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Neighborhood Garage Sale A Success

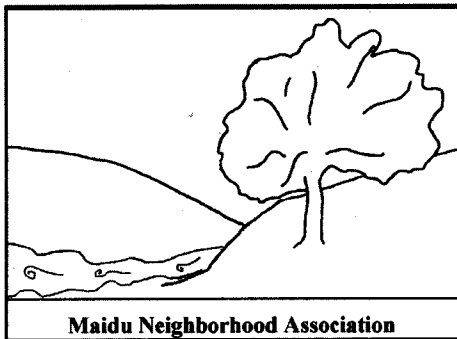
A rainy night gave way to a glorious morning for our annual Maidu Neighborhood Association Garage Sale. More than 80 neighbors donated \$10 to participate in the sale on Saturday, April 25. The multi-faceted advertising they helped fund brought out the garage sale shoppers en masse. In the end, it was a huge success and an important fundraiser for our neighborhood association, providing funds that we use to make Maidu a great place to live.

This event was made possible by the generous help of neighbors, board members and local businesses. First and foremost, we thank our event sponsor, Coldwell Banker Realtor, Melinda Shrader, phone 916-773-7535. She provides and distributes the garage sale kits, prints the maps we hand out, and distributes the raffle prizes. Melinda is the reason we can stay in touch with the 1200 homes within our boundaries as she pays for printing of the newsletter every month.

We thank the following local businesses for donating raffle prizes: Learning Express (4 gift cards), Smallcakes, A Cupcakery (1 gift card), and European Wax Center (1 gift card), and Iron Grill (1 gift card) all in the Rocky Ridge Town Center. Please give these businesses your support. We also received a personal product basket from Mason's Health Secrets of Ancient Ayurveda. Bret Mason is an Ayurvedic Health Therapist at 916-521-1349. Phyllis & Mike Connor donated 2 beer signs. And finally, thanks to the Maidu NA Board members and neighbors who prepared for this event, took your checks, and handed-out maps and balloons.

Guest Speaker -- Auto Theft Task Force

Sgt. Mike Beauregard of the CHP Investigative Services Unit, Placer County Auto Theft Task Force, will speak to our neighbors at the May 26 neighborhood meeting at Sargeant School. (See below for meeting details.) Sgt. Beauregard will discuss auto theft issues in our area and how we can prevent becoming a victim. He will have an informal presentation covering topics like why the task force was formed, the mission of the task force, auto theft today, keeping your vehicle safe, Roseville trends, vehicle burglaries, and catalytic converter theft. It's an appropriate and timely topic as there has been a dramatic increase of stolen vehicles in our City in the last few months. Mark your calendar now and attend the meeting.



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The next meeting of the Maidu Neighborhood Association will be held on **Tuesday, May 26, 2015**, at 7 pm at Sargeant School, 1200 Ridgecrest. We meet in the Activity Room which is toward the back of the school. Enter off N. Cirby. Our meetings give you a chance to get to know your neighbors and hear what's happening in the neighborhood. This month we have a special **guest speaker** from the Placer County Auto Theft Task Force, Sgt. Mike Beauregard.

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Our web site is maiduna.com

Crime Corner

by David Allen

Right after tax day, we received this automated phone call: "Hello, we have been trying to reach you. This call is officially a final notice from the IRS, Internal Revenue Service. The reason of this call is to inform you that IRS is filing a lawsuit against you."

First, I had to laugh. The audacity of scammers amazes me. Then, when my concerned parents called me after receiving this same call, I got mad. The amount of worry this scam must create for the thousands of people who understandably give it even the smallest amount of credibility, let alone those that call back and get scammed out of real money, well, it made me daydream about getting my hands on these scum.

These phone scams are happening all the time. Arm yourself with these tips:

Automated calls asking for money from anyone other than a business you know should be ignored.

An offer that sounds too good to be true? It probably is. Ignore it.

If someone you know calls, says they are in trouble and asks for money, hang up and call them to verify. Call them at the phone number you normally use to reach them.

