm

AONA Annual Meeting
via Zoom

July 4, 2022

Parade and Games TBD

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors,

The Annual Meeting of the Arden Oaks Neighborhood Association will be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 7 p.m. by Zoom video conference. All Arden Oaks residents are invited to attend. This year, we are pleased to have a speaker from the County Department of Waste Management and Recycling who will describe the new program for curbside pickup of organics and food waste that is scheduled to start July of this year. The meeting will also include the regular election of members of the Board of Directors and reports on the security program. The agenda for the Annual Meeting with the slate of candidates up for election is included in this issue of The Acorn.

To join us at the Annual Meeting, please send an email to <aona.president@gmail.com> and I will send you the instructions for connecting to the meeting.

Currently, there is one opening for a new Board member. If you are interested in bringing new ideas to the Board, meeting new neighbors, and supporting the neighborhood, please consider joining the Board! Contact me at my email below.

I also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the 23 households that participated in our first holiday lighting and decorations contest and to the 20 residents who served as judges. The whole neighborhood was brighter and merrier this past December from all those who decorated their homes. We hope to continue this tradition in 2022.

Hope to see you at the Annual Meeting!

Joyce Hsiao
AONA President
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NEW STATE LAW CAN AFFECT FUTURE DEVELOPMENT IN ARDEN OAKS

California Senate Bill 9 (SB-9) was passed by the State Legislature and signed by Governor Newsom in September 2021 as part of an effort to address the state's housing crisis. Effective January 1, 2022, this legislation targets single-family residential zones located in urbanized areas throughout California, and it applies to most California residential neighborhoods, including Arden Oaks. Because it is a State action, SB-9 overrides many aspects of the Sacramento Zoning Code, including the Arden Oaks Neighborhood Preservation Area (NPA). Projects that qualify under SB-9 could result in subdividing existing lots and construction of a second home on each lot. Furthermore, SB-9 stipulates that these types of projects are not subject to environmental review or public hearings.

The Sacramento County Planning Department will be implementing SB-9, and their staff has been in touch with the AONA Board and other neighborhoods with NPAs in order to help us better understand this new law. The County has told us that under SB-9 an existing property in Arden Oaks could potentially be split into two lots, and two dwelling units built on each lot, for a total of four dwelling units where there is now only one. The Arden Oaks NPA requires that all lots in our neighborhood have a minimum size of 30,000 square feet. However, for projects that qualify under SB-9, the NPA's minimum size lot requirement will not apply. Other NPA requirements that could be overridden include the rear and interior side yard setback requirements, reducing them from the NPA's 20–35 feet requirement to as little as 4 feet. Nevertheless, some of the NPA requirements, such as the minimum front yard setback of 50 feet and height limitations, will continue to apply even for projects under SB-9. The County staff is still working out the details of how they will be implementing this law. At this time, there are no SB-9 applications with Sacramento County for Arden Oaks, and the County has indicated that they will notify AONA if they do receive

such an application for our neighborhood. For all other types of development and construction in Arden Oaks, the existing NPA requirements remain in effect.

The California Department of Housing and Community Development is expected to issue guidance on the implementation of SB-9 later this year. For more information on SB-9, please go to the Sacramento County Planning Department website, and look under "What's New" (<https://planning.saccounty.net>).

SECURITY REPORT

The AONA security committee continues to maintain a regular schedule of sheriff patrols in Arden Oaks and has been able to increase the patrols shifts now to an average of five hours



per day, seven days per week. During the holidays, we extended the hours of patrolling to the extent of availability of sheriffs. There were minor reports of package theft, but overall we were fortunate to experience a safe and quiet holiday season.

In early February, a home invasion occurred on the west side of the neighborhood on a weekday night. The suspect was caught on camera entering and exiting within 10 minutes and stole some jewelry during that time, but no one was hurt. The Sheriff department responded immediately when the break in was discovered. For situations like this, PLEASE call 911.

