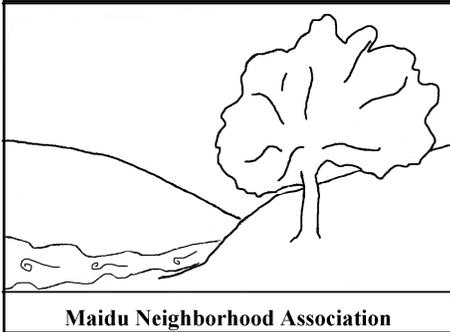


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October 2012



Park Clean-Up and BBQ

Saturday, October 27

by Lance Hibben



It's that time of year again. We join together for a few hours to celebrate Maidu Park at the annual Park Clean-Up Day on Saturday, October 27 at 10 am. This is your opportunity to show your appreciation for our beautiful park and meet with neighbors, enjoy a meal, and have some fun. For this year's event, we plan to expand our efforts in a couple of ways.

The open space area (nature preserve) on West Colonial Parkway will be part of our clean-up this year. It is protected by signs and a post-and-cable barrier. It offers a walking trail, views of the creek, and benches. You have a choice of meeting at 10 am at West Colonial open space area to pick up trash or meeting at 10 am at Maidu Park to pick up trash. At noon, all participants meet at Maidu for free food.

Second, to create some friendly competition, we are challenging neighbors to show their spirit by competing to have the highest participation by street or cul-de-sac. There are two ways to win. Your street or cul-de-sac can win by showing the highest **percentage** of participating neighbors based on the number of homes located on the street or cul-de-sac. The second way to win is the **highest number** of participating neighbors based on the number of homes located on the street or cul-de-sac. Winners will be announced in the November Maidu Neighborhood Association Newsletter. Encourage your neighbors on your street or cul-de-sac to participate in the clean-up at the West Colonial open space or at Maidu Park. Also, as in past years, the participant who finds the most unusual piece of trash (in either the open space or Maidu Park) will receive a prize.

Plan to join us October 27 at 10 am at the main entrance to the West Colonial open space on West Colonial Parkway or at the pavilion at Maidu Park (near the batting cages, covered soccer field, and basketball court). Participants will pick-up trash in the West Colonial open space or in Maidu Park along McClaren Drive. At noon, everyone will meet at the Maidu Park pavilion for a free barbecue provided by the Maidu Neighborhood Association. Participants are encouraged to wear sturdy shoes, long pants and long sleeves and bring gardening gloves to protect your skin. Rain will cancel the event.

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The next meeting of the Maidu Neighborhood Association will be held at Sargeant Elementary School, located at 1200 Ridgecrest, Roseville, in the Activity Room at 7 pm on Tuesday October 23, 2012. The Activity Room is toward the back of the school. Enter off N. Cirby.

Find us on the web at www.maiduna.com

Search for Maidu Neighborhood Association on Facebook & "like" us.

Library News

by Fran Webb



New Policy for DVD's: The recent good news was all movies are free; the latest change may not be such good news as the check-out time has been changed to **one week**. It is possible to renew in person or online if no one else has requested the movie(s). Fines will accumulate if not returned on time. You can submit comments about this change at the circulation desk or on line via www.roseville.ca.us/library. Choose the tab, "customer service."

County Supervisor Uhler Updates Neighbors

by Scott Reid

Placer County Supervisor Kirk Uhler visited the Maidu Neighborhood Association September monthly meeting and gave us an update on his district.

He noted his district changed as a result of the 2010 U.S. Census. It expanded more into the City of Roseville, and now covers all on this side of I-80, and the Cirby and Highway 65 corridors on the other. Uhler said that some Roseville arrests go to the Placer County jail. (Note: The Santucci Justice Center is not a jail.) The County also supports City residents with Health and Human Services. Those include four Medical Centers including one in Roseville, care programs for children and seniors, mental health programs, tracking County community health data, as well as helping administer Medi-Cal, CalWorks and other state-wide programs.

