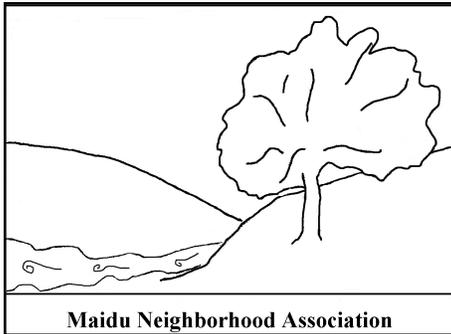


# MAIDU NEIGHBORS

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## MAIDU NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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### Safe Halloween Events in Roseville's Downtown

The Roseville Downtown Merchants Association will be holding their annual "Family Fun Night" on Vernon Street including the Town Square on Thursday, October 26th. This free event will include the merchants providing safe Trick-or-Treating at their businesses, food, a haunted house, hands-on activities at craft tables, live entertainment, vendor booths and a costume contest. The event runs from 4 to 8 p.m.

For a slightly older crowd, the Roseville Zombie Walk will take place on Friday, October 27th. Before going, be sure to read the do's and don'ts of zombies doing the walk at [www.rosevillefamilyfunnight.com/zombie-walk/](http://www.rosevillefamilyfunnight.com/zombie-walk/). The walk, excuse the pun, runs from 6 to 8 p.m., and if you wish from 4:30 to 6 p.m. you can pay one of several local face-painting artists to prepare you for the walk. There will also be a zombie DJ playing music at The Square.

### Park Clean-up Yields the Usual and Unusual

On Saturday, October 7th, about 20 people came out to Maidu Park to join our Association-sponsored annual Park Clean-up and lunch. The day was pleasantly warm, and the participants grabbed City-supplied plastic trash bags and headed out to see what they could clean-up.

About half the participants went along the undeveloped areas adjacent to the soccer fields and into the eastern, undeveloped half of the park. The other half went along McLaren Drive and cleaned the undeveloped areas starting at about Balboa Drive and east from there.

While most of the trash found was paper or plastic of the usual descriptions, the volunteers also kept their eyes peeled for the unusual too. They knew if they brought those back to the lunch held after the clean-up, they might win one of three \$10 Target gift cards. Special finds included parts of an old swing set, a bike helmet, sun glasses, a purple ring, and other items we'd hesitate to name because we couldn't tell what they were!

Special thanks to the *Roseville Better Gardens Club* for supplying a number of volunteers, and to all the other participants including a family new to the area. We hope you enjoyed the hot dogs and hamburgers (and, yes, next year we'll bring the cheese).

The next meeting of the Maidu Neighborhood Association will be held Tuesday, October 24, 2017, at 7 pm at Sargeant Elementary School, 1200 Ridgecrest. We meet in the Activity Room which is toward the back of the school. Enter off N. Cirby. We invite you to attend. It's a chance to get to know your neighbors and hear what's happening in the neighborhood. A City Police Officer will give us the crime report for our neighborhood.

Search for **Maidu N.A.** on Facebook and "like" us.  
Our web site is [maiduna.com](http://maiduna.com)

## Safer Package Delivery

We hear a lot lately about “porch pirates” as they are sometimes called – those who watch for package deliveries at local homes, then surreptitiously steal those packages for their own gain. Last month we covered one tool for keeping a watch on your letters; this month we look at preventing package theft.

### **Be There When It Arrives**

The simplest way to prevent theft is to retrieve it as it arrives. You can check with the delivery service to see how much information they will provide on when they will deliver. All the major players have smart phone apps that can make this easier, and UPS, for example, will give you a two-hour window for delivery for \$8 per request. Don't have time to jump to get a package as soon as it arrives? Then consider these other options.

### **Have Your Package Sent to a Safer Place**

This option can take various forms. Maybe your workplace will accept personal deliveries – but check first before making a career-impacting mistake. Maybe you know someone who is home all the time, or who can arrange to do the pick-up at your home for you (but you are back to timing the arrival).

A service that the delivery companies and the US Postal Service (USPS) offer is to not bring a package directly to your home, but to hold it at their location for you to pick up at your convenience.

