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November 2022

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Holiday Lighting and Decoration Contest

December 12, 2022

(Entry due date)

December 14 to 18, 2022

(Judging period)

March 2023

AONA Annual Meeting

Location and platform to be determined

Welcome New Neighbors!

(New homeowners in Arden Oaks since May 2022)

Paloma Begin

Mark and Kristina Johnson

Samuel and Rebecca Lee

Anne Marszal

Antonio and Jessica Saccani



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors,

During my walk around the neighborhood today, a squirrel scampered across the road in front of me and dropped an acorn—a sure sign that fall is here and time for another newsletter! After the record-breaking heat we had this summer, the cool autumn air is a welcome relief. Autumn is my favorite season for strolling through Arden Oaks, when the bright colors of the summer blooms are still vibrant but the leaves are just starting to show hints of orange, red, and yellow, and the birds and squirrels are actively storing seeds and acorns to prepare for winter.

This year, 2022, has been a banner year for neighborhood gatherings. Over 200 neighbors, friends, and family members marched in the Fourth of July parade, participated in the games at Windemere Park, and celebrated our nation's birthday together. Then in early September, about 150 neighbors gathered in the shade of a neighbor's yard for the annual barbecue, where we ate fresh tacos and Leatherby's ice cream while listening to live music led by neighborhood musicians. See photos of your neighbors at these events in this newsletter, especially the ones who participated in the pie-eating contest!

Next in the AONA line-up of events is the second annual Holiday Lighting and Decoration Contest! Nothing like a little friendly competition to convince you that maybe this is the year to step up your game a bit and to put up that extra string of lights. Not only is the competition open to all Arden Oaks residences, but Arden Oaks residents of all ages are invited to join in the contest judging. Let's work together and brighten up the neighborhood this holiday season.

This November, in the spirit of Thanksgiving, I want to express my gratitude and thanks to all of the AONA board members—past and present—who volunteer their time, energy, and expertise to making Arden Oaks a safe and special place to live. And to all the residents of Arden Oaks, the AONA board gives its sincere thanks and appreciation to all who support the neighborhood association with your regular contributions and participation in our security program and neighborhood events.

Wishing you and your families a splendid Thanksgiving and holiday season.

Joyce Hsiao
AONA President
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SECURITY REPORT

This summer and fall have been generally quiet and uneventful, due in large part to our dedicated team of deputy sheriffs who regularly patrol our neighborhood. Continued strong support from Arden Oaks residents has allowed us to maintain seven days a week of off-duty patrol coverage throughout 2022. Residents who contribute to the security program also receive the benefit of sheriff's deputies performing daily checks of their property upon request when the resident is on vacation or away for an extended period of time.

Strong resident support for our security program will also allow us to increase the number and length of patrol shifts in November and December again this year. Unfortunately, the spike in package deliveries due to holiday shopping make neighborhoods like ours a very attractive target for package theft. These "porch pirates" most often target weekday afternoons when packages are delivered before residents return home from work. Consequently, the AONA board is scheduling additional weekday afternoon patrol shifts throughout this holiday season to keep our neighborhood as unattractive as possible for these crimes of opportunity.

To minimize package theft, please try to have someone at home if you are expecting a delivery and bring packages inside your home as soon as they are delivered. Alternatively, you could consider having your packages ordered from Amazon delivered to Whole Foods for pick-up between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

If you have a security concern of any kind, you can always speak directly to a deputy sheriff when you see her or him patrolling the neighborhood, or you can contact any of the AONA board members. In the past few months, several incidents were reported to the board, all of which were subsequently communicated to the off-duty patrol officer

for follow up. These incidents related to suspected homeless activity, reported package theft, construction site theft, and sporadic occurrences of rebar, cut metal pipe, raw eggs, and paint spills at scattered locations in the neighborhood. The off-duty deputy sheriffs give highest priority to these reported incidents and are especially vigilant in keeping an eye on unoccupied homes/lots and construction sites for illicit activities.



SECURITY TIPS TO REMEMBER

If there's an emergency, **ALWAYS** dial 911. If there is an off-duty sheriff's deputy in the neighborhood, they will likely be the first to respond to the emergency dispatch.

If you're in a situation that isn't an emergency, but you still need to contact law enforcement, use the sheriff's non-emergency phone number: (916) 874-5115.

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

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 for the continued safety of our neighborhood.

YOU CAN BE A WINNER! ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTING AND DECORATION CONTEST

The AONA is pleased to sponsor the second annual Holiday Lighting and Decorations Contest. Last year, we had 23 homes participate in the contest, with a spectacular variety of creativity and holiday spirit. Twenty Arden Oaks residents served as judges, with ages ranging from 5 to 85, and winners were determined based on a composite score of all judges.

Congratulations again to the 2021 winners (2121 Rockwood, 1821 Maple Glen, 2071 Maple Glen, 4001 Random, and 1705 Cathay) and the 2021 honorable mentions (2151 Rockwood, 2011 Maple Glen, 1930 Cathay, 3750 Random, and 1841 Maple Glen). Winners received a lawn sign and a Whole Foods gift card, and the honorable mentions received a certificate and a Whole Foods gift card.

