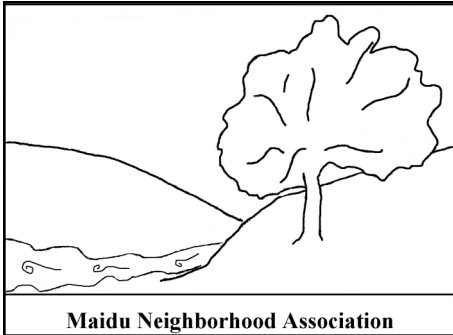


# MAIDU NEIGHBORS

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## MAIDU NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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### Back-to-School & Pedestrians

We are lucky enough to have two grammar schools in our neighborhood, a comfort for our youngest who go off to a school not far away, and a convenience for busy parents. Here is your annual reminder that school is back in session, so we need to be extra careful and patient when driving around Maidu Elementary and Sargeant Elementary Schools.

Did you know that according to the National Safe Routes to School program, more children are hit by cars near schools than at any other location? The following tips apply to all school zones:

- Don't double park; it blocks visibility for other children and vehicles.
- Don't load or unload children across the street from the school.
- Carpool to reduce the number of vehicles at the school.

And our awareness has to extend to anywhere a school bus travels. According to research by the National Safety Council, most of the children who lose their lives in bus-related incidents are 4-7 years old, and they're walking. They are hit by the bus, or by a motorist illegally passing a stopped bus.

Here are a few precautions to keep children and other pedestrians safe:

- Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you. This could put them in the path of moving traffic.
- In a school zone stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection.
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians.
- Take extra care to look out for children in school zones.

Everybody knows what they should do, so these points are just reminders.

### Citizens' Police Awareness Academy Enrolling Now

If you are interested in how our Police Department works, and have the time to attend the weeks of September 17 – 20 and 24 – 27, daily, Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. until noon, apply at the Roseville Police website ([www.roseville.ca.us/police](http://www.roseville.ca.us/police)) no later than September 7, 2018. You must be at least 18 and live in Roseville.

**The monthly meeting of the Maidu Neighborhood Association will be held Tuesday, August 28, 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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*Our web site is [maiduna.com](http://maiduna.com)*

## **Neighbor Shares Story of Theft as a Reminder**

Early this month a couple of neighbors who live near Maidu Park’s east side experienced a jewelry theft that has by turns shocked and frustrated them. They decided to share their story as a caution to the rest of us.

They discovered they had been robbed after a week out of town. When they went to their front door on their return, they discovered it was already unlocked. They entered the house and found that their electricity was off. They discovered it had been turned off at the circuit breaker box and turned it back on. When they entered their master bedroom area they were shocked to discover a mess with items thrown around in the master bath and closet as well. At this point they noticed jewelry was missing. Later they found a pillow case or two were missing as well.

A neighbor had been watching the house for them, and had moved their garbage can from the street up to their gate. It became apparent that, after cutting the power to the house, the can had been used by the thieves to get a boost over the fence and into the backyard. Then they broke into the house through the back patio door. The neighbor had heard a bang at night about 4 days before they returned home and went to investigate, but didn’t see any lights on or see anything wrong. Likely the thieves used flashlights to navigate the powerless home. When done with their sacking, they probably unlocked the front door and left.

The neighbors reported the theft to the police. When asked, the officer who took their report said that theft like this is not common to our area. As of the time of this writing the police have not uncovered any new information about what happened. The neighbors are monitoring sites online and will visit local pawn shops, but, as the officer suggested, the thieves may have sold the goods through another channel.

The neighbors are frustrated as they know they could have done more to prevent what happened. First, they did not do enough to make the home appear to have someone home. They had not, for example, set -up lights to go on at night. Second, they have an alarm system in their home, but between the two of them they each assumed the other had set the alarm. The alarm would have worked even with the power cut –off as it has a battery back-up.

Our own observation is that unlike the usual smash-and-grab approach that characterizes many thefts, this one apparently was thought out to the extent that the thieves observed the home was empty, cut the power, and focused on taking just small, valuable items that would allow a quick get-away. We’re sorry to hear this happened to a neighbor because we know that jewelry often has specific, wonderful memories attached to it which makes the theft all the more painful. We thank our neighbors for sharing their story as a reminder to take steps to avoid becoming a victim ourselves.

*Do you have a cautionary tale to share with neighbors? We’d be happy to share it. Contact the Newsletter Editor (see left side of cover page) or email [feedback\(at\)maiduna.com](mailto:feedback(at)maiduna.com).*

## **Library and Maidu Museum Hours**

As you may be aware, the Library and Museum hours were due to change with the start of the new City budget year on July 1st.

<b>Maidu Library</b>	<b>Maidu Museum</b>
Monday — Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.	Saturday: 9am - 4pm
Thursday and Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.	The Museum still offers guided tours on weekdays by appointment. It is closed Sundays.
Friday and Sunday: Closed	

## **A Big Thanks to Businesses for National Night Out Commitments**

We had to cancel this years National Night Out event at Maidu Park on August 7th because of the expected high temperatures in combination with the smoky air. We'd like to take the opportunity here to thank all of the local businesses who had made commitments to help with our event. In alphabetical order they are:

- **BevMo** — made donation of drinks and tubs in which to cool them
- **Buck & Sadie's** — were going to staff a table at the event and provide samples of their wings
- **Cattlemens** — was ready to make a prize-basket donation for a raffle
- **Cool River** — was ready to supply us salad for our meal.
- **Learning Express** —which gave moral support and ideas for activities
- **Sprouts** — was going to supply a couple of fruit trays for our meal
- **Starbucks** — was going to supply cookies and iced tea
- **Sunrise Natural Foods** — was going to supply some food for our meal
- **Wells Fargo** — had several of their staff-members lined up to help us with the activities

That so many great local businesses were ready to step-up and help us out is wonderful. We hope you will continue to patronize them, and we look forward to even better future events!

## **Neighbor Helped by Local Realtor**

*We recently received this unsolicited story from a former neighbor who moved recently to Florida. She and her husband sold their home using the services of Melinda Shrader of Coldwell Banker. The neighbor was writing Jim Kidd to have her email removed from his Watchmail distribution list when she added this story and picture.*

Melinda went over & above her duties as a realtor!!

Our Feral cat that I had been feeding for 3 1/2 years ( she had been living inside our home for about 9 mos.) She got frightened when the movers started packing & moving all of her furniture.... She ran back to the culvert across the street for 4 days before we were due to board the plane.... I would sit on the curb crying. She would not come home at night .... I left her food, water & litter box in garage when we stayed with friends in Loomis after our furniture left.



Melinda borrowed a cat trap from a policeman friend.... She trapped our cat at 11:45 pm the night before we were to go to airport.... She texted me (after 3hrs of trying to trap my cat) that she trapped my cat!!... She brought her back into our home & put her inside utility shower. We picked her up at 4am on our way to the airport..... I felt so Blessed that Melinda went the extra mile for me.

“God” Bless Melinda.... We are a family again thanks to Melinda!!

## **On Our Radar—Sales Tax & Homelessness**

Proposed Sales Tax Increase Presentation — At our Tuesday, October 23rd meeting Megan McPherson, Communication Director, and City Manager Dominick Casey, both of the City of Roseville will do a presentation on the proposed sales tax increase and answer neighbor questions.

Homeless Plan Feedback for Placer County — Placer County held two August meetings to get public input on the “county’s new strategic plan for addressing homelessness.” If you missed them or just want to provide feedback, email your thoughts to [scott@thurmondconsultingllc.com](mailto:scott@thurmondconsultingllc.com).