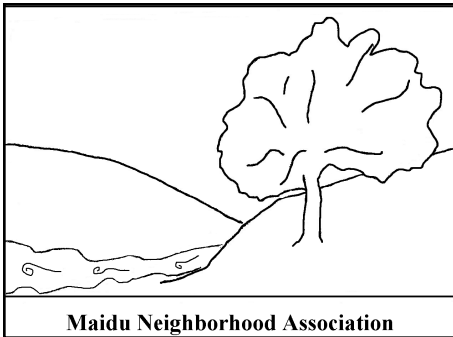


# MAIDU NEIGHBORS

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## MAIDU NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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### **Duncan to Speak on Bond Measure E at May 22nd Meeting**

By Jim Kidd

In a timely visit, Sierra College President William “Willy” Duncan will speak at our May 22nd meeting at Sargeant School on the bond the College has placed on the June 5th ballot.

As we mentioned in our last issue, Sierra College Trustees placed Bond Measure E on the June Ballot to fund repairs to existing buildings, add new buildings, and do facility improvements. At our meeting Mr. Duncan will do a short presentation and answer questions on the bond.

It’s been 61 years since Sierra College passed a bond measure, the one that helped build the college for its opening in 1961. When the school opened, it had 1,500 students, while today it enrolls 20,000. The proposed measure would

- Modernize 10 existing buildings over 50 years old to bring them up to code
- Build a new science building
- Add a new Public Safety building for educating police, fire fighters, and nurses
- Improve on-campus parking by adding two parking structures
- Expand on-campus Veterans programs and training for private sector jobs

The College attempted to pass a bond measure in March 2004 which received 50.2% of the vote, but failed because it did not meet the California-bond-passing threshold of 55%.

This presentation will be a chance for neighbors to ask Mr. Duncan questions such as

- How will the measure benefit local students?
- What other taxes support Sierra College and why are they not enough?
- How will these improvements benefit local employers?
- How will we know the money is spent for the things mentioned in the Bond Measure?
- What will this cost me in property taxes per year?
- Will this bond benefit the Community Education not-for-credit, fee-based classes or the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute classes for students 50 and older?

Come ask your questions on Tuesday, May 22nd at 7 p.m. at Sargeant School’s Activity Room so you can decide how to vote in June.

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**The monthly meeting of the Maidu Neighborhood Association will be held Tuesday, May 22, 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.**

This month Sierra College President William Duncan will talk about Bond Measure E on the June 5th ballot and answer neighbor’s questions.

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## **A Garage Sale on a Beautiful Day**

By Dave Steele

The weather could not have been more cooperative. That is the deciding factor that determines the participation rate in the annual Garage Sale event. It is telling that the \$10 fee for the sale is almost always received in a surge within the last week to 10 days – perhaps the extent of the Weather App to foretell the future conditions...or maybe it's just human nature to procrastinate.

At any rate, 80 homes participated and the overall feeling was mixed depending on which area you surveyed. Traffic seemed slower in some streets but crowded with shoppers in others. This is also a consistent inconsistency – it alternates areas each year so it's impossible to say who gets the most business. A great yard sale seems to be the magnet that keeps cars parked in front of your house to advertise the prospective goodies. Actually, it has been mentioned that it's an advantage to park your own car(s) at your sale because it draws attention and some folks just don't want to be the only ones there.

As always, a huge tip of the hat goes to Melinda Shrader, our real estate sponsor for the monthly newsletters, and for her contributions to this venture including the deliveries she does to be sure the paying participants get the packets she creates with balloons, garage sale tips, etc. We also want to thank our six neighbors who stood at entrances to our neighborhood handing out maps to potential shoppers. Behind the scenes we thank our Treasurer for collecting and tracking donations and our map maker. It's with all these volunteers, and more, that make each of these fund-raising events a success!

We held a raffle for all paid participant. Prizes were supplied by

- *Sprouts* (2 x \$50 gift cards),
- *Starbucks* (gift bag with mug and coffee),
- *Dos Coyotes* (gift card)

from our local Rocky Ridge Town Center businesses.

We also raffled a basket of *Do Terra* essential oil products from Melissa Lambert who can be reached at 916-276-9890 for information on their products (very cool!).

To top it all off, *Cool River Pizza* donated a free medium pizza certificate for every garage sale participant! To use, visit Cool River at Rocky Ridge and S. Cirby, or call 916-786-9000.

Please patronize these businesses and let them know how much Maidu Neighborhood appreciates their business.

