

# THE ACORN



Arden Oaks Neighborhood Association Newsletter - ardenoaks.org

March 2023

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Tuesday,  
March 7, 2023, 7 pm**

AONA Annual Meeting  
Arden Park Community Center  
1000 La Sierra Drive

**Tuesday, July 4, 2023**

Parade through Arden Oaks and  
Games at Windemere Park

**Sunday  
September 10, 2023**

(date to be confirmed)  
Neighborhood BBQ at an  
Arden Oaks residence  
to be determined

## Welcome New Neighbors

New homeowners in Arden  
Oaks since November 2022  
Trevor and Courtney Chase  
Budimir and Sherri Sokolovich

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors,

This year started with a bang, if not a whimper. About four hours before midnight on New Year's Eve, the neighborhood was hit with a power outage, so many of us started the new year completely in the dark. January 2023 brought steady rainfall to Sacramento, drenching our lawns and filling our creeks and swales. Since the rainy season began in October, Sacramento has had over 18 inches of rain— about 8 inches above the average for this time of year.

While all this rain is a welcome relief after the past three very dry years, the drought weakened tree roots everywhere. The combination of January's relentless rainstorms saturating the soil and wind gusts up to 70 mph, resulted in the toppling of many drought-stressed trees in Arden Oaks. This, in turn, led to power outage after power outage throughout the neighborhood, when without warning we all found ourselves "urban camping" in our own homes. For some, it lasted for many hours, and for others, many days. Thank you to the many neighbors who were able to help their "powerless" neighbors during the prolonged outages. It's times like these that knowing your neighbors can make all the difference!

For the first time in three years, we will be holding the Annual Meeting in person. The 2023 Annual Meeting of the Arden Oaks Neighborhood Association will be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 7 p.m. at the Arden Park Community Center. The guest speaker is Jim Cooper, the new Sacramento County Sheriff. All Arden Oaks residents are encouraged and invited to attend. The agenda for the Annual Meeting with the slate of candidates up for election is included in this issue of The Acorn. Please come! We'd love to see all of you.

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.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting!

Joyce Hsiao  
AONA President  
aona.president@gmail.com

## SECURITY REPORT

Throughout fall and winter, the AONA security committee has diligently coordinated with the off-duty sheriff's deputies to maintain a regular patrol schedule in Arden Oaks. The AONA team endeavors to provide six to seven patrol shifts each week, with each shift lasting from four to six hours. From Thanksgiving through the end of the year, we extended the neighborhood patrol hours to deter holiday package theft, and we were fortunate to experience another safe and quiet holiday season overall.

The consistency of Arden Oaks's security program is indeed remarkable. For 16 years (since 2007), the off-duty sheriff patrols have been working in our neighborhood year-round, often on a daily basis, despite the many changes that have occurred over the years. There have been periods with limited availability of patrol deputies, either due to retirement, deputies reaching their annual limit of off-duty hours, or the availability of higher paying overtime shifts. But in general, Arden Oaks has been very fortunate to be able to maintain a steady commitment of off-duty deputies to patrol our neighborhood.

Due to the generous support and contributions of so many neighbors, AONA has been able to provide this program with no change in cost to the neighbors, including the most recent billing in January 2023. This year, however, the hourly pay rate for hiring an off-duty sheriff deputy will increase by over 30 percent, a much deserved raise for our officers. While our security account is in a healthy position today, over time this increase in cost will likely require us to adjust the security fee in order to maintain the current level of patrol hours. We are carefully monitoring our income and expenses, and we will notify you at the soonest possible date if and when we anticipate an increase in requested security contributions. Remember, our priority is at a minimum to maintain the current level of security patrols for the safety

and protection of our neighborhood.

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 2023.

### REMINDERS:

- Keep your doors and vehicles locked and to take your packages inside as soon as possible.
- Get to know your neighbors, keep an eye out, and report suspicious activity or people in the neighborhood.
- Use the Sheriff's Department non-emergency phone number (916-874-5115) to report any suspicious activity or concerns.
- If there is an emergency call 911. This call will reach the off-duty officers if they are on duty.
- If you become victim to vandalism, mail or property theft, or illegal dumping the Sacramento Sheriff's Department asks that you file a crime report online at: [https://www.sacsheriff.com/pages/crime\\_report.php](https://www.sacsheriff.com/pages/crime_report.php). A crime report takes less than 5 minutes to submit. Since patrol decisions are based in large part on where crime is being reported within the County, submitting a report can help ensure that Arden Oaks receives the adequate level of service from both on-duty and off-duty sheriff patrols.



