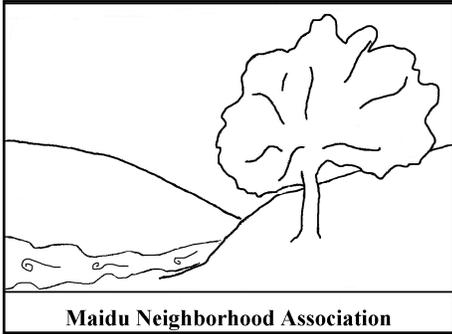


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June 2016



National Night Out 2016

by Lance Hibben

We encourage Maidu neighbors to mark your calendars for Tuesday evening, August 2, as the MNA celebrates its annual National Night Out (NNO) event for 2016 (6 pm to 8 pm). National Night Out is a community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live.

All neighbors are welcome to attend NNO and enjoy free music, free food & drinks, interesting exhibits, and enjoy spending time with neighbors, family, and friends. It does not matter if you are new to the neighborhood or a long-time resident; NNO is a great way to learn more about our community, get real-time updates, learn about WatchMail, and learn about monthly and annual neighborhood activities. The Fire Department normally sends a fire truck over to the event and the Police Department is represented also (unless a disaster calls them away).

It's a fact that any neighborhood is safer when neighbors know each other and know about their surroundings. This is the goal of the NNO program. Look for more details in the July 2016 MNA newsletter, but make a note now to reserve the evening of August 2 for NNO.

Volunteers are needed for helping with simple tasks such as setting-up folding tables, decorations, shade canopies, serving food, and clean-up. If you are interested, please contact Lance Hibben at 784-0593 or 204-4839.

Celebration for Lt. Cal Walstad

We will be serving dessert and presenting a gift to Cal at our June MNA meeting on Tuesday, June 28. Please plan to join us at 7 pm for this celebration as Cal looks forward to his July 1 retirement. Our June meeting will be held at Meadow Oaks of Roseville, (formerly Alta Manor Senior Residence) at 930 Oak Ridge Drive, Roseville. Roseville Police Chief, Daniel Hahn, will be in attendance.

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The next meeting of the Maidu Neighborhood Association will be held Tuesday, June 28, 2016, at 7 pm at Meadow Oaks of Roseville (formerly Alta Manor Senior Residence), 930 Oak Ridge Drive, Roseville. We invite you to attend. It's a chance to get to know your neighbors and hear what's happening in the neighborhood. We will be serving dessert and honoring Lt. Cal Walstad at this meeting.

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

Lt. Cal Walstad Retires

by Scott Reid

You may wonder why we're making a big deal about the retirement of Cal Walstad. It's really pretty simple. Cal has been with us and supported us from our Neighborhood Association's beginning. How? Lance Hibben's article last month says it well:

In the beginning of our association, Cal was the City's assigned police officer to the City's new community outreach project called the Roseville Coalition of Neighborhood Associations (RCONA). The Maidu Neighborhood was one of the original neighborhoods at the inception of RCONA. Over the years, the MNA became one of the most active neighborhood associations within the city, largely due to Cal's involvement with dedicated neighbors who have served on the MNA Board over the years. Despite changes in assignments, Cal would frequently attend monthly MNA meetings, regardless of whose responsibility it was to attend our meetings.

Cal has turned up at our meetings throughout the last 17 years. When he'd appear, he'd give us the complete Police Report of crimes in our area so we could be aware. But he did more than that. Before he finished presenting his report, he'd look at the audience, and to anyone he didn't recognize as someone who regularly attended, he'd say, "You should support what the Maidu Neighborhood Association," and then he'd explain why. And his reasons always reflected his commitment to the idea that we have to all help each other look out for each other. Time and again he'd stress that neighbors were the ones who could help the police the most to stop crimes.

And he didn't just say that, he showed up again and again to say that and demonstrate that idea in a hundred different ways. He wanted his name on the front of our newsletter so people knew who to call in the Roseville Police Department for personal attention. He arranged for police resources to be put at our neighborhood's disposal (like the "speed trailer" we've seen posted here multiple times). As he advanced in rank and was no longer assigned to us, he encouraged the officers who were assigned to show up to share crime fighting ideas and hear what neighbors had to say.

In short, we, as one of the oldest and most active Neighborhood Associations in the City owe a lot to the support of Cal Walstad for our continuing success. It is hard to imagine what we'd have achieved without him. Thanks Cal, from all of us to you!

Goat Tracking

While the goats will not be coming to Maidu Park this year (more info on that next month), we do want to let you know about a new tool for finding out where they are. The City has responded to the intense interest in the goats and created a "Goat Tracker." Go to <http://www.roseville.ca.us/parks/> and look for the picture of a goat in the rotating set of pictures at the top of the page. A map will result with the location of goat herds across the City (three as of this writing).

Library News

by Fran Webb

The Roseville Library system has a newly-revised webpage. Check out www.roseville.ca.us/library for the latest library programs and events as there are frequent changes. For those that missed the news at the beginning of the year, the Saturday hours have been expanded at all the branches. Check the library site for current hours. Call the library at 774-5221 or pop in if you need help in accessing their web site.

Spahn Ranch Development

by Lance Hibben

At the May Maidu Neighborhood Association (MNA) meeting, neighbors listened to a presentation provided by Greg Bitter, City Planning Manager and Mark Stout, City Engineer. The MNA Board asked City representatives to provide information and address questions related to the Spahn Ranch home development across Old Auburn Boulevard (near the entrance at Boston Commons Place). The purpose of the request was to get more information about the project which County Supervisor Kirk Uhler was unable to provide at the February MNA monthly meeting.

The City representatives provided a brief history of the land (previously owned by the City), an update on the land sale, sales price, year sold, and how the City is using financial proceeds from the sale. The new home development is planned for 32 single family homes with prices starting in the mid-\$400 thousand range for the smallest floor plan approximately 1,700 to 1,800 square feet. Two model homes are already in construction. City officials also talked about the sidewalk, sound wall, and landscaping along Old Auburn Boulevard; access to Linda Creek; and how the City's planned bicycle path will route between the new homes and the creek. A representative from developer Tim Lewis Homes was not available to provide more details.

Expected traffic patterns along Old Auburn commanded most of the presentation time. City representatives confirmed there is coordination with Placer County officials who are planning a separate new home development called "The Park at Granite Bay" which involves a zoning change for higher density homes bounded by Annabel Drive, Sierra College Boulevard, Old Auburn Boulevard, and our neighborhood. Roadway changes and traffic volume were discussed and many neighborhood questions were addressed.

Crime Corner

by David Allen

If you're planning to take a vacation and leave your home unoccupied, give some thought to the idea that there are burglars looking for signs that someone is on vacation. What signs would they be looking for? How do you minimize the chance that they will suspect you're away on vacation?

First, address the most obvious signs. If you get the paper, don't stop it, but do have someone pick them up. Make sure your paper picker-upper knows to look out for people who may be watching. While harder to witness, seeing a neighbor pick up your paper and carry it away is as clear a signal you are not home as a pile of newspapers. Do stop postal mail delivery.

Put some lights on timers to make your home look like someone is there in the evenings. If you watch TV at night, invest in one of those "fake TV" devices that mimic the light patterns of a television. If you have alarm system signs, be sure they are visible. Ensure all package deliveries are held with the carrier or are quickly picked up by your trusty neighbor. Avoid any mention of taking a vacation on social media, but do let your neighbors know you'll be away so they can keep an eye on things. Go to the Roseville Police website and fill out the form for a vacation house check.

What is the best protection for keeping your home safe while you're away? A vigilant, dependable house sitter.