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Purge Time for the Garage Sale

By David Steele

You've been inside WAY too much this year, probably staring at the same surroundings for months. Good news! If you join our April 24th garage sale you can clear your space and make room for all the new items you'll find as you venture out and stimulate the economy.

This is the Maidu Neighborhood Association's only scheduled fundraiser which supports various activities throughout the year. The park's creek cleanup with lunch included, Santa's visit (with hot chocolate, coffee, and cookies), National Night Out including dinner, donations to schools, movies in the park, etc. are all free because of this event.

Last year we had a phenomenal sale. Nobody else in the Sacramento area committed to garage sales due to the pandemic so everyone came to ours. Although it is still an issue, people are eager to get the party started again, and this sale will be a huge part of that. This is publicized through social media, newspapers, and volunteers with maps at major entrances to the neighborhood. Usually about a hundred homes participate, so the interest in attending by customers is keen.

If you commit by April 21st, your site will be marked on our map handouts. You will also receive a packet supplied by Melinda Shrader (see back page) which includes hints for a better sale and balloons to be filled at William Dietrich Park behind Sargeant School that morning at 7 am. Even if you miss that date, you will be entered in a drawing for raffle prizes supplied by local businesses or individuals in the neighborhood who will be thanked in this newsletter to over a thousand homes.

Please use the form at the bottom of the page to sign up or to donate a prize. As this is your last reminder, don't delay while you're thinking of it.

Skateboard Enclosure at Maidu Park to get Update

Recently we had a chance to ask Tara Gee, City Engineer who works for the Parks, Recreation and Libraries department, about changes to Maidu Park. One update she mentioned will be to the skateboard area near the pavilion and basketball courts on the McLaren Drive side of the Park near Rocky Ridge Road.

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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)

Outreach to Come for Skateboard Area Updates (continued from front page)

There is \$70,000 budgeted for updates and improvements. Gee will be looking for input.

"I'd like to have outreach with teenagers and parents that have teenagers that use it and what they want," she told us.

At this point she doesn't know the timing for the outreach or the improvements. "We would like to do it during the next year, but that will depend on resources and staffing limitations," she said. She went on to explain that the Park improvement team consists of Gee, two project managers, and two inspectors.

The City will spend \$19 million on projects for park improvements City-wide during the next year. Gee noted, "During COVID we managed to open 7 parks, 3 of which are considered regional. A lot of it was in West Roseville since that is where the need is now. Construction projects are considered 'essential' during COVID, so they never stopped."

New License Camera System Helps Roseville Police Cut Crime in Our City

At our March meeting, Lieutenant Jeff Kool and Chief Troy Bergstrom spoke to us about a new camera system that the Roseville Police Department is using to capture license plate numbers of vehicles entering Roseville. It replaces an older, more expensive system that did not work as well.

The system is pole-mounted at strategic locations where vehicles enter Roseville, such as at the Route 65 ramp, the intersections of Riverside and Cirby, and Cirby and Kensington (Sunrise, just south of the Safeway), I-80 and Douglas, both ends of Fiddement Road, and Pleasant Grove and 65. Why in these places? The Department studied where the highest number of people enter the City and determined these were the most frequented locations.

A single camera can read license plates across 2-3 lanes of traffic. It also records the tail light placement of each vehicle so the type of vehicle it is can be identified as well. It translates each plate and tail light pattern into data sent via a mobile network to the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) which gathers information on all reported crimes including vehicle thefts. A search is done on each plate and vehicle type, and any that are reported stolen return an alert to the agency submitting the data, in this case the Roseville Police Department.

"We all get an alert on stolen vehicles within 30 to 45 seconds of the time the picture is taken," Lieutenant Kool reported. "We are getting 'stolen' hits nearly daily. We're not able to find and stop them all. But we do find about 95% of them."

"We've known for years that most of our bad guys come up here from Sacramento, then return there via I-80. Whenever we had a reported crime, we'd send an officer to go sit at I-80 at Riverside to wait for the criminal's vehicle to pass by there. Now, with this new system, and our person who monitors the alerts from the office and then looks at traffic cameras around the City, we can narrow down when we might need an officer to be at I-80, assuming we haven't already stopped them elsewhere." He noted this has increased the efficiency of dispatching officers.

At this point the Department has 9 of the new cameras that are leased for \$2,500 per year. They have about 2/3 of the intersections they would like to monitor covered at this point and plan to lease additional cameras as funding becomes available. Sierra College Boulevard would be a future site.

Privacy is addressed by purging the data collected after one year, and quarterly a sergeant from the Professional Standards unit reviews all requests made for the data to be sure they are legitimate.

Our next meeting, online via Zoom, will be on Tuesday, April 27th at 7 p.m.. Go to our web site on the day of the meeting to get the link.

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Our web site is maiduna.com

New Outdoor Fitness Court Planned for Maidu Park

By Shirley Brown

Something quite new and exciting is in the works for exercise at Maidu Park!

As you may know, Maidu Park has 3 simple exercise stations on the perimeter of the soccer fields. They are available for those who want to run or walk on the trail and then stop to do self-guided activities.

However, something very appealing is in the works for those who want to be fit. An open-air exercise area, described as a fitness court or outdoor gym, is planned for an area between the Maidu Library and the Maidu Community Center. It is a free resource for adults of all ages to get a full body workout, a 7-movement, 7-minute system. Up to 30 people can be working out at a time.



There will be a partial wall on one side, toward Rocky Ridge, that has gym equipment, such pull-up bars and other devices, to use your own body weight to get the best workout. Unlike the current Maidu exercise stations, it will be situated on a deck, not dirt or bark.

Participants will be able to download a mobile app to get virtual coaching and learn activities at the fitness stations. Users can take classes, both online and locally once local trainers are certified. You will be able to learn workout routines to use the court to your advantage to get in shape.

Look for this new fitness court to be completed in the spring of 2022.

To learn more, go to nationalfitnesscampaign.com/fitness-court.

Trees Get Annual Review by RUFF

If you've seen the approximately two-foot tall light-green tubes scattered around the east and southeast sides of Maidu Park, you've seen the evidence of the work of the Roseville Urban Forest Foundation (RUFF) and many local volunteers who planted hundreds of native trees seedlings. They used native plants including Western Redbud, California Buckeyes, California Black Walnuts, Western Sycamores and Valley, Blue, and Interior Live Oaks. The plantings were done in late 2019 and early 2020.

A couple weeks ago, members of RUFF, including president Lani Houck, were seen inspecting each tube. "We were counting how many of each kind we have living, measuring their height and condition, pulling weeds inside the shelters, and planting acorns where trees had died," Houck told us later. She noted the tubes protect the seedlings from chewing animals, and added it will take 7-10 years before the will be tall enough to "look like trees." For more information, to volunteer, or to financially support RUFF, see www.RosevilleTree.org.

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.*
- June 19th—*Pancake Brunch at the Park*
- October—*Park Clean-up.*
- December—*Neighborhood Santa*

For more Information

Go to 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.

