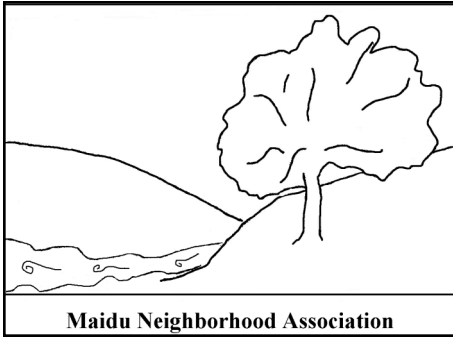


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See, Question Guest Speaker on Measure B Sales Tax Increase

At our Tuesday, October 25th meeting the Roseville City Manager, Dominick Casey, will be on hand to provide information about current budget projections, the factors affecting the city budget, what's been done to reduce expenses, what Measure B says, and the options that lie ahead after the election. Whether you think the proposal is our best option at this point or not, we invite you to come, hear the presentation, and ask Dominick any questions you have on this topic.

Megan MacPherson, the Director of the City's Public Affairs & Communications, provided us the following summary of events leading to the proposal:

"Over the past 10 years since the recession and as the economy recovered, Roseville has been facing a structural budget deficit. Changes in consumer habits, from online shopping to buying more services than goods have taken a toll on sales tax revenues. (...D)ffered maintenance needs on roadways, IT infrastructure, libraries and parks...must be addressed. And expenses outside the city's control have continued to rise.

"The City of Roseville has taken steps to reduce the General Fund budget expenses the past decade, including reducing the size of the city's work force by 38 percent per capita, reducing employee compensation and benefits, and reducing levels of community services. While much of that has gone unnoticed to the public, more reductions are needed as the gap increases, and the reductions in services will become increasingly noticeable.

"Over the past year, the City has reached out online, in person, and by mail to every household in the city to learn what services our community values most. Thousands of people participated, providing suggestions, insights, and recommendations, including a preference to raise revenue over cutting services any further.

"Based on this input, at its June 6, 2018 meeting, the Roseville City Council voted to give voters the opportunity to decide on a half-cent sales tax increase on the November ballot. As a general sales tax measure, the revenue generated can be used for essential services the community has said they value including neighborhood police patrols, fire protection, 9-1-1 emergency response, crime suppression, street and pothole repair, libraries, parks and recreation, job creation and economic development programs."

The monthly meeting of the Maidu Neighborhood Association will be held Tuesday, October 23, 2018, at 7 p.m. 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 we'll feature guest speaker Dominick Casey, the City Manager (see story above). At most meetings a Roseville Police Officer will report on local crimes and answer questions.

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Neighbors help with Park Clean-up

We would like to thank the 2 dozen neighbors who came out for our Annual Park Clean-up event on Saturday, October 6th. The weather was beautiful, and faces we've seen before and new ones grabbed garbage bags and set out throughout the park to explore and clean-up trash.

A couple of folks newer to the effort, but long-time residents, chose a new area we have not tackled in the past — the side of Rocky Ridge from the Park's entrance up to Hackamore Drive. They walk all around the area regularly for exercise and were eager to tackle the trash along the road that has bothered them for some time. While we suggest areas in which to do the clean-up, we welcome new ideas on where to go, especially from folks who just want to get out and do it.

Most of the rest of the neighbors fanned out inside and along the edges of Maidu Park. All cleaning was done in the spirit of showing any visitor to the area that the Park is kept clean so they will be inspired to do the same.

Trash tells story—After a couple hours, everyone returned to the pavilion in the Park and shared in a meal sponsored by the Neighborhood Association. In addition to socializing, there was the annual awarding of small prizes for the most unique items found. Items included a kitchen chair and an overnight bag complete with medicine, vitamins, toothpaste, clothing, and an empty jewelry box, leaving neighbors to wonder if it had been stolen, searched for valuables, then tossed into the Park.

We hope our newly cleaned areas will give others pause before littering carelessly, and if you have an idea of some area we should clean, we invite you to come to next year's event.



Annual Association Meeting and Election Held

By Geoff Kragen

It's hard to believe but a year has passed since our last Annual Meeting. Accordingly on September 25th your Maidu Neighborhood Association held this year's. The two items of focus annually are the voting for board members, and an audit of the books, which was presented with no exceptions.

Four board members, incumbents, were on the slate and approved. These four are Ken Nitschke, Scott Reid, Dave Steele and Mary Steele. This year we also had an individual on the slate who is new to the board. We'd like to welcome Alan Bartley on board and appreciate his desire to serve our neighborhood.

The last item to note here is the board held an election of officers. All board members remain in the positions they held last year as reflected on the front of this newsletter.

Fall Yard Prep

By Dave Steele

OK kids, Fall is the best time of year for your lawn for many reasons so let's not squander the opportunity to make it more lush.

If you have bare spots or a bare lot, now would be the time to seed the areas. There are really no weed seeds blowing around like in the spring and it's easier to keep the soil moist with the shortening days and lower temperatures. My neighbor and I had the same experience independently – grass seed that comes with the conditioner and is guaranteed to grow didn't, while the loose grass seed by itself came up and flourished.

For existing lawns, 'Indian Summer' – the last warm days of Fall – is the ideal time to hit your lawn with fertilizer so it has time to green up. It will stay green until about February and you probably won't have to mow it but a couple times after Thanksgiving. Hey, no need to have it go yellow or dormant all winter when it can be green with no upkeep. If golf courses can make it green, so can you.

Before you mow, rake or blow the leaves loose from the grass so your lawnmower (I call it my lawn vacuum this time of year) will pick them up. If not, the leaves will smother a corresponding patch of grass and leave a bare spot, just like a smaller version of leaving a rag or piece of cardboard on it. Even if the grass doesn't need mowing, the leaves need removing. So remove them to the garden where they'll do their job of smothering any weeds while they slowly (low temperatures) decompose all winter. No sense throwing good leaves away.



Lastly, reset the sprinklers to water less until you can turn them off altogether in November assuming it'll be raining. Anybody who's played high school football around here knows the rain usually starts about the last week of October so you play the last couple weeks in the mud. Give your meter and wallet a break. 'Tis the Season'.

Street Parking Risks

We spotted this recent posting on the Nextdoor site.

Two neighbors on Lariat Loop had their vehicles broken into during the night. A garage door opener in one of the vehicles allowed the thieves to enter the garage and make off with a lot of tools. The police have been called. Please let this serve as a reminder: If you park your car in the driveway or on the street, do not leave your garage door opener in the vehicle!!!

It's good to be reminded of the risks of parking on the street, and we shouldn't leave the car without taking a look at it to see what we're leaving behind. Is the garage opener or a house key (or key to the car itself) there? Any valuables in sight? Anything in or about the car that would make it a target?

A police officer who visited our monthly meetings in years past had an additional thought on the topic. Why, he wondered, do we often park a \$10,000 or \$20,000 car outside when we're storing \$5,000 or less in valuables in the garage? Garage's are not like a safe, but they do provide an extra layer of deterrence.

On Our Radar—Election

The Election— Tuesday, November 6th, two weeks after our next meeting, will be our opportunity to show the City Council what we think of Measure B (see front-page). There are also six candidates for the two open City Council positions. You can view the candidates speaking at the September 11th *2018 RCONA Roseville City Council Forum* by going to Youtube and entering that phrase as a search, or use the link <https://youtu.be/11FB0CxZRTA>. The video is about 1 1/4 hours in length.