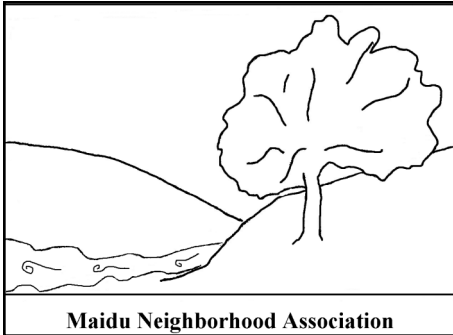


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Maidu Events - An update

The Maidu Neighborhood Association board is generally optimistic, generally willing to plan for the best, and often our expectations are met. To that end, the Board has tentatively rescheduled some of our events as follows:

- *Maidu Neighborhood Garage Sale* - This is now tentatively scheduled for August 29th. We will attempt to finalize this at our May meeting. Our main question is this: Who will feel comfortable having a Garage Sale at their home on any given date? And, of course, the same question of Garage Sale shoppers is a concern.
- *Fireworks Stand Fund-raiser* - We will, in theory, have two fireworks stands which we could help man, and we would receive funds from the profits based on hours contributed. At this point it is not clear whether the stands will be open this year, when, or for how long.
- *Movie-in-the-Park* - We originally were aiming for July 25th, but now we plan to delay it and combine the movie showing with National Night Out (see next event).
- *National Night Out* - The national organization that promotes this event has delayed it from its normal first Tuesday in August to the first Tuesday in October. We decided, because school will theoretically be in session in October, that we should not do it on a Tuesday evening, but rather on a Saturday, perhaps in September, so families with school-aged children could attend. If we do, we will be combining it with our Movie-in-the-Park event. Take in a movie and meet your neighbors! We plan to have food available.
- *Park Clean-up* - No decision has been made for this event that usually occurs in October. We're waiting to see how our other events line up first.

We need to stress that **none of this timing is finalized**, but tentative.

Update on Local Delivery Options - including from Library

In our April issue we said of **Safeway** that, "They don't deliver in our area." That is no longer the case, i.e., they do deliver now as well as offering curbside pick-up. You need to have an online account for either of those options. As you place your order, you first check for an available delivery timeslot. Then you shop online.

Speaking of curbside pick-up, did you see that two of the three **Roseville Libraries**, including the **Maidu branch**, are now offering their version they call *Sidewalk pickup*? That occurs 12:00-4:00pm on Tuesday-Saturday. Place a hold on library materials through the online library catalog, receive an email, phone call or text when your items are ready to pick up, then visit Maidu or Riley libraries. When you come to pick up the items on hold, park in the designated area then call the number on the sign to let them know you are there. To ensure contactless delivery, they will place your bagged items and receipt on a table on their sidewalk.

Our next meeting will be held someday soon we hope. Normally we meet in the Activity Room at Sargeant Elementary School. At most meetings a Roseville Police Officer will report on local crimes and answer questions. For the time being we are holding our Board meetings via a conferencing app.

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Our web site is maiduna.com

Virtual Recreation from Parks and Rec

by Scott Reid

The staff of Roseville's Parks and Rec department has put together an interesting online resource page they call "Virtual Rec."

www.roseville.ca.us/virtualrecreation

It is divided into three sections:

- Just for kids
- Adults & Seniors
- Virtual tours

But here's a secret — I'd ignore the categories as directing you to only one thing, and explore all of them. Some of the "Just for kids" activities would keep any of us happy. For example, in that section there's a video of a whole family doing a "Chalk Mosaic" on their backyard fence. Or maybe you'd like to catch up on a science experiment you didn't do when you were a kid, like dissolving an eggshell in the "Naked Egg" experiment. All the projects are pretty easy to get off the ground. In addition there are subcategories for fitness, sports, like learning to dribble a soccer ball, and Storytime where you can listen to any of a dozen stories via videos.

In the "Adults and Seniors" category, you can take a video "ride" on Roseville's Pleasant Grove Creek Trail as it wanders among a forest of oaks or past the occasional meadow. It may motivate you to travel the trail yourself. You can also do a yoga workout, or take one of the online technical, engineering, or business courses via the Coursera site. Or if you just need a calming environment, check out the link to the Monterey Bay Aquarium site and listen to the ocean waves roll, or see the jelly fish do their underwater ballet.

