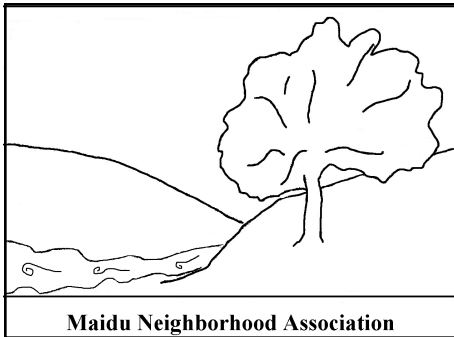


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Maidu: Roseville's Least Desirable Neighborhood for Bad Guys

by David Allen

Here's a conversation we need to make more common. Bad Guy #1: "Lots of nice houses around Maidu Park. Let's cruise around there and find a place to hit." Bad Guy #2: "Count me out. Every time I go there, a cop shows up and starts asking me questions."

There are many ways you can make our Maidu Neighborhood undesirable for the bad guys. Park your car in the garage. Leave outside lights on at night. You've read tips like these and many others in this newsletter.

Here's one more. When you see something in our neighborhood that doesn't look right, call Roseville Police. It doesn't have to be an emergency to call them. Just use their non-emergency phone number, 774-5000. Program it in your cell phone. Write it on a piece of paper and post it next to your home phone. Then start using it.

If you've attended our monthly neighborhood meetings, you heard this same message from the police. They NEED our help. They can't be everywhere. See someone wandering the neighborhood that might be scoping out houses and cars? Call Roseville Police. Is someone selling door-to-door without a city-issued permit? Call Roseville Police. See something that your gut tells you doesn't seem right? Call Roseville Police.

If you already send suspicious activity reports to Jim Kidd for our Maidu Watchmail, should you call Roseville Police too? Yes! In fact, call Roseville Police first. Then send a Watchmail report to Jim.

The last thing the bad guys want is the attention of the police. In 2014, let's give them all the police's attention we can so we can keep Maidu Roseville's least desirable neighborhood for the bad guys.

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The next meeting of the Maidu Neighborhood Association will be held Tuesday, **January 28, 2014**, 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.

Search for Maidu N.A. on Facebook and "like" us.

Our web site is maiduna.com

Tips for Saving Water

by Dave Steele

Roseville has always been conservative in the proactive usage of water. Not only is the City land including parks, golf courses, and walkways west of I-80 irrigated with gray water (previously used) but water is injected into the aquifer in good years to be pumped out in drought years. Alas, it won't be enough if the current trend continues, so here are some tips (partial credit to National Geographic Water Conservation) on cutting the water use in this area in lieu of significant rainfall.

- If you use a low-flow showerhead, you can save 15 gallons of water during a 10-minute shower.
- Every time you shave minutes off your use of hot water, you also save energy and keep dollars in your pocket.
- It takes about 70 gallons of water to fill a bathtub, so showers are generally the more water-efficient way to bathe.
- All of those flushes can add up to nearly 20 gallons a day down the toilet. If you still have a standard toilet such as Maidu Neighborhood was issued when built, which uses close to 3.5 gallons a flush, you can save by retrofitting or filling your toilet water tank with something that will displace some of that water, such as a brick (less water per flush).
- Most front-loading machines are energy- and water-efficient, using just over 20 gallons per load (start to finish), while most top-loading machines, unless they are energy-efficient, use 40 gallons per load.
- Nearly 22% of indoor home water use comes from doing laundry. Save water by making sure to adjust the settings on your machine to the proper load size (Maximum Load/Minimum Water).
- Dishwashing is less than 2% of indoor use but using a machine is actually more water efficient than hand washing. Hand washing generally uses about 20 gallons of water each time and even standard machines use only about 6 gallons. Energy Star dishwashers use about 4 gallons of water per load.
- On average, 10 gallons per day of your water footprint (or 14% of your indoor use) is lost to leaks. Short of installing new water-efficient fixtures, one of the easiest, most effective ways to cut your footprint is by repairing leaky faucets and toilets.
- Less vegetation means less water needs. Prune the bushes and trees way back - 'tis the season (check with a nursery or someone knowledgeable if you don't feel confident). Nearly 60% of a person's household water footprint can go toward lawn and garden maintenance.
- The average pool takes 22,000 gallons of water to fill, and if you don't cover it, hundreds of gallons of water per month can be lost due to evaporation.
- If you must wash your car, utilize the recycling of a commercial car wash such as at some gas stations OR wash your car on your lawn to double the usage - many of us in Roseville did that in '76-'77 during another drought along with rationing. You don't need detergent to get the car clean, just water and a brush/cloth. Most lawns in this neighborhood are hard pan/clay base and won't leave a tire mark besides bending the grass. You be the judge.
- No runoff to the gutter! Only rain in the drain. Don't be a gutter flooder or this year it'll be noticed.

Library News

by Fran Webb



Thank you for your continued interest in and support of the Roseville Library System and out neighborhood branch. The Library's web site is www.roseville.ca.us/library. You will find a wealth of information on the web site, including hours, locations, events, classes, new services, and group meetings. The library has a calendar that is posted at the beginning of the month on line and hard copies are available at the circulation desk. For those new to the area or for those who haven't discovered or rediscovered the library in a while, come in and check it out. Many people have been surprised at the new offerings.

The 26th Annual Poetry Contest is open to all youth, grades 1-12. Entry forms will be available on line or at any Roseville Public Library Branch (Downtown, Riley, Maidu) from January 25 through February 28. Winners will be announced on April 23 at Vernon Street Town Square. A Poetry Family Fun Day is being planned by the Friends of the Library for Saturday, January 25, from 10 am until noon at the Riley Branch. This event is free for all ages.

Roseville Residents and Businesses Are Asked to Voluntarily Reduce Water Use



The City of Roseville is calling for a voluntary 20 percent reduction in water use by its residents and businesses. The call for the voluntary water use reduction comes during an unprecedented period of dry conditions that have significantly depleted the water available from Folsom Reservoir, Roseville's main water supply.

To help with the voluntary 20 percent water use reduction, the City of Roseville is offering these water efficiency tips:

1. Residents and businesses should monitor water use on their utility bill. An easy way to do this is to sign up for the city's Water Insight on line program at www.roseville.waterinsight.com.
2. Reduce irrigation – shut off outdoor irrigation and only water if landscape becomes stressed.
3. Sign up for a Water Wise House Call or Water Wise Business Call by calling 774-5761 or on line at www.roseville.ca.us/housecall. The City can assist customers in identifying leaks, setting irrigation timers, and generally helping them make their home or business more water efficient.
4. Report water waste at www.roseville.ca.us/waterwaste or call 774-5761.
5. Go to www.roseville.ca.us/savewater for more tips.

Free Pickup of Hazardous Waste

On August 14, 2006, the City of Roseville Environmental Utilities Department began providing a free hazardous and electronic waste pick-up service for Roseville residents. Some of the items eligible for pick-up include car batteries and oil, electronic waste such as televisions and computers, and all items covered by the universal waste regulations. Residents simply call 774-5780 to schedule a pick-up time at their home. Pick-ups can occur as often as once a month.