Remember to keep your doors and vehicles locked and to take your packages inside as soon as possible. Get to know your neighbors, and keep an eye out and report suspicious activity or people in the neighborhood that seem out of place. Use the non-emergency phone number (916-874-5115) to report any suspicious activity or concerns. But of course, if there is an emergency call 911. This call will reach the off duty officers if they are on duty. We should continue to be vigilant, and working together, we can all make our neighborhood safer.

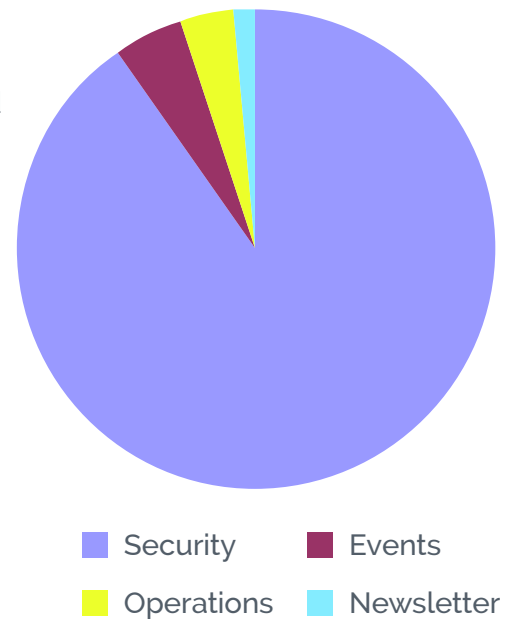
Thank you again to all the residents who have so consistently and generously contributed to the security program. The success of this program is based entirely on your contributions. See the list at the end of this newsletter for the many neighbors who have already contributed to the program for 2022.

WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES

Thanks to the generosity of all our residents, AONA has been fortunate to maintain a robust and ongoing program of activities and events, all with the sole purpose of supporting, promoting, and improving the quality of life for the residents of our neighborhood. The pie chart shows an approximate breakdown of AONA's expenses in 2021, which were all paid from the combined security and membership contributions from Arden Oaks residents. The security contributions also includes some participating residents on the eastside of Arden Oaks (between Cathay and Eastern Avenue).

Consistent with previous years, the security program constituted over 90 percent of AONA's total expenses. The security expenses are paid exclusively from your twice yearly security contributions. Neighborhood events—including the 4th of July parade and games, the neighborhood barbecue, and the holiday lighting contest—made up 5 percent of AONA's total expenses in 2021, and these costs were covered by your annual membership contributions. The membership contributions were also used for general AONA operations, about 4 percent of total expenditures, to pay for items like insurance, computer expenses, office supplies, stamps, and various fees. The remaining 1 percent of expenses were for the website, The Acorn newsletters, and the sandwich board signs you see around the neighborhood to announce upcoming events, which was also covered by the membership contributions.

Most importantly, however, this breakdown does not account for the invaluable volunteer time that AONA Board members have devoted and continue to devote in order to make all of these programs and events happen. Thank you to all AONA Board members — past, present, and future — for your priceless contributions.



COMING SOON TO SACRAMENTO COUNTY, NEW GARBAGE PICK-UP SCHEDULE AND COMPOSTING

Beginning in July 2022, Sacramento County will begin collection of organic wastes as part of our regular weekly garbage collection service. This change in service is part of Senate Bill 1383, which was passed in 2016 and required California residents to separate food scraps and food-soiled paper from their garbage that would otherwise go the landfill. The purpose of this new law is to reduce the production of greenhouse gases that cause climate change in addition to reducing waste going to landfills.

Instead of going to a landfill, this food waste will be sent to a composting facility where it will be made into compost, which then can be used as a soil amendment. So starting in July, all Sacramento County residents will need to dispose of food waste and food-soiled paper together with the green waste (e.g., grass, leaves, and yard clippings), and the County will pick this up every week. To find out more about this new program, go to the Sacramento County Waste Management and Recycling website, or better yet, join us at the Annual Meeting and a representative from the County will describe the program and answer our questions.