Virtual tours May be the Highlight

The third section, the "Virtual Tours," allow you to either see a place through a pre-recorded tour, as in the Louvre Museum in Paris, or a live web-cam, as in the Live Bald Eagle Nest Cam — even at night you can observe the latter as they have a camera that helps you observe the eagle family in their nest, asleep. Here are some thoughts on the Virtual Tours you can take.

San Diego Zoo - you take your chances as to whether animals will be in view when you choose to virtually visit, just as can be the case when you visit in person, but your options to find the animals is limited to waiting for them to come into view.

Monterey Bay Aquarium - Aside from the "Monterey Bay" live cam, the Aquarium's cams have hours, typically 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. After-hours they offer you a highlights reel to watch in lieu of live action. The underwater cams will have music tracks playing; will zoom in and out automatically on sections of the tank. Cams may pick up reflections of empty interiors, or in one case, an open door to a storage area at the rear of the tank showing rows of what appeared to be Clorox bottles, or even interior, normally peopled areas.

Outdoor, above water cams may have sound or not. Some cams are streamed via YouTube and can be "cast" to your smart TV. My favorite: The "Monterey Bay Cam" for

- its variety of animals in the unrestricted area of the bay adjacent to the Aquarium.
- its open air sound track, i.e., it plays the exterior sounds of the waves and animals as they occur.
- it's one of the YouTube-based channels, so you can cast it to a bigger screen.
- It's available 24 hours a day...at night you can use it as a soothing ocean sound track as there isn't anything to see.

The only things missing are the breezes on your face and the smell of the sea.

International Space Station - If you like to explore using Google Street view, you'll be right at home with the Google Earth-hosted tour of the interior of the International Space Station. You navigate in the same manner as you do with street view. The opening view in the Cupola Observational Module may be the scenic highlight, and the rest is an adventure in navigating through gear-lined "halls". It can be disorienting at moments, but gives you a real feeling for the environment the astronauts live in for months at a time — no wonder gear is stashed in every nook and cranny!

Signs of the Times



These have certainly been strange times, but one positive event is the arrival of a “Gnome Trail” in our neighborhood, i.e., a small village of gnomes has moved into Maidu Park near Maidu Elementary School and the park playground nearby. One never knows how long they will in any one place before they disappear. That being the case, you may wish to visit the area to see them, sooner rather than later.

Now we will readily confess that we are novices when it comes to gnomes, so it is possible we’ve misinterpreted some of what we saw. Nonetheless, it is all interesting. Clearly they’ve set up their homes, and they each have their own activities and interests.

We’ve observed they are traveling with fairies, and we even spotted a tiny dog, such as the one we saw to which one fairy giving a bath.

It appears they like brightly-colored objects, and generally playful, like the pair we spotted on a see-saw. Another was playing with a baby turtle that was as tall as the gnome! And a couple of others appear to be fans of the Sacramento

River Cats.

Our understanding is that children living directly across from the park are the ones who invited the gnomes (and fairies) to take up residence here. There is evidence that they have been welcomed by other neighbors as well. We hope they enjoy their stay!



Another sign of the times is the extra time people are getting to spend at home, almost a dry-run for retirement if they haven’t reached that state already. And with that we see more people taking up hobbies, or walking or self-improvement.

Or, as in the case of this house on McLaren Drive, the opportunity to take on some impressive home projects. They have replaced/refaced the retaining wall in front of their home.



To an outside observer, it appeared to come together very quickly, although we’re sure that behind the scenes there was a great deal of planning that took place. Whether easy or hard, we say, “Well done!”

Our Events—Our Association has developed a tradition of having the following events. We set the dates for each one as the time approaches to match the availability of the people who will help put them on, but they usually don’t vary by more than a few weeks from year to year.

- Postponed—*Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale.*
- TBD—*National Night Out.*
- TBD—*Park Clean-up.*
- December—*Santa in the Neighborhood*

For more Information

Go to mna.rcona.com/2020-links. Or scan this QR code with a suitable app. There are links there to our related sites including our Facebook page.

