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Join 22nd Annual Garage Sale on Saturday, April 24th

By Jim Kidd

We cancelled our Garage Sale last April because we were barely into the pandemic. Finally, in August, we decided to go ahead with it, and it was a great success. On the basis we are resuming our annual spring Maidu Garage Sale.

On Saturday, April 24th you will have the pick of the best this neighborhood has to offer. Through social media, newspapers, and volunteers on street corners handing out sale location maps, we invite people to come to your very own garage sale.

You supply the stuff and location, and we provide advertising, how-to information, and a pair of balloons filled with helium to mark your location (requires going to central balloon-filling location). And either way, buying or selling (or both!) you are helping support the Maidu Neighborhood Association.

See our form, below, for how to become a part of this event. And thank you for your support of our fund raiser!

Not Every Maidu Park View is Beautiful

As you walk around the Maidu Park, you'll see areas with wide vistas of rolling hills, or dense woods, but sometimes you'll face more utilitarian aspects of this shared resource, and it's not always pretty. An example would be the Recycling area on the north side of the Park.

At our most recent meeting, a neighbor brought this sometimes-eye sore to our attention as they were tired of seeing over-flowing bins or items that fall out of them when the containers are being emptied. They contacted the Parks Department and immediately learned that the area inside the fencing there is actually the responsibility of the Environmental Utilities department. If you think about it, that's not really a surprise since they are the ones that handle our trash and green waste at our homes.

This neighbor recently noticed that some late-night revelers had smashed bottles in the adjacent parking lot. When the Parks people were notified, they came out and cleaned-up the broken glass, but they would not clean anything within the bordering Recycling area even though they were equipped to do so.

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2021 Garage Sale Registration

Name _____ Telephone # _____

Street Address _____ E-mail _____

_____ \$10 enclosed for the April 24th Garage Sale which supports the Maidu Neighborhood Association events all year.

_____ I do not plan to participate, but I would like to donate \$ _____ to the Maidu Neighborhood Association.

_____ I would like to help with map distribution or filling of balloons the day of the sale.

_____ I would like to donate a raffle prize. Each person or business donating will be acknowledged in this newsletter.

Make your check out to Maidu Neighborhood Association. Send form & check to Mary Steele, Treasurer, 1390 Cloverdale Circle, Roseville, CA 95661, **by Wednesday, April 21st** to get your address listed on the map.

Questions? Send email to [feedback\(at\)maiduna.com](mailto:feedback(at)maiduna.com)

Roseville Better Gardens Club Is About Gardens, Community and Fun

By Karen Hallam

Editor's note: The members of this Club have long supported the Maidu Neighborhood by showing up, year after year, at our annual fall Park Clean-up event. We have also seen that they give back to the community by running a Christmas season food drive for the Orangevale and Placer County Food Banks with the Maidu Community Center as the drop-off point. COVID-19 may have slowed some of their activities, but they continue to meet.

The 58-member Roseville Better Gardens Club is celebrating its 93rd year since it was established in 1928. Our aim is to conserve natural resources, promote interest in civic and environmental responsibility, learn skills to become better gardeners, and to make friends and have fun.

To meet these goals, we help our members learn through monthly programs. For example, in February we'll be hearing from Greg Gayton, a California Certified Nursery Professional who works locally for Green Acres. He will update us on what's new in nurseries this year, what new plants or tools we may want to use as spring comes.



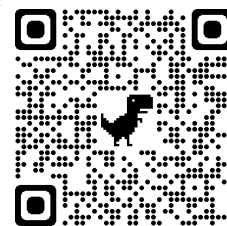
On March 9th, we will be planning to hold a plant propagation workshop. Of course, this, like other group activities this year, are subject to change or cancellation depending on our ability to meet safely with social distancing and, of course, the weather. Future meeting speaker topics will include "Spring Garden Tasks", "Excellent Plants for Our Area" and "TOMATOES!" Regular 3rd Tuesday monthly meetings with guest speakers are held on-line via Zoom these days, but we hope the

Maidu Community Center will open soon so we can meet in person.