PROTECTING OUR GENTLE GIANTS

by Susan Post, Sacramento County UC Master Gardener

Previously part of a large horse ranch, Arden Oaks was originally developed in the 1940s on rolling hills covered with native grasses and dotted with statuesque, mature valley oaks. These trees were well-adapted to their native habitat, which was controlled by the natural cycles of cool, wet winters and hot, dry summers. Left alone, they can live for centuries. Over the years this oak canopy has come to define our neighborhood, where large lots give them space to grow and spread. It's "country in the city," as our past AONA president, Tom Ehlert, used to boast.

Over the decades, the neighborhood has lost many of these valley oaks, but fortunately for us, some of these handsome oaks still stand. To preserve their health and vigor, we need to imitate mother nature. Many of our common landscaping and gardening practices, such as summer irrigation and compaction of the soil, will gradually cause them to decline, which might take 10 years. Construction of hard surfaces within their dripline (the ground under the outer circumference of the tree branches) will also adversely affect the oaks.

The best irrigation practice for native oaks is minimal to none. Gravel and decomposed granite spread around the oaks can allow seasonal rainfall to penetrate to their root system. Mulch or their leaf litter spread to the dripline will provide a beneficial cover that suppresses weeds and helps retain moisture, as well as adding beneficial microbes to the soil. And no fertilizer, please! They are happy left alone. If you must plant underneath these beauties, install a drip irrigation system that allows infrequent watering, and use water-wise plants or natives that thrive on little moisture. Manzanita, ceanothus, yarrow, rosemary, native sages and Douglas iris are just a few smart selections that will beautify your landscape while ensuring your native valley oak a vigorous future.

Planting young valley oaks or, better yet, allowing those rascally squirrels to plant them for you will also guarantee a future oak canopy in our neighborhood.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Do you have any stories or information you'd like to share with your fellow Arden Oakers? Maybe you have a question about the neighborhood that you've been wondering about? Or if you have a response to the letter below, please send an email to me at aona.president@gmail.com, and we'll print your letter in an upcoming issue of The Acorn.



The following email is from one of our neighbors asking about historical information, photos, or other documents about Arden Oaks.

I recently came across an old copy of Arden Oaks Declaration of Tract Restrictions (the CC&Rs, Covenants, Codes & Restrictions) that I probably received with my deed when I bought my property. Paragraph 14 refers to an Architectural and Landscape Supervising Committee that was "authorized to pass upon, approve or reject any plans or specifications for structures or fences to be erected...". Does that committee still exist in some form or another? Does AONA or anyone have any information or records from that committee from the early years of Arden Oaks?

Also, does AONA or anyone have any photos or other documents from the early years of Arden Oaks? Thanks for your help.



Susan and David Post have shared with some wonderful photos taken near Winding Creek Road sometime around 1947 to 1948 (75 years ago!) back when, as David recalls, the area was known as the Wilhaggin Horse Ranch and horse trails followed along the creeks. The large drainage tunnel is where Strong Ranch Slough goes under Winding Creek Road. Look at the glorious open space and magnificent oak trees!

Do you have any old photos of Arden Oaks, say from the 1940s, 1950s, or 1960s? If so, please send them to us at aona.president@gmail.com so we can share them with the whole neighborhood.



IS YOUR ORANGE/LEMON/GRAPEFRUIT TREE TEEMING WITH FRUIT?

In the December issue of the Acorn, we identified Loaves and Fishes (1351 North C Street, Sacramento) as a possible location for you to take your excess bounty from your home gardens. Another option is Community Fruit, a program with volunteers who will come to your house and harvest any kind of fruit and then give it away to people in need. This program started in 2020 as Free Fruit Farmstand, and is now partnering with other Sacramento organizations to distribute the fruit. For more information, go to FindOutFarms.com or send an email to communityfruitg16@gmail.com.



