

# MAIDU NEIGHBORS

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## MAIDU NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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### **Come to Our Pre-Father's Day Pancake Breakfast**

By Alan Bartley

Maidu Neighborhood Association is hosting a pancake breakfast at the Pavilion in Maidu Park on June 19th starting at 9 a.m. and going at least two hours. We are celebrating interacting with our neighbors with the opening up of California.



The planned menu; Pancakes, created by our locally famous pancake chef Roseville Police Lieutenant Jeff Kool, syrup, breakfast meat, fruit, coffee, juice, and water. Jeff will be assisted by Police Captain Doug Blake. There will be live music by the Sons of the Golden State a local band with a country/bluegrass/folk theme.

#### **Remembering Your Father**

Since Father's day is the next day we are sponsoring a "Why I remember my Father" contest a form is enclosed and prizes will be awarded to the fathers of the best remembrances. The description should be no more than 100 words in a single paragraph and emailed by June 12th to [feedback\(at\)maiduna.com](mailto:feedback(at)maiduna.com). Please title your entry, "My Father" and be sure to supply your name at the bottom of your paragraph. Winners will be announced at the breakfast and the winners must be present or represented by the author to win.

Our board is planning a treasure chest raffle for the children (they will get to pick their prize from a treasure chest of toys). We are exploring the idea of a pancake eating contest lasting 1-2 minutes. Suggestions are welcome for making this a fun memorable event. Many local merchants are participating by making donations to help make this event possible as a no cost to participant's event. Our goal is to interact in person with members of our local community after the long shut in period.

#### **Please RSVP**

Since this is the first time we have attempted this type of event we are asking you to send in the form to our website indicating if you and your family plan to attend so we can have enough food for everyone that comes. Only if you are sending a paragraph do we need you name

We look forward to California's re-opening, but know you will make your own health decisions, as needed. We ask all neighbors to continue to respect each other's decisions regarding public events and the social health rules they wish to follow.

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Our next meeting, online via Zoom, will be on Tuesday, May 25th 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](http://maiduna.com)

## **Fire's 8th Anniversary Reminds Us to Keep Dry Weather Risks in Mind**

On the afternoon of Friday, June 21, 2013, a fire started in the east-central part of Maidu Park, just north of where Parkview ends at the Park. It swept south to McLaren Drive and west nearly as far as Graystock Court. The low, wet areas and firefighters stopped it from going further west, and firefighters put out a few, relatively small fires that started at people's homes across McLaren.

The fire was a wake-up call to neighbors; a reminder that we live next to a wild area that becomes more susceptible to fire during dry weather. The cause of the fire 8 years ago was not positively identified, although it was said at the time that some people were seen in the area shortly before the fire was reported.



A firefighter douses remaining cinders after a grassfire of unknown origin swept through the south-eastern portion of Maidu Park on Friday, June 21, 2013, including where the fire was stopped here by McLaren Drive.

In the past few weeks there have been fires in neighborhoods in the Sacramento region that were caused by electrical wiring, a lawn mower causing sparks when hitting a rock, a spilled barbecue, or other reasons. Some of these fires spread to more than one home. With the word “drought” finding its way back into our local weather vocabulary, it is a good time to think about what you may do to protect your home.

One good move would be to take a hard look at your yard to make sure that flammable materials, such as dead vegetation or leaves are cleaned out of the corners, from behind other plants, and out of gutters so a stray cinder from a fire doesn't have fuel to land on. Even if you use a landscaping service, it helps to look around yourself to see that everything is ship-shape.

For its part, the City will use goats and judicious mowing through the Park and local open space areas in the next month or so to decrease the chances that the Park will be the source of a fire.

## **The 100-year-old Johnson Pool**

Here's a bit of interesting history that could also be a part of your future, if you wish. And if you have a pool of your own, you may be interested in the evolution of local pool maintenance since the 1920s.