We also involve ourselves in community events that help beautify our City. And we raise money each year via our May plant sale (on the 8th this year). Some of that money goes to annual scholarships for students pursuing a horticulture-related degree.

If this sounds interesting to you, please join us at one of our meetings. They are open to the public. If you decide to become a member, the annual fee is \$30 for an individual, or \$45 for a family. You may learn more about us, our meetings, our annual scholarship, or more at our web site:

californiagardenclubs.com/content/roseville-better-gardens-club (or scan QR code).



What to Do In Your Garden Right Now

By Karen Hallam

Here are some gardening tips for this time of year:

1. Now is the time to start your tomato and pepper seeds indoors so they will be ready to be planted in the garden in April or May.
2. Spray fruit trees at this time with a copper fungicidal garden spray such as *Liqui-Cop* to control plant diseases such as peach leaf curl.
3. Go outside and get some free vitamin D by doing some garden clean-up chores and then relaxing in the sun with a beverage of choice. :)

Our next meeting, online via Zoom, will be on Tuesday, February 23rd at 7 p.m.. 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

Roseville Named 5th Best Place of 2,000 US Cities to Work From Home

The folks at [Money.com](https://www.money.com) came up with a timely rating since, they tell us, 38% of adults either telework from home or live with someone who does according to a December US Census survey. And many workers have heard from their employers that they will be allowed to work partially or full time from home even after the pandemic subsides.

Roseville is primed to meet the needs of these remote workers. [Money.com](https://www.money.com) named Roseville the 5th best place to live in the U.S. if you work from home.

[Money.com](https://www.money.com) analyzed 157,000 data points across nearly 2,000 cities and towns in the U.S. to find the best places to live if you work from home. They selected their starting set of cities by looking for ones with 25,000 residents or more, then eliminated those which had crime rates more than twice the national average, or a median home price over \$615,000 “to avoid suggesting overly expensive places relative to the rest of the country.”

[Money.com](https://www.money.com) considered the cost of living, safety, and the quality of education in each location. For this list, they also considered the share of residents that worked from home pre-pandemic and prioritized a good at-home setup: enough space to give everyone a room to themselves, heating and cooling comfort, access to necessities like daycare facilities and pharmacies, and, of course, sufficient internet connection. They also factored in being within a 10-minute walk of a park.



In Roseville at least 98% of residents have adequate internet access at home to support multiple people working and video conferencing simultaneously according to [Money.com](https://www.money.com).

For the whole list of top 10 cities or more information on how they created the list, navigate to [Money.com](https://www.money.com) and search for “Never Go Back to the Office” or scan the QR code, above.

Utility Bill Scam

The City recently received reports of scammers generating automated phone calls to Roseville residents claiming that their bill is past due and they must make an immediate payment to avoid service interruption. Don’t call the number they leave in the message. If you need to know the status of your service, call the City of Roseville offices at (916) 774-5300 to verify, or log into your account at [roseville.ca.us/billpay](https://www.roseville.ca.us/billpay). The truth is service disconnections are not being performed at this time due to COVID-19.

Why Your Catalytic Converter is at Risk

For the past several months, the Roseville Police have warned at our meetings that catalytic converter thefts are way up, and it is hard for police to catch them because they can remove them in as little as two minutes. But why the uptick now? The New York Times reports that with tightening air pollution standards world-wide, the price of the precious metals used in the converters has jumped by a multiple of 4 or 5—palladium went from \$500 5 years ago to between \$2,000—\$2,500 today. It can cost \$2,000 or more to replace a converter that is stolen. Talk to your trusted mechanic about steps to help prevent your converter from being stolen.

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 24th—*Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale.*
- August—*National Night Out .*
- October—*Park Clean-up.*
- December—*Neighborhood Santa*

For more Information

Go to [mna.rcona.com/2021-links](https://www.mna.rcona.com/2021-links). Or scan this QR code with a suitable app. There are links there to our related sites including our Facebook page. Sometimes there are story updates as well.

