

# Altadena Coalition of Neighborhood Associations (ACONA)

Let's keep Altadena  
*"The best neighborhood in LA  
County"!*

November 28 2017



# Agenda for Tonight's Meeting

## 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

- **7:00 PM – 7:05 PM Quick introductions and welcome**
- **7:05 PM – 7:30 PM Neighborhood Watch**
  - Captain Vicki Stuckey, Altadena Sheriff's Station
  - Jeff Sedlik, Altadena Sheriff Station Neighborhood Watch Volunteer
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  - Anne Lee, Co-Founder & Director of Operations, Alma Fuerte
  - Benita Scheckel, Principal, Altadena Elementary
  - Douglas Garrett, Business Administrator, Pasadena Waldorf School
- **8:00PM – 8:30 PM Open discussion Q&A**
- **8:30 PM Meeting end**

# Your ACONA Team

- Elliot Gold
- Nina Ehlig
- Melody Comfort
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- Captain Vicki Stuckey
- Sgt. Harvey “Sandy” Crosthwaite
- Holly Rundberg
- Carlotta Martin
- Dale Comfort
- Ellen Walton



# Neighborhood Watch: How to form one!

- Captain Vicki Stuckey, Altadena Sheriff's Station



# What is a Neighborhood Watch?

“*Neighborhood Watch, Block Watch, Building Watch, Crime Watch*”

- Whatever the name, it's one of the most effective and least costly ways to prevent crime and reduce fear.
- Neighborhood Watch fights the isolation that crime creates and feeds upon
- It forges bonds among area residents, helps reduce burglaries and robberies, and improves relations between law enforcement and the communities we serve



# Why Neighborhood Watch?

- It works. Throughout the country, decreases in burglary and related offenses are reported by law enforcement professionals in communities with active Neighborhood Programs.
- Today's transient society produces communities that are less personal. Many families have two working parents and children are involved in many activities that keep them away from home. An empty house in a neighborhood where none of the neighbors know the owner is a primary target for a burglary.
- Neighborhood Watch also helps build pride and serves as a springboard for efforts that address other community concerns such as recreation for youth, child care, and affordable housing.



# How does a Neighborhood Watch Start? (1 of 2)

- Recruit and Organize as many neighbors as possible
- Contact your local law enforcement agency and invite them to your scheduled meeting. Ensure this meeting is at a time that is most convenient for a majority of neighbors. It is very important that we collaborate with one another. At this meeting you be able to gauge the neighbors' interest, purpose of the program, and identify issues that need to be addressed
- Ask for block captain volunteers who are trustworthy and responsible for relaying information to the members.



# How does a Neighborhood Watch Start? (2 of 2)

- Create a communication plan. It is important to decide what type of communication will work for the neighborhood group – meetings or social media or both. Let's not forget, not all neighbors are computer savvy and please do not leave them out when communicating.
- Recruit members, keeping up-to-date information on new residents and making special efforts to involve the elderly, working parents, and young people
- Take action to hold regular meetings (monthly, quarterly, mid-year, etc.). At the meeting have an agenda and a topic to discuss. Consider having a yearly event, e.g. Summer Block Party, Summer Swim Party, Fall Festival, Halloween Haunt, Christmas Gathering. If you think of an event and it involves food, neighbors will come.





# Who Can Be Involved?

- Any community resident can join – young and old, single and married, renter and homeowner. Even the busiest of people can belong to a Neighborhood Watch – they too can keep an eye out for neighbors as they come and go.



# *“I Live In An Apartment Building, Can I Start a Neighborhood Watch?”*

- Yes!
  - Neighborhood Watch can be formed around any geographical unit: a block, apartment building, townhouse complex, park, business area, public housing complex, or marina.



# What Does A Neighborhood Watch Do?

- Neighbors helping neighbors.
- They are the extra eyes and ears for reporting crime and helping neighbors.
- Members meet their neighbors, learn how to make their homes more secure, watch out for each other and the neighborhood, and report activity that raises suspicions to law enforcement.



