

# MAIDU NEIGHBORS

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## MAIDU NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

March 2014

### Neighborhood Garage Sale, Saturday, April 26

The annual neighborhood garage sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 26. You hold the sale on your property and make some cash while clearing out unwanted stuff.

For your \$10 donation, we give you advertising in the Sacramento Bee, the Penny-saver, on Craigslist, Facebook, and our web site. Every home that is signed up will be included on a custom-designed garage sale map posted on our web site and distributed at multiple corners in the neighborhood on sale day. You get helium-filled balloons to attract buyers, signs for your yard, and a garage sale kit with selling tips, price tags, and more. You even get a chance at winning prizes in our post-sale drawing.

This event takes a team of people to make it happen. If you'd like to volunteer to pass out maps, to distribute balloons, or to help plan, we encourage you to contact any of our Board Members listed to the left of this article or send an e-mail to: [feedback@maiduna.com](mailto:feedback@maiduna.com).

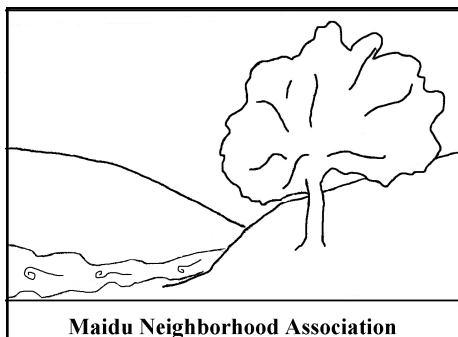
We could also use raffle prize items. If you'd like to advertise your business by donating a prize, contact Mary Steele. Her phone number is on the left.

Send in your garage sale registration today! (see below)

### Special Guest Speaker Will Discuss Water Crisis

Sean Bigley from the City of Roseville will make a powerpoint presentation to us on **March 25** at our neighborhood meeting. (See Page 3 for meeting place.) Sean will update us on the water crisis in northern California. He will also discuss the WaterInsight Program and ways for us to conserve water. Mark your calendar to attend and bring a neighbor with you. We all need to understand the seriousness of the water shortage.

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#### Garage Sale Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10 enclosed for April 26 Garage Sale.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not plan to participate, but I would like to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the Maidu Neighborhood Association.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to help with map distribution or filling of balloons the day of the sale.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to donate a raffle prize.

Make your check out to **Maidu Neighborhood Association**. Send form & check to Mary Steele, Treasurer, 1390 Cloverdale Circle, Roseville, CA 95661, **by April 18** to get your address listed on the map.

## Crime Corner

by David Allen

Something new and something old this month. The new thing is graffiti. Sure, urban “artists” have availed themselves of Maidu neighborhood walls and fences in the past, but thankfully it is rare. Well, some person or persons recently chose quite a length of fence along North Cirby between Ridgecrest and East Roseville Parkway to paint their cryptic messages. Rather unsightly, so it has to go. But how does that happen?

Roseville PD has a graffiti hotline. Call it to record what you found and where. They will work with the property owners to clean it up. Hopefully, by the time you’re reading this, it will be gone. Even better would be to catch the perpetrator(s). If you happen to have any information about this incident or any other, call Roseville PD.

And that brings us to the something old, 774-5000. Have you memorized Roseville PD’s non-emergency number yet? Program it in your cell phone; write it down; and memorize it now. Info about the graffiti? Call 774-5000. Worried about strange goings-on at a house nearby? Call 774-5000. Got a photo of a suspicious car in the neighborhood? Call 774-5000. If it’s not an emergency but could be crime related, call 774-5000. Lieutenant Cal Walstad reminded us again at the February neighborhood meeting to use this number. Let’s put his advice into action.

## Neighbor Starts a Neighborhood Watch

by Scott Reid



If you regularly read this newsletter, you may recall that Liz Johnson wrote an article in November that described how to start a Neighborhood Watch group. (Thanks, Liz!)

