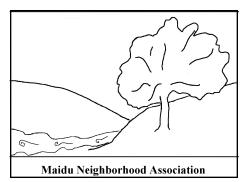
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RCONA MAIDU NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

September 2013

Park Clean-up & Free Lunch Scheduled for October 19 by Scott Reid

Please join us for the 2013 Park Clean-up on Saturday, October 19, at 10 am. Participants remove trash from the undeveloped parts of Maidu Park and along the greenbelt area of West Colonial Drive.

Some have asked if we will be doing this activity given the fire in the Park. The answer is YES! We will concentrate on the unburned areas first, but trash doesn't know fire boundaries, so anything that has landed in those areas will be subject to clean-up as well.

The clean-up starts at 10 am at the pavilion in Maidu Park near the basketball court and batting cages. Wear clothing suitable for walking in the natural areas of the park (closed shoes required; long leg pants and work gloves recommended). Also consider sunblock, as needed.

After being supplied with trash bags, volunteers will go to the clean-up area of their choice and work with others to explore, find, and pick-up trash, and have fun outdoors. At noon everyone returns to the pavilion where lunch will be supplied by the Maidu Neighborhood Association.

This event is never complete without the annual search for the "most unusual" piece of trash. A panel of judges will select a winning piece of trash and one or more prizes will be awarded. So come out for a couple of hours of fun and a free lunch to boot while doing your part to help keep our neighborhood looking great!

Maidu Board Elections - - This is a reminder that our September meeting is the annual meeting during which we will elect individuals to the Association Board. The following individuals make up the slate offered for elective positions. These are incumbents who have served for varying number of years. They are David Allen, currently serving as President; Geoff Kragen, serving as Secretary; Shirley Brown, Newsletter Editor; Jim Kidd, RCONA representative; & Vicki Miller, member at large. New Board Members are welcome. Anyone interested in learning more about serving on the MNA Board should attend the next meeting or contact one of the existing Board Members.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, <u>September 24, 2013</u>, at 7 pm at Sargeant Elementary School, Activity Room, 1200 Ridgecrest, Roseville. The Activity Room is toward the back of the school. Enter off N. Cirby. We invite you to attend. It's a chance to get to know your neighbors and hear what's happening in the neighborhood. A Roseville Police Officer will give a crime report at each meeting.

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Plans for Burned Area of Maidu Park

by Scott Reid



At our August meeting, Roseville's Open Space Manager, Brian Castelluccio, and Urban Forester, Michael Neumann, made a presentation on their role in the City and in particular their plans for Maidu Park both inside and outside the burned area.

Castelluccio and Neumann work with other City Departments to protect the wild areas throughout the City, but still allow maintenance needed to prevent flooding (by helping unclog waterways) and fire (by running the goat-grazing program to eat brush). They also provide expertise, such as when Neumann provides recommendations to the Parks Department as to how to handle park trees in a difficult situation.

As regards Maidu, they have managed the "mitigation" tree plantings in the Park and noted the trees have reached the end of their cycle of being watered by the irrigation system. A local Boy Scout has volunteered to remove the existing irrigation pipes as an Eagle Scout project, but if that falls through, the City will remove them. They expect that either way they will be removed before the rainy season begins. They noted they do not want people in the burned areas once the rains begin as it will be very muddy and could contribute to erosion.

In order to reduce the potential for erosion in the burned area, particularly along the creek and the outfalls, they are considering options such as planting native vegetation, but have not settled on exact details. Outfalls are those man-made drainages where a storm drain pipe enters the Park, then a ditch carries water down to the creek

Another action we will see in the burned area before the rains come will be the on-the-spot chipping of willows and cottonwoods that died in the fire.

Urban Forester Michael Neumann noted that the oaks that were planted as mitigation for trees cut down by developers elsewhere in Roseville, store their energy in their roots. Now we see many of them sending up water sprouts. Neumann and Castelluccio will monitor the trees through the winter to see which ones come back before deciding if additional planting is needed.

It is possible they will replant some trees in the burned area. If they do, they will use small one-inch black pipes for irrigation purposes, not the white piping that was installed in the past.

As they determine the needs in Maidu Park, Castelluccio and Neumann noted they will need volunteers to help with the larger efforts. The will contact the Neighborhood Association as plans develop and volunteers are needed. We expect to have them back at future meetings to provide us with additional updates.

Maidu Library News

Want to increase Maidu's circulation and attendance statistics? Check your books out through the Maidu branch. If a book you want to read is at another branch, make a request and the library will notify you by phone or e-mail when it is in and ready for pick up. You can make these requests online from outside the library or in the branch through their catalog computers. Ask the librarians for assistance to get set-up; you will love the time and gas you may save in the process. a likely win-win. Have you taken the Library Survey? There is a box on their homepage, www.roseville.ca.us/library. Please take a few minutes to give the library some feedback.

Crime Prevention Quiz and Raffle

by David Allen

This month we kick off a new section focused on crime prevention. The intent is to share crime prevention tips each month. In our inaugural article, we invite you to take a home burglary quiz to enter our raffle for a chance to win one of two \$25 Target gift cards. Deadline for entry is September 30. You can find the link to the quiz at www.maiduna.com or by going to www.surveymonkey.com/s/33TT3Z2. If you prefer to enter the raffle in writing, the questions are below. Circle your answers and call David Allen to enter at 773-6254.

1. Which of these is the best deterrent against home burglary while you are away?

- a. Exterior lighting with motion sensors.
- b. Deadbolt locks on all exterior doors.
- c. An observant neighbor who will call the Police.
- 2. You do not like speaking to solicitors who come to your door. Someone you are not expecting and do not recognize knocks on your door. What do you do?
- a. Call the Police.
- b. Ignore them.
- c. Do something to let them know you're home like yelling, "Can't come to the door now!" or turning on the vacuum cleaner.
- 3. A house nearby has had a newspaper on its driveway for a couple of days. You should:
- a. Ignore it. They'll pick it up eventually.
- b. Move it to the doorstep so they're more likely to bring it inside.
- c. Hide it out of sight so burglars don't get the idea no one is home.
- 4. A person seems to be "cruising" the neighborhood, looking at each house carefully. They stop periodically to type on their cell phone. Your gut tells you they are up to no good. You should:
- a. Confront them aggressively to scare them away (Hint: Not the correct answer. Never do this.)
- b. Ignore them. It's none of your business. (Hint: The safety of your neighborhood is your business.)
- c. Call the Roseville Police non-emergency phone number, 774-5000, and report it. (Hint: Program this number in your cell phone and/or post it by your home phone now.)
- 5. The Maidu neighborhood is typically one of the safest in all of Roseville because:
- a. Neighbors like me take an active role in keeping it that way.
- b. I watch out for my neighbors and vice versa.
- c. I am a better property crime deterrent than any piece of electronics my neighbor can buy.
- d. All of the above.

Bobbins, Hooks, & Needles



Do you enjoy needle arts? We've got a group that loves <u>all types of needle arts</u> and meets at Maidu Library. We bring a project we are working on to the library on the 3rd Saturday of every month (except December). We meet from 3 to 4:45 pm. We are a non-instructional group. You will find ongoing information about us on web site www.roseville.ca.us/library/adult_programs.asp or contact Fran at book_lady@surewest.net if you have specific questions.