

THE ACORN



Arden Oaks Neighborhood Association Newsletter - ardenoaks.org

September 2023

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday
September 10, 2023,
5pm to 7pm

Neighborhood BBQ
3640 Meadow Lane

December 2023

Holiday Lighting and
Decoration Contest
(details to be announced)

March, 2024

AONA Annual Meeting
(date and location to be
announced)

Welcome New Neighbors

**New homeowners in Arden
Oaks since January 2023**

Jeff & Tami Barlow

Scott & Tracy Best

Geoffrey Brewer & Russ Hayden
(actually, they were existing
Arden Oaks residents and
moved to a new home in Arden
Oaks, so welcome to your new
Arden Oaks home)

Zachery Heiner & Taryn Fischer

Tejpal & Sarabjeet Randhawa

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors,

What a lovely summer we've had in our wooded enclave of Arden Oaks this year! No hurricanes, no earthquakes, no wildfires, no droughts, and no scorching weeks of over 110 degrees. Best of all, we've had overwhelming neighborhood participation for our two summer events, with over 200 people at the 4th of July parade and games and close to that many at the annual barbecue. See pictures of both these neighborhood traditions in this newsletter.

On behalf of the entire neighborhood, I want to acknowledge the tireless efforts of the volunteers on the AONA board of directors. Kathleen Deeringer and Tom Harvey, our treasurer and vice treasurer, keep impeccable accounting of all of our expenses and your contributions. Laurie Sopwith, our secretary, maintains the records of all our meetings and events—as well as hosting the annual barbecue at her home this year. Glen Fowler does double duty as vice president and serves as chair of the barbecue committee.

Special kudos to James Jack, chair of the security committee, who works with the off-duty sheriffs to ensure we have deputies regularly patrolling the neighborhood, and to Paul Legacki, chair of the 4th of July committee, who managed another successful 4th of July parade and games, continuing the tradition for over 50 years. Linden Beck, our County liaison, deserves particular thanks for getting the County to paint over those unsightly blobs of paint that were mysteriously dropped at spot locations in the neighborhood. Other board members include Eric Stiff, Tim Powell, Marcia Rodebaugh, Stacey Friedman, Libby Wickland, Molly Parnell, and our newest director, Sue Wood—all of whom have provided and continue to provide invaluable services to our neighborhood.

We look forward to the coming of autumn and the rainbow of colors of the changing leaves throughout the neighborhood. And come November, be on the look out for information about the third annual Holiday Lighting and Decoration contest!

Thank you to all the neighbors for contributing to AONA, participating in our neighborhood events, and making Arden Oaks a special place to live.

