

# MAIDU NEIGHBORS

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## MAIDU NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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### Santa Will Visit Our Neighborhood Tuesday, December 8th

If the weather permits, on Tuesday evening, December 8th, Santa will ride through our neighborhood with the help of escorting Police Officers on motorcycles, a fire truck, and riding on a trailer pulled by a truck from Roseville Electric. Elves usually walk along the sidewalks with Santa's parade, handing out candy.

Santa's route will take him along Champion Oaks Drive from S. Cirby to N. Cirby Way. Then he will turn toward Sargeant School and follow N. Cirby to Willard Dietrich Park where the Maidu Neighborhood Association will have some warm drinks and snacks for anyone who decides to wait for Santa there. Santa is expected to get to the Park about 7 p.m. Neighborhood Association helpers will be at the Park starting at 6 p.m. As we write this, Buck & Sadie's is planning to have their food truck join us at the Park and make their burger menu available.



This year's route is different than in the last few years, and, passing the Park, will continue on Stoney Point Way, Jamestown Way, Valley Forge Way, Meadowvista Way, then turn left on Ridgecrest and come up to the corner at the front of Sargeant School. Then Santa will leave our neighborhood to visit another one nearby.

For more information on "Neighborhood Santa," visit the City site at [Roseville.ca.us](http://Roseville.ca.us) and look under "Events". You can see the route map. For the latest news on the parade the day of, see the Roseville Parks, Recreation & Events' Facebook page at 5 p.m. Links to all of this are on our front page at [maiduna.com](http://maiduna.com).

### Do You Have a Letter for Santa?

We want to help you get a letter to Santa this year. Write your "dear Santa" letter at home and bring it addressed and sealed up to our event at Willard Dietrich Park next to Sargeant School. We will have a special box to drop your letter in. We will make sure it is delivered to Santa. No stamp necessary!

### Safety & Santa

The City will cancel the Neighborhood Santa event if it rains, but in this pandemic year, that's not the only concern of course. For the Willard Dietrich Park event, we will do our best to allow spacing for people approaching where we dispense drinks or have other activities. We want this event to be fun without being a concern.

We encourage everyone coming to the Park to wear a mask, and we will have some on hand if you forget yours. We also encourage you to look at the route and understand the many places you and your family can stand and maintain social distancing. For route information, see [maiduna.com](http://maiduna.com).

**We will meet online this month on Tuesday, November 24th.** We will be meeting using Zoom starting at 7 p.m.. To attend, go to our web site at [maiduna.com](http://maiduna.com) for the link to the meeting.

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)

Our web site is [maiduna.com](http://maiduna.com)

## Park Clean-up Brings Out 50 Neighbors

Our Annual Park Clean-up event drew more people this year than it has in the past, probably an indicator of how many people have come to appreciate all that Maidu Regional Park has to offer in this unusual year. There was a Pack of Cub Scouts and a Troop of Boy Scouts, and members of the Roseville Better Gardens Club that joined families and others who wanted to show their appreciation for this local gem.

We want to thank everyone who came out to help make the natural areas that the Parks & Recreation Department does not regularly maintain a cleaner place. We hope you enjoyed exploring “off trail” in the Park and got to see places you have not seen before, or at least have not had a chance to visit recently. We had neighbors who saw wild turkeys and woodpeckers, and some cleaned around the sapling trees that were planted in the Park over the last few years.



At our lunch, people shared their most unusual finds while cleaning, and two prizes were awarded for the ones most interesting. One general observation by those attending was that there was less trash this year than in years past. We suspect the closure of the soccer fields inside the Park kept the nearby natural areas cleaner. Along the outside of the Park, we suspect less overall traffic and higher daily foot traffic kept the areas near the streets cleaner.

