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Neighborhood Crime Prevention Basics

by David Allen

As we begin the new year, it's a good time to refresh our collective memories about basic neighborhood crime prevention methods.

- We still hear of incidents of theft from cars parked outside. If you can, park your car in the garage. If you can't, leave nothing of value in it, especially a garage door opener or keys to your house.
- All entry points should be locked. This includes gates, garage side doors and of course the front door.

Make your home an undesirable target by

- keeping bushes trimmed to eliminate any hiding spots,
- lighting your home's exterior at night,
- displaying alarm signs prominently if you have them and
- adding security cameras.

All tell the would-be burglar to go somewhere else.

Most important is to *raise the red flag when something doesn't seem right*. If you suspect someone is up to no good, call 916 774 5000, Roseville PD's non-emergency number. They and your neighbors will be glad you did.

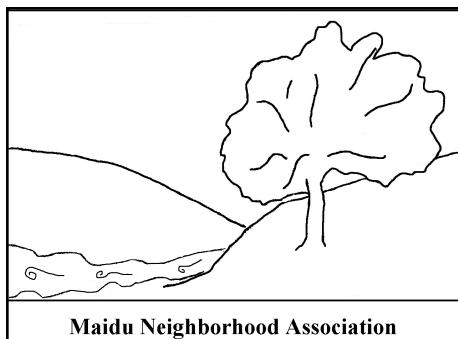
Our Newsletter and Our Purpose

by Scott Reid

What is the purpose of the Maidu Neighborhood Association? Simply put, it is to connect neighbors so we have a safer neighborhood. And the most prominent tool we have for doing that is this purple newsletter that your neighbors put on your doorstep each month.

Newsletter? Really?? Isn't this 2017? Shouldn't this be on a web site, or done as a blog or via social media? It should, and we do, and we will do more in the future. But the newsletter has a big advantage in that *it comes to you...* you don't have to go further than your doorstep to get information that will help you be aware, and we hope with that awareness — of local crime trends, local events, and resources to help you stay safe — your security will be higher.

So our newsletter is our baseline means of staying in touch, and we have more than 40 neighbors who give their time each month to deliver it to you. We need your help to keep what we cover fresh and useful, so tell us when you think there's a topic we need to cover, or something we can do to help make this a safer neighborhood.



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Our next meeting of the Maidu Neighborhood Association will be held Tuesday, January 24, 2017, at 7 pm at Sargeant Elementary, 1200 Ridgecrest. We meet in the Activity Room which is toward the back of the school. Enter off N. Cirby. Please come! It's a chance to get to know us and hear what's happening in the neighborhood.

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

Newsletter Delivery volunteer needed for McKinley, Jo, Sally, Rebecca, Polley

We're grateful to have 1 new volunteer who answered our call for newsletter delivery help. Our new volunteer is starting with this newsletter. We still need 2 more volunteers.

The streets that need delivery volunteers are McKinley Drive, Jo Court, Sally Way, Rebecca Court, and Polley Drive. Most routes take about a half-hour or so per month, depending on the number of homes and your walking speed. We bring the newsletters to you that you will deliver.

If you can volunteer for a newsletter delivery route, please call Shirley at 955-1909. If we cannot get 2 more volunteers, we may have to discontinue providing newsletters on these streets.

Park and Interpretive Center Activities in January and February

By Deborah Marcus

Hello neighbors. I hope that 2016 was a stellar year for you with good health, inspiration, and inner peace. May this new year, 2017, be one of your best ever. Here are some of the local January and February events you can enjoy.

Maidu Indian Museum, Johnson Ranch Drive:

Opening Reception & Artist Panel for INTERWOVEN

Saturday, February 18 from 6:30pm-8:30pm. art from Melissa Melero-Moose, Shanti Parks, Maureen Self, Sarah Biscarra-Dilley, and Dixie Rogers. Doors open at 6:30pm. Program starts at 7pm. Light refreshments. FREE event.

Continuing Art Exhibits

COYOTE - (ends 3/3/17) in the Zent Gallery. This is the Museum's 4th annual Coyote exhibit featuring contemporary Native American artists' paintings of this Native American cultural symbol.

