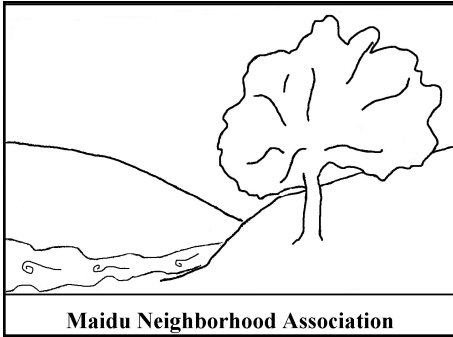


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Santa Visits Maidu Neighborhood

by David Allen

It was wet the day Santa was due to visit Maidu Neighborhood. Rain fell from the sky and apprehension showed on the faces of the youngsters as a wet evening approached. Would the Santa visit be cancelled due to rain?

“But Mom, Santa HAS to come see us, doesn’t he?” “Well, Sweetie, if it’s raining, Santa may not come.”

But the smart people who bring Santa to our neighborhood just knew the rain would stop long enough for Santa to make an appearance. And they were right! The rain did stop, and Santa did arrive.

We had a wonderful event December 8 at Dietrich Park next to Sargeant School. More than 60 neighbors and kids turned out. Hot chocolate was sipped and cookies were munched. Excitement rose as the loud sounds of sirens announcing Santa’s arrival came closer and closer. And then he appeared, led by Roseville policemen and firemen and surrounded by joyful elves handing out candy canes. Santa rode in his magnificent sleigh ahead of his warming hut, smoke from its fireplace curling into the dark sky. He stayed long enough for every girl and boy to exchange waves and smiles with Santa, then off he went to visit other girls and boys.

Maidu Neighborhood Association on the Web

by David Allen

The Maidu Neighborhood Association Board hopes you enjoy reading these monthly newsletters. We aim to provide useful, entertaining info delivered to your doorstep. Did you know that we also communicate through our Facebook page and our own Maidu NA website? These online communication vehicles allow us to provide more frequent updates and are good sources for upcoming neighborhood events, our meeting schedule, and more.

Come this January, we will be migrating our website to a new home. As a member of RCONA, the Roseville Coalition of Neighborhood Associations, we are able to host our website as a part of RCONA's. The new web address will be mna.rcona.org. Look for a confirmation of the change on Facebook and in a future newsletter.

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NOTE: There will be no neighborhood meeting in December. The next meeting of the Maidu Neighborhood Association will be held Tuesday, January 24, 2017, at 7 pm at Sargeant Elementary School, 1200 Ridgecrest. We meet in the Activity Room which 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 City Police Officer will give us the crime report for our neighborhood.

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

Coyotes Around the Neighborhood

by Scott Reid

As I write this, I see social media warning of yet another coyote spotted in our City. Many folks worry about the safety of having coyotes near children and pets and ourselves. Others seek to remind us that “they were here first.” Roseville Police and Animal Control have received a flurry of calls about coyote sightings.

In response, the City wrote a worthwhile article about this animal. We’ll try to distill the main points here, but you can find their article by searching for “coyote” on the City web site, www.roseville.ca.us. Their article is entitled, “Sharing our city with coyotes and other wildlife.”

Is it a problem if the coyote appears during the day time? It’s normal for them to be active during day or at night. If they appear during the day, it does not mean they are sick.

Can I feed them? You should not. It is against the law to feed wildlife but even more importantly they can become dependent on it; thereby, becoming a nuisance and more likely to approach people. They may explore closer to people’s homes, and may be more likely to cross streets with the risk of being hit and killed. Don’t feed them inadvertently by leaving food garbage or pet food open to their explorations.

Should I report it if I see a coyote? Unless the coyote is injured or is acting aggressively toward humans, there is no need to call Animal Control or Police dispatch. Coyotes should walk away from anyone who approaches. If you are followed by a coyote, make loud noises to scare it away, or failing that, throw rocks in their direction.

Should I worry about my pet? While coyotes’ preferred food consists of rodents and rabbits, it’s a good idea to keep small pets inside.

Animal Control came out to our neighborhood and observed the coyotes that have been in or near Maidu Park. They behaved normally (not approaching people). Hopefully, a “live and let live” approach will work for both coyotes and ourselves.

Newsletter Delivery

Have you thought about your New Year’s Resolutions for 2017? What are desiring for yourself for 2017? Do you want to be more active and get more exercise? We have a solution for you! How about more walking in your neighborhood?

We are seeking 3 individuals to deliver the neighborhood newsletter door to door once a month. The streets that need delivery volunteers are McKinley Drive, Jo Court, Sally Way, Rebecca Court, and Polley Drive. We are thankful for those who delivered newsletters for us in the past but they have retired.

If you can volunteer for one of these routes, please call Shirley at 955-1909. If we cannot get people to deliver, we may have to discontinue providing newsletters on these streets.

REMINDER: There is no December meeting for the Maidu Neighborhood Association. The next meeting is in January. See front page of this newsletter.

Changes for the New Year

The Maidu Neighborhood Association Board is changing some of the roles of the Board Members. Most noteworthy is that Shirley Brown is relinquishing her position as the Newsletter Editor. This will be the last issue she puts together after steadfastly making sure it was produced month after month for 16 years. She always encouraged those of us who thought they couldn't write, reminded others that deadlines approached, corrected grammar and spelling, added missing information, sent copy to our printer, and made sure bundles were available for delivery by our 36 block captains. We will miss her steady hand in this more important of communication roles. Without a newsletter, we might well have ceased to exist by now. Shirley will remain on the Board as a General Board Member.

Trying to fill Shirley's very big shoes will be Board Member Scott Reid who now becomes Newsletter Editor. Scott has written for the newsletter for years, but he knows the new position has much more to it than that. We know he will do an excellent job!

Scott decided to resign his Board-appointed position as President. As per the by-laws, this means Vicki Miller, Vice President, will become President. Vicki is very active locally with several organizations, but agreed to take on the position of President as long as she continues to have the Board's support for our activities throughout the year. We will support her and wish her well, too.

Crime Corner

by David Allen

In case you missed them, here are some great tips from the City of Roseville for protecting yourself from cybercrime.

- 1) Delete suspicious emails. Don't click links in emails (and social media posts) if you are not absolutely sure they are from a trusted source. Likewise, don't open email attachments, especially files ending in .pdf. When it sounds too good to be true or has an unusually high sense of urgency, be suspicious.
- 2) Don't click online ads. Legitimate-looking ads often trigger malware to download onto your PC or smartphone. Go to the company's website directly instead.
- 3) Be cautious when using public WiFi. If you need to transmit any personal info, connect through direct web access on your mobile phone (over a 3G/4G connection) or create a password-protected hotspot on your mobile device to connect your laptop.
- 4) Ensure the website you are viewing is legitimate and secure by looking for the padlock icon next to the URL/web address and checking that the address is preceded by "https". That "s" at the end ensures a secure connection.
- 5) Protect your personal info by providing only what is required to make an online purchase. The site should only ask for your personal info when checking out, not before.
- 6) Pay by credit card. The terms of your cardholder agreement typically includes protection from fraudulent transactions. Never pay by wire transfer.
- 7) Keep your receipts and check your statements for any unauthorized charges. Contact the bank to report any such charges immediately.