AGENDA

Arden Oaks Neighborhood Association

Annual Meeting – March 9, 2022

7 PM via Zoom

1. Call to Order and Welcome Joyce Hsiao, AONA President
2. AONA Board of Directors Elections

Elections are for a 2-year term. The following members are put forth for election for the term March 2022 to March 2024:

- Kathleen Deeringer	incumbent
- Glen Fowler	incumbent
- Tom Harvey	incumbent
- Joyce Hsiao	incumbent
- James Jack	incumbent
- Larry Nicholas	incumbent
- Marcia Rodebaugh	incumbent
- Laurie Sopwith	new candidate
- Tim Powell	incumbent
- (open)	

Existing Board members not up for re-election this year: Linden Beck, Linda Grant, Paul Legacki, Molly Parnell, and Eric Stiff

3. New County Service for Food/Green Waste Tim Israel, PE,
Sacramento County
Department of Waste
Management & Recycling
4. AONA Security Program, Off Duty Sheriff Tim Powell, AONA Director,
Sacramento County Sheriff
5. Q & A All
6. Adjournment

CONTRIBUTORS TO SECURITY PROGRAM

SPECIAL thanks to the 176 households who have already contributed to the security program and off-duty sheriff patrol program for 2022 (received as of February 15, 2022). The participating residents are listed below, and **EXTRA** special thanks to those in **bold** face type for their extra contributions. If you haven't sent your contribution in yet, please remember to send it! It's still early in the year and there's plenty of months left that will need security coverage. Every contribution helps to make our neighborhood a little safer.

