



## WRCA NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

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### Great Attendance at the Start up Meeting



Lori Holloway addresses the group of Witter Ranch neighbors.

On Tuesday evening, May 20th, nearly 40 neighbors gathered at the Witter Ranch Elementary School multipurpose room to learn about the Neighborhood Watch program.

This enthusiastic group listened to Barbara Falcon, Reserve Community Service Officer and Neighborhood Watch Coordinator of the Sacramento Police Department

present “Neighborhood Watch 101”. Also presenting at the meeting was Jimi Hardy from Nextdoor, which is a valuable communication tool that is complementary to the watch program, and Lt. Husted from the Sacramento Police Department North Command.

Other supporters and contributors to the meeting were: Keith Sharward, a founding member of the Witter Ranch Community Alliance; as well as representatives from District 1 Councilmember and Mayor Pro Tem Angelique Ashby’s office, Brandon Black, Constituent Coordinator; and Elena Quintero, Parks and Youth Liason.

The group of neighbors had

many great questions and had a lot of new information presented to them regarding helpful apps, phone numbers, and other tools that can help make a successful neighborhood watch program.

The overall show of support for the program was not only from neighbors but also the Sacramento Police Department and City Council staff. This was considered by all a sign of a great start!

Monthly meetings will start soon in order for the group to organize, identify priorities, and to bring even more neighbors aboard.

If you are interested in joining or want more information, email [watch@witerranchcommunity.org](mailto:watch@witerranchcommunity.org)

### About Witter Ranch Community Alliance

Witter Ranch Community Alliance (WRCA) is the all volunteer neighborhood association of the Gateway West and Park View neighborhoods of Natomas in Sacramento, California.

WRCA’s purpose is to promote a sense of community among the two neighbor-

hood residents. The group is committed to keeping the neighbors informed of important developments that affect our safety, security, and quality of life. The group represents the best interests of the community.

More information about the group including the core val-

ues and goals of WRCA can be found online. Read more at: [www.witerranchcommunity.org/about/](http://www.witerranchcommunity.org/about/)

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# WRCA Neighborhood Watch

## Are You on Nextdoor?



Join Nextdoor and get the app.

Nextdoor is the private social network for us, our neighbors, and our community. It is the easiest way for Witter Ranch neighbors to talk online and make all of our lives better in the real world...and it's free!

As of this writing, per the Nextdoor website, 220 of our fellow neighbors have joined, that is 185 households out of a potential 1,807 households. Lets increase that number! If you are not yet a member, go to [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com)

and sign up. If you are a member, click on "Invite" and select a method to invite your neighbors. You can choose to have Nextdoor send a postcard, or you can download and print flyers, cards, and more, or you can copy and share the link provided to email your neighbor. Easy!

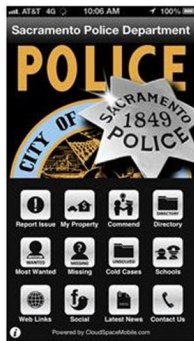
Once you have joined you can post information into categories such as: Classifieds, Crime & Safety, Docu-

ments, General, Free Items, Lost & Found, and Recommendations. Neighbors can have private conversations with each other through the website without sharing personal email, as well as create and post events with an RSVP feature, and so much more.

Give it a try so you can get to know the goings on in our community.

Each month we will talk about how to use the many features of Nextdoor.

## Get the Apps and Get Social with the SacPD!



SacPD Mobile iPhone App

As Barbara Falcon mentioned on Tuesday night, the Sacramento Police Department is using social media to connect with the citizens of the city.

The department can be found on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, and Pinterest.

In addition to "liking" or "following" the department

on one of those sites, you can also download the Sacramento Police Department mobile app. There is an app available for iPhones at the Apple Store and one for Android phones at the Google Marketplace...FREE!

The app is very dynamic and has many helpful tools. One tool that the department is promoting is "My Property".

This tool allows you to document serial numbers and upload photos of your personal property and store that information in your app and even email that catalog to yourself. If property is recovered and your serial numbers are in the database you are likely to have your property returned!

Download the app today!

## Who You Gonna' Call?

An important part of being an active community member is to call in information to the police department.

In the case of non-life and death related, not in progress crimes, most property crimes you should call the **Non-Emergency phone number: 264-5471.**

In the case of crimes in progress, dial the **Emergency phone number 732-0100.**

And, of course, for life and death emergencies, vehicle accident with injuries, calls involving weapons, medical aid needed, fire department needed, and in progress calls such as robberies, burglaries,

and so on, call **911.**

Program the Non-Emergency and Emergency phone numbers into your cell phone, and for quick access put an asterisk or two in front of the contact name so it is at the top of your contact list!



Sac PD ready to take your calls.