Coyote is a generic character featured in many Native American stories, legends, and art. Coyote tales are passed down from generation to generation. Coyote serves many cultural functions and can illustrate foibles of the human race. Coyote is thought to be, amongst other things - clever, a realist, a deceiver, a prankster, and a survivor.

INTERWOVEN - (ends 3/31/17) a Native American art exhibit. December 16, 2016-March 31, 2017

This exhibit of paintings by 5 Native American artists offers a unique visual experience. Within the body of each acrylic work are interwoven designs of plant and other natural materials. This creates a compelling three-dimensional affect.

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You can now experience the joy of books on your smartphones, tablets, cloudLibrary, Nook, and other eREADERS. Check out how at roseville.ca.us/ebooks

Friends of the Library Used Book Sale: 1/28 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Downtown Library.

Book Clubs at the Maidu branch:

Club Maidu	2/11; 3/11 1-2 p.m.
Mystery Book Club	2/15; 3/15 6-7 p.m.
Page Turners	2/11; 3/11 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Mailbox Crimes in our Neighborhood

In October the City of Roseville posted a warning on social media of a crime that has apparently come home to roost in our own neighborhood. In that message they noted an uptick in thieves looking for cash, checks, credit cards and other personal and financial information they can use for fraud such as ID theft. At the time they reported the main targets were “cluster mailboxes”, i.e. those sets of multiple mailboxes that are used in apartments and new neighborhoods. But they noted that the thefts “can happen anywhere, including to homes with individual mailboxes.”

During December several cluster boxes were pried open across Roseville. On the morning of December 29th some neighbors here noticed individual mailboxes had their doors flipped open for houses on McLaren Drive and the streets just south of Maidu Park. Nothing remained inside those boxes. One neighbor in that area reported their home’s locked box had been opened and it was empty when the neighbor discovered it. They have their fingers crossed although they haven’t detected anything important missing to this point.

Other neighbors, east of Maidu Park off Thistledown drive have been victims of identity theft, and they suspect that mail theft or misdirection may have been the way it happened.

On the good-news side, on January 5th a couple was reported as arrested by Roseville police when they were caught on the other side of town actively breaking into an apartment’s mailboxes at 5:25 a.m. Fortunately a resident spotted them, called police and gave updates until the police arrived. The couple was found to have mail from two other apartments in their possession. According to police they had credit cards, bank statements and other personal information that could be used for identity theft.

Roseville Police offer this advice.

- Please call police right away (774-5000 extension 1) if you see anyone actively prying open a mailbox, or moving down the street in a non-postal vehicle, and stopping to open peoples mailboxes.
- Just as important, please protect your mail. Pick it up promptly on every delivery day; don't let it sit in the box overnight. If you're going out of town, put a stop on your delivery until you get back. (Some neighbors have noted that since our mail is arriving quite late some days, this can be hard to do if you are going to bed when you mail is being delivered.)
- If you pay your bills by mail, consider mailing them at the post office, using a more secure USPS mailbox, or handing them to your carrier.
- To report a damaged or vandalized mailbox, or any other mail-related problems, call the post office's general number for all inquiries: 1-800-ASK-USPS (1-800-275-8777).

The "New" Carnegie Museum

by Deborah Marcus

The Carnegie Museum in Roseville has been renovated with 16 new displays dedicated to the history of our great city. One entire room is devoted to train displays and military displays. Other displays feature historic musical instruments, kitchen appliances, tools, and medical instruments. There is a new children's area where children can play while their parents browse.

This Carnegie Museum is one of the historic Carnegie Libraries developed in 1912, was funded in part by Andrew Carnegie and was Roseville’s first permanent library. The land for it was donated by the McRae family. It became a branch library in 1979 when the Downtown library was opened. In 1982 it was to be torn down, but the original McRae deed required that it remain a library. At that point the Roseville Historical Society was formed and it was turned into a historic museum.

The Museum is located at 557 Lincoln St. Roseville. It’s free and the hours are Tuesday through Friday from noon until 4 p.m. It is also open the first and third Saturdays of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.