Is your address on this list? Will it be on the list for 2022? Wouldn't one of those "Winner" lawn signs look good in your yard? Let's see if we can double the number of homes participating in the contest this year! See the back page of this newsletter for the contest rules.

FLOOD ZONES IN ARDEN OAKS

Part of the charm of Arden Oaks is the shady, tree-lined creek that meanders through the neighborhood. However, when it rains, it's a totally different story. The trickle of water in the creek turns into a rapidly flowing watercourse, and the level of the water climbs up the creek banks. The creek, called Strong Ranch Slough, collects drainage from large areas in Carmichael and unincorporated Sacramento County, eventually draining to the American River. Depending on the size and intensity of the rainstorm, the flow in Strong Ranch Slough can rise very rapidly and overwhelm the drainage system, giving very little warning time of potential flooding. With rainy season approaching, we need to understand that flood hazards are a real part of Arden Oaks.

About one quarter of the lots in Arden Oaks have a portion of the property that lies within a designated flood hazard zone. A designated flood hazard zone is an area that has a known risk of flooding and inundation. The Sacramento County Floodplain Management Ordinance is designed to minimize losses due to flood conditions. It applies to all areas of special flood hazard and local flood hazards within the County. The ordinance describes provisions to restrict or prohibit development in flood zones that could be dangerous due to flood hazards or that could result in increases in flood hazards. The restrictions are intended not only to protect structures built within the flood zone but also to protect adjacent properties. For example, there are regulations to prevent or regulate the construction of flood barriers which will unnaturally divert floodwater or which may increase flood hazards in other areas.

If you live on or near the creek, please be aware that any construction work on your property could affect adjacent properties. Because these flood zones are already at risk of inundation, changes in the floodplain could result in increases in flow of runoff, flood elevations, or flood velocities. Without proper precautions, construction activities in the floodplain, such as grading, paving, filling, or fencing, could all result in increases in flood hazard at other locations. In addition to being subject to the requirements of the floodplain management ordinance, lands located within the floodplain may also be subject to the Sacramento County Tree Preservation and Protection Ordinance.

To find out if your property is in a flood zone, you can call the County's Flood Zone Hotline at (916) 874-7517, and provide your parcel number, address, and contact information.



CONTRIBUTORS TO SECURITY PROGRAM

SPECIAL thanks to the 188 households who have contributed to the security program and off-duty sheriff patrol program for the second half of 2022, as listed below, including the residents who live on the eastside of Arden Oaks between Cathay and Eastern Avenue. Nearly all of these families have made both contributions for this year. EXTRA special thanks to those in bold face type for their extra contributions, above and beyond the suggested amount. If you don't see your name on the list, it's not too late to send in your contribution for the 2022 security program. With the holiday season approaching, we will be increasing the level of security patrols in November and December to help deter package theft. Every contribution helps to make our neighborhood a little safer.

Jesse & Sallie
Debbie and Mark
Gus & Bronya
William & Laurie
Doug & Anne
Edward & Linden
Paloma
Blake & Linda
Gary & Martha
Cliff & Debbie
Philip & Michelle
Brandon & Catherine
Jason
Larry & Marjorie
Stephen & Nora Geraghty
Jack & Anne-Marie
Daniel
Patricia Phillips & Gale
Andy & Beth
Tim & Laurel
Tony & Lydia
Christopher & Kim
Michael & Lynda
Steve & Donna
John & Celeste
Sam
Matthew
Mike & Sharon
John & Christi
Robert & Margaret
Jim & Kathleen
Maryanne Giokas & John
Michele
Tom & Jackie
Rosemary
Geoffrey & Kelly

Greg & Danae
Rowena & Kenneth
Daniel and Debra
Michael & Linda
Jim & Ann
Glen & Alicia
Mollie
David & Stacey
Larry & Laurie
Dave & Erla
Hedy
Greg & Linda
Thomas & Joanne
Mark & Liz
Pete
Brian & Victoria
Tom & Nancy
Kiumars & Mimi
Tom & Kristine Kjellsson
Bryce & Tiffany
Anthony & Mia Bellante
Antoinette
Dolly
James & Crystal
Perry & Janna
Bruce & Elizabeth
Judith & Robert Taff

Adams
Aizenberg
Bagatelos
Barron
Bayless
Beck
Begin
Bender
Benvenuti
Berg
Bernstein
Bettar
Bollinger
Booth
Boyle
Bruner
Brunner
Burton
Byers
Cahill
Cameron
Campbell
Campos
Carlson
Chin
Cunningham
Cutshall
Darelli
DeBenedetti
DeCicco
Deeringer
Demas
Ehlert
Eres
Erlewine
Evers
Evolve
Evrigenis
Fahn
Falco
Fazio
Fish
Fowler
Freeman
Friedman
Goldman
Goller
Govenar
Grant
Grant
Grotewohl
Halimi
Hanly
Harvey
Hekmat
Hoffart
Holladay
Ingoglia
Irwin
Isola
Jack
Jones
Jones
Kahler