## News from District 1 Councilmember Ashby's office

### Senators Boxer and Vitter Applaud Final Passage of Bipartisan, Bicameral Water Infrastructure Bill

Published on May 23, 2014

### U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works

**Washington, D.C.** — Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA), Chairman of the Environment and Public Works Committee, and EPW Ranking Member, Senator David Vitter (R-LA), issued the following statement after the Senate voted 91 to 7 to adopt the Senate-House conference report for the Water Resources and Reform Development Act of

2014 (WRRDA). The House of Representatives passed the measure Tuesday with a bipartisan vote of 412 to 4. The legislative package will go to the President to be signed into law.

Senator Boxer said: "I am so proud of the overwhelming bipartisan vote in both the Senate and the House to pass this strong water infrastructure bill today. Our bill invests in vital water infrastructure that protects communities from flooding, maintains navigation routes for commerce and the movement of goods, restores vital ecosystems and provides a boost to our economy by creating jobs. I want to thank Senator Vitter, Rep. Bill Shuster and

Rep. Nick Rahall for all of their work to finish this conference report and move this important legislation to the President's desk."

Senator Vitter said: "Today is a great showing of strong bipartisan support for our bill to provide significant coastal restoration, hurricane and flood protection, reforms to the Corps, accelerated projects, and of course, jobs," Vitter said. "It's easily one of the most important bills we'll pass this year."



## District 1 Newsletter: May 2014

Keep in touch with our Councilmember's office with the District 1 monthly newsletter! In it you will find information, events, and good things happening in our area.

In this current edition you can read about:

**What is New in North Natomas?** A spray play area at the North Natomas Regional Park. It is officially open from 10 am to 8 pm seven days a week. A great way to stay cool and use less water at home than filling up wading pools!

**Natomas Farmers Market is OPEN!** Stop by for fresh fruit and vegetables every Satur-

day from 8 am—noon at The Promenade located at 3637 N. Freeway Blvd from May 3 until October.

### Summer Reading Program

The Sacramento Public Library's Summer Reading Program is back! The Paws to Read program from June 1st to August 31st is challenging all Sacramentans to keep reading all summer long. Sign up at any library branch and receive a complimentary ticket to a Kings game! Log in and track the books you read for entry to drawings and prizes.

### Youth Opportunities

Have you seen the Youth Opportunities webpage yet? go to [www.angeliqueashby.com/Youth](http://www.angeliqueashby.com/Youth). There you will find :

- Scholarships for middle school and high school students
- Jobs for ages 14-19 years old
- Internships
- Fun year-round volunteer programs

Find the District 1 Newsletter every month at <http://www.angeliqueashby.com/district-1-newsletter-may-2014>

### NORTH

### NATOMAS

LIBRARY SUMMER  
READING ICE  
CREAM SOCIAL,  
SATURDAY JUNE  
7TH FROM 2-4  
PM.



North Natomas Regional Park Spray Play area.

**WRCA Website:**

<http://witerranchcommunity.org/>

**WRCA Neighborhood**

**Watch E-mail:**

[watch@witerranchcommunity.org](mailto:watch@witerranchcommunity.org)

**Gateway West & Park View now have a voice.**

Built between 1999 and 2005, the Gateway West and Park View neighborhoods in Sacramento's Natomas basin were developed. In the years that passed, it became apparent to many in our neighborhood that opportunities exist to preserve, improve, and protect our community.

Gateway West and Park View neighborhoods contain 1,361 single family homes, two apartment communities on Duckhorn Drive that total 412 units, numerous businesses in the Market West Shopping Center, and of course, the historic ranch that is our namesake. There are also two undeveloped parcels of land, both of which are currently zoned for high density residential.

**Witter Ranch Community Alliance** was created by several area homeowners who found each other in the course of seeking solutions to challenges our community faces. We are motivated, we are connected, and if you live in Gateway West or Park View, we need your support.



*Together we can — and do — make a difference.*

**Remember to Take Action**

Be an aware and active community member, remember to do a few of these things, if not all:

1. Become familiar with the Witter Ranch Community Alliance (WRCA) and the webpage: <http://witerranchcommunity.org/>

2. Join Nextdoor by going to their webpage: [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com)

3. Download the SacPD mobile app at the Apple Store or the Google Marketplace

or become familiar with the SacPD website: <http://www.sacpd.org/index.aspx>

4. Find and "like" or "follow" SacPD on the various social media sites like Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, and Pinterest.

5. Add the police Non-Emergency and Emergency phone numbers to your contact list on your cell phone and to your phone list at home.

And lets not forget...

6. Make an effort to meet your neighbors when the opportunity presents itself and share this information! Inform them of the WRCA, the Neighborhood Watch program, and Nextdoor.

Don't hesitate to call and make a report when you see suspicious behavior, criminal activity, or code violations. The police need our help as much as we need theirs.

Stay tuned for next month's meeting information and newsletter issue. Safety will be the theme.

