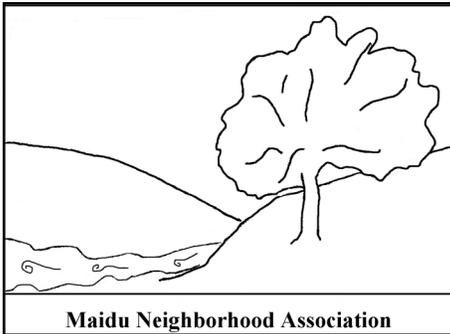


# MAIDU NEIGHBORS

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### Police Chief Maccoun Addresses Homeless, Other Issues

Roseville's Police Chief Jim Maccoun attended our Tuesday, January 23rd meeting as a special guest and speaker. His first topic was the campers in our area.

A South California city had the courts go against them when they were too aggressive in purging their area of the homeless. As a result, the Roseville City Attorney advised our Police Department to stop enforcing the City's illegal camping ordinance. "When your attorney says, 'Don't do it so you don't get sued', you listen," said Maccoun.

As a result the City moved to a social service model to address the issue. They have created a team of professionals to find new solutions to this chronic situation. That team is known as the POP (Problem Oriented Policing)/Social Services Unit. It is headed by a supervisor with a background in social services, and includes two officers dedicated to working with neighbors and with campers in parks and open spaces.

"We have about 220 folks camping in Roseville.," said Maccoun. "About 100 of those are on probation. Because of this we've added a probation officer to the unit." The old image of the homeless coming in via the railroad is no longer true. Railroads have become much more secure in the last 15 years. Today's campers "are the folks I grew up with" as Maccoun noted. Maccoun is a Roseville native.

The new blended social-services and enforcement model has successfully housed 100 campers. "But probably another 100 have moved in," Maccoun added.

Maccoun told neighbors the Police Department is hiring five more probation officers. "With the passage of proposition 47, if you are a dope addict or a thief, you're not going to jail. You get probation. So we're hiring five probation officers to be in Roseville to manage probations."

Maccoun took a look back at some of our neighborhood's crime statistics for 2017. "There were 1,696 calls for service during the year; 551, or about 31%, were made by officers on patrol," said Maccoun. The calls fell mainly in the categories of answering alarms, checking on suspicious vehicles, vehicle break-ins and animal control issues.

He noted a couple of types of burglary that occurred in our neighborhood in 2017.

- Five garage burglaries, four of which where the garage door had been left open by the victim.
- Five door-kick incidents, but only two that actually got in the house.

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**The monthly meeting of the Maidu Neighborhood Association will be held Tuesday, February 27, 2018, 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. At most meetings a Roseville Police Officer will report on local crimes and answer questions.**

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## **Traditional vs. Virtual Neighborhood Watch**

At our last meeting, Rob Baquera, the Crime Prevention Coordinator and Neighborhood Watch Officer, explained that there are now two different “Neighborhood Watch” types the City supports, *traditional* and *virtual*.

The *traditional*, as you’d expect, uses non-digital means to meet and watch out for your neighbors. Face-to-face meetings and phone calls are the means of communicating. Usually you get started by contacting the neighbors immediately around you and asking them if they would be interested in starting a watch group. The main objective is for neighbors to know each other, and their visible habits so you know what is normal, and to get their contact information.

With a *virtual* Neighborhood Watch, you take advantage of an internet-based service like Nextdoor.com, and with select neighbors you create a watch group using a couple of the service’s features.

- Using the “groups” feature, you can create a public or private group within a Nextdoor neighborhood. As you would suspect, a public group anyone can join, and a private group anyone can ask to join, then a group moderator decides whether to add the person to the group or not. Postings to the group are just seen by group members, not others in the neighborhood.

If you already have a Nextdoor account, you can use a web browser (not app at this point) to find out how to create one—go to the “Help” function under your profile picture and search for “group.”

- Using the "mobile alerts" function, you can receive text messages of postings that neighbors mark "urgent." You can also receive these “urgent” postings via email. If you already have a Nextdoor account, you can get to Email and Mobile Alerts settings from your profile settings.