As has been mentioned previously, the funds raised have paid for the lunch at the Annual Park Cleanup event, dinner at the Neighborhood Night Out, two Doggy Bag stations for Maidu Park, supplies for Eagle Scout projects, and on and on. Thank you so much for participating and we hope you did well this year. Start seeing the unused items in the house and garage as next year's candidates in the Garage Sale Clearance Competition – taking it to a new level!

## **When Ducks Call Your Pool Home**

By Scott Reid

I enjoy observing wildlife, but we had an extra dose this spring and learned a thing or two. We had a Mallard Duck couple who, over night, decided our pool was just the place to make a their spring-time nest and raise a family. A nest was constructed and eleven eggs duly laid.

This wouldn't do for a couple of reasons. We have a dog, neighbors have cats, and once they hatched and went for their first swim, the lip of the pool would be an insurmountable barrier to the ducklings getting back out to rest and eat.

Gold Country Wildlife Rescue in Auburn gave us advice. Because of the danger to the future ducklings, they suggested we bring the eggs to their facility. We did that and they are hatching and raising them.

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## **Another Look at the Local Homeless Issue**

At our April Meeting Roseville Police Officer Rob Baquera, Crime Prevention Coordinator, spoke to an audience of neighbors primarily concerned with the homeless in Roseville, exactly what Officer Baquera came to talk about. A number expressed their concerns with the places they now see homeless people where they did not before.

Neighbors noted we reported in this newsletter that the City's attorney said that sleeping is a constitutional right, i.e., however temporary the situation a person is in, when they sleep they are "domiciled". Because one's domicile is not to be invaded by the authorities, there was nothing the police could do. The City attorney took this position in part because of legal actions against other cities in California, and following the rulings against them, several homeless advocate organizations were visiting the homeless across the state, including in Roseville, and letting them know of their new rights under the law.

Officer Baquera said that the City Attorney's position has developed over time and now the legal interpretation is that the City can still enforce all other City ordinances. So, for example, no one is allowed in Maidu Park after dark, and there is no exception for the homeless. Or no one is allowed to camp within 100 feet of a waterway, and that covers much of the open space areas in this City. Or they can be cited for having an unlicensed dog, or blighting an area, i.e., trash around a camping area.

The rules, said Baquera, are different for commercial properties. In order to enforce local ordinances without being invited by the business to do so, the business has to sign an "agency authorization". However, such authorizations expire after 12 months. With 13,000 businesses in Roseville, this means there are not many commercial properties with active agency authorizations at any time. Melinda Shrader suggested the City should ask businesses to provide the authorization each year when business licenses come up for renewal.

The City will send in sanitation crews to clean-up camp sites in greenbelts, sometimes hauling away elaborate set-ups with sofas, chairs and tables. But they observed that almost as soon as they did that, in some places the camps were set back up again with furniture as soon as the next day. They discovered that at certain nearby charitable donation drop-off locations, larger items, like furniture, would be stored outside behind the building the charity occupied. Homeless folks would re-establish their camps with furnishings from these unsecured areas. The City is working with those businesses to secure the donations.

Rob started by noting that a census count of the homeless was done again in January, as in years earlier, but the results have not yet come in. He is hopeful it will show a decrease in the number of homeless versus the year before because the City has been helping those homeless willing to be helped to find shelter, and local non-profits provide meals. "No one is going hungry in Roseville," said Baquera.

Neighbors attending pressed Officer Baquera to explain why the Police weren't taking one action or another to relieve the issue. They identified areas where they have seen the homeless, such as in the bushes of the Sierra Gardens Post Office, and expressed their concerns at suddenly finding people where in the past there had been no one. Baquera answered each question, but didn't have answers that satisfied everyone. Clearly the City will continue to be challenged by this issue.

## **Ducks** *(continued from bottom of previous page)*

They said to destroy the nest, or the mother would lay a new clutch of eggs. Sure enough she spent 10 minutes looking at where her nest was before leaving, apparently for good.

This week we were speaking to another neighbor with a pool a block over from our home, and she reported she had a clutch of Mallard Duck eggs under a bush in her yard. A couple of years ago we had friends who had to fish ducklings out of their pool using a pool net. We helped them capture them, put them in a box, and walk them down to Maidu Park to release them...with the mother duck waddling along behind us. In other words this happens more often than you'd think as the folks at the Rescue told us. You may reach them on the web at [GoldCountryWildlifeRescue.org](http://GoldCountryWildlifeRescue.org), or at **(530) 885-0862**.