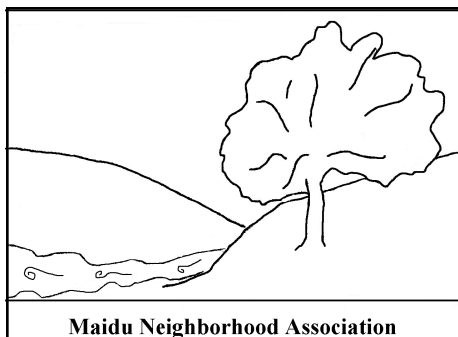


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Speeding on Neighborhood Streets

by Scott Reid

At our May meeting, Lieutenant Cal Walstad of the Roseville Police Department spoke of some alternatives to addressing speeding in our neighborhood. This was a response to neighbor concerns he heard while attending our April meeting regarding Ridgecrest and Champion Oaks.

As part of his preparation to address this issue, Lt. Walstad had the speed-sign trailer assigned to Ridgecrest from May 6 through May 10. In addition to showing motorists their speeds as they approach it, the trailer also records the number of vehicles passing (in both directions) and their speed.

There were over 6,000 vehicle trips past the speed-sign trailer during the 5-day period it was in place. Of those, 85% were traveling at between 5 – 30 miles per hour in the 25 mph zone. These are trips that are seen as basically in compliance with the speed limit by Roseville Police and would not normally lead to any enforcement action. Such a high rate of compliance surprised Lt. Walstad. After the meeting we noted that 15% not in compliance (traveling at over 30 mph) would mean about 900 of the trips were at higher speeds.

It is not known to what extent drivers slowed before triggering the speed-sign trailer once they were aware it was there, or if there were some that deliberately speeded up to see how fast a speed they could record.

Walstad reported on adding a “radar sign” on Ridgecrest. It would, at a minimum, cost about \$4,000 to purchase such a sign. It would have all the functions of the speed-sign trailer, and the data on traffic could be downloaded from the sign. He noted that the City doesn’t have money budgeted for such a purchase, so at this point the Neighborhood Association would have to raise money to buy it. In addition, a suitable location on the street would need to be identified; i.e., in front of whose home would it go?

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Temporary Meeting Location for summer. The next meeting of the Maidu Neighborhood Association will be Tuesday, June 25, 2013, at 7 pm at Alta Manor Senior Residence, 930 Oak Ridge Drive, Roseville. We will meet in their conference room in June and July.

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

It’s 4th of July flag time again. If you are available June 29 - July 1 and would like to assist in distributing American flags throughout the neighborhood, please contact Melinda Shrader at melinda.shrader@cbnorcal.com or 773-7535.

Playful River Otters/American Mink Live on Linda Creek!

by Donna Wilson



One day two neighbors were strolling along Linda Creek, and they were able to catch an incredibly intimate view of a river otter enjoying his lunch on a big trout! Wildlife enthusiasts and photographers Brian and Karla Gibbons shot this photo of "Ottie." It was during this same walk that the Gibbons also spotted and took the first known photo of an American mink crossing the creek behind Blue Jay Drive. What a day on the creek!

Who are these wonderful river otters? Native to Linda Creek riparian habitat, the river otters live in family groups. It is quite likely the otters on our creek are related. River otters are not the least bit territorial. Quite the opposite, they are very gregarious and social. They have a close relationship with beavers, even preferring to move into open creek bank dens built by the beavers rather than build their own. Saves more time for play!

We also saw that a female river otter near the big creek bank restoration which was performed just 1-1/2 years ago and is now filled with native vegetation. She was sitting on a large root branch of an oak tree just outside her den and close to the water. She was not timid and we were able to watch her.

With a life span of about 10 years, the river otter lives on both land and water. They can remain under water for as long as 4 minutes and fish is their favorite food.

Renowned for their sense of play, the river otter will run, bound or slide. They will travel up to 3 miles in a day, but are known to go as far as 25 miles. They hiss, growl, snort, grunt and even chuckle! In April, females have "kits" of 1 to 3 baby otters.

Extinct in 15 states, we are very lucky to have river otters surviving on Linda Creek. We live in a very special place and we need to speak up and protect. The Regional Bike Trail is designed to run quite close to the creek. There is no plan for an environmental setback to protect the sensitive riparian habitat. The creek banks are steep and badly eroded. The City feasibility study has not included any bio-engineering evaluation and the city will likely cement some of this section unless they make a commitment to bio-engineering with native vegetation. Bio-engineering has already been successfully performed on 260' of creek bank opposite the bike trail. Why can't this be done along the bike trail as well?

The western pond turtles found in Linda Creek, the American mink, and the river otters are the ambassadors for our greenbelt! Let's not destroy their homes. Happy Trails from Donna Wilson, Friends of Linda Creek, 916-801-1717, Donnawilson1@surewest.net.



American Mink

Speeding on Neighborhood Streets (cont'd from Page 1)

A neighbor noted there is a radar sign already on North Cirby, and asked if that could be moved to Ridgecrest. Subsequent research shows this is an older model sign purchased by the City when it had more money. It is a much heavier device that would need a new post to have it mounted on Ridgecrest as the existing poles and posts along that street are not strong enough. The Neighborhood Association would need to fund the cost of the pole.

The Neighborhood Association Board plans to work with the City to do additional speed testing along Ridgecrest and on Champion Oaks. With additional research it is hoped we can identify more options and arrive at a solution that will minimize speeding in our neighborhood.

Do you have thoughts on local speeding and ways to reduce it? Is there another place in the neighborhood where you think it's a serious issue? Visit our Facebook page and post a comment, or send us an e-mail through our web site, feedback (at) maiduna.com.

National Night Out

Reserve Tuesday, August 6, for our neighborhood National Night Out celebration. We haven't finalized our event yet, but know that this will be an evening to socialize and get to know your neighbors. You can help make the neighborhood safer by getting to know the people who live around you. This is the goal of National Night Out. It's a fact that neighbors who know one another keep a more watchful eye out for crime. Board Member Lance Hibben is our coordinator this year. You may give him a call at the number on the front of this newsletter if you'd like to help with event planning or help on the evening of the event.

Library News

by Fran Webb

Are you longing to try an e-book reader but can't decide which one to buy? Here's your chance to try one for free. At your Roseville Public Library, you can now check out Nooks and Kindles that come preloaded with a variety of books to satisfy even the choosiest reader. Put one on hold today; they are available to be loaned out for 3 weeks at a time. Don't forget the library also has Google Chrome laptops for check-out.



Proceeds from the in-branch used book sales and the quarterly sales are used to purchase material and ongoing programming. Thanks for your ongoing support. You can certainly find some great bargains at these sales. If you are interested in volunteering to keep the sales going, contact the FOL (Friends of the Roseville Public Library). Their brochures are available in the library.

Copies of the **LIBRARY'S STRATEGIC PLAN** for 2013-2015 are available online. See what services the library plans to target in the new couple of years by accessing <http://library.roseville.ca.us>.

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