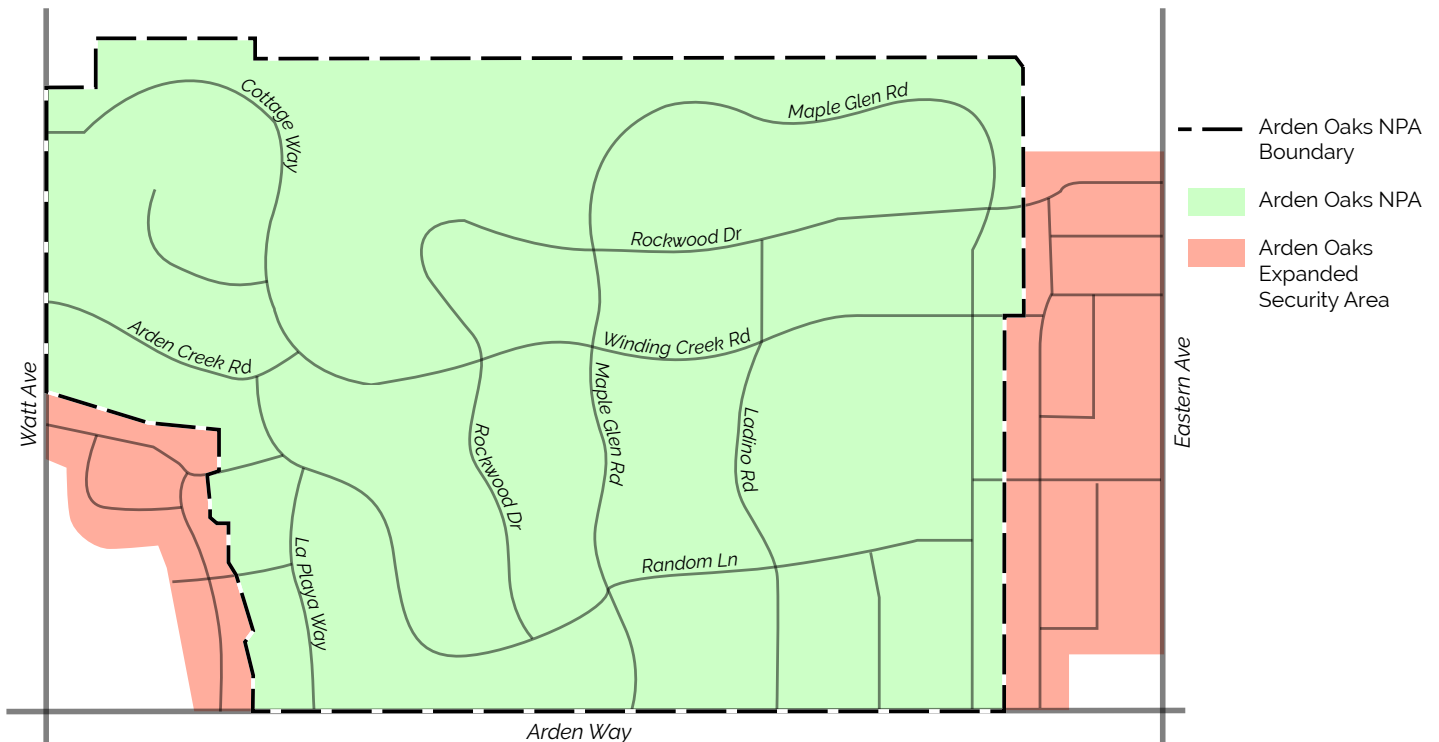
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SECURITY REPORT

“The security does an excellent job! We have a second home and are gone a month at a time. They regularly check our house and [they] are amazing! So happy to have them!”

These are the words of one of our neighbors here in Arden Oaks, which so well expresses how grateful many of us are to have such an effective neighborhood security program.

This year we are pleased to report that AONA reached out to residents in the areas just east and west of the Arden Oaks Neighborhood Preservation Area (NPA) boundaries, and a significant number of these residents are now contributing to the Arden Oaks security program. This resultant increase in contributions means that we’ve expanded our security program to provide regular coverage of all the residential areas north of Arden Way, between Watt Avenue and Eastern Avenue, south of and including Winding Creek Road, Rockwood Drive, and Maple Glen Road. This expanded coverage not only provides additional security to residents in these adjoining areas, but it also provides regular coverage of all of the entry points to Arden Oaks. There is definitely power in numbers, and with the new participants in the security program and the expanded coverage, we’re hopeful that together we can keep our neighborhood as safe and well protected as possible.



The off-duty sheriff deputies continue to maintain a regular patrol schedule, now in the expanded Arden Oaks area. In general, there are six to seven patrol shifts every week, with each shift lasting from four to six hours, which can occur in the morning, afternoon, evening, or late night. The timing of the patrol shifts vary from day to day and week to week to avoid any predictable set pattern.

By and large, the sheriff deputies have reported few noteworthy incidents throughout the neighborhood these past several months. There was one report of a residential burglary in July, and several reports of mail theft and mail box break-ins. In all cases, the security patrols were notified of these incidents, and the sheriff deputies followed up to try to prevent further occurrences of these incidents.

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 contributed to the program for 2023.

SECURITY REMINDERS:

- Bring in your mail every day.
- 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. 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.

Be sure to check out our website: ardenoaks.org!

There you'll find all sorts of useful information about the Arden Oaks Neighborhood Association, including the history of Arden Oaks, a description of the neighborhood preservation area, copies of previous ACORN newsletters (all in color!), and even a video of the 2023 4th of July event.



SPOTLIGHT ON A NOTABLE NEIGHBOR *by Stacey Friedman*

Arden Oaks is home to the Gallia family and Dr. Samantha Gallia DDS, a remarkable young woman who has already achieved so much. Along with her loving family, including her parents Louis and Keri, and siblings Louis and Ava, Samantha is a shining beacon of inspiration to women in healthcare and beyond.

