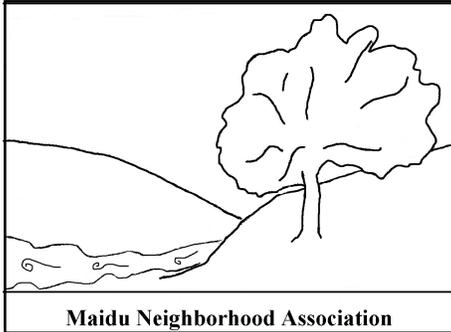


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We had a great turnout for National Night Out.

by Lance Hibben

The Maidu Neighborhood Association (MNA) hosted a free root beer float social at Maidu Park the evening of August 6 as part of National Night Out (NNO). The weather was perfect; the ice cream and beverages were plentiful; and the social opportunities were pleasant. In addition to Maidu neighbors, members of the Roseville City Council, including Mayor Susan Rohan, were there. Roseville Fire Department also participated in the festivities. A special thank you goes to our neighbors and MNA Board Members who volunteered at the event. Your support and kindness are appreciated.

The annual NNO event provides one of the ways our neighborhood grows closer together. It's a fact that neighbors who know each other tend to be more attentive towards one another which helps fight against crime. Another effective tool to fight crime is the MNA WatchMail which uses e-mail to communicate current issues, suspicious characters or crimes, alerting neighbors to be watchful. If you would like to be added to the WatchMail e-mail distribution list, contact Jim Kidd at jckidd@hotmail.com.

The MNA hosts the NNO event and Movies in the Park (Summer), Maidu Park and Open Space clean-up and BBQ (Fall), Santa visit (Winter), and Neighborhood Garage Sale (Spring), as well as a monthly meeting. To learn more about our association and activities, please visit our web site (maiduna.com), visit us on Facebook, or join us at one or more of our upcoming events.

What will happen to the burned area of Maidu Park?

Attend our August 27 meeting to meet and speak to Brian Castelluccio, City of Roseville Open Space Manager. Brian will speak about the future of the 30 burned acres in Maidu Park as well as answer questions we may have on any of the City's open space.

We will have a special guest speaker at the August Neighborhood Association Meeting. (See paragraph above.) The meeting will be held Tuesday, August 27, 2013, 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.

*Search for Maidu N.A. on Facebook and "like" us.
Our web site is maiduna.com*

Neighborhood Crime Prevention, Part 1

(Look for Part 2 in our next newsletter.)

by Kyoungah Lee, Maidu Neighbor

This article is presented to you because I've lived in Roseville since I was four-years old. Our area has been quiet other than a few toilet papering incidents and I thought that was bad. Well, it has been brought to my attention that it has gotten worse. In my heart, I want our neighborhood to be as safe as possible and it cannot be done without everyone's help.

Officer Cal Walstad of the Roseville Police Department agreed to answer my questions to help us be safer. The first set of questions pertains to burglary or attempted robbery:

1) What would you suggest for us to keep our house safe?

Insure all locks on exterior doors in your home have deadbolts. Have an audible alarm. Document a running inventory (with value and serial numbers) of property in your home. Install a home security camera system.

2) If we come home and find our house robbed, what would you ask us to do in order to maintain all the evidence for the officers?

Do not enter your home and call 9-1-1. The person who entered your home could still be inside. Get out of your home and call the police department as soon as possible.

3) How can we as a neighbors keep an eye out for suspicious acts, people, etc.?

You know your neighbors and your neighborhood better than anyone. Document any suspicious activity of vehicles and persons. If you think an officer should respond, call in the information to Dispatch.

Have You Checked Us Out?

By Geoff Kragen

The Maidu Neighborhood Association has a presence on Facebook. If you want to know what's happening in the neighborhood, for example, information on National Night Out, Movies in the Park, the neighborhood garage sale, and park clean up, you'll find it posted here. We also provide updates from the Roseville Coalition of Neighborhood Associations (RCONA), the Roseville Police Department, as well as Neighborhood Watch updates. Here you, too, can share information of interest and concern to other neighbors. So to keep up with what's happening locally, look up "Maidu Neighborhood Association" on Facebook and "Like" us.

Library News

by Fran Webb

The Library is currently working toward financing a new Mobile Library and retiring the van. The goal is to reach underserved Roseville residents who cannot access the buildings for one reason or another. The City has established a Mobile Library Fund and contributed over \$50,000. An additional \$50,000 will be raised by residents, Friends of the Library, the Roseville Library Foundation and community partners. The goal is to have the Bookmobile on the road in the spring of 2014. Do you want to contribute? Do you have a group that would like to support this effort? Go on-line to www.roseville.ca.us/library to find out how you can help or call the library at 774-5221.



Neighborhood Crime

By Geoff Kragen

At our last monthly meeting we were informed by our police guests that our neighborhood has experienced and increase in “door kickers,” home break-ins via a kicked-in door, and auto break-ins. There are a numerous things we can do. But for now, Officer Dan Stokes stressed one of the most important things we can all do is leave on exterior lights all night. Lieutenant Cal Walstad emphasized parking cars within our garages.



If you are concerned about what crime is occurring in our neighborhood, the Police Department sends out a weekly e-mail with tips and a crime report. (We are in Beat 2.) If you would like to receive it, go to www.roseville.ca.us/portal/default.asp and sign-up. You will also find other informative City of Roseville e-publications available at this same location. Sign up now and stay informed.

Maidu Fire – Part 2

by Scott Reid



Four days after the fire in Maidu Park, at our June 25 Maidu Neighborhood meeting, City of Roseville officials explained what happened, how they responded, lessons they learned, and lessons for neighbors to consider as well. In last month’s newsletter we covered the events on the day of the fire and neighbors’ questions about it. This month we follow-up with Fire Department advice and Roseville’s plans for the Park in the 30 burned acres.

As mentioned previously, the Roseville Fire Department, along with other agencies, responded to two types of fire on June 21 – wildfire and structure fire. We think of ourselves as living in a city environment, but near the park we need to guard against wildfires with their many flying embers as well. A few actions neighbors can take that will help are as follows:

Replace wood shingles with a more fire-resistant roofing material. While wooden roofs can be treated to make them more fire resistant (and then must be retreated every five years), they can never attain a fire resistance rating (A, B or C) as they are still just too flammable.

Related to this, avoid having wooden fencing connect directly to the house or other structure.

Keep vegetation and trees away from the house, 10 feet or more. In rural areas they recommend a much larger defensible space because first responders are likely much further away, but the same principles apply here. Watch for that tree branch that is near your roof.

Make sure all roof vents have ¼ inch or smaller mesh to prevent flying embers from being sucked into your attic.

Another visitor to our June meeting was Brian Castelluccio, Roseville’s Open Space Manager. He spoke about the plants and animals in the burned area. Brian will speak to us again this month; see Page 1 of this newsletter for details.

There are 14 places where water enters the Park. It’s along these “outfalls” that vegetation stays green. Normally they would have helped slow the fire, but the heat was so intense it dried them out and they burned, too. Trees about to fall were cut down right after the fire. More will be cut if they might be a falling hazard. Next spring, trees that don’t show life by then will be candidates for further clearing.

Up to 85% of the “mitigation” trees (planted to replace trees taken down elsewhere in the City for developments) planted by the City and volunteers are estimated to have survived the fire.