



Arden Oaks
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
(AONA)

Welcomes

Your Family

**Please take a moment to peruse our
Neighborhood Association Information Packet:**

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www.ardenoaks.org

P.O. Box 60313 Sacramento, CA 95860
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WELCOME to the Arden Oaks Neighborhood Association (AONA), one of Sacramento's premiere neighborhoods where we cherish the secluded and tranquil tree-lined setting we all are so fortunate enough to call home.

AONA exists to promote Arden Oaks and to address concerns that may arise affecting the neighborhood. Our Board takes seriously the protection of the Arden Oaks' unique Neighborhood Preservation Area (NPA), it's by-laws and vision.

The Association officers for 2018 are:

President	Linden Beck
Vice President	Joyce Hsiao
Secretary	Maxine Mantell
Treasurer	Tom Harvey

The Officer's and Board of Director's names and email addresses are also listed on our **website www.ArdenOaks.org**

Please plan to attend our neighborhood's **Annual Meeting** in March of 2018 7-9 PM at the Arden Park Community Clubhouse on La Sierra Drive, our famous **4th of July Parade** followed by music, games and treats at Windemere Park as well as our **Annual BBQ** on September 16th at 2000 Rockwood Drive.

These events are informative, great fun and an excellent way to meet new families and enjoy our neighbors.

Help us maintain Arden Oaks as a premiere neighborhood in the Greater Sacramento area.

See you around the neighborhood,

Board of Directors

Your Contact Information

To keep our files current, we would appreciate your assistance by providing the following information:

Move-In Date _____

First and Last Name _____

Children:	Name	Age	School
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Your New Home Phone Number _____

Your Cell Phone Number(s) _____

Your E-mail Address _____

Your Emergency Contact Information _____

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The History

“A Golden Past and Green Future”

Reminisce about Sacramento's history and there is an immediate return to 1848 and the luster of the Gold Rush years, an exciting period that captured the imagination of the world and caused those who were “young at heart” to drop what they were doing and become part of the most electrifying fantasy the world has ever known. The Gold Rush made an instant state out of California, a thriving city out of Sacramento and served as a monument to a national dream that prevails today.

As valuable as gold was for the 49'ers, the late 1940's and early 1950's witnessed the beginning of a rush for land, new homes and new businesses. While the cry was more subdued and the urgency more controlled, another “gold rush” caused Sacramento to flourish.

Nestled in the middle of this “modern-day” real estate was an area that exemplifies the “dreams” that prevailed in Sacramento and development and today still serves as a landmark of future developments—Arden Oaks.

To fully appreciate this modern-day fantasy-come-true, one has to look at Sacramento just before the time of Marshall's gold discovery at a Coloma sawmill. In 1839, a Swiss immigrant named John Sutter founded the first inland settlement in Northern California and built his renowned Sutter's Fort, the only settlement near the Sierras.

On December 20, 1844 a Mexican land grant was made to Elias Grimes, by Manuel Micheltoarena for 44,374 acres that occupied eight miles along the American River and eight-and-one-half miles to the North. Although a gentleman by the name of Samuel Morris acquired and held the land from 1852 until selling it in 1870 to Colonel James Ben Ali Haggin, records indicate Haggin developed the land.

In addition, Haggin acquired hundreds of thousands of acres of so-called “desert land” in the Sacramento, San Joaquin and Kern River valleys on which he proceeded to develop extensive irrigation projects. A man of many interests, Haggin was also attracted to breeding stock in the early 1870's. Beginning on a

small scale on his Sacramento land, his world-known horse-breeding empire eventually extended to his native state of Kentucky where he developed an immense horse-breeding estate near Lexington. Between 1881 and 1891, his horses captured most of the great racing trophies in the East and West.

In 1909, a number of the Sacramento city fathers, headed by the Chamber of Commerce, encouraged Haggin to consider the need for desirable acreage to lure easterners interested in locating in Sacramento. Sacramento's business community was overjoyed on May 13, 1910 when an announcement was received that Minneapolis Land Company had purchased the 44,372-acre "Rancho del Paso", which evolved into one of the largest horse breeding farms in the world. In 1919, Del Paso Country Club was developed from a portion of this ranch.

Prominent Sacramento pioneer families such as the Theodora Robbins Bucklins, the Gallaways and the Wrights were involved in owning the 10-20 acre parcels. This horse influence was also instrumental in attracting Steve Williams, a developer, horseman and pilot, who was looking for land to develop with an appeal for those who loved the open spaces and desired room for horses.

Williams purchased 1,800 acres in 1945 that embraced the Arden Park and Arden Manor sections. He then sold most of the land except 435 acres that we know today as Arden Oaks. His dream was to develop estate-size lots bounded with horse trails. On August 16, 1945 this dream evolved with the recording of the 60-lot Arden Oaks, Unit 1, which featured horse lots ranging from .8 to 3 acres that sold from \$2,800 to \$9,000.

There was such a demand for estate-sized lots averaging from one half to several acres that between December 1945 and June 1954, Arden Oaks, Units 2 through 6, added close to 200 more lots to the section. According to Williams, all were sold in a short time. Later units were divided into smaller parcels for those who did not have an interest in horse zoning.

