



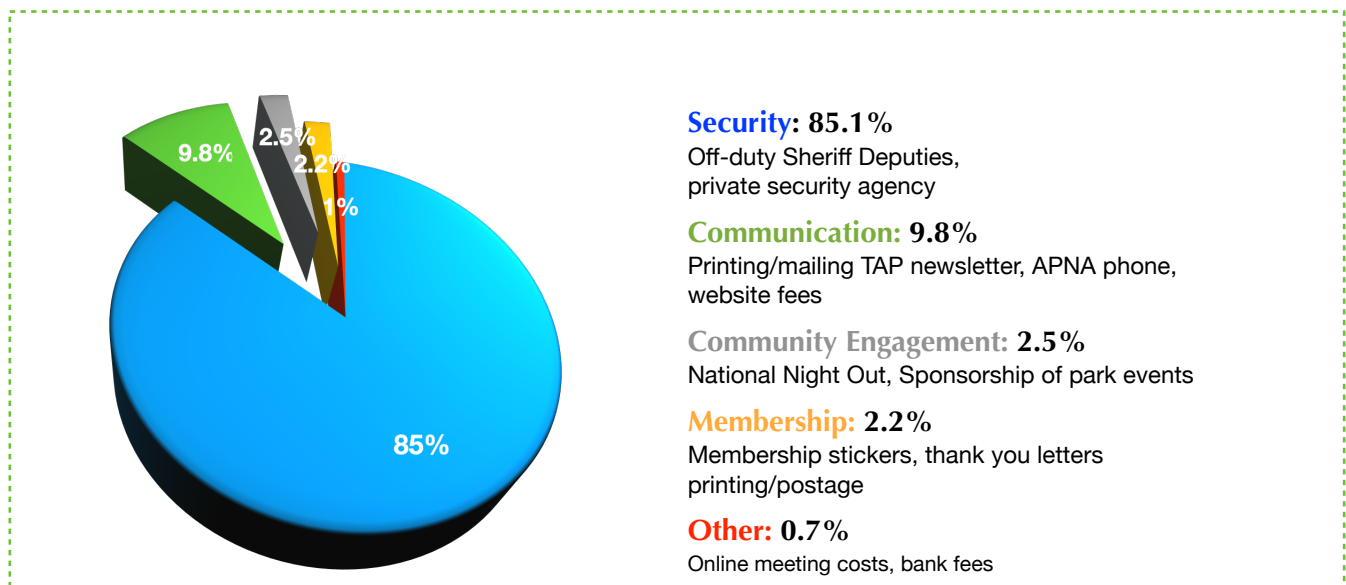
# Arden Park Neighborhood Association

Promoting The Health, Safety & Welfare of our Community

## Arden Park Neighborhood Association - Annual Report

In 2023, The APNA distributed three TAP flyers and continued private security patrol with both off-duty Sheriff Deputies and our contracted vendor. We also hosted the first ever National Night Out in Arden Park and facilitated a panel discussion on traffic safety issues with speakers that included County Supervisor Rich Desmond and representatives from the California Highway Patrol and Sacramento Sheriff. In addition, we sponsored several events in the community, such as the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, the Fourth of July festival, and the December sleigh rides.

We ended the year slightly under budget despite increasing costs across the board for labor and materials related to all our categories. We will apply the budget surplus to the new 2024 budget to help offset additional price increases already announced by our vendors. But as always, patrol frequency is directly reliant on membership levels, so we still need MORE members to maintain current levels of patrol. If more residents participate and become Members, it is our goal to ultimately increase patrols specifically by off-duty Sheriffs.



## Your Membership Matters!

Membership dues paid for more than 2,000 hours of security patrols for our neighborhood, through private security and off-duty Sheriff's Deputies. That's extra security 7 days a week.

Plus we did some informative AND fun stuff, as noted in our summary above!

More than 750 homes in Arden Park contributed in 2023, and we are especially grateful to them. Won't you join these generous neighbors and help Arden Park Neighborhood Association's efforts to keep our neighborhood safe and fun?

If there is a dues statement enclosed with this newsletter, it means we have not yet received your membership!

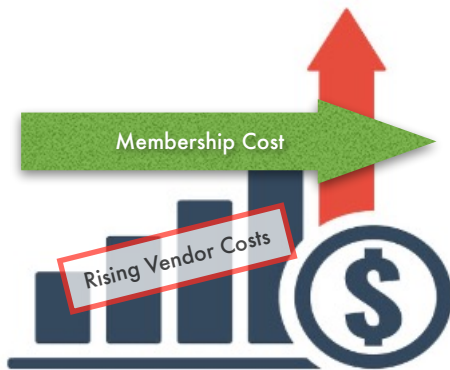
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## Such A Deal!

By far, our largest expense is for security services, both private and off-duty Sheriff's Deputies. For many years, we have contracted with California Security Agency (CSA) to provide vehicle patrols in the neighborhood. As with most industries, costs for these services have increased. Since 2021, the rate for private security has increased 25%, and the rate for off-duty Sheriff's Deputies has gone up by nearly 32% - that's a pretty big hit to our budget! Despite these increases, APNA has kept membership dues at the same rate of just \$150.



**Where else would you be able to get security 7 days a week for just \$150 a year!** Other local neighborhood associations' dues are \$500 for Arden Oaks, \$300 for Wilhaggin-Del Dayo, and \$300 for Sierra Oaks.

Without more neighbors supporting, we may have to decrease our patrols in the future. We know how important these patrols are, and we plan to do everything possible to continue as many night/day-time patrols as possible.

APNA thanks the 500 neighbors who have already joined this year. If you're not a member yet, please join today, and help keep Arden Park a safer place to call home.

