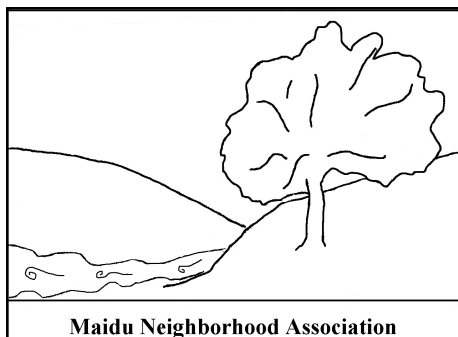


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September 2015



Save the Date: October 24, Park Clean-Up

by Scott Reid

Here's an event we sponsor each year because it:

- * helps beautify our neighborhood,
- * lets us see a different side of Maidu Park,
- * gets us together to meet neighbors,
- * and lets us have free food and fun!

It's time for the annual Park Clean-up! Join us Saturday, October 24, at 10 am by the pavilion near the batting cages. We'll have our sign displayed – you can't miss us!

We'll spread out into the undeveloped parts of Maidu Park and other neighborhood undeveloped areas to pull trash out to curb side where we'll have the City pick it up. Wear clothing and shoes suitable to moving through our natural areas, and gloves and tools for picking up trash.

We'll supply the trash bags, and at noon we'll meet back at the pavilion to eat a Maidu Neighborhood Association-sponsored lunch between noon and 1 pm. There will also be the annual "Best of Trash" contest where we have our judges decide which piece of trash found is the most unusual or interesting (judges' decision is final). A small prize will be awarded to the winner. Rain cancels the event.

Annual Meeting - - Coming up this month is the Maidu Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held on the same date as our regular monthly meeting, September 22. This meeting will begin at 7 pm. Here is an opportunity for you to find out more about your Neighborhood Association.

The following individuals are up for election to the board: David Allen, Geoff Kragen, Shirley Brown, Vicki Miller, and Jim Kidd. If you are interested in being part of this association, contact our President, Scott Reid, whose contact information is found on the box to the left. During the Annual Meeting, the board will elect officers. The regular monthly meeting will follow. We hope you will join us.

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The next meeting of the Maidu Neighborhood Association will be held on **Tuesday, September 22, 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

Linda Creek and the Drought

by Scott Reid

You are likely aware of several streams or creeks in our neighborhood. One of the larger ones is Linda Creek which enters our neighborhood as it passes under Old Auburn Road near the intersection with South Cirby Way, goes between homes on West Colonial Parkway and Country Villa with its mobile homes, crosses under Champion Oaks and wanders in a westerly direction south of Maidu Park until it passes under Rocky Ridge Road. It's the creek in our neighborhood that flooded during the 1990's. It is known as a "perennial stream." It flows continuously year around during normal rainfall. It's home to many species of wildlife, and is a natural feature that adds beauty to our neighborhood.

But it is also affected by the actions of man. The main source of water for the creek during summer is water pumped from Folsom Lake by the City of Roseville. This is because the City agreed with Placer County that when it built the Barton Road Water Treatment Plant in 1971 that it would pump a certain amount of water to by-pass the plant and supply a flow to Linda Creek.

The City supply to the creek can be modified in the driest years as when there is a stage 3 drought like this year. Earlier this summer the City did just that, reducing the supply to the creek. At about the same time, Treelake Village in Granite Bay decided to drain their artificial ponds to remove weeds in them. They then stopped water moving downstream in order to refill their ponds. At this point (in July) the rest of Linda Creek downstream started going dry.

One of the first people to notice this was Donna Wilson, the organizer of "Friends of Linda Creek" and long-time advocate for the wildlife along the creek.

Donna used the social web site "Nextdoor.com" (see next page) to alert neighbors to the change in the creek's flow and advocate for restoration of the water flow. Many responded with support. As she learned more about the creek, she went to the City to find out why the creek water had suddenly stopped.

The City pointed to its right to restrict flow during the drought, but agreed to increase the flow some. They also pointed out that once the water leaves the Barton Road Water Treatment Plant, it flows through Granite Bay, Orangevale and Citrus Heights before it reaches Roseville, places where they have no jurisdiction. But they agreed to help out where possible.

Donna and other volunteers began tracing the course of the creek and made repeated scouting trips to see where water was in the creek below the treatment plant and where it stopped. Unfortunately, there is a good deal of private land it flows through, so they are still not sure all the places the water goes or is used.

The Friends of Linda Creek also spoke to the home owners association at Treelake to have them start releasing the water instead of holding it back until the ponds were refilled. They agreed to do so.

But the flow of water was slow to return to the entire creek as it refilled the ground and swamps. So the Friends of Linda Creek took further steps to support the wildlife in the creek. Donna Wilson ran a hose from her home down to the creek to refill a pool in the creek bed where otters live by her house. Others hauled water by the bucket to other pools like the one near Eich Middle School. By the time of this writing, the water was again passing along the creek through our neighborhood.

So while the wildlife may still struggle, or need to move elsewhere to find water (where they can do that), there is some hope that enough water will be available to support many of those left behind for the rest of this summer and fall.

What is Nextdoor.com?

by Scott Reid

The web site *Nextdoor.com* is like a geographically-restricted social site along the lines of Facebook or the old community bulletin boards. In other words, it allows you to post messages, or pictures, or upload files, and others can see and respond.

But the big difference is that only people in “nearby neighborhoods” can see your messages and respond. For example, if you join, you have to prove you live in the neighborhood. In our case the “Maidu” neighborhood in *Nextdoor* fairly closely follows the boundaries of our actual Neighborhood Association – but they are not exactly the same – and the web site and the Neighborhood Association are **not** officially linked to each other. But there is considerable overlap, and you’ll find many of the same people involved with both.

Once you’ve proven you’re in the neighborhood (whichever one applies to your home’s physical location), you can post messages or classified ads or notifications of events. Then you can choose how many neighborhoods can see what you’ve posted – just your own neighborhood, or surrounding ones. For example, from our area you can include neighborhoods around us in eastern Roseville, some in western Granite Bay, and some from northeastern Citrus Heights. The site’s geographic restrictions mean the topics posted focus on local events, local crimes, local issues, and local news of all kinds.

The City of Roseville has joined the site and posts messages most days.

Again, the Maidu Neighborhood Association and Nextdoor.com have no official relation, and we, therefore, remain officially neutral on its use. At this point there are 150 neighbors in *Nextdoor’s* version of Maidu, and 1,800 in the surrounding neighborhoods.

Neighbor Ads (2):

Small changes can make a BIG difference when it comes to your overall wellness! Is your goal to look better or feel better? As a **Certified Health Coach**, I'm here to help you be successful and achieve those goals. For more info, call Linda Barber 916-768-1139 or visit www.wisdomforwellness.com

Selling unique bird, hummingbird feeders and bird baths. A variety of colors and themes. You can view them on Facebook under "**Redemption Bird Feeders.**" I am offering a \$5 off sale now; the large ones are \$30 and small ones are \$20. Call Cindi at 916-783-9858.

Newsletter Delivery Person Needed

We need a person or two to hand deliver this newsletter once a month in the area of Jo Court, McKinley Drive, Rebecca Court, and Sally Way. It’s easy to do. You just drop a newsletter on the front porch of each residence on your map and go about your merry way. Note: We’re not allowed to place in mailbox. It’s a great way to get some exercise and fresh air. Send e-mail to smittenbykittens@yahoo.com or call 783-4992 to volunteer. The delivery routes typically include 35 to 40 homes.