- USPS has their *Hold For Pickup* service which the sender can add to a package. It's free, and as the receiver you just go to the post office to pick it up when you receive email notification. If you want to control a package's delivery from your end, use the *USPS Package Intercept* service which is not free, only applies to certain tracked packages, and USPS does not guarantee they will intercept the package. For more information on either service go to the USPS.com web site.
- UPS will hold a package for you at one of their facilities or a UPS Store for free if you sign up for the free version of their *My Choice* service. Neighbor Penny Palmer works for the local UPS Store in Safeway shopping center at Sierra College & Douglas next to the Jamba Juice. She said, “My Choice will allow you redirect and choose our store for a secure location.” She noted if you're not a My Choice member you can give their address for delivery if you give them advance notice a package is coming and pay the \$5 fee to have it held for up to five days.
- FedEx offers their free *Hold at FedEx Location* service if you contact them, or sign up for their *Delivery Manager*. The FedEx Office Print & Ship Center is one pick-up location you can use (corner of Douglas & Rocky Ridge).
- Amazon now allows you to pick up your delivery in an *Amazon Locker* with a unique code, which you can punch into the machine to retrieve your package in selected locations such as the Safeway at Sunrise & S. Cirby. The service is free, but you are not guaranteed a locker will be available when you package arrives, you must be buying directly from Amazon, you have three days to retrieve it or it is returned for a full refund, and the package must meet size and weight limits. Check the rules at Amazon.com.

### **Have Your Package Locked-up at Your Home**

Search “home package drop box” on the web for boxes you can install at your home. They can range in size from a small footlocker up to a size similar to USPS mail drop boxes. Most delivery services allow you to provide special instructions to their delivery people, so you can direct them to your drop box and give them instructions for opening it. Prices we saw range from \$200 and up not including installation. Usually you'll want to bolt down the box. The box probably won't be impossible to break into if someone is really determined, but it should discourage most thieves who will look for an easier snatch-and-run target.

## Board Members Re-Elected at Annual Meeting

At our Annual Neighborhood meeting, held September 26th at Sargeant School, four Maidu Neighborhood Association Board Members were re-elected to 2-year terms: Shirley Brown, Jim Kidd, Geoff Kragen and Vicki Miller.

As mentioned in our last newsletter, David Allen resigned his position so it is open at this point until the Board is able to appoint someone to take his place. Anyone interested in supporting the neighborhood in that fashion should contact a Board Member (see front page for contact information) or come to our next meeting on Tuesday, October 24th at Sargeant School's Activity Room (enter from North Cirby Way).

Once the Annual Meeting concluded, the regular monthly Board Meeting began and all of the current officers were re-appointed to their existing positions. David Allen was appointed as Web Master.

## Listen to a Good Book

Need something to listen to while doing a simple or mindless chore? Want to catch up on a good book while commuting to work? Take advantage of the Roseville Public Library's audio books!

There are three sources for the Library's audio books.

1. Books on CD — You go to your local branch and search the audio book shelving for the fiction or non-fiction book of your choice. If you are in the mood for music, consider the Maidu Library's music collection located in a cabinet funded in part by the Maidu Neighborhood Association.
2. Overdrive/Library to Go — One of two online library services subscribed to by our Public Library, and the one offering the largest selection, and the ability to access books on the most devices. On a PC or Mac, at the home page, pick "Advanced" under the search bar at the top, and on the Advanced Search page choose the audiobook format so your results won't include regular e-books. It may be easier to download their "Libby" app to your iPhone, Android or Windows phone and download from there.
3. 3M Cloud Library — While the selection on this service is somewhat more limited, it carries recent, popular titles and has a polished interface, whether via a web browser or its Android, Windows or iPhone apps. Look for the "Filters" function to select only audio books.



Both options 2. & 3. require you to log on using your Roseville Public Library card as your ID.

You can do some advance sleuthing by going to the Library's online card catalog and see if the book you'd prefer to hear is at the local branch (if it's on CD), or simultaneously search both online library services for what they have available. The Library's card catalog shows them all.

If an audio CD is not at our local branch, you can have it delivered there from another branch. The catalog entries also give you detailed information about the books you find so you can make a better selection

## Fires Have You Worried? Sign-up for Alerts!

Do the recent fires have you wondering how you could find out about a threatening event here? Roseville has a state of the art community notification system to alert residents about emergency events and other important public safety information. This system enables them to provide you with critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods. Sign-up by searching Google or Bing for **Alert Roseville**. A plus with this system—it can reach you on a landline or a cell phone, your choice!