Jesse & Sallie	Adams	Ara & Viva	Karamanoukian	Joyce Hsiao & Bob	Stanley
Bruce & Lori	Anapolsky	Liz Gosnell & Nancy	Kibbey	Mark & Melinda	Stawicki
Gus & Bronya	Bagatelos	Cole & Wendy	Klokkevold	Eric & Louisa	Stiff
Pauline & Amit	Banerjee	Joseph & Sheri	Kozina	Predrag	Stojakovic
Harrison & Brittany	Barnes	Nancy	Kraus	Michael & Lindsay	Stovall
William & Laurie	Barron	Chris Smith & Vivian	Kwan	Chris & Marla	Strain
Doug & Anne	Bayless	Ram & Sita	Lalchandani	Phil	Stubblefield
Edward & Linden	Beck	Judson & Sheron	Landis	Worth & Janet	Summers
Blake & Linda	Bender	Luko & Lisa	Laptalo	Marc & Carole	Sussman
Gary & Martha	Benvenuti	Virginia	Larson	Sherif & Sumaya	Sweha
Philip & Michelle	Bernstein	Scott & Linda	Lasher	Cas & Jakki	Szymanowski
Jason	Bollinger	David and Jennifer	Leatherby	Tim	Taylor
Larry & Marjorie	Booth	Paul & Paula	Legacki	Chris & Lynda	Taylor
Stephen & Nora Geraghty	Boyle	David & Rita	Lehman	Tim & Kristine	Taylor
Jack & Anne-Marie	Brunner	Josh Mastronarde & Kelly	Lewellen	Cynthia	Teixeira
Daniel	Brunner	William	Lewis	Jerry & Joyce	Thompson
Robert	Buffington	Tim	Lewis	Peter & Jelena	Tiemann
Andy & Beth	Byers	Wen-pen & Yang-Ching	Liu	Bob & Darle	Tilly
Tim & Laurel	Cahill	Alex & Stacy	Locke	Brian & Natalie	Townsend
Michael & Lynda	Campos	Nick & Chris	Lowe	Vinod & Archana	Trivedi
Steve & Donna	Carlson	Kimarie	Lyon	Tony Tsai & Julie Steiner	Tsai
Aaron	Cook	Daniel Whisman & Brenda	Main	Don	Turner
Sam	Cunningham	Michael & Maxine	Mantell	Chirag & Aashima	Vaid
Matthew	Cutshall	David & Colleen	Marks	Heidi	Wagner
John & Christi	DeBenedetti	Robert & Gail	McMichael	Christopher & Staria	Wahnsiedler
Robert & Margaret	DeCicco	Chris & Angie	Meyer	Thomas Huang & Paul	Wanskik
Jim & Kathleen	Deeringer	Lelia Fackler & Duane	Miller	John and Jane	Wheaton
Maryanne Giokas & John	Demas	Richard & Nancy	Miller	Trey & Kelli	Wheeler
Chrysa & George	Demos	Steve & Marcy	Mills	Shirley	Wheeler
Mike & Mallory	Dunkl	Anthony & Courtney Chandler	Montero	John & Lori	White
Michele	Ehlert	James & Helen	Moorefield	Josh & Libby	Wickland
Doug & Pam	Elmore	Paul & Kay	Morrison	Austen & Theresa Jacquin	Worsham
Tom & Jackie	Eres	Bob & Jerrienne	Naify	Franklin & Sandra	Yee
Rosemary	Erlewine	Larry & Patty	Nicholas	Daniel	Yoshpe
Geoffrey & Kelly	Evers	Grove & Sally	Nichols		
Greg & Danae	Evrigenis	John	Pappas		
Rowena & Kenneth	Fahn	Jacob & Molly	Parnell		
Daniel and Debra	Falco	Jane	Parsons		
Michael & Linda	Fazio	Valerie & Joel	Pearlman	EASTSIDE	
Jim & Ann	Fish	Gary	Perry	Virginia & Albert	Flynn
David & Susan Summers	Forbess	Manny Alvarez & Erica	Pham	Scott & Chrissy	Hundahl
Glen & Alicia	Fowler	Randy & Bebe	Pollack	James & Claudine	Irwin
Mollie	Freeman	Matthew & Erin	Post	Rebecca	Johnson
David & Stacey	Friedman	David & Susan	Post	Jeremy & Anna	Juern
Patricia	Geyer	Tatia Wagner & Tim	Powell	Richard & Mary	Lawrence
Larry & Laurie	Goldman	Praveen and Nalini	Prasad	Michael & Helen	Lawson
Dave & Erla	Goller	Brian Pifferini & Brian	Putler	Craig	Locke
Jeremy	Goodin	Vincent & Ellen	Quilici	Tom & Virginia	Manz
Hedy	Govenar	Pernell & Myla	Ramos	Doris	Pichly
Greg & Linda	Grant	Bkaskara & Sharan	Reddy	Mike & Krista	Stassi
Thomas & Joanne	Grant	Ron & Anita	Ricci	LeRoy	Swanson
Ray & Laurie Wood	Gundlach	Ed & Jessica	Rincon	Amy & Patrick	Wilson
Temme & Toyelle	Hagen	Mark & Marcia	Rodebaugh	Walter	Zacharias
Brian & Victoria	Hanly	Steve & Cheryl	Rossiter		
Tom & Nancy	Harvey	Adham & Cheryl Lyles	Sbeih		
Geoff Brewer and Russ	Hayden	George & Dorthy	Separovich		
Craig and Amy	Heiser	Kuppe & Shaku	Shankar		
Kiumars & Mimi	Hekmat	Jennifer	Shaw		
Tom & Kristine Kjellsson	Hoffart	Carl	Shin		
Bryce & Tiffany	Holladay	Henry	Siu		
Antoinette	Irwin	Tim & Dana	Sloan		
Dolly	Isola	Larry & Maren	Smith		
James & Crystal	Jack	Christiane & Stuart	Spoto		
Bruce & Elizabeth	Jones	Warrik & Katerina Christiansen	Staines		