Samantha is a graduate of St. Francis High School, where she honed her academic prowess and discovered her passion for dentistry. Graduating with flying colors, she continued her educational odyssey at the University of the Pacific, where she embarked on the path to becoming a Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS). In 2022, Samantha proudly walked across the stage as the commencement speaker at the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, leaving an indelible mark on her alma mater.

But Samantha's journey did not stop there. She pursued further specialization, becoming a medical resident in oral and maxillofacial radiology at the University of Washington Medical Center. Her dedication to her field has not gone unnoticed, as she continues to make waves in the world of healthcare.

Beyond her impressive career achievements, Samantha's passion for uplifting and empowering women in healthcare leadership has led to the creation of "GirlDocsRock," an Instagram series featuring female doctors. Through this platform, she shares stories, insights, and experiences, encouraging women to aspire to and excel in healthcare professions.

However, Samantha's ambitions don't end in the medical field. She is also set to represent Washington State in the upcoming Miss USA Pageant, scheduled for September 29th in Reno. Her participation in this prestigious competition not only showcases her beauty but also her intelligence, charisma, and commitment to making a positive impact on society.

As Samantha embarks on this exciting journey to Miss USA, let's support this amazing young woman and role model and send her our best wishes and support.

SMUD PROPOSED RATE INCREASES

SMUD is proposing an increase in rates in 2024 and 2025 for residential and non-residential customers. The proposed rate increases are needed due to increased costs associated with reliability (including wildfire mitigation and outage management in severe storms), infrastructure improvements, increases in material, services and labor costs, and compliance with state mandates for renewable energy. The specific rate increases will depend on how much electricity individual customers use each month. However, on average, the rate increases would be less than \$4.00 per month, with increases taking effect on January 2024, May 2024, January 2025, and May 2025. Even with these rate increases, SMUD's rate would remain substantially lower than PG&E costs for residential customers. The final decision for the rate increases will take place at the SMUD board meeting on September 21.

For more information please visit smud.org/RateInfo.

WATER DISTRICTS EXPLORING POSSIBLE MERGER

Here in Arden Oaks, our water service is provided by the Sacramento Suburban Water District (SSWD), a publicly owned and operated water utility regulated by the state. Our water primarily come from ground-water in the local area, and we enjoy consistently excellent water quality. Formerly, we were serviced by the Arcade Water District, which combined with the Northridge Water District in 2002 to become the Sacramento Suburban Water District, which now has a service area of 36 square miles and serves a population of about 200,000.

Starting in 2020, SSWD began working with the neighboring, smaller Carmichael Water District to explore combining the two water utilities to encourage efficiencies, reduce costs, improve water supply reliability, and enhance customer service. The Carmichael Water District has a service area of about 8 square miles and serves a population of about 40,000; its primary water supply is surface water from the American River.

In February 2023, the two districts completed an initial study of the potential advantages and disadvantages to combining the districts. Potential advantages include: improved efficiencies to both districts, greater water resources sharing, greater reliability, and more rate and financial stability. Potential disadvantages include: perceived loss of local control, larger organization with more bureaucracy, and challenges to combining existing water resources.

Currently, the two districts are completing a public outreach and undertaking additional technical analysis before moving forward with a decision. For more information, see the Sacramento Suburban Water District's website at <sswd.org>.

REMINDERS ABOUT WEEKLY CURBSIDE GARBAGE COLLECTION

Weekly waste collection in Arden Oaks is Tuesday for homes west of Maple Glen Road and on Wednesday for homes east of Maple Glen Road. As a courtesy to the County and to your neighbors, please remember to:

- Have your carts at the curb by 6 a.m. on your pick-up day.
- Be sure the card lids are closed to avoid littering the streets.
- If possible, place the carts in your driveway or walkway. Try not to block the streets.
- After the pick-up, please return to carts to your yard as soon as possible, and keep the streets clear.



IS YOUR NAME ON THIS LIST? The Arden Oaks Neighborhood Association and the entire neighborhood are grateful to the families listed below who have contributed to the security program and off-duty sheriff patrol program for 2023. And special thanks to those shown in bold face type who have made extra contributions above and beyond the requested amount of \$250 twice a year. And please accept our apologies if you've already sent your check, and somehow your name is not on the list.