# What Are the Major Components of A Watch Program?

- Community meeting.
  - These should be set up on a regular basis such as bi-monthly, monthly, or six times a year.
- Communications.
  - These can be as simple as weekly flier/email with community announcements, newsletter that updates neighbors on the progress of projects



# What Are My Responsibilities As A Watch Member?

- Be alert!
- Know your neighbors and watch out for each other.
- Report suspicious activities and crimes to your local law enforcement.



# **Altadena's Neighborhood Watch Map**

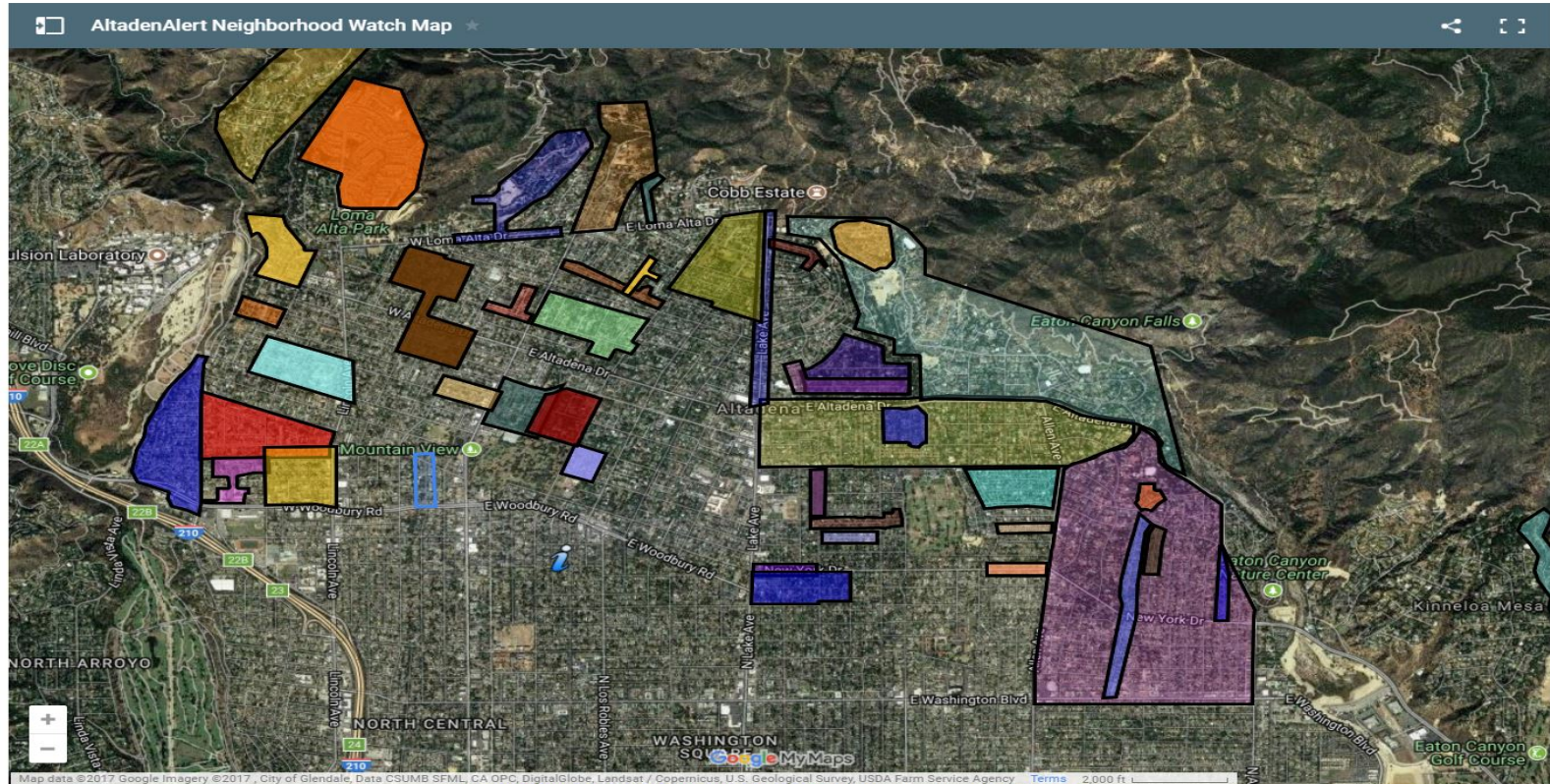
Presented by Jeff Sed!ik