Liz Gosnell & Nancy
Cole & Wendy
Steve & Linda
Joseph & Sheri
Nancy
Chris Smith & Vivian
Ram & Sita
Judson & Sheron
Luko & Lisa
Virginia
Scott & Linda
David and Jennifer
Paul & Paula
David & Rita
Josh Mastronarde & Kelly
William
Tim
Wen-pen & Yang-Ching
Alex & Stacy
Nick & Chris
Kimarie
Daniel Whisman & Brenda
Michael & Maxine
David & Colleen
Jason Fass & Anne
Robert & Gail
Chris & Angie
Richard & Nancy
Steve & Marcy
Anthony & Courtney Chandler
Terry & Charles
James & Helen
Paul & Kay
Bob & Jerriane
Larry & Patty
Grove & Sally
Daniel & Lynne
John
Jacob & Molly
Jane
Ravi & Tiffany
Valerie & Joel
John C
Gary
Manny Alvarez & Erica
Amy George & Femi
Matthew & Erin
David & Susan
Tatia Wagner & Tim
Praveen and Nalini
Brian Pifferini & Brian
Vincent & Ellen
Pernell & Myla
Lor & Susannah
Bkaskara & Sharan
Ron & Anita
Ed & Jessica
Mark & Marcia
Steve & Cheryl
Robert & Alisa
Jeff & Julie
William & Elaine
Tim & Summer
George & Dorothy

Kibbey
Klokkevold
Koire
Kozina
Kraus
Kwan
Lalchandani
Landis
Laptalo
Larson
Lasher
Leatherby
Legacki
Lehman
Lewellen
Lewis
Lewis
Liu
Locke
Lowe
Lyon
Main
Mantell
Marks
Marszal
McMichael
Meyer
Miller
Mills
Montero
Moore
Moorefield
Morrison
Naify
Nicholas
Nichols
Nix
Pappas
Parnell
Parsons
Patel
Pearlman
Perlegos
Perry
Pham
Phillip
Post
Post
Powell
Prasad
Putler
Quilici
Ramos
Randall
Reddy
Ricci
Rincon
Rodebaugh
Rossiter
Sakowitz
Sauls
Schaedler
Schaedler
Separovich

Kuppe & Shaku
Jennifer
Kent & Roya
Carl
Tim & Dana
Larry & Maren
Laurie Borges
Christiane & Stuart
Warrick & Katerina Christiansen
Joyce Hsiao & Bob
Mark & Melinda
Eric & Louisa
Michael & Lindsay
Chris & Marla
Phil
Worth & Janet
Marc & Carole
Sherif & Sumaya
Cas & Jakki
Chris & Lynda
Tim & Kristine
Cynthia
Jerry & Joyce
Peter & Jelena
Bob & Darle
Vinod & Archana
Tony Tsai & Julie Steiner
Angelo & Sofia
Billy
Don
Chirag & Aashima
Veronica Padilla & V. Gino
Heidi
Christopher & Staria
Thomas Huang & Paul
John and Jane
Shirley
Trey & Kelli
John & Lori
Josh & Libby
Robert & Susan
Franklin & Sandra
Karun
Pandurango & Sudha

Shankar
Shaw
Sheridan
Shin
Sloan
Smith
Sopwith
Spoto
Staines
Stanley
Stawicki
Stiff
Stovall
Strain
Stubblefield
Summers
Sussman
Sweha
Szymanowski
Taylor
Taylor
Teixeira
Thompson
Tiemann
Tilly
Trivedi
Tsai
Tsakopoulos
Tsoi
Turner
Vaid
Valdez
Wagner
Wahnsiedler
Wansik
Wheaton
Wheeler
Wheeler
White
Wickland
Wood
Yee
Yee
Yenumula

EASTSIDE
Peter & Joan
Virginia & Albert
Tim
Scott & Chrissy
James & Claudine
Rebecca
Richard & Mary
Michael & Helen
Craig
Tom & Virginia
Robert
Doris
Mike & Krista
LeRoy
Michael & Judy
Amy Flores & Patrick
Walter

Dangermond
Flynn
Homan
Hundahl
Irwin
Johnson
Lawrence
Lawson
Locke
Manz
Pacuinias
Pichly
Stassi
Swanson
Villierme
Wilson
Zacharias



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SECOND ANNUAL ARDEN OAKS HOLIDAY LIGHTING AND DECORATION CONTEST!



Once again the AONA Board is sponsoring a Holiday Lighting and Decoration Contest, open to all residents in Arden Oaks, with prizes awarded to the winners! To enter the contest, please:

1. Send an email to <aona.president@gmail.com> no later than **Monday, December 12, 2022** stating your name, street address, and your desire to enter the contest. We will send your prize to this same address if you are a winner, unless you indicate otherwise.
2. Set up your lighting and decorations by **December 13, 2022**. Judging will be conducted from **December 14 through December 18, 2022** from about **5 p.m. to 10 p.m.** We will award the prizes the week of **December 19**.

That's all there is to it! So this holiday season, when the days grow short and the nights grow long, let's all brighten up the neighborhood with holiday lights.