If you haven't sent your contribution in yet for the second half of the year, there's still plenty of time to send it. Please send your check of \$250 (or more) to AONA Security, P.O. Box 60313, Sacramento, CA 95860 along with your name and address. Every contribution means additional funds for the off-duty sheriff patrol program and goes directly into funding more patrol shifts. Every contribution helps to make our neighborhood a little safer!

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| Jesse & Sallie | Adams | Bryce & Tiffany | Holladay | Vincent & Ellen | Quilici |
| Debbie & Mark | Aizenberg | Anthony & Mia Bellante | Ingoglia | Pernell & Myla | Ramos |
| | AKT Development | Antoinette | Irwin | Lor & Susannah | Randall |
| Gus & Bronya | Bagatelos | Concetta | Isola | Bkaskara & Sharan | Reddy |
| Pauline & Amit | Banerjee | James & Crystal | Jack | Ron & Anita | Ricci |
| Harrison & Brittany | Barnes | Perry & Janna | Jones | Ed & Jessica | Rincon |
| William & Laurie | Barron | Bruce & Elizabeth | Jones | Mark & Marcia | Rodebaugh |
| Doug & Anne | Bayless | Judith & Robert Taff | Kahler | Steve & Cheryl | Rossiter |
| Edward & Linden | Beck | Ara & Viva | Karamanoukian | Antonio & Jessica De Hart | Saccani |
| Blake & Linda | Bender | Liz Gosnell & Nancy | Kibbey | Robert & Alisa | Sakowitz |
| Gary & Martha | Benvenuti | Cole & Wendy | Klokkevold | Jeff & Julie | Sauls |
| Cliff & Debbie | Berg | Steve & Linda | Koire | Adham & Cheryl Lyles | Sbeih |
| Philip & Michelle | Bernstein | Sobha | Kollipara | William & Elaine | Schaedler |
| Brandon & Catherine | Bettar | Joseph & Sheri | Kozina | George & Dorothy | Separovich |
| Jason | Bollinger | Nancy | Kraus | Kuppe & Shaku | Shankar |
| Larry & Marjorie | Booth | Chris Smith & Vivian | Kwan | Jennifer | Shaw |
| Jack & Anne-Marie | Bruner | Ram & Sita | Lalchandani | Kent & Roya | Sheridan |
| Daniel | Brunner | Sheron | Landis | Carl | Shin |
| Patricia Phillips & Gale | Burton | Luko & Lisa | Laptalo | Francisco | Silva |
| Andy & Beth | Byers | Virginia | Larson | Tim & Dana | Sloan |
| Tim & Laurel | Cahill | Scott & Linda | Lasher | Larry & Maren | Smith |
| Tony & Lydia | Cameron | Susan & Richard | Lazansky | Budimir & Sherri | Sokolovich |
| Christopher & Kim | Campbell | David & Jennifer | Leatherby | Laurie Borges | Sopwith |
| Michael & Lynda | Campos | Samuel & Rebecca | Lee | Christiane & Stuart | Spoto |
| Steve & Donna | Carlson | Paul & Paula | Legacki | Warrick & Katerina Christiansen | Staines |
| Trevor & Courtney | Chase | David & Rita | Lehman | Joyce Hsiao & Bob | Stanley |
| John & Celeste | Chin | Beverly | Lemaster | Mark & Melinda | Stawicki |
| Aaron | Cook | Michael & Irina | Leschinski | Eric & Louisa | Stiff |
| Sam | Cunningham | Josh Mastronarde & Kelly | Lewellen | Predrag | Stojakovic |
| Matthew & Kaoru | Cutshall | William | Lewis | Michael & Lindsay | Stovall |
| Mike & Sharon | D'Arelli | Tim | Lewis | Chris & Maria | Strain |
| John & Christi | DeBenedetti | Wen-pen & Yang-Ching | Liu | Phil | Stubblefield |
| Robert & Margaret | DeCicco | Alex & Stacy | Locke | Worth & Janet | Summers |
| Jim & Kathleen | Deeringer | Nick & Chris | Lowe | Marc & Carole | Sussman |
| Maryanne Giokas & John | Demas | Kimarie | Lyon | Sherif & Sumaya | Sweha |
| Chrysa & George | Demos | Daniel Whisman & Brenda | Main | Cas & Jakki | Szymanowski |
| Michele | Ehlert | Michael & Maxine | Mantell | Chris & Lynda | Taylor |
| Doug & Pam | Elmore | Adam | Marszal | Tim | Taylor |
| Tom & Jackie | Eres | Ann & Jason Fass | Marszal | Tim & Kristine | Taylor |
| Rosemary | Erlewine | Robert & Gail | McMichael | Cynthia | Teixeira |
| Geoffrey & Kelly | Evers | Chris & Angie | Meyer | Jerry & Joyce | Thompson |
| | Evolve | Richard & Nancy | Miller | Peter & Jelena | Tiemann |
| Greg & Danae | Evrogenis | Steve & Marcy | Mills | Bob & Darle | Tilly |
| Rowena & Kenneth | Fahn | Anthony & Courtney Chandler | Montero | Vinod & Archana | Trivedi |
| Daniel and Debra | Falco | Terry & Dave | Moore | Tony Tsai & Julie Steiner | Tsai |
| Michael & Linda | Fazio | Helen | Moorefield | Angelo & Sofia | Tsakopoulos |
| Jim & Ann | Fish | Paul & Kay | Morrison | Billy & Patty Cheong | Tsoi |
| David & Susan Summers | Forbess | Bob & Jerrienne | Naify | Don | Turner |
| Glen & Alicia | Fowler | Larry & Patty | Nicholas | Chirag & Aashima | Vaid |
| Mollie | Freeman | Sally | Nichols | Heidi | Wagner |
| David & Stacey | Friedman | Daniel & Lynne | Nix | Christopher & Staria | Wahnsiedler |
| Edward & Kelly | Garfield | John | Pappas | Thomas Huang & Paul | Wansik |
| Carolyn Duty & Patricia | Geyer | Jacob & Molly | Parnell | Jane | Wheaton |
| Larry & Laurie | Goldman | Jane | Parsons | Shirley | Wheeler |
| Dave & Eria | Goller | Ravi & Tiffany | Patel | Trey & Kelli | Wheeler |
| Hedy | Govenar | Valerie & Joel | Pearlman | Lori | White |
| Greg & Linda | Grant | John | Perlegos | Josh & Libby | Wickland |
| Thomas & Joanne | Grant | Gary | Perry | Robert & Susan | Wood |
| Temme & Toyelle | Hagen | Manny Alvarez & Erica | Pham | Franklin & Sandra | Yee |
| Pete | Halimi | David & Susan | Post | Karun | Yee |
| Brian & Victoria | Hanly | Matthew & Erin | Post | Pandurango & Sudha | Yenumula |
| Tom & Nancy | Harvey | Tatia Wagner & Tim | Powell | | |
| Kiumars & Mimi | Hekmat | Praveen and Nalini | Prasad | | |
| Tom & Kristine Kjellsson | Hoffart | Brian Pifferini & Brian | Putler | | |