While the County budget is in good shape, per Uhler, the big unknown is what the State will do to change what services the County is responsible for. As an example, the Santucci Justice Center was opened not long ago, but will reach capacity much sooner than expected because the State has transferred "non-violent, non-sexual, non-serious" convicts (based on their last crime committed) from State prisons to County jails. The State also gives about 25% of the money they would use to incarcerate these prisoners to the counties to support this new county-level responsibility.

One success Uhler has observed since being on the County Board is the "Blueprint for 75 Years," a plan for the future. It has helped local counties to coordinate the way development is done. As an example, Uhler said when wetlands are displaced by development, the counties now already know where mitigation will be done as a part of a larger, overall plan covering a larger, more sustainable area. This will prevent the establishment of isolated wetland preserves like the one just north of the Galleria which has gone from being a vernal wetland, only wet during winter and spring, to a year-round swamp because run-off from surrounding urbanization puts too much water there.

Uhler reported the County is still working on getting a 4-year university established in South Placer County. He said he expects there will be new information on this effort before the end of this year. The County has been talking to both Drexel University and University of the Pacific.

Board of Directors for Maidu Neighborhood Association

by Geoff Kragen

The following individuals were elected to the Board at our Annual Meeting: Incumbents, Mike Bardini, Scott Reid, Mary Steele, and Dave Steele; with new board member, Lance Hibben. Elections of Officers were held at the regular meeting. Here is your 2012/2013 Maidu Neighborhood Association Board: David Allen, President; Scott Reid, Vice President; Geoff Kragen, Secretary; and Mary Steele, Treasurer. Members at large are Mike Bardini, Shirley Brown, Jim Kidd, Vicki Miller, Dave Steele, Lance Hibben.

Crime Prevention Tips: Historically a decrease in economic prosperity is usually followed by an increase in crime; including home burglaries, auto break-ins and similar forms of theft. Roseville is very fortunate in that our police force is committed to reducing this type of crime whenever possible. They have been quite successful and overall, crime has been on the decrease in Roseville.

Here in our Maidu neighborhood, home burglaries have dropped considerably, but we can still do better. What can we do to further reduce theft in our neighborhood? Following are some suggestions:

1. Keep your outside lights on at night. This helps illuminate the neighborhood and makes it easier for our police officers to patrol the area. It also makes it easier for neighbors to see persons loitering about.
2. Report activity that seems out of place or otherwise suspicious. See our Maidu Neighborhood Association web site (<http://maiduna.com>) and click on the resources tab to review what you should be watching for.
3. Consider posting a **No Soliciting Sign**. The fact is that door-to-door solicitors knocking on your door today may be more interested in determining if you are home than trying to sell you something.
4. If possible, park your car(s) in the garage at night. One of the most commonly-stolen items is a catalytic converter.
5. Never leave electronics, purses, wallets or anything else of value in your car while parked. It takes just seconds to smash a window, reach in, and your property is gone.
6. Make sure your doors and windows are closed and locked when you are gone, and, if you are outside working in your yard and outside visual range of any open door, close and lock them as well. It only takes seconds for a skilled thief to enter your house.
7. Become aware of notices left on the side of your house or front porch. Often notices are left for the sole purpose of determining if owners are home.
8. Don't get into discussions about your neighbors with door-to-door salesmen or persons who state they are 'new neighbors' asking when you expect other neighbors to return so they can meet them as well.
9. Become aware of what is happening in your neighborhood and city. Sign up for the police report. Go to www.roseville.ca.us/police and sign up using the tools provided on the web site.

Sign up for WatchMail. This will provide you an e-mail blast when suspicious activity is reported in the Maidu neighborhood and alert you of what activity to watch out for. Contact Jim Kidd (see front of newsletter). In addition, the Maidu Neighborhood Association web site <http://maiduna.com> has a simple Home Security Checklist and tips on how to recognize suspicious activity under their RESOURCES tab. Both of these documents are simple suggestions and reminders that can help reduce the likelihood of thefts from your home or auto.

Correction to Light Bulb Exchange Article in September Newsletter:

The light bulbs you exchange can be used or burnt out. They don't have to be new bulbs. You have until October 20, 2012, to exchange incandescent bulbs for compact florescent bulbs. See web site "www.roseville.ca.us/electric" for more information.