**[AltadenAlert.org](http://AltadenAlert.org)**



## Altadena Sheriff's Station AltadenAlert Neighborhood Watch Map

Zoom in and click on a group in your area to view contact info. To contact us, to add your group to the map, or to start a new group, [submit your info](#).



View [AltadenAlert Neighborhood Watch Map](#) in a larger map, with a list of all groups.

### Submit Your Group's Information for Inclusion in the Map

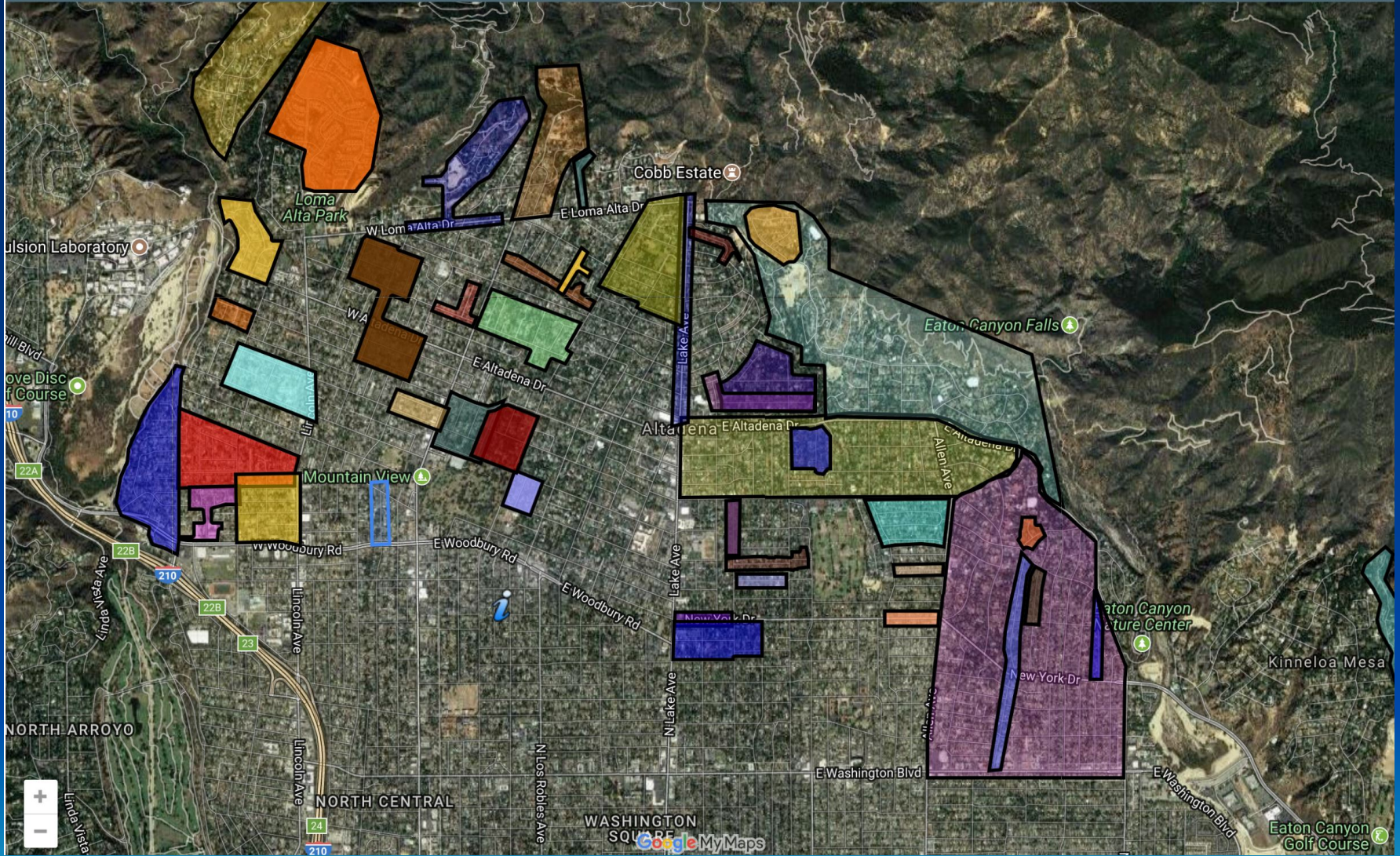
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Please send an email to [AltadenAlert@gmail.com](mailto:AltadenAlert@gmail.com) and include the following information:

- Name of Group
- Primary Contact Name, Email, Phone
- Secondary Contact Name, Email, Phone
- Website (if any)
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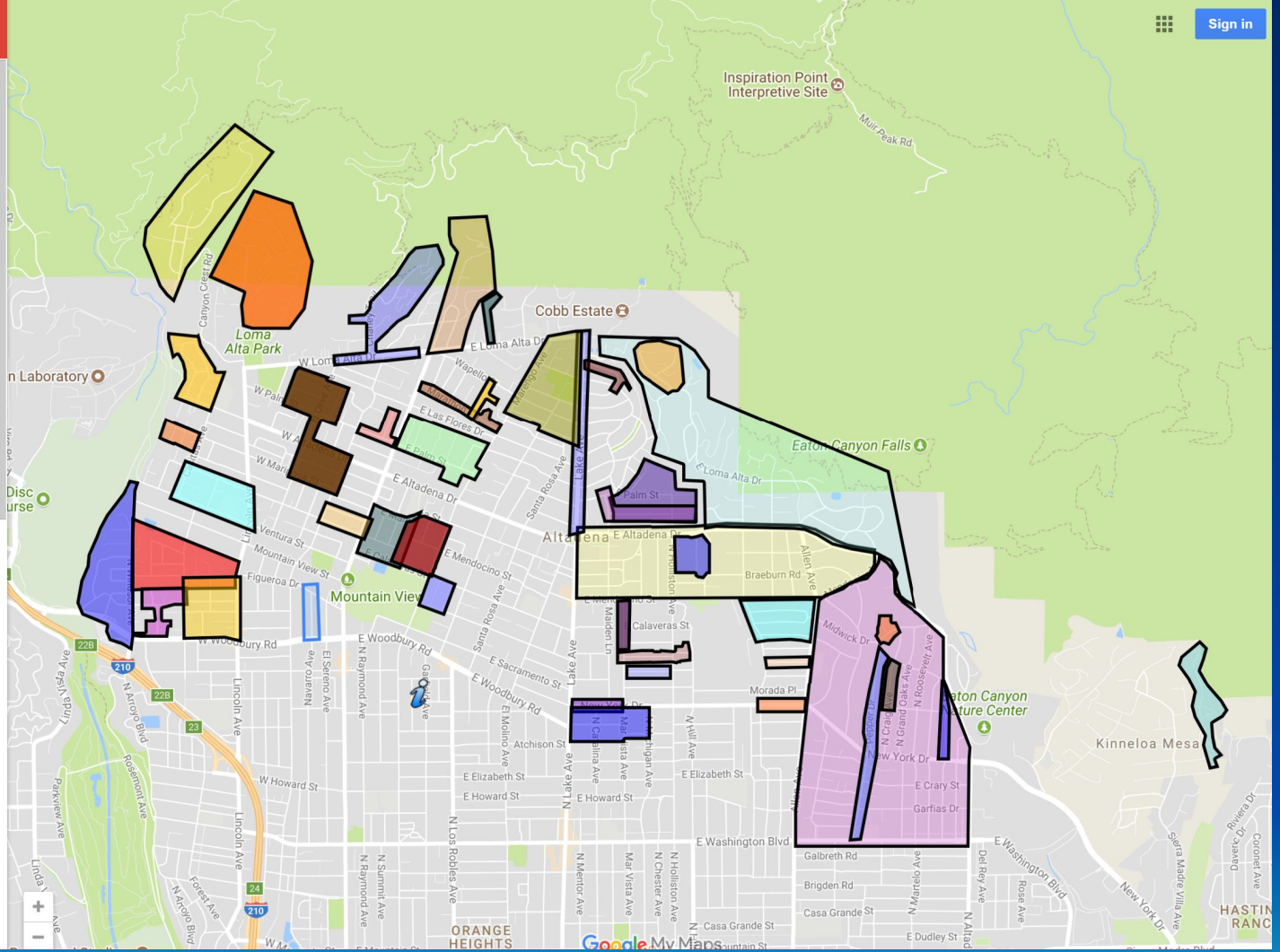