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## Feature - APNA Q&A

**QUESTION:** What is the difference between the APNA and the park management...Is APNA in charge of the parks?

**ANSWER:** No we are not, and this is a very common misunderstanding by residents. The APNA is a private entity, formed by residents in 1977 for the common benefit of the Arden Park neighborhood at large, funded entirely by voluntary dues payments from residents. Since its formation, priorities of the APNA remain safety/security and communication to Arden Park residents. APNA Board Members are volunteers, must live in Arden Park, and receive no compensation whatsoever.



The Arden Park Recreation and Park District (APRPD), on the other hand, is a government entity that was established by the County of Sacramento, is paid for with public tax dollars and ultimately answers to the Board of Supervisors and area voters at election time through election of independent board members. APRPD is responsible for maintaining the facilities and programs at the two parks within Arden Park through paid staff, both full and part time. Funding for APRPD comes primarily through our county property taxes and assessments.

When there are neighborhood events, like concerts and movies in the park, or holiday celebrations, APRPD is the organizer and primary funder. The APNA may sponsor a very small portion of the costs, budget permitting, because there is common and shared interest in the benefits these events provide for our neighborhood and thus our members.

In short, both entities exist to serve the residents of Arden Park, and members from both boards try to maintain a working relationship with each other so we know what is happening in either organization. Other than that, there is no other official relation between the organizations.

## Extra Security, Every Night

Our contracted security patrol, California Security Agency (CSA), tracks issues they encounter during each shift, including all contacts with our residents. The most common types of contacts are noted below. We still have a lot of neighbors leaving garage doors and gates open, which generally invites theft; patrol officers routinely alert residents so that action can be taken.



Your membership dues are the **ONLY** reason APNA is able to provide additional security patrol.

A typical duty-shift for our private security officers is between 8:00pm and 5:00am, with occasional daytime patrols. While we are sleeping, they spend their night patrolling and surveilling the neighborhood, providing a physical presence that serves to deter crimes from happening in the first place.

We all want Arden Park to be a safe neighborhood. The watchfulness of neighbors supplements patrols by CSA and contribute to making ours one of the safest neighborhoods in Sacramento. Please consider joining APNA and finding (or starting) a Neighborhood Watch on your street!

## Crime Trends

The APNA tracks crimes by month each year, and compares to other area neighborhoods. Check out our website for more details; here are the top crime types (and total) reported in Arden Park for 2023:

**Burglary (11)**

**Petty Theft (8)**

**Identity Theft (5)**



\* Note that these are “reported” crimes, so it’s important to always fill out a report even for the smaller occurrences, as this helps the Sheriff to assign resources.

So, do our patrols make a difference? We believe so. Some of it is more direct - think about the impact that the numbers on the left of this page have on the potential crimes above.

Also, law enforcement indicates that thieves prefer the easy route...so indirectly, simply having law enforcement and patrol vehicles periodically circling within the neighborhood causes many would-be criminals to simply move on to another area where there’s less chance of getting caught.

## Sacramento County Senior Volunteer Program

At our meeting focused on traffic last November, we learned of the California Highway Patrol Senior Volunteer Program. This program needs motivated individuals who want to give something back to their community, as Senior Volunteers who assist the CHP to provide enhanced public service to the community. This is an opportunity for senior citizens to make a definitive contribution towards improving public Safety, Service, and Security, and gain a greater understanding and appreciation of the justice system, human relations, and ethics in the field of law enforcement.



Volunteers must be 55 years or older, able to work a minimum of 4 hours per week, pass a background check, have a good driving record, and complete the CHP Senior Volunteer Training Program. Volunteer work falls into four major categories:

~ Administration

~ Ride-Along with Uniformed Officers

~ Public Affairs

~ Volunteer Use of the CHP Vehicles and Related Duties

If you are interested in becoming a Senior Volunteer in the Eastern Sacramento Area, email Officer Trent Senter at [Tsenter@chp.ca.gov](mailto:Tsenter@chp.ca.gov). The form can be found at [Chp462.pdf \(ca.gov\)](#). For more information, visit [Senior Volunteer Programs \(ca.gov\)](#)

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## Who ya gonna call...?

- To report an abandoned vehicle, or
- To report potholes, or
- To report county code violations, such as a neighbor's fence may be too tall, or
- Your garbage hasn't been picked up, or
- To report a stray, dead or dangerous animal, or
- To report other nuisance issues or code violations...



Call Sacramento County 311 or go to <https://311.saccounty.gov/>

Contacting 311 will connect you with the appropriate department to get information or assistance with these and many other problems.

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### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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#### Emergency and Security Contacts

**Crime in Progress - CALL 911**  
**From cell phone call 916-874-5111**

*Suspicious activity - first call the Sheriff's non-emergency number 916-874-5115, then call Security at 916-550-8212.*

*\*If a security officer is on duty, they will come quickly. If not, they will note the issue and look for it at next duty shift or dispatch an officer if available from another site.*

#### Other Contacts

Dial 311 or visit [311.saccounty.net](http://311.saccounty.net) to report Nuisances or Hazards such as:

- Questions about building codes
- Questions about regulations on parking, vehicle storage, noise ordinances, etc.
- Downed Street Signs
- Residential construction projects

Wild Animals: Federal Trapper/US Dept. of Agriculture 916-875-6603

SMUD outage: 888-456-7683

PG&E: 800-743-5000

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*We currently have 2 open board seats and would love to talk to those interested in serving Arden Park by joining this group of dedicated volunteers.*

If you have an interest or concern you think we should know about, please attend a board meeting, leave a voicemail at (916) 491-6960, or email us at [myardenpark@gmail.com](mailto:myardenpark@gmail.com).

**APNA Board meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm, currently via Zoom...just email us for a link to join!**