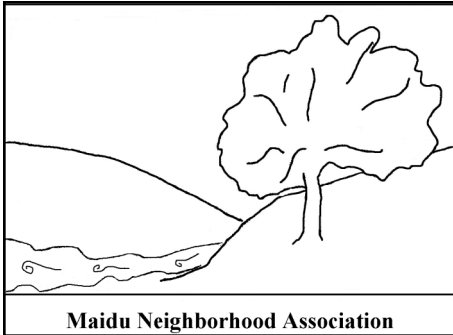


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Join Oversight Committee or Charter Commission

Ready to step-up your role as a citizen of Roseville? There are two opportunities currently available...or you just may want to know what others will be doing.

Charter Commission

The first is the opportunity to apply, now through Friday, January 25th, to become a member of the *Roseville Charter Review Commission*. The municipal government of the City of Roseville is governed through a charter authorized by the California Constitution. The original Charter of the City of Roseville was adopted by the voters in April 1935 and certified by the California Secretary of State on May 2, 1935. Modifications to the original document have been approved by the voters on several occasions, with the last major amendment occurring during the 2010 General Election.

Although not required by state law, the City of Roseville has historically reviewed and amended the Charter every 10 years. This is what you could apply for — to become a member of the Commission doing the review. If the Commission recommends Charter amendments, the City Council will consider them. If the Council approves any of them, they will be on the November 3, 2020 ballot for Roseville voters to consider. The Commission will meet once a month starting in March and draft a final report within a year.

Measure B Oversight Committee

If you concerned yourself with voting on Measure B, the recent half-percent sales tax increase, you'll recall there is to be monitoring of the revenues from the tax. Your opportunity is to apply to be a part of the five-member *Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee*. It will annually review the revenue generated by Measure B and the related expenditures and report on them to the City Council. They won't decide how to spend the money — that's the duty of the Council. The Committee is expected to meet 2 - 3 times per year.

The Council prefers to appoint residents that know municipal finances, government operations, and something about Roseville businesses or the community.

Oversight Committee applications will also be open until Friday, January 25th. Applications can be picked up in the City Clerk's office, 311 Vernon Street in Downtown Roseville. The City Council will make appointments to the Committee as well as the Charter Commission at its February 20th meeting.

For our part, we will work to understand how the Charter Commission and the Oversight Committee may impact our neighborhood.

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Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, January 22, 2019, 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. 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

Wet Road Driving Reminders

Whether it's raining as you read this or not, we'll likely be faced with wet road conditions sometime soon. Some of us will also drive where there will be snow or ice. Here are reminders we can all use to stay safer on the road.

The California Driver's Handbooks recommends the following speed adjustments:

- Wet road—go 5 to 10 mph slower than the posted speed.
- Packed snow—reduce your speed by half.
- Ice—slow to a crawl.

Remember the posted speed limit is the maximum safe speed in ideal driving conditions for that roadway. Slippery conditions will require drivers to reduce their speed.

After you've checked to see that your windshield wipers are working properly (replace windshield wiper inserts that leave streaks or don't clear the glass in a single swipe), consider these tips for the road:

Turn your lights on. When it starts to rain, turn on your headlights immediately. It's the law.

Drive with both hands on the wheel. Drive with your hands at 9 o'clock and 3 o'clock. This will allow for maximum control if you have to turn, serve, or react quickly. Traditional wisdom said to drive with your hands at 10 o'clock and 2 o'clock. However, this increases the chances of injury from airbags in a collision.

Stay five seconds behind the car in front of you. During normal conditions you can leave a 3-4 second gap between your car and the car in front of you. In the rain, this distance should increase to at least 5 seconds.

Avoid slamming on the brakes. This can cause you to slide forward, and you won't be able to control the car. Hitting the brakes too hard can also force water into your brakes, making them less effective.

Take turns slowly. Turning too quickly on a wet road can cause your tires to hydroplane, which can cause you to lose control of your car.

Don't use cruise control. This is another factor that can lead to hydroplaning. The weight of the car shifts slightly when you ease on or off the accelerator, and this helps maintain traction with the road. With cruise control your speed is constant, there is no weight shift. Thus, the car can lose traction.