The first Arden Oaks home was built in 1951 on Meadow Lane and Unit 1 was completely filled by 1955. Childhood here in the 1950's consisted of roaming the creeks for toads, playing "Kick the Can" in the wide-open fields under the stars, riding horses on the open pastures and trails in between lots, culminating trick or treating with a Halloween bonfire on Rockwood and celebrating the holidays with candlelight caroling throughout the neighborhood transported in a rented U-haul trailer.

Early zoning and controls by the Arden Oaks Neighborhood Association established restrictions that enhanced the value of the area, such as proclaiming that no parcel can be divided more than twice and each lot must contain a minimum of 30,000 sq. ft.

By the 1970's, Arden Oaks had evolved into one of the most desirable North Area locations with a predominance of homes in the \$125,000 to \$400,000 range featuring tennis courts, swimming pools and secluded park-like settings. There remained quaintness in the streets lined with mailboxes where a country-like

atmosphere prevailed. Watt Avenue, Arden Way and Eastern Avenue shielded homeowners from mushrooming commercial development that bordered this residential oasis.

During the 1980's and 90's, Arden Oaks began to evolve from open fields and horse trails peppered with 30-year-old ranch-style homes into a sophisticated neighborhood of multi-level luxury estates. The new millennium continued with the explosion of multi-million dollar teardowns and renovations just minutes from excellent schools, dining and shopping.

Today, only 12 miles from where Sutter's Fort still stands as a landmark of Sacramento's early development, Arden Oaks remains a focal point of modern-day living with panache. With a natural environment where pheasant, quail and the "beloved" Turkeys abound, Arden Oaks offers a tranquil setting amidst majestic trees and free-flowing creeks that eventually make their way to the American River.

An early American spirit still prevails in this pocket community. Each year Arden Oaks families gather together for their own July 4th extravaganza featuring a parade. They come clad in their red, white and blue and some sporting their Model A's and T's, bicycles, skateboards and motorized bikes and carts adorned with streamers, flags and balloons. Commencing on Rockwood near the former residence of developer, Steve Williams, the parade proceeds through the neighborhood with a mid-way stop for homemade Root Beer and the culminating with festivities at Windemere Park featuring a watermelon feed, pie-eating contest, water-balloon toss, three-legged race and, in years past, even some spirited oratory.

Residents of Arden Oaks have struck their "gold"..... and cherish the green of a secluded and tranquil tree-lined setting they are fortunate enough to call home.

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Membership

Proud of our beautiful neighborhood, the Arden Oaks Neighborhood Association (**AONA**) wishes to share its goals and activities with you through its quarterly newsletter. The **ACORN** is filled with current articles and information concerning our neighborhood as well as upcoming events, such as the Annual 4th of July parade, Annual March Meeting and Fall Barbecue.

The goals of Arden Oaks Neighborhood Association are:

- To preserve the unique qualities of the Arden Oaks neighborhood through observance of the Neighborhood Preservation Area.
- To further the personal safety and home security of all residents of our neighborhood.
- To foster a sense of community within our neighborhood.
- To represent our common interests by influencing policy planning in the Greater Sacramento community in regard to such issues as transportation, quality and use of natural resources, garbage disposal, law enforcement, education and other issues of community-wide scope.

We encourage you to join the Neighborhood Association and plan to attend the Annual March Meeting to meet your new neighbors, your 15-member Board and become involved.



AONA Membership

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Please remit your \$50 (or more) annual contribution to:

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Security Patrol

Since September 2007, the Arden Oaks Neighborhood Association has contracted with the Sacramento County Off-duty Sheriff's Department for our neighborhood patrol services. They have proven to be conscientious, reliable and concerned for the residents of Arden Oaks.

Permanently assigned deputies rotate in on seven to eight 4-hour patrols each week. Dressed in traditional Sheriff uniform, they drive Sheriff patrol vehicles complete with a computer, radio, video and weaponry.

The patrol program is supported by a **\$250 semi-annual contribution** from each family residing in Arden Oaks.

The benefits of contributing to the program include:

- 1) More contributions provide more patrols.
- 2) Access to the e-mail address and phone number of the patrol car on duty to be used as needed. Non-paying residents do not have information or access.
- 3) You can request vacation or absence checks by phone or e-mail. If given access to your back yard, the deputies will walk around your property, check for any problems, and call you or your designee if any problem is noted.
- 4) E-mail alerts of any problems, crimes committed or arrests that we hear about in Arden Oaks.
- 5) Your residence will be on the list provided to the deputies. Except in emergency, these are the people and places supported by the patrol.
- 6) Peace of mind knowing that you are doing something extra to protect your family and property.

As indicated on our Association's most recent questionnaire, residents are extremely happy with the service.

Security Patrol Contribution

Billing periods are from Jan. 1 thru June 30
and July 1 thru Dec. 31.

If you are joining in the middle of a billing cycle, please feel
free to pro-rate the amount.

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In addition to the Sacramento County Zoning Code which governs all of Sacramento County, the Arden Oaks neighborhood has overriding zoning codes found in the Neighborhood Preservation Area (NPA) Chapter 31: Article 1. A copy can be found on our website Ardenoak.org under "About Us"