Never give personal info (e.g. Social Security Numbers, account numbers) to someone you don't know who called you.

If you are sure you need to send someone money, discuss it with at least one trusted person before doing so.

Slow the rate of such calls by registering your phone number at the Do Not Call Registry, www.donotcall.gov. Report scams to the Federal Trade Commission, www.ftc.gov/complaint or 1-877-FTC-HELP.

Maidu Center Tea Dances:

Maidu Senior Center is sponsoring afternoon dances for adults over 50. The Maidu Community Center at 1550 Maidu Drive is the setting for the dances on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month, starting at 1:15 pm and ending at 3:30 pm. There is live music and the entrance fee is \$4 for members of the Maidu Senior Center and \$5 for non-members. If you have questions, call the Senior Center at (916) 774-5960. The Senior Center will continue sponsoring dances throughout the year if there's good attendance and support.



Neighborhood Ad

Swimming Pool Service - Kaysen's Sparkling Pools, Owner Jeff Kaysen, Ph 916-834-9182. Calif. Contractors License #964987, BBB Member. Providing weekly pool maintenance and all above-ground repairs since 2005 for Maidu and surrounding area. Very reasonable rates.

Library News

by Fran Webb

The Summer Reading Program for children, teens, and adults begins June 6. Books in any form can be counted as a "book" for all ages and they do not have to be checked out from the library to qualify. Here are statistics in each category of books read in all three libraries from the 2014 Summer Reading Program:

Children:	Downtown - 10,587	Maidu - 23,414	Riley - 58,202
Teens:	Downtown - 375	Maidu - 280	Riley - 1,136
Adults:	Downtown - 914	Maidu - 570	Riley - 1,309

Teens and adults of Maidu, we can do better, right? Let's elevate our numbers. Make sure library cards, logs, and credits are going to Maidu. Funding, grants, and program dollars are calculated in part based on participation. Enjoy the advantages of books through electronic media as well as those in print. Please ask library staff if you have any questions on where and how to drop off the logs. As always, thanks for supporting the library. Spread the word to friends and family.

The mobile library began operation the first week of May with primary locations being schools, senior facilities, community centers, and neighborhoods that do not have access to a library due to transportation, economic restraints, or other barriers. A mobile library visit request form is available on line at web page, www.roseville.ca.us/MobileLibrary. Fill in the blanks and submit electronically. If you have suggestions for regular routes, drop-off services, or special visits, please make them known. If you need help, call the library at 774-5221.

Goats Return

If you've moved to our neighborhood in the last year, you might not know about the goats, but everyone else had ample time to see them last year when they grazed in the undeveloped, eastern half of Maidu Park and along the open space areas in our neighborhood.

City Employee Brian Castelluccio told us recently that he expects the goats to return sometime in June. He explained the reason the City uses grazing to manage preserve and open space property. Goats have been used for about 7 years in numerous locations in the City to clear brush and dry vegetation, originally as a fire-prevention method. Most of the work has been done along creeks and in flood plains.

Clearing such areas promotes public safety by keeping the area visibly open and improves habitat conditions. If you have walked in the park or open spaces before and after the goats have been through, you can testify to the truth of that. It is easier to see all across the park, as the weeds in some areas made it impossible to walk where now you can.

Brian noted there are many advantages in using goats, one of which is removing the thatch layer. This not only lowers fire danger, but helps native plants to flourish and improves the condition of many vernal pools in open spaces. The hungry goats also help remove invasive plants so native species can thrive. By removing the need for mowing machinery, they reduce noise and air pollution, and the addition of free fertilizer in the form of small pellets the herd leaves behind further nourish the environment.

While they are in the area, you'll see a trailer that is living quarters for the full-time herder who watches over the 500-goat herd along with three dogs to protect the animals from coyotes and other predators. A solar-powered low voltage electric fence is set up that keeps the animals contained. Using goats (and sheep, as well) to keep growth in check is not new; however, with today's emphasis on "green," more and more people are looking into the animal mowers as a win/win situation.