Johnson Pool, located in downtown Roseville, was built in 1921 by the Central Pacific Railroad and had a close relationship with the Pacific Fruit Express (PFE) ice plant. The plant supplied ice to trains headed east with California produce and other refrigerated goods. PFE was located across the tracks from the Pool, and it supplied water for the Pool via a large pipe that ran under the tracks.

It turns out, this pool needed lots of water—150,000 gallons per day during the summer! The reason? In 1921, pools didn't have the equipment we have today for sanitation such as filters and chemicals such as chlorine. Every night the life guard on duty would empty the pool's “used” water into nearby Dry Creek. The PFE plant supplied the water from its cooling towers to refill the pool for the next day's use.

The Pool is named after David R. Johnson who ran the pool until Roseville purchased it in the 1960s. Since then it has been a City-run pool, and is used recreationally by about 3,000 people and for swim lessons by about 900 children each year. In 2011, “Operation Swim” began through donations from citizens. It offers a swim suit, a towel, and subsidized swim lessons to kids in need at Johnson Pool.

## **Our Thanks to Local Business Owners Who Contributed to Garage Sale**

If you were one of the 89 homes that participated in this year's annual Garage Sale held April 24th, you had a chance of winning one of the following donations from local businesses:

- Evonne Nyquist donated DoTerra Essential Oils. You may contact her at [evonnenyquist@gmail.com](mailto:evonnenyquist@gmail.com) to order her products.
- Alisa Lagier donated succulent arrangements. She can be contacted at [alisalagier@gmail.com](mailto:alisalagier@gmail.com) to learn more about what she offers.
- The Roseville Parent Education Preschool (RPEP), located at 3645 Old Auburn east of Ridgcrest, donated a \$50-off certificate for summer camp. Call 916-836-4535 to learn more.

Each year we raffle these types of donations to people who participate in the Sale. The Association also supported local businesses that have supported us in the past by purchasing gift certificates from Starbucks, Noah's Bagels, Sprouts, Jamba Juice and BevMo and adding them to the raffle. As always, we hope you will support our local businesses.

## **How to Avoid Being a Mail Theft Victim**

The Roseville Police Department has seen an increase in mail theft. Not only is it tax season, but this year, many people are receiving federal stimulus cash cards in the mail. The Department offers these thoughts on the topic.

People steal mail because it's lucrative. Thieves find valuable things in mailboxes that they can use or sell right away, like packages, cash, checks and gift cards. Mail thieves also collect personal information for identity theft. Identity theft is a real pain for financial institutions and victims—it takes victims a lot of time and work to clean up a compromised credit history.

How can we protect ourselves from mail thieves? The best strategy is prevention—keep valuables and sensitive financial information out of the mailbox. Here are a few ideas:

- *Go paperless.* Opt to receive financial statements and pay bills electronically—it saves paper and postage, and reduces your risk of identity theft. E-file your taxes and have tax returns deposited directly into your bank.
- *Visit the US Postal Service's website at USPS.com and sign up for their Informed Delivery service.* They'll email you a preview of your incoming mail every day, so you know what to expect. Track packages. If something important isn't delivered, you can follow up immediately with the post office and the sender.
- *Don't send cash or gift cards in the mail.* Most major retailers offer e-gift card options, so you can email your gift card to a friend instead of mailing it. Use free money transfer services like Apple Pay, Venmo or Google Pay instead of mailing checks or cash to family and friends. (If you don't know how, ask a teenager!)
- *Don't let mail sit in the box for long periods of time.* If possible, put your outgoing mail in the box just before your carrier arrives, and pick up your incoming mail as soon as you can after delivery. Never let mail sit in the box overnight. If you're mailing something valuable or with sensitive information, like a tax return, it's safest to take it to the post office for mailing.
- *Taking a trip?* Visit USPS.com and have your mail held at the post office while you're gone. You can either pick it up at the post office or have it all delivered upon your return. Or ask your neighbor/house sitter to collect your mail every day!

**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 Breakfast at the Park*
- October—*Park Clean-up.*
- December—*Neighborhood Santa*

### **For more Information**

Go to [mna.rcona.com/2021-links](http://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.