Our recommendation: Create a Neighborhood Watch group that uses both *traditional* and *virtual* means for communications. We’d start with either method, but then incorporate things from the other approach. Want to use one of our events as an excuse to meet the neighbors from your watch group? Join us for *National Night Out* in August, or our annual *Park Clean-up* event in October; we’d love to see you.

The Police Department has a guide for creating a Neighborhood Watch group. Go to [www.roseville.ca.us](http://www.roseville.ca.us) and search for “Neighborhood Watch Starter Guide”. Click on the result for “Community Services” and look for the download link for the 23 page PDF file. It gives full details on traditional and virtual groups as well as supplying forms and ideas for getting a group started in your part of the neighborhood.

## **How to Register Your Surveillance Camera**

Last month’s article explaining the option to register your surveillance camera with the Police Department failed to include directions on how to do it.

The program is called “Keep Watch”. If you search Google, Bing or Yahoo with the terms *Roseville camera registration program*, it will come up in the top results.

You will be directed to an online form to fill out. You supply

- your location type (residential)
- your name
- your phone number
- your email
- your location on a map of the City included in the form.

The registry database is kept confidential, and the police department does not have the ability to directly access your system. You decide if you want to share when they let you know of a nearby crime.

## **FAB Club—For those Fifty And Better**

The City's Parks, Recreation and Libraries Department has an on-going set of programs and activities for those fifty and older, er, better. There is an annual membership fee (\$32/individual, \$52/couple who are Roseville residents) which provides free or often lower-cost access to many of the activities. If you choose to be a volunteer to help staff the program, working about 3 hours or more per week, your membership is free. The bi-monthly newsletter keeps you aware of all offerings.

The breadth of what is offered is very likely to include something for everyone.

- Do you want to keep active? Join the Pickleball beginners group which meets two mornings per week at Woodbridge Park. Or if walking is your way of moving, try the long-standing Maidu Walkers group that goes around Maidu Park starting at 8:30 a.m. every weekday.
- Perhaps travel is your preference. Locally you can go to lunch at a local restaurant, shows at the Community Theatre in Sacramento, or take a trip to local casino. Further afield, you can join tours this year to South Dakota for Mt. Rushmore, Scotland, and Albuquerque for the balloon festival. You pay for most of the trips, but get special group rates.
- Enjoy playing table games? The Bridge group meets Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 9 a.m., and Cribbage group meets on Thursdays at that same time. There's also bingo, bunco, backgammon and mahjong on the schedule.
- Prefer clubs? The Roseville Better Gardens Club meets once a month, and the Roseville Genealogical Society does too. Once a month quilting workshops are also available.
- Like to sing or dance? Join the Maidu Singers, or take one of the many dance classes.
- Need support? Groups include ones for those living with Parkinson's, support for caregivers, a bereavement discussion group for widowed men and women, an Alzheimer caregivers support group, and a group for low vision and blind persons, caregivers and family members.

New groups and activities are being added all the time. To register, go to the City web site at [roseville.ca.us](http://roseville.ca.us) and search for "Maidu FAB club", or call 916-772-PLAY (7529).

## **Mosquitos Return**

Our rainy weather in mid-winter followed by unusually warm February weather has created ideal conditions for mosquitos to make an early return this year. You can help by emptying or draining buckets, old tires, and other containers. Mosquitos only need a couple of weeks or less to go from egg to adult, depending on how warm it is. Don't forget to clean gutters as they're often out of sight, and clogs can create a mosquito nursery just over head.



If you can't empty or drain standing water, add "Mosquito Dunks" or similar product, available at hardware and home improvement stores. Your family, outdoor pets, and neighbors will thank you if you take steps now to prevent these pests from breeding.

## **2018 Maidu Neighborhood Garage Sale Date Set—April 28th**

Mark your calendars! This year's 19th Annual Garage Sale will be Saturday, April 28th. Whether you hold a sale, hand out Garage Sale maps, or just donate to our cause, any help is appreciated.

This is the one fund raiser for the Maidu Neighborhood Association held each year. Funds raised help us conduct our activities, like National Night Out and the Annual Park Clean-up.

As in years past, the requested donation is \$10 for each participating garage sale. Our March newsletter will include details about signing up for the Sale.