As she wrote then, “By forming a Neighborhood Watch group, you get to know your neighbors that live near you, agree to become more aware of what is going on in your neighborhood, and (should) be willing to work together to make your home a safer place to live.”

Well, Liz took that extra step, helped her neighbors get together, and formally received recognition by the Roseville Police Department as having started a Neighborhood Watch. In recognition of that, new “Neighborhood Watch” signs will be posted along her street to make potential thieves aware her street is no place to do business. The Maidu Neighborhood Association is helping defray the cost of the signs.

If you are interested in doing the same thing, read the November article on our web site (go to the “News” page and click on the “November 2013” issue). Or contact:

Mary Helen Ivers  
Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, Roseville Police Department  
(916) 774-5050  
mhivers@roseville.ca.us

## Coffee with the Mayor



On Friday, March 21, **Mayor Susan Rohan** will be available at La Bou, 1730 Santa Clara, at 2 pm to answer your questions and address your City-related concerns. If you would like to discuss City topics with the Mayor, please plan to attend. It’s a wonderful opportunity to meet the Mayor and let your views be known. Check out the City’s web site, [www.roseville.ca.us](http://www.roseville.ca.us) for other dates and times.

## How this Drought Impacts You and Me (Part 1)

by Lance Hibben

It's hard to imagine anyone living here who has not heard we're in a significant drought. Despite recent rain and snow, water supplies are still at critical levels and we need to conserve water. I've been thinking about this and how it affects me. I heard the City of Roseville is asking residents to reduce water usage by 20% from last year. But what does that mean? How much water is 20%? What can I do?

I decided to review my monthly City residential utility bill. I noticed it shows various details including my home water meter reading, water usage, and last year's usage for comparison. My problem reviewing this information is I can't tell the unit of measure (UOM) for the reading. Is the UOM in ounces, cups, gallons, cubic feet, acre feet, or what? The main benefit of the billing statement is the comparison between last year and this year.

Since conserving water is important, I decided to investigate further by signing up for the City's Water-Insight Program. The program is interesting and eye-opening. The program sends me an e-mail every 30 days and an on-line account that tells me how my usage compares to average neighbors and efficient neighbors. The program also offers a free home visit from a City rep to review historical water usage, to provide a pressure check (for leaks), to check fixtures such as faucets, toilets, bath/shower, and even provides free low-flow shower heads and faucet aerators. The representative will also check irrigation systems and help adjust sprinkler timers.

Using the program, I discovered my results seem to be average but what really grabbed my attention was the average gallons per day. The report shows average neighbors, efficient neighbors, and me using hundreds of gallons of water EACH DAY! My shock turned to disbelief. How can that be true for me? I turned off my sprinklers. I turn off the faucet when I brush my teeth. To learn more, I set up a home experiment.

I convinced my wife we would track our usage for a week. We tracked and estimated how much water is used from our faucets, shower, dishwasher, laundry machine, even the toilets! Even though I drove my wife crazy, we tallied and tracked our way through the week and tabulated we used about 300 gallons for the week. This amount did not match the City's. Given the time difference between our experiment and the City's report, something still seemed to be amiss so I started looking around the house for an explanation.

I discovered that even though my sprinklers were turned off, one of our irrigation manifold valves had a leak. This throws our efforts down the drain (pun intended) but at least I fixed the leak. Now that we have a better understanding of our water use, my wife and I are training ourselves save water inside the house. I signed up for a City representative to visit our home and I hope to get a better understanding. Stay tuned for more information in next month's newsletter.

In the meantime, the City continues to warn residents that deeper (mandatory) water conservation measures are likely to be put into place. If you are interested in the City's free WaterInsight program, you can sign up at [www.roseville.ca.us/waterinsight](http://www.roseville.ca.us/waterinsight) or call 774-5761 . The web site is loaded with information including how you can get rebates to save money AND water.

The next meeting of the Maidu Neighborhood Association will be held Tuesday, **March 25, 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. **We have scheduled a guest speaker from the City to make a presentation about the water crisis in northern California.**