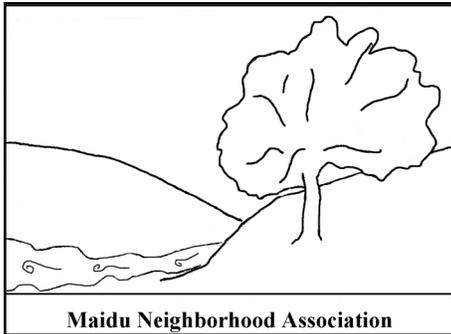


# MAIDU NEIGHBORS

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## MAIDU NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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### National Night Out—Come Meet Your Neighbors!

Every August for over 10 years, we've participated in National Night Out (NNO) by setting up a family-friendly event in Maidu Park at the pavilion by the basketball courts. The idea of the event is to give neighbors and opportunity to meet each other. That, in turn, raises neighborliness and helps us all keep an eye out for each other.

This year NNO will be held **Tuesday, August 7th** at the same location. We encourage you to drop on by and check it out between **6 p.m. and sunset at about 8 p.m.** We expect to have visits by representatives of the Roseville Fire and Police departments as they have been able to make time for us each year. Usually that includes one or two fire trucks that kids and adults are invited to inspect. We will also have a tie-dye activity for fun. Also meet representatives from local businesses. We will provide dinner as well. As of this writing, we haven't settled on what food we'll have, but it will be similar to recent years with salad on the side and soda and bottled water to help you stay hydrated.



**The monthly meeting of the Maidu Neighborhood Association will be held Tuesday, July 24, 2018, at 7 pm at Cool River Pizza at the intersection of Rocky Ridge and Cirby Way. We invite you to attend. We will meet in one of the separate rooms apart from the main dining area—just ask where to find us. The Association is not ordering food for this event, but you are welcome to use our host business, Cool River Pizza.**

During the summer months, while Sargeant School is closed, we continue to meet on the fourth Tuesday evening of the month, just in an alternate location. If available, a Police officer will speak about local crime.

Search for **Maidu N.A.** on Facebook and "like" us. Feedback or Questions? Email us at [feedback\(at\)maiduna.com](mailto:feedback(at)maiduna.com)

## **Senior Softball Practice**

By Shirley Brown

"Whack," "whack," "whack," is the solid sound I heard of a bat firmly and continuously connecting with a softball at Maidu Park one morning. I was so impressed with what I heard and what I saw that I had to stop and inquire further. What I witnessed and what you may have also seen was a group of healthy, active 70-year olds practicing softball at the baseball diamonds. Gil Frelly, a group spokesman, was kind enough to give me some information.

The group you see at Maidu Park consists of friends who play on different teams and leagues. They range in age from 68 to 77 years old and have been friends for at least 25 years. Two actually went to high school together.

They get together to practice 3 or 4 days a week at our regional park. Some of these seniors are former minor league baseball players. One is a former Dodger. Eight of these men are National Senior Softball Hall of Fame players.

These active seniors each hit 300 to 400 softballs a week in practice. Each individual plays between 100 and 125 games a year.

These seniors practice at Maidu Park during good weather in the spring, summer, and fall. When it rains in winter, they play at Kemp Field in Folsom on turf. By using Kemp Field, they can practice year around.

Gil himself plays in the Senior Softball USA League. The players in this league travel from California to Florida to play senior softball tournaments. This group of senior players start at age 40 and compete in age brackets of 5-year increments all the way to the 90's. Yes, there are 90-year olds who compete in softball tournaments! There are actually 2 teams of 90-year olds and 9 teams of 80-year olds. There are 15 to 17 tournaments a season with 5 games per tournament over a 2 or 3-day period.



Gil invites you to stop and say hello when you're out walking by the baseball diamonds in Maidu Park in the morning. "We would love to talk with you and answer any questions."