We want to also thank the Association Board members who helped set-up and take down the tables, food, and banner for the event’s gathering place at the Park’s pavilion. In particular we want to thank Mary Hoff for arranging for donations from **Sprouts** (fresh fruit), **Starbucks** (coffee), and **Bevmo** (ice, drinks, and beverage tubs), and a discount for our sandwiches from **Jimmy Johns**. In addition, we got balloons donated to us by the **Sacramento Balloon Company** thanks to a connection with an RCONA member from another neighborhood. Vicki Miller also provided a lot of support in decorating the pavilion area on the day of the event, ably assisted by Geoff Kragen. Alan Bartley donated a new banner for us to use for this and future Annual Park Clean-up events.



## Attention High School Seniors

By Jim Kidd

The Roseville Coalition of Neighborhood Associations (RCONA) gives three scholarships to worthy students in Roseville every year. Please check with your high school counselors for information and an application.

One of the scholarship requirements is to help with an RCONA neighborhood event or project. RCONA wants high school students to get involved with their neighborhoods. If you haven't done one yet, the Maidu Neighborhood Association will be having a "Neighborhood Santa" event on **December 8th at 6p.m.** which qualifies as an RCONA event. Join us at Willard Dietrich Park at 6 and help us set-up.

## Keeping an Eye Out for Packages

Many of us are shopping online now more than ever and we are getting to the prime season for porch pirates, those who will walk up and grab items before we get them. But more of us are at home than usual, so we have an opportunity to keep an eye out for our neighbors and help them by watching for suspicious activity and reporting it to the police. Other ideas to help:

- If you need to be away, but a neighbor is often at home, have it delivered to your trusted neighbor.
- Some delivery companies allow you to require a signature on your deliveries.
- Consider installing security cameras, and add a sign that warns you are watching. A camera pointing out a well-placed window can be just as effective as one outside.

Let's keep an eye out for each other!

## Easy-Entry Holiday Decorating Contest Returns

Do you have a house in the Maidu Neighborhood Association? Do you like to decorate your home for the holidays? If “yes” is your answer to both of those questions, then you’re automatically entered in our holiday decorating contest, now in its second year!

Just have your home decorated by Sunday, December 13th, and shortly thereafter our judges will cruise the neighborhood. Three contest winners will be notified, and a sign will be posted in their yard showing that they won. Bragging rights! The three categories are **Best Light Display**, **Most Elegant**, and **Most Festive**. The object of the contest is to encourage decorating, be a fun event and encourage us all to stroll, or drive slowly, through the neighborhood and enjoy all the decorations.

Our thanks to Melinda Shrader who is having the signs printed for us.

## Drilling for Water at Maidu Park

By Alan Bartley

*Editor’s Note: After spotting the drilling rig in Maidu Park in mid-October, we wrote to the Roseville Environmental Utilities department to ask what was happening. They answered, “We are drilling a water monitoring well by the old batting cage. We may also drill a production well close to the monitoring well if this monitoring well tells us the water quality and volume is good enough.” Our resident geologist with practical well-drilling experience, Alan Bartley, decided to investigate further.*

Many of you may have noticed the drilling rig next to Maidu’s entrance. This rig is drilling a water injection and/or a production well. Roseville’s plan to guarantee water deliveries even in the dry years is to store water underground in the wet years. In order to this, 6 wells will be drilled city wide and adjacent pumping station built also.



Sand that can produce potable water is called an aquifer.

The aquifer that is under Maidu at about 400’ below the surface and it slopes (dips) to the North and West. If water is injected in Maidu, it will flow down dip to toward the rest of the City.

The type of rig being used for this project is a reverse circulation rig. It circulates its drilling fluid down the hole and up the drill pipe keeping the highest velocity fluid inside the drill pipe. This protects the shallow soft rocks from erosion while drilling. A convention rig circulates down the drill pipe out the bit and up the outside exposing soft surrounding rocks to higher flow rates and potential hole enlargement. Generally, the drilling fluid is water with either CMC (Carbadox Methyl Cellulose) or HEC (Hydrazo Ethyl Cellulose). Both of these materials are commonly used in foods to thicken or suspend ingredients and are biodegradable.

**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.

- April—*Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale.*
- August—*National Night Out & a Movie.*
- October—*Park Clean-up.*
- December 8th—*Neighborhood Santa*

### **For more Information**

Go to [mna.rcona.com/2020-links](http://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.