Map of neighborhood watch groups and other non-profit groups performing neighborhood watch functions in 8,685 views  
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Neighborhood Watch Groups

[INSTRUCTIONS - CLICK HERE](#)

-  BraeWatch Neighborhood Watch
-  E Calaveras Neighborhood Watch
-  LaCorona-Palm St "Upside-Down-T"
-  PresidentStreets
-  McNally Neighborhood Watch
-  ChaneyTrail
-  The Meadows
-  Pepper Drive Neighbors
-  Vistillas Road
-  North Lake Neighborhood Watch
-  Alta Pine Dr. Neighborhood Watch
-  CoolidgeWatch
-  Highview Neighborhood Watch
-  PSARA
-  Summit/Marathon Watch
-  Dead End Watch
-  New York Drive
-  SonomaWatch
-  SENCH
-  Hollislope Road Neighborhood Watch

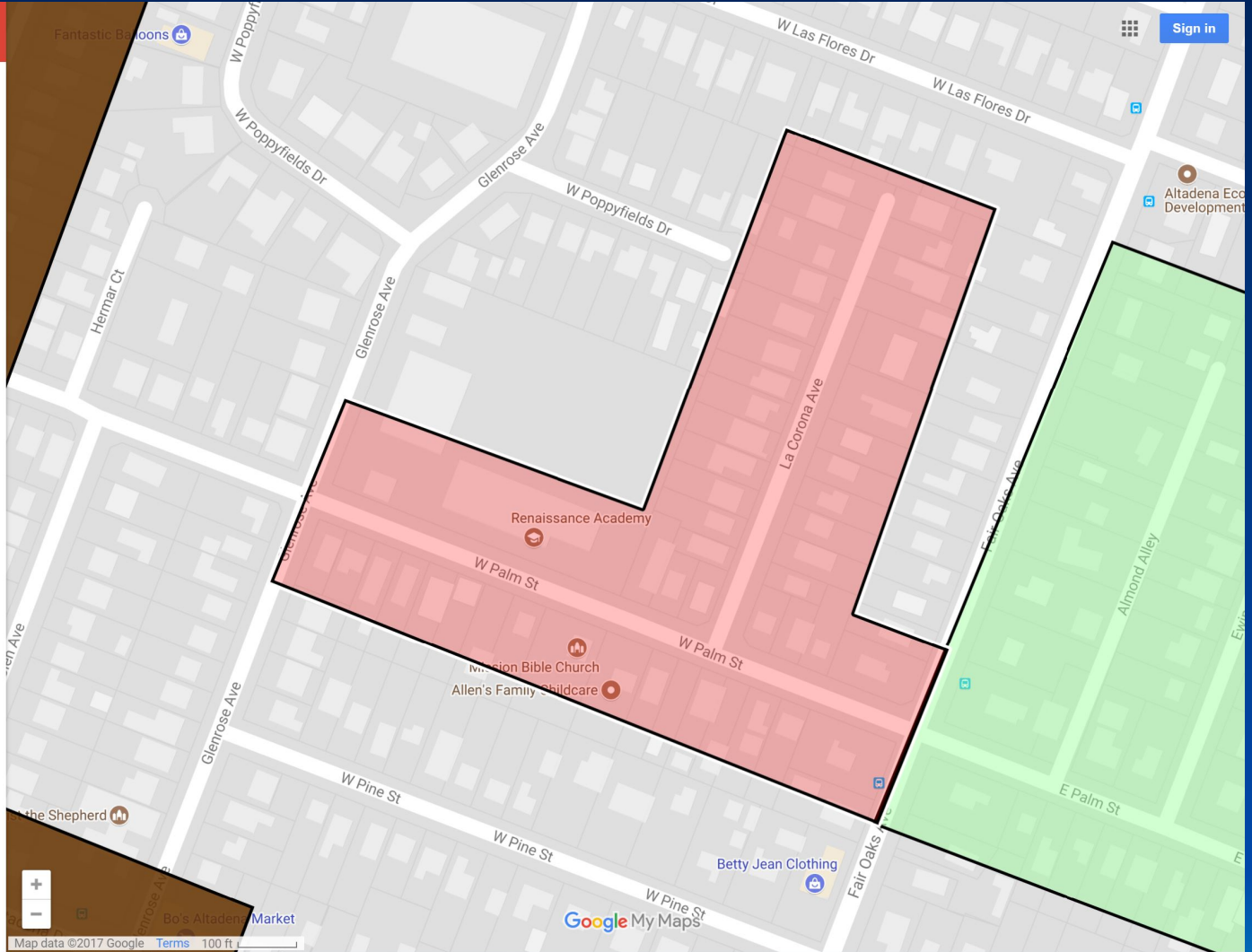


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# Add Your Group to the Map

- **Who:** Any resident may start a group
- **Meetings:** In-Person meetings encouraged, but not required.
- **Types:** Watch, Association, Discussion
  - Non-traditional groups welcomed!
- **Info:** Contact Name, Email, Phone
- **Boundaries:** Area outside of which you would reject a participant. Non-exclusive.
- **Submit:** [AltadenAlert@gmail.com](mailto:AltadenAlert@gmail.com)



**Notify Altadena Sheriff**

**626 798 1131**



# Is the Map Accurate?

- Information is provided by Block Captains
  - Additional Info in Sheriff' s private database
- Updates submitted by Block Captains
- Annual periodic update each November
  - If no reply, 1 year probation period
- Only the Block Captain can remove a group





## ALTADENA SHERIFF STATION NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH DATABASE UPDATE

To 'EMichaelGold@earthlink.net'

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Dear Altadena Neighborhood Watch participant:

This email is my annual check-in with all Block Captains for all neighborhood watch groups in the Altadena area.

If your group has not held meetings recently, please note that there is no requirement that your group hold meetings, nor is there a requirement that members of your group otherwise meet in person. To remain an active group, and to remain on the neighborhood watch map, your group need only have a point of contact (Block Captain) and have two or more participants who have shared contact information with the Sheriff station.

The most recent contact information for your group is listed below. If you have corrections, or if there is missing info, or if you are no longer involved with your group, please reply with corrected info and/or alternate contacts so that I can update the Altadena Sheriff Station Neighborhood Watch database.

Please see below, and please reply today to acknowledge receipt.

