

MAIDU NEIGHBORS

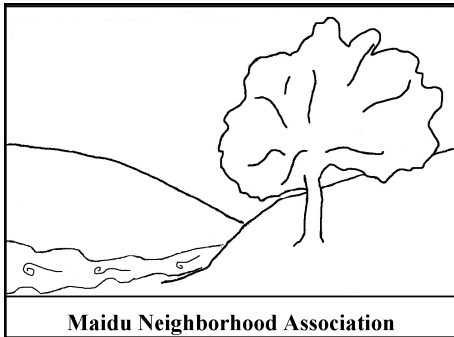
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MAIDU NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

July 2017

Meet Neighbors and More at National Night Out, August 1st

One of our major events each year is our own neighborhood's evening celebration of National Night Out, this year on Tuesday, August 1st. It is an event to meet neighbors so we can all watch out for each other and make Maidu a safer, more caring place to live.



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Fire Department fans check out a fire engine from our local station at the 2016 National Night Out for Maidu Neighbors.

It also gives us a chance to meet with Roseville Police department officers under positive circumstances — come shake hands with the folks that help keep our streets safe! Our Roseville Fire Department has never let us down at this event and has always had a fire truck for fans of all ages to inspect and maybe even pretend to drive!

That's plenty of excitement and good visiting time right there, but we take this event even further.

- For about the first 80 people who attend, we will have Hawaiian-style dinner entrées (BBQ Chicken and Garlic Shrimp) and sides available.
- We will have a limited variety of beverages including bottled water.
- There will be a DJ present to play music. Feel free to dance!

So join us on Tuesday, August 1st between 6 and 8 p.m. in Maidu Park at the pavilion next to the basket ball courts.

Our next meeting of the Maidu Neighborhood Association will be held Tuesday, June 27, 2017, at 7 pm at our summer location, *Meadow Oaks of Roseville* (formerly *Alta Manor Senior Residence*), **930 Oak Ridge Drive, Roseville**. Enter through the main door, turn left on the main hall and walk to the end of the hall. The meeting room is to the left. 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 website is maiduna.com

Crime Corner

By David Allen

*This month: **Trust Your Gut***

When was the last time you saw a police cruiser in our neighborhood? Maybe recently? Maybe it's been a while. No doubt, we see the police in Maidu less frequently than in many other Roseville neighborhoods because we enjoy a lower rate of crime.

That's no accident. Crime in Maidu is lower in large part because Maidu neighbors get involved. We watch out for one another and call the police when something does look right.

How will you know when to call the police? Outside of the obvious crimes that would bring anyone to call, there are those situations where a crime in progress may not be apparent or may not have occurred...yet.

It's in those situations when your instinct is telling you that something doesn't seem right. Why is a person looking into a neighbor's car window? Why is someone you don't recognize peering into an open garage or over a fence? Why did that solicitor get angry or nervous when you asked for their city-issued permit?

Maybe none of these situations are a crime or a risk of one. Yet your gut is telling you that something seems amiss. Trust your gut and let the police know.

- Call **911** if it is a crime or an emergency.
- If it's not, if it's just your gut telling you to call, Roseville Police's non-emergency number is **774-5000**. Write it down or save it in your cell phone today.

Open Gate-at-Sargeant Update

(Note: This is an update to our article appearing in the June issue of this newsletter, *Maidu Neighbors*.)

Earlier this year the City of Roseville Parks, Libraries, and Recreation Department and the Roseville City School District reached an agreement to keep the fenced-in portions of the Sargeant School grounds open to the public after school hours until sun down. The arrangement called for the Parks Department to open it on weekends, and the School staff to open it on weekdays.

Unfortunately, the process has had a rocky start with the grounds being locked at times when it should have been open. Maidu Neighborhood Association Board members tested it on a weekend in April and again in June and found it locked. We notified the City Parks Superintendent, Eric Dexter, both times.

Parks Department and School District staff met Friday, June 16th and made arrangements to get the gate unlocking process back on track. Eric Dexter wrote us, "We will be opening it on weekends and locking at sunset. The school should be opening it on weekdays in the mornings we will lock it at night. "

He also identified the gate that will be unlocked as the one at the school-end of the sidewalk that runs from the corner of North Cirby Way and Stoney Point Way through the middle of *Willard Dietrich Park* to some of the school's basketball courts.

We want to thank both the Parks Department and School District for working to improve the reliability of this process.

If you are impacted by the gate being locked, we still suggest you also politely express your concern to Mr. Dexter, the Parks Superintendent, at EDexter@roseville.ca.us .

Can you Help with the Movie in the Park, Saturday, July 22nd?

If you're planning to come see *Moana* at Maidu Park, why not help with the set-up or take-down or both? RCONA needs volunteers who can be there by 6:30 p.m. to start the movie screen set-up and/or be there at 10:15 p.m. for take-down after the movie. For more details on what's needed, see our cover story in our June issue of *Maidu Neighbors* or on our web site, www.maiduna.com.

If you are interested in helping, please visit our web site at www.maiduna.com and send us a message via the *Contact Us* tab. Thanks!

Association Board drops Curb House-Number Painting project

Recently the Maidu Neighborhood Association Board decided to look into the possibility of having volunteers paint house numbers on curbs at neighbors' request free-of-charge. Close to a decade ago, a local Boy Scout did this same thing in conjunction with the Association as a project to satisfy one of the requirements for the rank of Eagle.

The Scout did the leg work with fellow scouts, and any neighbor who wanted their street number painted on their curb would get a visit from them in short order. The Neighborhood Association endorsed the project, mentioned it in the *Maidu Neighbors* newsletter by asking who wanted the work done, and paid for the paint. No unwanted solicitation for neighbors, increased address visibility for visitors and first responders, and a Scout who went on to get his Eagle rank — a win all around. So it seemed like a good time to look into doing a similar project again.

However, after consulting with the City, it soon became apparent that precisely to avoid strangers soliciting to paint house numbers and the attendant issues that occur, the City has a moratorium on all curb painting. And in talking to a Roseville Police Officer, we learned why this is no longer as much of a concern for first responders.

In short, things have changed for first the City's first responders just as they have for all of us. Now every vehicle is computer-equipped, and when a dispatcher routes a call, the address appears with an overhead map and a street-level view of the home or business in question.

"We were ready to work with the City to get permission for this project," noted one Board member, "but it doesn't appear to be worth the effort with the City's technology."

Homelessness—A local issue?

Several neighbors attended our June meeting so they could talk with the Roseville Police officer who attended. They had noticed what appeared to be homeless people staying in Maidu Park.

Officer Tim Williams warmed to the subject quickly. He noted that surveys by the City have shown that 90% of the homeless in Roseville have some family or other community connection to Roseville. They may be a family member that has a substance abuse problem, or someone who lived here and lost their employment, or someone who may experience a mental illness.

Williams said he had not heard lately that there is a serious homeless issue in Roseville. He noted that a recent court ruling limits what officers can do to about the presence of someone homeless in the City. The courts say that where a person sleeps is their home, and their home is their castle, so to speak, so they cannot be disturbed without a court warrant.

In response, the Roseville Police Department has established a social services department to help the homeless find community resources to help them out. This new department is, said Williams, "still finding its footing."