EASTSIDE

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| Hamed & Katherine | Benour |
| Carmen | Call |
| Peter & Joan | Dangermond |
| Jesse & Doris | Flores |
| Virginia & Albert | Flynn |
| Dylan & Lyria | Hojnacki |
| Ramon & Gina | Hollerman |
| Scott & Chrissy | Hundah |
| James & Claudine | Irwin |
| Jeremy & Anna | Juern |
| Richard & Mary | Lawrence |
| Michael & Helen | Lawson |
| Craig | Locke |
| Tom & Virginia | Manz |
| | McGee Trust |
| Robert | Pacuinias |
| Doris | Pichly |
| Josh & Carin | Rojas |
| Mike & Krista | Stassi |
| K.D. & LeRoy | Swanson |
| Amy Flores & Patrick | Wilson |
| Walter | Zacharias |

WESTSIDE

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| Anthony & Ann Ngo | Basco/Ngo |
| Jack & Barbara | Jett |
| Cheryl & Paul | Krueger |
| Esther & Lynette | Hattingh/Johnson |
| Bruce & Cathy | Levering |
| Ken & Kathy | Morton |
| Michael & Andrea | Ogden |
| Dustin & Fantasia | Stumpf |
| Ray & Nancy | Thompson |
| Jose & Shiella | Velilla |
| Bruce & Cherene | Waltert |