Thanks as Always,

Jeff Sedlik

Altadena Sheriff Station Neighborhood Watch Volunteer

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PLEASE REVIEW AND CONFIRM:



# Altadena is Your Oyster

- Dislike the Block Captain?
- Disagree with the Group's territory on map?
- Believe that a Group isn't active enough?
- Frustrated because a Group on the map doesn't satisfy your personal definition of a Neighborhood Watch Group?
- Don't like the name of the Group?
- **Start your own Group.**





# Registered Groups

- Alta Pine Dr. Neighborhood Watch
- Border/Hull Neighborhood Watch
- Boston Street Neighborhood Watch (BNSW)
- BraeWatch
- Canon Boulevard, Devonwood Road, Vinehill Drive, Skylane Drive and Anna Marisa Street Neighborhood Watch Group
- ChaneyTrail
- CoolidgeWatch
- Craig Avenue Neighborhood Watch
- Crobsy Community
- Dead End Watch
- Eagle's Nest
- East Calaveras Neighborhood Watch
- East Woodbury Neighborhood
- El Sol, Alberta, Stonehurst
- Farnsworth Park Neighborhood Association
- Florecita Farm Association of Neighbors (FAN)
- Highview Neighborhood Watch
- Hollyslope Road Neighborhood Watch
- Janes Village
- La Vina Neighborhood Watch
- LaCorona-Palm St "Upside-Down T"
- Mar Vista Ave Neighborhood Watch
- Marengo Calaveras Oliveras Alameda
- McNally Neighborhood Watch
- Mendocino/Harriet/Glenroase Neighborhood Watch
- MRV Watch - Mendocino Raymond Vischer
- New York Drive
- New York Drive @ Allen Ave Neighborhood Watch
- North Lake Neighborhood Watch
- Palm Street Area Residents Association (PSARA)
- Pasadena Glen Improvement Association
- Pepper Drive Neighbors
- PresidentStreets
- Raymond Avenue
- Rubio Highlands Neighborhood Watch
- Rubio Street
- SENCH
- SonomaWatch
- Stonehill News Neighbors
- Summit/Marathon Watch
- Surree Ellen Midwick Neighborhood Watch
- The Meadows
- Vistillas Road
- Windsor-Arroyo Neighborhood Association

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# Schools with Issues

- **Odyssey Charter School, 725 W. Altadena Drive**
  - The traffic issues are during drop-off and pick-up. Also, there is no parking posted between 0700-1700 hours and parents often ignore the signs. At 3 PM there is a long line of vehicles and sometimes the vehicles block traffic.
- **Pasadena Waldorf School (Mariposa Campus) 209 E. Mariposa**
  - Parking complaints from residents.
- **Altadena Elementary 743 E. Calaveras**
  - There have been complaints of traffic in the morning when parents are dropping off their children.
- **Jackson Elementary 593 West Woodbury**
  - Drop-off, pick-up, vehicles blocking the street, and parents jaywalking.



Officer Ryan Bejar  
Public Information Officer  
California Highway Patrol - Altadena

- Traffic issues at schools
- Suggestions to parents/drivers
- Things to remember





# School Panel

- **Lauren O'Neill, Executive Director, Odyssey Charter School**
- **Anne Lee, Co-Founder & Director of Operations, Alma Fuerte**
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# Anne Lee, Co-Founder & Director of Operations, Alma Fuerte

- Complaints by neighbors of traffic blocking Palm during pick-up





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Campus) 209 E. Mariposa**
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# Questions to the Panel

- How have you addressed these issues?
- What solutions have you implemented?
- For the long term, what needs to be done?
- How can we all work together to address the issues?



• QUESTIONS?



**Please be sure you  
signed in**

(if we already have your email  
address, we just need your name)



# Schedule for remaining ACONA Meetings 2018

- Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>
- March 27<sup>th</sup>
- May 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Sept 25<sup>th</sup>
- Nov 27<sup>th</sup>



Thank you!  
Questions?