**SACRAMENTO SHERIFF JIM COOPER  
TO SPEAK AT ANNUAL MEETING**

We are proud to announce that newly elected Sacramento County Sheriff Jim Cooper will be our guest speaker at the AONA Annual Meeting to be held on March 7, 2023 at the Arden Park Community Center. Cooper served in the California State Assembly, representing the 9th Assembly District, from 2014 to 2022. Prior to that he was an Elk Grove founding mayor and 15-year city council member and 30-year Sacramento County sheriff's captain. He was sworn in as the sheriff of Sacramento County on December 16, 2022. He is the county's first African American sheriff and only the second Black sheriff ever in the history of California.

**Don't miss this opportunity to meet our Sacramento County Sheriff!**



## ARE YOU RECEIVING EMAILS FROM AONA?

One of the many benefits of joining the neighborhood association is the opportunity to be included on the AONA email distribution system. AONA uses this neighborhood email list to send out time-sensitive information to all the neighbors who choose to be on the list. We are very respectful of the privacy of our neighbors and only use this email list for neighborhood information; we do not use or distribute the emails for any other purposes.

The emails we send include notices and reminders of upcoming activities and events—like the Annual Meeting, neighborhood barbecue, or holiday lighting contest. But more importantly, AONA sends out security alerts to inform the neighbors of incidents that occur in Arden Oaks and when they occur. This could be an alert regarding reports of mail or package theft or descriptions of any break-ins in the neighborhood, and we always include the response and actions of the off-duty security patrols to such incidents. Typically, AONA sends out maybe three or four such security alerts each year.

If you currently are not receiving these emails and would like to be added to the distribution, please send an email to <aona.president@gmail.com> and we will add you to the list. Please note that in some cases, you may have unsubscribed either intentionally or inadvertently from the list, and you will need to complete an electronic form to be added back onto the list. This extra step is for your protection so that only people who ask to be on the list will receive the emails from AONA.

## CONGRATULATION TO THE WINNERS OF THE HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST

Congratulations to the grand prize winner of the 2022 Arden Oaks holiday lighting contest: the **Morrison Family at 2121 Rockwood**, with their stunning display of lights, animated blow-up figures, and sparkling projections that enveloped their entire front yard. The judges also selected five winning entries (4001 Random, 1821 Maple Glen, 2071 Maple Glen, 1705 Cathay, and 2130 Rockwood) and five finalists (2021 Rolling Hills, 3610 Arden Creek, 3530 Meadow, 2151 Rockwood, and 3915 Winding Creek). All winners and finalists received a lawn sign and a gift certificate to Emigh Hardware.

Thank you to all the residents who participated in the contest and to all the judges. Thank you also to the many beautifully decorated and illuminated homes that did not officially enter the contest, but definitely brightened the neighborhood (and could have been winners)! We look forward to continuing this new tradition next holiday season, and remember every home in the neighborhood is eligible to enter and everyone of any age who lives in the neighborhood can be a judge.



**WINDEMERE PARK INCIDENT**

Here in Arden Oaks we are fortunate to have Windemere Park only a short walk away from our neighborhood. It's a great place to walk your dog, shoot some hoops, let your kids climb all over the play structure, and of course, to have a neighborhood 4th of July party. However, we want to inform you of a recent incident that occurred there and what the Board has done about it.



In early February, one of our neighbors was at Windemere Park playing hide and seek with her children and their friends. One of the kids emerged from his hiding place in the bushes and showed the supervising adult a used hypodermic needle he had found there. Luckily, the child was wearing gloves (as part of the games they were playing), and the adult was able to properly dispose of the needle without any harm to anyone.

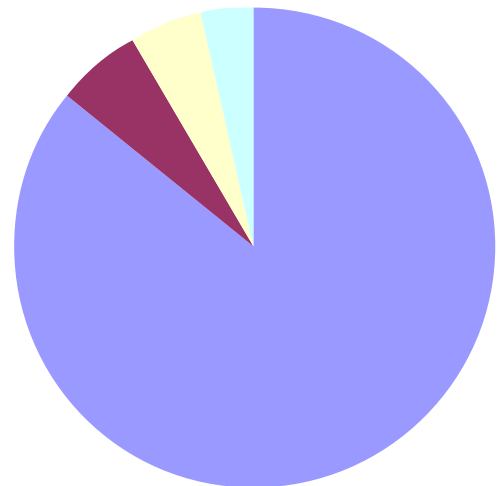
One of the AONA Board members reported this incident to Mission Oaks Recreation and Park District, including photos of the needle. The district responded promptly

and has agreed to cut back the ivy and bushes to deter people from hiding at the park and to make it easier to spot questionable objects. Also, the district will be doing a walk around the park four times a week to be on the look out for unwanted objects or activities. In addition, the Board has now asked that the off-duty sheriff officers perform a sweep of the park with every shift, especially the areas where overgrowth could create cover for individuals seeking to engage in unwanted activities.

