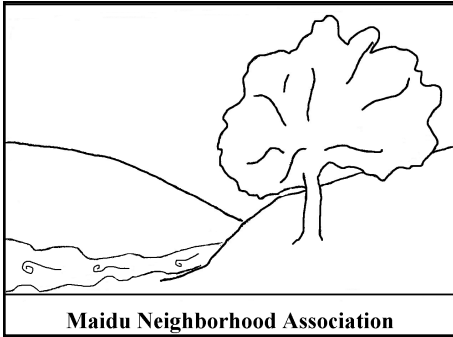


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Water Wise Landscaping Fair

by Deborah Marcus

Last month we announced that the Landscape Alternatives Committee (LAC) had been formed by a few neighbors. The LAC's goal is to explore and share ideas on beautiful water wise and affordable landscaping.

To that end, the LAC is planning a free "Water Wise Landscaping Fair" to be held on Saturday, March 5, 2016, from 10 am to noon.

Why March? Experts advise that March is the month to educate and ready ourselves, to consider multiple options, and to have first choice at nurseries and pick of professional help.

The LAC has contacted several local businesses and experts interested in having booths and giving educational presentations at the Fair. To date, these include Green Acres and Bushnell Nurseries, the City of Roseville, and the local Maidu Indian Museum's staff botanist. LAC plans to contact more interested parties. They all want to help us but they will only participate if we meet their minimum attendance goal of 30 people.

We now have 16 Maidu neighbors who have committed to attend the Fair. NOTE: Attending the Fair does not commit you to using any of the vendors or their products. The Fair is designed to be strictly an educational event.

Let's make it happen! If you are seriously interested in attending the Fair, please contact us ASAP so we can proceed with our plans. Email Deborah at deborahmarcus123@gmail.com and you'll be put on the attendee list.

For those interested in joining the Landscape Alternatives Committee, please contact Deborah at the same email address. Your input will be appreciated.

We look forward to a very informative, practical, and exciting Water Wise Landscaping Fair. Please plan to attend.

Happy New Year from Maidu Neighborhood Board of Directors!

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The next meeting of the Maidu Neighborhood Association will be held on **Tuesday, January 26, 2016**, 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

Library News

by Fran Webb

Maidu Library, 1530 Maidu Drive, will be hosting a virtual author talk Wednesday, January 20, 2016, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm with best selling author Tess Gerritsen. Ms. Gerritsen is the author of 22 books in Rizzoli & Isles series; 9 titles in the medical crime genre; and 10 romance titles. This event coincides with the Mystery Book Club's monthly meeting. Call (916) 774-5221 for more information.

A class on how to use the library catalog and NoveList, a library database, will be held on Saturday, January 23, from 2 pm to 4 pm at the Maidu Library. Use NoveList to find your next favorite read. Pre-registration required. Register at the library or call (916) 774-5221.

In the January 23 class, you'll learn: 1. How to optimize searching the online catalog for material such as books, movies, DVDs, e-books /e-audio books, large print, board books, special devices and material. 2. How to search latest acquisitions, use the sorts and filters to target what you are searching for, as well as place holds, determine place of pick-up, notification via e-mail or phone messages when your item(s) is ready for pick up. Why?: These online searches allow you to access ALL the material at each of three libraries in the Roseville Public Library System: Downtown, Maidu, and Riley. During the month of November the library reported loaning 100,403 items through the library system. FYI: Maidu has the smallest collection, and using the online catalog helps move the collection around town. Once you know how, you can make these requests from your own personal devices outside of the library. Sometimes that is a huge time saver. Once you acquire the basic steps, you can easily and conveniently renew, place holds, make a wish list, and help friends and family members develop the skills. Then you can move onto the more complex resources.

NoveList, the second portion of the program, is part of another comprehensive online library resource to help us find books that match the type, style, mood, genre we'd like to read. It has one of those "if you like this, you may like this" options.

It's like having a virtual bookstore at your fingertips. It might free you up from reading books people you know recommended, but you can't stand. Anyone at any age can benefit from this program. Let's try learning this in group format. I'm hoping there will be some that have mastered aspects of the process that can lend an encouraging tip or two to help us on our way. Bring someone you know who is good at computers but may not be active in the library system. That could be a win-win for both or a complete mismatch, which could be its own story.

YOU MUST BRING your Roseville Library Card, user name and password, to access the library's computers during the hands-on portion of the classes. **IT IS NECESSARY**; come prepared. Don't know yours? Ask a librarian prior to the day of the class. Bring a copy of this information to the class if you have not memorized it. Don't miss the important steps during the hands-on portion. I have mine programmed into my computer but not in my memory. Please come prepared.

Neighbor Ad:

Rebecca Chastain's enchanting new paranormal romance "Tiny Glitches" fuses electrifying romance and high-voltage suspense in a rollicking adventure. Available on Amazon January 12.
www.rebeccachastain.com

Password Safety

by David Allen

As this is a neighborhood newsletter, we focus on safety in our neighborhood. And yet, many of the crimes committed against us these days are through the internet. For that reason, I'll be writing about online safety this month. Let's review good password practices.

Passwords are the keys to our electronic life. We use them to unlock our electronic devices and to access files and websites. Just as we don't use one key to access our car, home, locker, etc., we should never use one password to access multiple electronic assets. And, yes, you do need a different password for each electronic "lock." Not only should each password be unique, they should also be very difficult for anyone to guess. Do you have any passwords that are built from personal information or worse, are similar to "123456" or "password?" These are all too common and are very likely to be guessed by a hacker.

What, then, makes a good password? The answer is length, variability and randomness. Experts recommend building passwords from a "pass phrase." A pass phrase is a phrase that is easy for you to remember, but difficult for others to guess. Suppose you're a fan of Dr. Seuss. You might then build a pass phrase from "green eggs and ham." These 15 characters, without spaces, is a reasonably long password, yet still easy for you to remember. Next, add variability and randomness by capitalizing some of the letters. Perhaps, "grEEneggsanDHam." The capital letters are spread around and don't follow a pattern like all vowels or just first or last letters of each word. Finally, sprinkle in some symbols; for example, "grEEn.eggs.anDH&%am." That password would be very difficult for anyone to guess, yet with a bit of practice should be easy for you to remember. That's important because you should never write down any of your passwords.

You're probably thinking there's no way you could remember more than two or three such rock-solid passwords, yet you'll need many times that many. The good news is that you only need to create and remember one of them. Why? Because you're going to let a handy electronic tool called a "password safe" create, store, and manage the rest of them. You will only need your super strong password to open the "password safe." The "password safe" can create very strong passwords for you that you'll never need to know.

To find a "password safe," just search the web for "password safe." There are many to choose from, some at no cost. LastPass and KeePass are a couple of good ones, but there are many others. They can run on all kinds of devices. Some can be stored on and run from a USB flash drive, so you can keep all your passwords in your pocket or purse. You can even store the encrypted password file in "the cloud" and access it from nearly any device. Storage would then be flexible, convenient, and very safe.

Preventing Vehicle Break-Ins - - Fitness center parking lots and trailheads are favorite hunting grounds for thieves. Criminals are well aware that many people leave their purses, wallets, and other valuables in their cars while they work out. Please don't ever leave these items in your unattended vehicle, anytime, anywhere. Leave your valuables at home; keep them with you; or lock them in a locker. It's especially important not to EVER leave credit cards, checkbooks, driver's licenses, and other personal identification in an unattended vehicle. The sad truth is that most vehicle break-ins aren't solved, and most victims never get their belongings back. It can take a long time for victims to correct their financial records and clean up their credit history after their credit is compromised; we don't want that to happen to you.