

MAIDU NEIGHBORS

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MAIDU NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

December 2022



Santa Was In the Neighborhood!

Santa visited our neighborhood again this year! We've been very lucky over the years, and we have the oldest Santa event of any neighborhood in Roseville, nearly 20 years old!

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We hope all our neighbors enjoyed it this year—there were about 150 of you attending the event, and lots and lots of good children who wrote letters to send to the North Pole, and who were ever so eager to see Jolly Old Saint Nick!

We send out a big thank you to all our volunteers who helped set up the event and clean-up afterwards.

Volunteer Needed for Newsletter Delivery on Hackamore

We have a route on Hackamore Drive, the hilly part of our neighborhood, that needs a volunteer to deliver to 37 homes for about six months. Contact Shirley Brown at 916-955-1909 if you are interested in helping us out. Get some good exercise in the New Year!

Our next Maidu Board meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 24th 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. As usual, there will be **no December meeting.**

Search for **Maidu N.A.** on Facebook and "like" us. Feedback or Questions? Email us at [feedback\(at\)maiduma.com](mailto:feedback(at)maiduma.com).

Our web site is mna.rcona.com.

Christmas Tree Disposal, Your Way

You've got several local choices when it comes to responsibly disposing of your Christmas tree. Note that in with all these methods, the tree should not be flocked as ones that are will not be accepted, or will require extra work and cost to the City, i.e., its tax payers:

You Are a Home Do-It-Yourselfer

The City would prefer that you dispose of your tree by placing it in your green can. Just cut-it down to size by removing its branches and cutting the trunk to fit in the can, and you're done. The upside to this approach is that they are coming by your house for green waste every two weeks anyway, so no extra trips are needed to handle your "tree waste."

You're the One-and-Done Type with Hauling Capacity

As in years past, there will be a tree drop-off area at Maidu Park. If driving your tree to the park, just take a right at the end of the entrance driveway and follow the road to the gravel parking area where you'll see signage or a pile of trees, depending on when you do it. Some neighbors have been known to do their hauling on foot, and the foot-entrance near the McLaren Drive and Balboa Drive stop sign affords quick access to the same drop-off area.

You Don't Have the Wherewithal or Preference To Do It Yourself, Plus You Support Local BSA

Local Boy Scouts (BSA) will do the heavy lifting for you with this choice. By now you may have received an envelope at your doorstep, or stuck in your door jam, or you may receive one shortly. (Note, if you have a "No Soliciting" sign, you should still receive an envelope, but if you have a "No Trespassing" sign, the Scouts will respect that and you will not receive an envelope.)

Instructions are on the envelope, but as a back-up, you may also visit the local BSA web site for pick-up info, or to access the online means of making a donation at rsvlboyscouts.weebly.com. Pick-up days will be the January weekends of the 7th-8th and 14th-15th. The Scouts will take the trees and deposit them at Maidu Park's tree drop-off location.

With all these options, the City will chip and haul away your trees to be composted with other green waste.

RPD Vacation House Check Service for Any Time During the Year

Maybe you'll be traveling soon, or perhaps later this year. Here is a way you can help protect your home while you are away.

Use the QR code at right to request the Roseville Police Department's Vacation House Check to look at your home periodically while you're away. The checking is done by volunteers in the department's Citizens On Patrol (COP) program. If your application is confirmed, then while you are away the COP volunteers periodically visit your home looking for signs of suspicious activities such as open doors, open or broken windows, unfamiliar vehicles, or other questionable circumstances.



Note this means it is not, in some cases, going to prevent a crime and it is not intended as a security service per se, but can add a layer of watchful eyes. Any issues discovered by volunteers will be referred to a Roseville Police Officer to resolve. Some additional program requirements are:

- Requests must be received at least seven days prior to departure date.
- Requests may not exceed 30 consecutive days.
- They are unable to service homes with on-site houseguests.

The form requires a fair amount of personal information so the volunteers know what to expect and can contact you or an emergency/key holder contact. For example, you list the cars that will remain parked in your driveway, light or radio timers you have in place, or days you may have a pool or pet care service showing up.

Home early? Call the support number to let them know so you aren't seen as a "suspicious activity"!

Leak Alarms and Valves Gain Features

By Scott Reid

I recently discovered a leak under a bathroom sink and decided it was time to look into the leak alarm market to see what is available. I was interested to see that there are some fairly sophisticated options now, more than the old type that would sound a small, shrieking alarm from within the depths of a cabinet or from behind a washing machine when it came in contact with water.

One of the more expensive options could be a real benefit if a washing machine hose burst, or a pipe in a hidden location sprung a leak. This would be the automatic shut-off valve connected by wifi to your smart phone. They can be \$500 or more to purchase, and unless you're handy with plumbing, you can add the cost of installation to that. But insurance companies report that people file water damage claims more often than for fire and theft combined, and some insurance companies offer discounts to homeowners who install them.

To set-up the valve monitoring, you enter a bunch of information about your home such as how many bathrooms and water-using appliances you have. It then measures how much water flows into your home's system and, in effect, "learns" what is normal for your home. Then if it detects a flow outside of normal, it alerts you via a phone app. Has a faucet been running for more than a few minutes, or is there a slow leak at a hose bib? You get an alert. Then you have some options such as ignoring the alert for some additional time, or shutting down the whole system remotely. If there is a very large, sustained flow outside of what's normal, then after a set interval the valve will shut-off the whole system.

I decided that I wasn't ready for that, so I opted for a \$130 kit of 3 "Flo by Moen" water detectors, one of several wifi-connected choices on the market. You place these in a location where there could be a leak, and if there is one, the device will send an alert to the same phone app. You don't have to buy the automatic shut-off valve to use the detectors, and it's a less expensive way to get started. But you may see how the two could work together—leak detected by a detector? Then the automatic valve could be triggered to shut-off the whole system.

I found reviews of my particular choice mentioned getting the detectors to connect to wifi could be a challenge, so I researched my particular router brand and any issues and learned a work around that readily worked for me. So I'm not saying these devices are completely ready for prime time although I got all three of mine working, and there is additional comfort in knowing they're in place.

Modified City Recreation and Library Hours During Holidays

Many City offices will be closed from Saturday, December 24th until Tuesday January 3rd, so check before you go to them to see what their status is.

The Parks, Recreation and Libraries department has many closures during this period. Locally, these are the schedule changes.

- The **Maidu Library** will be closed from Tuesday, 12/27, through Monday, 1/2. The Downtown Library branch will be open Tuesday through Saturday that week from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- The **Maidu Museum** will be open Thursday and Friday, 12/22 & 12/23, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and open Tuesday and Wednesday, 12/27 & 12/28, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. On Thursday and Friday, 12/29 & 12/30, they will be open 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- After Friday, 12/23, the **Maidu Community Center** will be closed until Tuesday, 1/3.

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 6th—*Neighborhood Santa*

For More Information

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