So the good news is that Windemere Park is now safer than ever before, and that everyone should continue to take full advantage of this lovely neighborhood park. If, however, you ever see or experience any unusual activity while at the park, please notify the Board and we will redouble our efforts to ensure security in the neighborhood.

**WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES**

In 2022, the AONA had a total of about \$103,000 in expenses, with 86 percent going toward the security program, comprised mainly of the cost of the off-duty sheriff patrols plus a small telephone expenses used only for communicating with the patrols. The remainder of the expenses were roughly divided among neighborhood events (4th of July, neighborhood barbecue, and holiday lighting contest), association operations (professional fees, insurance, office supplies, computer and bank charges), and communications (Acorn newsletters, signage, and website). All of this was possible entirely due to the security and membership contributions of our Arden Oaks neighbors. Our neighborhood continues to be so fortunate to be able to maintain such a robust suite of programs and activities, all of which goes directly to supporting the quality of life here in Arden Oaks. Thank you.



■ Security    ■ Events  
 ■ Operations    ■ Communications

Most importantly, however, this summary of costs 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.



## AGENDA

Arden Oaks Neighborhood Association

### **Annual Meeting – March 7, 2023 - 7-8pm**

Arden Park Community Center, 1000 La Sierra Drive  
and also available via Zoom\*

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

Elections are for a 2-year term. The following members are put forth for election for the term March 2023 to March 2025:

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| - Linden Beck     | incumbent |
| - Stacey Friedman | incumbent |
| - Paul Legacki    | incumbent |
| - Molly Parnell   | incumbent |
| - Laurie Sopwith  | incumbent |
| - Eric Stiff      | incumbent |
| - Libby Wickland  | incumbent |

Existing Board members not up for re-election this year: Kathleen Deeringer, Glen Fowler, Tom Harvey, Joyce Hsiao, James Jack, Marcia Rodebaugh, and Tim Powell. There is currently one vacancy on the Board.

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| 3. Security Program          | James Jack, AONA Security |
| 4. Guest Speaker, Jim Cooper | Sacramento County Sheriff |
| 5. Q & A                     | All                       |
| 6. Adjournment               |                           |

\*If you are unable to join the meeting in person, you can participate by video conference by sending an email to <aona.president@gmail.com> and we will send you the instructions for connecting to the meeting.

**IS YOUR NAME ON THIS LIST?** A heartfelt thanks to the 154 families listed below who have already contributed to the security program and off-duty sheriff patrol program for 2023 (received as of February 15, 2023). And special thanks to those shown in bold face type who have made extra contributions above and beyond the requested amount of \$250. Our apologies if your name is not listed and you've already sent your check, but the number of contributors is down from the same time last year. If you haven't sent your contribution in yet, there's still plenty of time to send it! Every contribution means additional funds for the off-duty sheriff patrol program and helps to make our neighborhood a little safer.

