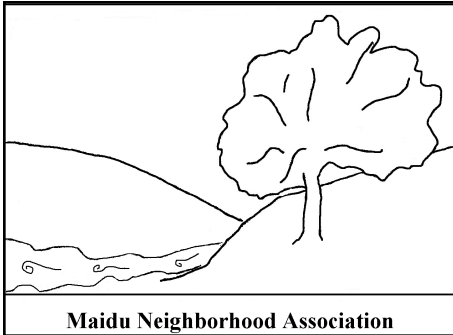


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October 2015



It's Almost Halloween -- Time for Park Clean-Up

by Scott Reid

Halloween is coming...and so is the annual Maidu Park Clean-up. On Saturday, October 24, from 10 am to 1 pm, we'll conduct our annual 2-hour clean-up of Maidu's undeveloped areas and beyond. Then we picnic for about an hour!

How can you participate? Come to the pavilion near the batting cages and covered roller rink at 10 am on the 24th. The City will supply trash bags for us to use, and you supply yourself, dressed to walk through undeveloped areas (usually knee-high grass and weeds, uneven ground). Gloves can be helpful, and we recommend a hat and/or sunblock as the weather dictates.

Your whole family, or you and your friends may be interested in attending since it is a chance to hunt for trash and explore parts of the park that are less traveled. Perhaps, you'd like to see how nature is coping with the drought, or how far you can see since the goats cleared much of the weeds. We offer a contest, and we award a small prize or two for the most interesting trash recovered by anyone involved.

Your help will keep our park and nearby open spaces clean. Trash invites trash, so by cleaning up, we let everyone know to treat our park and neighborhood with respect.

At noon we all return to the pavilion where the Maidu Neighborhood Association will offer hamburgers, hot dogs, and related picnic fare. That's when the judging of "most interesting trash" takes place and you get to meet neighbors who also take pride in what our neighborhood offers.

So before you dive into full Halloween prep, come take a break and help our neighborhood look its best.

Rain cancels the event.

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The next meeting of the Maidu Neighborhood Association will be held on **Tuesday, October 27, 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. A Roseville City Police Officer attends each meeting, unless called away for Police business.

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

The House That Burglars Avoid

by David Allen

It's important to remind ourselves from time to time to be thankful that we live in one of Roseville's neighborhoods with the lowest crime rates. That doesn't happen by accident.

If you've been fortunate enough to have kept crime at bay, you're likely doing many of the things that the police recommend to make your home a poor target. Let's take a look at your house to learn why. There are no vehicles parked outside. The burglar's hand will never be checking to see if your car door is unlocked or peering inside to look for items that would make smashing a window worth the risk. Your house is well lit at night, perhaps even with motion-sensing lights. Your bushes are trimmed back so no one can lurk behind a bush unseen while they work to open a window or door. There are no flyers or newspapers lying about, indicating you are away. Your garage door is shut, and the side door and gates are locked. You might even have a burglar system sign out front.

Now how does your house compare to the one above? Take a minute to walk across the street from your home one evening and look it over with a burglar's eye. What can you do to make it a poor target and send the bad guys on to the next house, the next neighborhood?

Election Results

by Geoff Kragen

On September 22, the Maidu Neighborhood Association held its annual meeting. The following individuals were re-elected to the Board for 2-year terms: David Allen, Shirley Brown, James Kidd, Geoff Kragen, and Vicki Miller.

The Board then elected officers for 1-year terms. They are: Scott Reid, President; Vicki Miller, Vice President; Geoff Kragen, Secretary; Mary Steele, Treasurer.

Additionally, the Board appointed Fran Webb to fill the vacant Board position for a term of 1 year. We are especially pleased that Fran has agreed to serve. She is the individual largely responsible for the Board's support of and involvement with the Maidu Library. Welcome, Fran.

New Roseville Watering Restrictions

Starting October 5, watering times for Roseville water customers will change to one day per week. Drip irrigation is excluded.

In May, the City of Roseville increased its drought stage to comply with the Governor's Executive Order and the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) regulations. This action resulted in a citywide outdoor irrigation watering schedule, which adjusts seasonally, limiting landscape watering to achieve mandatory water reduction targets.

All customers, both residential and non-residential, **can water only on Mondays** between October 2015 and April 2016, before 10 am or after 8 pm.

To date, customers have saved 38.5 percent over 2013 water use. In our region, most water use – and water waste – occurs outdoors. So the City is encouraging customers to continue to do their part by limiting landscape watering. This is a critical path towards significant water savings. For more information or for water-saving tips, please visit Roseville.ca.us/savewater.

Beautifying Our Yards

by Jim McHan

My wife and I have lived in the Huntington Oaks neighborhood for over 29 years. When we first moved in, the developer had landscaped all of the front yards with beautiful roll-on turf, plants, and trees. The recent 4-year drought and the watering restrictions of twice a week have changed the look of the beautiful roll-on turf to dry, brown grass in most cases. The Maidu Neighborhood Association has contacted the City and they indicated that they are mandated by State regulations to reduce water usage by at least 28%. The City has gone from twice a week watering to once a week watering through April (with an exception for drip irrigation). With no new water storage projects projected in the foreseeable future, it looks like the State water restrictions will be with us for quite some time.

We would like our yards to be a reflection of the beautiful area we live in. It's time to clean up the dead lawns by replacing them with beautiful, drought-tolerant plants. In talking with some of our neighbors, it appears they think the cost of replacing the dead lawn would be too high, or they do not think they can do it themselves, or they do not know how to plan and implement this project. Several years ago, my wife and I replaced our front lawn with drought-tolerant plants and converted our sprinkler system to a drip system with help from the City, Green Acres Plant Nursery, and trial and error. The thing that motivated us to do it ourselves was the estimates for someone else to do it. These estimates ranged from a minimum of \$5,000 to much higher.

This topic was discussed at the September Maidu Neighborhood Association meeting and a suggestion was made to form a committee to look for answers to your questions and obtain any free resources available from the City or local businesses. Please let me know if you're interested in: 1.) replacing your lawn yourself or 2.) being involved as a committee member.

If you're interested in one of the above, please email me at jbmchan@hotmail.com with:

1. Your name
2. Your street address
3. Your email address or phone #
4. Which of the 2 items you're interested in. (Perhaps, you're interested in both.)

Community Meetings Planned for Proposed Water Rate Restructure/Increase

The City of Roseville Environmental Utilities is holding two community meetings in October to update customers on proposed changes to the water utility rate structure and proposed rate increase. Customers are invited to hold the date for one of the community meetings. The first meeting is October 20, at 4:30 pm at Martha Riley Library, 1501 Pleasant Grove Boulevard. The second meeting is October 22, at 6 pm at Maidu Community Center, 1550 Maidu Drive. If you have questions, the telephone number of Environmental Utilities is 774-5770.

Neighbor Ad:

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