

MAIDU NEIGHBORS

RCONA

MAIDU NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

December 2020



Board of Directors

President:
Alan Bartley 916-847-5188

Vice Pres.:
(vacant)

Treasurer:
Mary Steele 916-783-7791

Secretary:
Geoff Kragen 916-783-9051

RCONA Rep:
Jim Kidd 916-871-3574

Newsletter Editor
Scott Reid 916-773-3020

General Board Members:
Shirley Brown 916-955-1909
Mary Hoff 916-223-7252
Vicki Miller 916-765-4986
Melinda Shrader 916-747-7535

WatchMail Host:
Jim Kidd 916-871-3574
jckidd@hotmail.com

Web Master:
David Allen

For Emergencies: Call 9-1-1

Police Officer:
Joe Patton 916-774-5000
email: JPatton@roseville.ca.us

Did You See Santa?

Santa arrived in our neighborhood at about 6:45, Tuesday, December 8th with help from Roseville Police, Fire, and Environmental Utilities departments. Neighbors gathered along streets to greet him as he was towed by a Roseville City truck in his sleigh with reindeer plus two trees decorated for the holidays.

Two police officers, mounted on motorcycles, acted as heralds to announce Santa was coming with flashing lights and sirens. They were followed by a Roseville Fire Department truck which also had lights on and its siren sounding. Santa's helpers walked along side, waving to waiting neighbors.



Finally came Santa who waved and called out to neighbors with good cheer. Smiling neighbors waved and shouted back to Santa to let him know how much they appreciated him making a special appearance here.

Free Neighborhood Testing Site

By Shirley Brown

You may have noticed the signs posted in our neighborhood about a Placer County Covid-19 testing site. It opened for business before Thanksgiving on Johnson Ranch Drive between the Maidu Elementary School and the Maidu Museum (the old, temporary Museum). The physical address is 1960 Johnson Ranch Drive.

The testing, performed by licensed clinical staff, is by appointment only and is free. One can make an appointment via the Internet at Placer.ca.gov/covidtesting or by calling 888-901-6896 or 888-634-1123. I had more success using the telephone. After making an appointment, the patient is given a patient code which needs to be shown when arriving for the appointment. They ask that you wear a mask when entering the building.

The test is an FDA-authorized nasal swab test for Covid-19 virus; they are not performing anti-body tests. Results are available to the patient within 72 hours via text or email. Some individuals I spoke to received their results in 48 hours.

One doesn't need to show insurance card, identification, employment, or residency.

It is a quick and easy process at the testing site. If you desire a test and you live in the neighborhood, this is a convenient location.

Note: Shirley took the test because she had a suspicious symptom, but soon learned she did not have COVID.

We do not meet in December. Our next meeting, online via Zoom, will be on January 26th at 7 p.m.. See our January newsletter for details, or go to our web site on the day of the meeting to get the link.

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

Maidu Historic Site Trail

By Shirley Brown

Are you looking for something free to do with your kids on a weekend?

The Maidu Historic Site Trail at 1970 Johnson Ranch Drive is free each Friday and Saturday from 9 am until 2 pm with 1:30 pm being the last entry time. The Maidu Museum and the gift shop are both closed, but the trail is open.

There will be docents on hand to point you toward interesting highlights of the nature trail. The docents also have photographs of some the animals you may encounter.

As usual during this pandemic, the staff ask that you wear a mask and social distance.

If you have any questions, you can access the City of Roseville website for more information. The website is www.roseville.ca.us.

Sorry to Cancel Our Neighborhood Santa Maidu Event

It was with regret that we canceled our own, local event at Willard Dietrich Park, next to Sargeant School, to watch Neighborhood Santa come by. The December virus surge was threatening, so we thought it was wisest to not sponsor a big event.

We hope you had a chance to see Santa on his route through the neighborhood on December 8th, and with luck we hope to see everyone at our own event in late 2021!