Don't drive through flooded areas. It's easy to misjudge water depth, the speed of currents, or even exactly where the road is. Hazards may be submerged. You don't want your car to be the one pictured on local news as a loss.

Grease and Oils—Don't put Down Drain or In the Trash

If you've dealt with kitchen clogs this time of year, you may be aware that you should not put grease, fat or oil down your drain. This is because it gets stuck inside pipes once it cools and solidifies, and cooler weather and richer meals over the holidays can make that even more likely to happen now. Instead, simply pour cooled oil and grease into a sealable container, such as a coffee can.

Then put it in the trash, right? The answer is "No!" according to the *LiveSewerSmart.com* web site. Because Roseville uses the One Big Bin approach to trash and recycling, all waste – including things that can be recycled – goes into a single bin. Adding oils and grease to the bin could inadvertently contaminate valuable recyclable materials.

Instead, let it cool and give the City a call at **(916) 774-5780** to pick it up for free. Or you can drop it off for free at the *Western Placer Waste Management Authority Household Hazardous Waste Facility* located at 3033 Fiddymont Road, Roseville. They accept up to 15 gallons or 125 pounds of hazardous waste, like cooking and motor oils, grease, medications, pesticides, paint, and e-waste (computers, phones, TVs) per trip.

A Brief Earth History of the Maidu Area

By Alan Bartley

The area in and around Maidu park was home to the Maidu who used an outcrop of the Riverbank formation to grind oak acorns into flour to eat. Their grinding area can be seen in the Maidu Museum and Historic Site next to Strap Ravine Creek. How did this stone outcrop come to be here?

When dinosaurs were the dominant life form on earth our Sacramento Valley was a deep inland sea. What would be the Coast Range to the west formed an island arc. To the east the mountains that formed the Sierra Nevada were just beginning to grow and separate the seaway from the coral reef environment in Nevada.

The rift zone that would become the Atlantic Ocean basin was trying to push North America to the west. The Pacific plate was resisting and our western mountain ranges were the result. In order for the Sierra granite to be exposed, at least 10,000 feet of sedimentary rocks had to be washed away from on top of them into the inland sea. As the sedimentary rocks were washed into the sea, great alluvial fans, like river deltas, were formed and ended in the bottom of what is now the Sacramento Valley in great undersea landslides.

As more than 60 million years passed, the Valley filled with sediments that were compressed to rock, and the slope into the sea flattened to where fans were formed that did not slide into the seaway that would become our Valley. The area was uplifted and the alluvial fans themselves were eroded by a much wetter climate than we have now. Several ice ages carved great valleys into the exposed granite of the Sierra.

50,000 years ago the climate began to stay warm, as it had between the ice ages, and the glaciers retreated and slowly this area began to evolve into the tree studded savanna we know today. Local erosion exposed the rocks by Strap Ravine Creek. This made a friendly climate for a hunter-gatherer culture like the Maidu's to prosper in. That is until waves of gold hungry prospectors invaded the land. Gold was not found in Maidu, but it certainly affected it. Ranching replaced the hunter gather culture to feed the rapidly growing population.

Crime Prevention Resolutions for 2019

By Rob Baquera, Public Information Officer Roseville Police Department

Happy 2019! It's January and a time that many people make resolutions to improve their quality of life. Often times losing weight, eating healthy, and exercising top the list. However, this year consider adding some crime prevention resolutions.

Here are a few suggestions to get you started.

I resolve to:

- lock my car doors, and put belongings out of sight every time I park my car.
- close my garage door at all times when not in use, even if I am working out in my yard or leaving the area for a short time.
- trim trees and shrubs around my home so that doors and windows are visible to neighbors from the street.
- ask for valid ID or credentials before letting anyone I don't know into my home.
- watch out for my neighbor's house and property when they are away. If I see suspicious activity, I will notify the police.
- work together with my neighbors and law enforcement by being watchful to prevent crime in my neighborhood. Join or start a Neighborhood Watch group.

Want to know more on that last point? On Wednesday, February 6th, at the Roseville Police Station from 6:30 to 8 p.m., there is a meeting open to all current Neighborhood Watch block captains and anyone interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch group.