Jesse & Sallie	Adams	Josh Mastronarde & Kelly	Lewellen	Tony Tsai & Julie Steiner	Tsai
Debbie & Mark	Aizenberg	William	Lewis	Billy & Patty Cheong	Tsoi
AKT Development		Tim	Lewis	Don	Turner
<b>Pauline &amp; Amit</b>	<b>Banerjee</b>	Wen-pen & Yang-Ching	Liu	Heidi	Wagner
William & Laurie	Barron	Alex & Stacy	Locke	Christopher & Staria	Wahnsiedler
Doug & Anne	Bayless	Nick & Chris	Lowe	Thomas Huang & Paul	Wanskik
Edward & Linden	Beck	Kimarie	Lyon	Jane	Wheaton
Blake & Linda	Bender	Daniel Whisman & Brenda	Main	Trey & Kelli	Wheeler
Gary & Martha	Benvenuti	Michael & Maxine	Mantell	<b>Shirley</b>	<b>Wheeler</b>
Cliff & Debbie	Berg	Adam	Marszal	John & Lori	White
<b>Philip &amp; Michelle</b>	<b>Bernstein</b>	Ann & Jason Fass	Marszal	Josh & Libby	Wickland
Brandon & Catherine	Bettar	Robert & Gail	McMichael	Robert & Susan	Wood
<b>Larry &amp; Marjorie</b>	<b>Booth</b>	Chris & Angie	Meyer	Franklin & Sandra	Yee
<b>Jack &amp; Anne-Marie</b>	<b>Bruner</b>	<b>Richard &amp; Nancy</b>	<b>Miller</b>	Karun	Yee
Daniel	Brunner	Steve & Marcy	Mills	Pandurango & Sudha	Yenumula
Tim & Laurel	Cahill	Anthony & Courtney Chandler	Montero		
<b>Tony &amp; Lydia</b>	<b>Cameron</b>	<b>Terry &amp; Charles</b>	<b>Moore</b>		
Christopher & Kim	Campbell	Paul & Kay	Morrison	EASTSIDE	
Michael & Lynda	Campos	Bob & Jerrienne	Naify	Peter & Joan	Dangermond
Trevor & Courtney	Chase	Larry & Patty	Nicholas	Virginia & Albert	Flynn
Aaron	Cook	Daniel & Lynne	Nix	Jeremy & Anna	Juern
Matthew	Cutshall	<b>Jane</b>	<b>Parsons</b>	<b>Richard &amp; Mary</b>	<b>Lawrence</b>
John & Christi	DeBenedetti	Ravi & Tiffany	Patel	Michael & Helen	Lawson
Robert & Margaret	DeCicco	<b>Valerie &amp; Joel</b>	<b>Pearlman</b>	Tom & Virginia	Manz
Jim & Kathleen	Deeringer	Gary	Perry	McGee Trust	
Maryanne Giokas & John	Demas	<b>Manny Alvarez &amp; Erica</b>	<b>Pham</b>	Robert	Pacuinias
Chrysa & George	Demos	David & Susan	Post	Doris	Pichly
Michele	Ehlert	Praveen and Nalini	Prasad	Mike & Krista	Stassi
Doug & Pam	Elmore	Brian Pifferini & Brian	Putler	Walter	Zacharias
Tom & Jackie	Eres	<b>Vincent &amp; Ellen</b>	<b>Quilici</b>		
Rosemary	Erlwine	Pernell & Myla	Ramos		
Geoffrey & Kelly	Evers	<b>Lor &amp; Susannah</b>	<b>Randall</b>		
Greg & Danae	Evrogenis	<b>Bkaskara &amp; Sharan</b>	<b>Reddy</b>		
Rowena & Kenneth	Fahn	<b>Ron &amp; Anita</b>	<b>Ricci</b>		
Daniel and Debra	Falco	Ed & Jessica	Rincon		
<b>Michael &amp; Linda</b>	<b>Fazio</b>	Mark & Marcia	Rodebaugh		
David & Susan Summers	Forbess	Steve & Cheryl	Rossiter		
Glen & Alicia	Fowler	Antonio & Jessica De Hart	Saccani		
Mollie	Freeman	Jeff & Julie	Sauls		
David & Stacey	Friedman	Adham & Cheryl Lyles	Sbeih		
Larry & Laurie	Goldman	William & Elaine	Schaedler		
Hedy	Govenar	Kuppe & Shaku	Shankar		
Thomas & Joanne	Grant	Jennifer	Shaw		
Pete	Halimi	Kent & Roya	Sheridan		
Brian & Victoria	Hanly	Carl	Shin		
Tom & Nancy	Harvey	Francisco	Silva		
Bryce & Tiffany	Holladay	Tim & Dana	Sloan		
Anthony & Mia Bellante	Ingoglia	<b>Larry &amp; Maren</b>	<b>Smith</b>		
Antoinette	Irwin	Laurie Borges	Sopwith		
<b>James &amp; Crystal</b>	<b>Jack</b>	Warrick & Katerina Christiansen	Staines		
Judith & Robert Taff	Kahler	Joyce Hsiao & Bob	Stanley		
Liz Gosnell & Nancy	Kibbey	Eric & Louisa	Stiff		
<b>Cole &amp; Wendy</b>	<b>Klokkevold</b>	Michael & Lindsay	Stovall		
Joseph & Sheri	Kozina	Phil	Stubblefield		
Chris Smith & Vivian	Kwan	<b>Worth &amp; Janet</b>	<b>Summers</b>		
Ram & Sita	Lalchandani	Cas & Jakki	Szymanowski		
Luko & Lisa	Laptalo	<b>Chris &amp; Lynda</b>	<b>Taylor</b>		
Virginia	Larson	<b>Tim</b>	<b>Taylor</b>		
Scott & Linda	Lasher	<b>Tim &amp; Kristine</b>	<b>Taylor</b>		
Susan & Richard	Lazansky	Cynthia	Teixeira		
David & Jennifer	Leatherby	Jerry & Joyce	Thompson		
Samuel & Rebecca	Lee	Peter & Jelena	Tiemann		
Paul & Paula	Legacki	Bob & Darle	Tilly		
Michael & Irina	Leschinski	Vinod & Archana	Trivedi		