Catalytic Converter Thefts Up in Area

A Roseville police officer attended our last (Zoom-based) monthly Board meeting and reported that catalytic converter thefts are up from all kinds of vehicles. It used to be that Honda vehicles were particularly targeted, but now thefts are done from Priuses, other cars, and a number of the newer pick-up models. He noted the thieves work very quickly and can often jack up a car, remove the converter, and be on their way in as little as two minutes, so it can be hard for police to catch them in the act.

The ways to fight this particular crime include

- parking in your garage instead of in the street or driveway.
- etching an identifying number (such as driver's license number) on it. This helps police identify who it was stolen from if it is recovered. Some garages will do this for you.
- welding a cage around the converter. Some garages will also do this for you.

Call If You Can, Text If You Can't

Text to 911 is now available to all mobile users (including visitors from out of the area) in Placer County.

It allows someone to use their activated cell phone to contact the appropriate 911 center via text message instead of calling 911. You should only use text to 911 if

- you are in a situation where it is not safe to place a voice call to 911.
- you are experiencing a medical emergency where you are unable to speak, or
- if you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability.

Remember, "Call if you can. Text if you can't." Calling 911 is still a faster and more efficient way of relaying an emergency to the Public Safety Dispatchers. Your text to 911 can only be sent to 911 and cannot be sent to multiple people. At this time, text to 911 does not support picture or video messaging. Your phone must also be text-enabled and must have a text plan to work.

A Neighbor's Concern—Holes Dug in Park's Undeveloped Area

Editor's Note: A neighbor expressed concern with digging some juveniles were doing in Maidu Park to create jumps and obstacles for their bikes. We invited the neighbor to write about it.

Unauthorized "Diggers"

Whether you live near Maidu Park or are someone who travels a distance to get here, one thing we can all agree upon, is that this is a beautiful place. It has something for everyone, regardless of your fitness level. If you are nature enthusiast you will appreciate seeing flocks of wild turkeys, geese, gulls, or an occasional red tailed hawk, jack rabbit or coyote. One reason the wildlife fares so well here, is that a lot of the park is left untouched.



Two mounds in the foreground form a jump. Beyond a background tree is a second jump.

One such area is a meadow, located off the inside walking trail, south of the soccer fields. When you stroll along the dirt path, it is easy to forget that you live in a populated area. Unfortunately, over the summer, this area fell prey to a group of individuals who felt it was okay to dig up the earth to build jumps for their mountain bikes. They did not think about the damage they were causing to the land or how they might be ruining it for others who frequented the area.

Huge holes were dug and left open. When the destruction became so advanced it became a potential liability issue, a resident of Maidu notified the City of Roseville. Their representative stated they were aware of the problem and did not condone this type of destruction. They stated that COVID-19 had impacted their staffing levels and that they just didn't have the manpower to stay in front of it. Once the City saw the pictures the resident had provided and the severity of the destruction, they brought in a tractor to restore the land back to its original state.

Unfortunately, the "diggers" are back. This time, however, they are using large branches and tree trunks (2-4 ft long), laying them horizontally along the path and packing them with dirt. This makes the mounds taller, visibly more obtrusive and harder to remove.

What can we do about this? Perhaps Maidu Residents could collectively ask the City to restore this area. Perhaps we could schedule a "restoration day" where people could meet in the meadow with their shovels to level out the mounds. Or maybe, we could catch them in the act by encouraging "passerby's" to discretely take a picture of the "diggers". If they are kids, maybe someone from the area knows their parents and a discussion with them could follow. Finally, maybe these "diggers" are breaking a city ordinance and the police could get involved.

Whatever we do, we should do it sooner than later. Not only to preserve this place for those who currently enjoy it, but also for those future generations who have yet to enjoy everything Maidu Park has to offer.

Concerned Resident

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. Or scan this QR code with a suitable app. There are links there to our related sites including our Facebook page.