## **Summer Science and Magic for Kids in Roseville**

On Wednesday, July 25th, 2—3 p.m. at the Roseville Sports Center near the intersection of Pleasant Grove and Woodcreek Oaks Boulevards and next to Mahany Park, the Antelope-based performer *The Science Wizard* will entertain kids and adults alike. He is a improv comic, so there will be laughs along with the chance to see some of the more dramatic things that can be done through chemistry, electricity and other forces of nature. For more information , see his web site at [www.sciencewizardparty.com](http://www.sciencewizardparty.com).

On Thursday, August 2nd, 3—4 p.m., the performer *Magical Nathaniel* will appear closer to home at the Community Center in Maidu Park to do his magic show. This is a high energy show with a lot of audience interaction. We expect all kids will leave the show will a big smile on their face and the feeling that they had an important part to play in the show, even if they didn't get to come up and help. For more information on this recent Berkeley Math and Theater graduate, see his web site at [www.magicalnathaniel.com](http://www.magicalnathaniel.com).

## **Home HazMat Helpful Hints**

By Dave Steele

Wash your car in the driveway lately? Soap/Wipe/Rinse/Dry right? Actually, you are wasting your time with the soap. Save the prep time, protect the polish/wax shine, and most importantly...save the foamy bubbles in the gutter. “Oh, it’s OK, it’s biodegradable” you say. “Oh, so you can put it in your aquarium or have your kids drink it?” I say. Biodegradable means it will degrade in time. The gutter feeds into a creek system resembling a natural aquarium and there is not enough time for the soap to degrade before it gets to the creek.



Businesses get cited for this same act, but homes are not regulated as such (only because it is impractical). Although you don’t need soap to get dust off your car, if you feel obligated to use it at least dispose of the soapy water in a drain/toilet in the house or even at the top of your lawn where it will soak in and get ‘filtered’. Also, minimize the soap rinsed off the car – it doesn’t need to look like it’s getting a shave. Or, as I have in a drought, wash the vehicle on the lawn and make all the mess you want with all the water you want.



Fertilizer spreaders, especially the crank-the-handle/sling-the-fertilizer type, are indiscriminate in the area covered and usually result in oversling – the product ending up on the sidewalk (then to the gutter to be rinsed to the creek – again with the creek!). Take an extra 2 minutes to hand sprinkle a border (2 to 3 feet) around the perimeter of the yard so the spray doesn’t have to overshoot. You’ll be amazed how well you can approximate the fertilizer amount to use on the border.

Weeds in the sidewalk cracks? Drizzle some vinegar into the gap and they’ll be dead in few hours with this summer heat. This works better between waterings when the weeds will want a drink.

Got fluorescent tubes, cell phones, TVs, computer parts, household and automotive batteries, a water heater, cooking fats/grease, motor oil, or paint (to list a few) to get rid of? Call the City of Roseville for free curbside pickup at 916 774-5780. You must make an appointment. Items left out without an appointment will not be picked up.



## **Fire Department’s “Weed Abatement” Program explained**

The City will need to see new revenue coming into its budget before our neighborhood will see the goats ridding our open spaces of weeds. Our neighborhood does not have the special property taxes that fund the goat herds in other parts of the City.

Nonetheless, we get protection through City services that will mow City-owned areas. For property that is privately owned, there is the Fire Department’s “Weed Abatement” (removal) program. Each spring the Fire Department notifies owners of vacant parcels via mail of the ordinance requiring the owners to provide firebreaks on their property. Owners have a set period of time to get the work done.

Once the deadline passes, a contractor hired by the City will create the minimum 30-foot firebreaks. The costs of doing that and an administrative fee are billed to the property owner. If it is not paid within 30 days, the bill is forwarded to the Placer County Tax Collector’s office so it is included in the next set of County property tax bills.

The Fire Department’s Fire & Life Safety Division is responsible for receiving and investigating reports from the public of potential fire dangers. They may be contacted at (916) 774-5800 or by email at [Fire@roseville.ca.us](mailto:Fire@roseville.ca.us).