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Speaker on Radio Tower at August 23rd Meeting

The City of Roseville will be sending a speaker to our Tuesday, August 23rd meeting at Sargeant School's Multipurpose Room to explain the project that will add a new radio tower on Strauch Drive. The tower will replace the City's existing one in a nearby office building.



Mock-up of approximately what the radio tower would look like viewing it from the low end of Strauch Drive (near Rocky Ridge).

For more details on the City's plans, see the story we ran on the new tower in last month's issue. The tower will provide better radio coverage for Police and the Fire Department in East Roseville than the current equipment does. Because it is changing locations and will be much more visible than the existing antennas, the City is visiting to answer any questions neighbors may have about it. Please join us if you have questions or concerns.

Board Nominations Due by August 27th

The Association will hold its annual election of board members at the September Annual Meeting. Anyone who is a neighbor can vote at the Annual Meeting for the Board. About half of the board positions are up for election each year with board members usually serving a two-year term. We welcome anyone who would like to be a candidate and help serve our neighborhood. The nomination deadline is Saturday, August 27th.

Our next Maidu Board meeting will be on **Tuesday, August 23rd at 6:30 p.m.** During the school year, we meet at the **Sargeant School Multipurpose Room** to the left side of the front of the school on Ridgecrest..

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National Night Out a Relaxing Affair

While the evening of Tuesday, August 2nd wasn't what one would call "cool," it was comfortable, and the Maidu Neighborhood Association handed out cups of Leatherby's ice cream to offset the waning heat of the day.



At the gathering, located at the pavilion in the park, about 60 people showed up for the event to have friendly conversations with neighbors, City Police and Fire Department staff, and a couple City officials.

We had a corn-hole toss and coloring books for the energetic or artistic folks among us. Parents, grandparents, and other neighbors chatted while others made up their own ice cream sundaes with the fixings on hand

—chocolate and strawberry sauces, peanuts, walnuts, M&Ms, and sprinkles. The feeling was of a low-key social event, and everyone appeared to be making connections and enjoying themselves.

National Night Out is an annual event that is promoted as a way for neighbors to get to know one another and "take back the night." It comes from the idea that the better we know our neighbors, the better we can watch out for each other. The City supports the event by having Police and Fire Department members take time to attend in neighborhoods around Roseville.

We look forward to seeing more neighbors next year.



Members of local law enforcement are flanked by Tracy Mendonsa (left) and Pauline Rocucci (second from right), members of the City Council, at our National Night Out event.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

If you are new to the Maidu neighborhood, you may not be aware of what a great neighborhood we live in. We have many kind people who are willing to help a neighbor.

In July of this year, 3 neighbors got together with their yard equipment and spruced up a neighbor's front yard. They trimmed shrubs, hacked down weeds, mowed, and hauled away the green waste. The owner of the property had just gone through major surgery for cancer and was in the hospital recovering. No one asked these 3 individuals to do this; no one knocked on their doors, they just got together and did it.

In August, a different neighbor had hip replacement surgery, and a helpful neighbor, knowing she would be incapacitated for a while, went over to her yard and helped out with chores.

Thank you to our neighborhood "good samaritans!" You may not want your name in the newsletter, but you know who you are. We appreciate you.

Overheard at National Night Out

While many of the conversations at our National Night Out event were what you might expect between neighbors, such as how to take care of your swimming pool, or the best shoes to wear when walking around the neighborhood, some were examples unique to this event because Police and the Fire Department were present.

One neighbor told an officer about a vehicle that has appeared frequently in Maidu Park and its driver who has behaved in a way that she found suspicious. Later she learned she'd been talking to Police Chief Troy Bergstrom. She literally took her complaint to the top cop!

Another conversation was between one of the members of the Fire Department from the fire station on Johnson Ranch Drive (across from the Park) and a neighbor. The fireman noted that it had "been a while until he could get a position" at the local Station. He noted that it was desirable to work on our side of town, so the more experienced firemen, like himself, were the ones who worked there.

Conversations like this, and the usual ones, happen at National Night Out every year. Check it out on the first Tuesday evening of every August.

U-Haul Donates Storage Unit for Maidu Neighborhood Association's Use

The 11 acres that used to be the old Roseville Community Hospital building on Sunrise Avenue at Oak Ridge Drive was purchased by U-Haul in January 2017 for \$6.06 million and has since been converted into a self-storage business. One of its selling points is that the units are all climate-controlled.

Recently our Association has been looking for a place to store the equipment we use for our events. Over the years we've accumulated folding tables, signs, banners, a griddle, and supplies. Several Board Members were responsible for storing the gear, but as we've grown it's become a burden, and it can be challenging to go to multiple places to pull together what's needed. We decided it was time to look elsewhere for a solution.

One neighbor volunteered to contact U-Haul International at their headquarters in Phoenix, Arizona, about having a storage unit donated for our use. It took a few calls, but U-Haul gave their approval, and the local location went into action. They identified a unit that has plenty of space for our gear, and earlier this month we moved everything into that unit. The location is convenient for us, and the space we've been offered is generous.

U-Haul Building History as Hospital, then Campus

The Roseville Community Hospital, Roseville's first, was built after World War II and opened in 1952. It served the community until it was sold to Sutter Health in 1993. The City took the money from the sale and put it into a fund that, to this day, gives grants to local non-profits from the interest earned.

In 1997 Sutter opened their new campus at the north end of Sunrise Avenue by Roseville Parkway and sold the old hospital campus to a developer who converted it for educational use. Sierra College offered classes there at what was known as Roseville Gateway. The College moved its classes downtown to its 316 Vernon Street location in 2017, the same year U-Haul bought the campus. Today the HVAC system that once kept patients comfortable now provides consistent storage temperatures year-round.

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—*Neighborhood Garage Sale*
- August—*Nat'l Night Out Ice Cream Social*
- October—*Park Clean-up*
- December—*Neighborhood Santa*

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