

# MAIDU NEIGHBORS

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## MAIDU NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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### Annual Park Clean-up Saturday, October 22nd 10 a.m.-Noon

Like the outdoors? Want to explore the wilder parts of Maidu Park or our neighborhood's open spaces? Want to help keep our jewel of a park trash-free? Join us Saturday, October 22nd for our annual Park Clean-up followed by a light lunch.

We'll meet near the skating and basketball areas to the right from the main entrance to the park. We'll be by the pavilion, and expect to have our banner up.

At 10 a.m. we will begin the event. We will provide brief instructions on what the event entails. Trash bags will be provided. Wear long pants and close-toed shoes for walking off-trail where most of the trash is. Bring gloves for picking up trash. Even if the weather is overcast, sunscreen is helpful too.



A tire and volunteer's trash bag of things collected during an earlier Clean-up event.

At noon everyone should return to the pavilion in the Park. There we will provide a light lunch for those participating. It's a good time to get to meet neighbors and friends of the Park, and to exchange tales of the unusual items we found during our explorations and trash pick-up.

### City Speakers Outline City Efforts to Help the Homeless

By Jim Kidd

At our Tuesday, September 27th meeting, a number of neighbors attended to hear how the City of Roseville is addressing the seemingly never-ending challenges of homelessness. On hand were three members of the Police Department's *Social Services* unit, Sargent Dave Buelow, Officer Tyler Cantley, and Courtney Smith, Social Services Practitioner, MSW (Master of Social Work) and LCSW (Licensed Clinical Social Worker).

After Buelow, Cantley and Smith introduced themselves and quickly ran through a slide deck on their unit's work, they answered questions from neighbors. Their overall approach is to seek long-term solutions by doing "active outreach, officer prevention and intervention, and reintegration." But what does that mean?

The active outreach comes when any officer in the department makes contact with someone who is unsheltered. What happens next depends on *(See top of page 2)*

Our next Maidu Board meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 25th at 6:30 p.m.** At this point, during the school year, we meet at the **Sargeant School Multi-purpose Room** which is to the left side of the front of the school on the Ridgecrest side.

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## **Homelessness Discussed**

*(Continued from bottom of page 1)* the situation as encountered by the officer. If the unsheltered individual is not breaking any laws, then there is no basis for arrest. The officer then contacts the Social Services group to see what resources can be gotten to help the person get into a better situation. Sometimes that is from City resources, but it can be from a local non-profit, such as The Gathering Inn, or from Placer County-provided mental health services.

Smith, as the licensed clinician, may be the first to make contact if there is any inkling that the individual involved is frightened, angered or anxious around police officers. Buelow related that they recently received a call where they were told that the person would be “triggered by” the presence of police, so they sent in Smith to assess and address the situation while Buelow and Cantley, as fully equipped officers, remained nearby but out of sight, ready to be called in if more security was needed.

Buelow said, “Back in the 1990s when I went to police academy I had 20 hours of training on dealing with mental health issues.” With a nod to Smith, he asked, “Who would you rather face if you were having a mental health crisis?” He noted Smith is not the only MSW the City uses. They also use MSW volunteers from Sacramento State.

Per Smith, at the last annual count, there are about 750 homeless people living in Placer county. About 325 of them (43%) live in Roseville. Of those here, 128 were sheltered. Smith noted that about half of the individuals in the City have either substance abuse or mental health issues, or both. Cantley, in answering a neighbor’s question, said it is rare to see a person who is homeless simply because they lost their job.

Sixteen families in the City, with children under 18, were also counted. The Hampton Inn was bought by the County this year and is run by an Auburn-based non-profit called AMI Housing that runs some other facilities in Roseville. Only families are housed there. For single, unsheltered people, the Gathering Inn in downtown is the only place officers can take them. The team cannot offer help to stay here to anyone who is not already a resident of Placer County. Those who are from out of the area are offered help to get back to where they have support.

Asked about their funding, Buelow noted the City Council have all done ride-alongs with members of the team, and have remained supportive over the past 4-5 years. “As long as the community supports it and lets the Council know, then they will continue to support it.”

One neighbor, a mental health counselor himself, asked the team how they avoid burn-out. Smith said she’s learned to “stay in (my) lane” and if a person refuses help, then fine, “we’ll be back again.” Buelow said, “What does success look like? I’ve learned to lower my standards and feel successful...” about smaller steps and progress made.

“We’ve kept out of legal trouble because we keep incorporating the expertise of anyone out there who can help” said Buelow. “We avoid an ‘enforcement first’ mentality.”

## **Maidu Board Elections Held at September Meeting**

As happens each year, the neighborhood Annual Meeting was held to elect members of the Maidu Neighborhood Association Board on Tuesday, September 27th at Sergeant School’s All-Purpose room. The board members up for election were re-elected to two-year terms by acclamation of the approximately 2 dozen neighbors present.

The board members re-elected are Alan Bartley, Mary Steele, Melinda Shrader, and Scott Reid. Later, when the annual meeting was over and the monthly Board meeting was in progress, all officers were re-appointed to an annual term.

Want a way to help your neighborhood? Contact a board member (see front page) and any one can answer any questions you may have on how you can help the Maidu Neighborhood Association.

## Holiday and Native Craft Fairs Return to Maidu Saturday, November 5th

Two holiday-related events return in early November for the first time since being cancelled in 2020 as part of pandemic precautions. The two shopping events, the Holiday Craft Fair at the Community Center and the Native Craft Fair at the Maidu Museum, will open their doors again for neighbors and others to purchase locally-made items. There is free admission and parking for both events:

The Holiday Craft Fair at the Maidu Community Center, 1550 Maidu Drive, runs from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The City announcement says, “Terrific shopping awaits! Santa’s helpers have been hard at work to create a holiday shopping market, with over 160 exhibitors. You’re sure to find that special something; including home décor, art, pet items, knitted and quilted creations, jewelry, unique crafts, specialty items, gourmet foods and used books. Enjoy the day as you stroll aisle to aisle discovering treasures at each stop.”



**ALL NATIONS Native CRAFT FAIR** The All Nations Native Craft Fair will be held at the Maidu Museum, 1970 Johnson Ranch Drive, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Museum Members may enter at 9 a.m. The City’s poster says, “Shop for jewelry, basketry, handmade crafts and more! Featuring over 20 Native American artisans from California tribes and the Cherokee Nation. Free entertainment while you shop - tribal drumming, traditional music and singing.”

Get your holiday shopping done earlier rather than later at these two craft fairs!

## Fresh Mulch Added to Maidu Park Trees Planted in 2019

On Saturday, October 8th, a swarm of Roseville Urban Forestry Foundation (RUFF) volunteers with help and direction from a City arborist re-mulched the trees they and some neighbors planted in the fall of 2019. The trees are ones off the trail that wanders out past the soccer fields, the large oak tree, and overlooks low areas to the south and east. The trees are on the higher ground near the trail. Most of the mulch placed around the trees when they were planted has since broken down or washed away.

## Library Hours Added as of October 17th

The City just announced new hours for all three City Library branches. As of October 17th, hours have been added for each of them. Maidu’s hours will now be

- Monday & Tuesday—10 a.m.-6 p.m. (unchanged)
- Wednesday—9 a.m.-6 p.m. (**opening an hour earlier**)
- Thursday through Saturday—10 a.m.-5 p.m., closed Sunday (**added an hour to end of Saturday**)

**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’nl Night Out Ice Cream Social*
- October 22nd—*Park Clean-up*
- December—*Neighborhood Santa*

### **For More Information**

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