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Come to our Pancake Breakfast, Saturday, June 17th, 9-11 am

Come and meet with our neighbors for a Pancake Breakfast in Maidu Park on June 17th, hosted by the Maidu Neighborhood Association. We expect members of the Roseville Police Department will be back to help us cook-up stacks for all comers. Breakfast will be served from 9 am to 11 am. This is a great opportunity to get to know some of the officers who help keep our neighborhood safe in an informal setting.

- Saturday, June 17th, 9 - 11 a.m.
- No RSVP is necessary, just show up by pavilion
- Food is expected to include pancakes, syrup, fruit, and water
- Police who support our neighborhood will man cooking stations



Superintendent Garcia on Local School Safety

By Lance Hibben

The Maidu Neighborhood Association (MNA) monthly meeting in May featured the Superintendent of Roseville City School District (RCSD), Derk Garcia. He presented what the District has done and some future plans for keeping Roseville elementary schools (K-5) and middle schools (6-8) protected from violent acts on the 21 district campuses within Roseville, including Sargeant Elementary School.

Derk informed attendees the RCSD hired a consultant five years ago to evaluate and prioritize safety improvements that are being implemented with available funding from the state and federal resources. Some of these improvements are not for public knowledge; however, he was able to share much of what has been done.

The consultants prioritized what was to be done as “hardening from the inside to the outside.” Therefore, an early update was to change the classroom door locks to what are known as “Columbine locks”. Instead of the old locks that could only be locked from the outside, these lock from the inside of each room.

All classrooms now have shades to block windows. The students and teachers train to be quiet and get down low in the room. Each school’s front office can hit a button to alert 9-1-1. There are alarm boxes in each classroom to let everyone know when there is a school lockdown.

Moving to the school’s exterior, you can see that 6’ fencing went up at each campus. It keeps outsiders out, and has the added bonus of keeping the kids on the grounds. Bushes are being trimmed back to eliminate hiding places.

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Our next Maidu Board meeting will be on **Tuesday, June 27th at 6:30 p.m.** With school out, we will be meeting at a room in the Maidu Community Center, 1550 Maidu Drive in Maidu Regional Park. Join us for a police report and catch up on neighborhood goings-on. Bring any questions or concerns you have.

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Our web site is mna.rcona.com.

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School staff are working with Roseville Police to coordinate how each will respond. Derk noted that the old approach used to be, if there was a campus threat, for police to pull together a bunch of officers and a SWAT team, then breach the school. This was the approach used at Uvalde, Texas where the delays in action are blamed for contributing to the number of deaths and injuries. The current approach calls for Roseville Police Officers to enter the campus as soon as they arrive and begin hunting for the threat.

Future improvements may include installing bullet proofing film on main office windows, installing cameras at campus front entrances, and sophisticated lockdown systems. Some of these improvements are dependent on future grant funding. Neither metal detectors nor on-campus police are planned mainly due to cost, and instead, their focus is on mental health issues.

Derk explained the great importance of addressing issues that can impact student mental health such as bullying where he sees the biggest issues as stemming from social media. He said conditions would be better if kids had limited and supervised social media access.

Overall, Derk presented very interesting information on what is being done to keep our schools (and neighborhood) safe. He expressed interest in answering follow-up questions which can be sent to our email address on the bottom of the front page.

Note that each school district handles security differently, or is at a different point in the security-enhancement process. The MNA Board is checking into inviting the superintendent from Eureka School District as a future guest speaker to discuss the same topic as it applies to Eureka School District and Maidu Elementary School within our neighborhood.

What is RCONA?

The Maidu Neighborhood Association is one of approximately 20 active neighborhood associations within Roseville – all coordinated by the Roseville Coalition of Neighborhood Associations (RCONA). Each neighborhood association has a representative for RCONA, an all-volunteer non-profit organization like the Neighborhood Associations themselves. Since 1993, RCONA has brought all neighborhoods together in a coalition of associations for the following purposes:

- To raise community participation in improving and maintaining the quality of life within the City of Roseville.
- To work with each neighborhood in resolving social, physical, and economic problems.
- To help improve communications within and between the various neighborhoods.
- To provide instruction and support to neighborhood association leaders.
- To organize the residents, property owners, organizations, and businesses within each neighborhood association.
- To provide a forum for communicating with City leaders and departments, and outside organizations. By being officially recognized by the City of Roseville, RCONA plays an important role in making sure the City understands neighborhood needs.



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Each year, RCONA plays an instrumental role in many community events including Neighborhood Night Out, Neighborhood Clean-ups, Movies in the Park, Santa in the Park and many more. Additionally, each individual neighborhood association conducts their own activities, such as Halloween or Holiday home decorating contests. By working together, our neighborhood associations can share best practices, new ideas, and continue to benefit the residents of Roseville. In short, RCONA is the hidden support behind many of the activities the Maidu Neighborhood Association does throughout the year.

For more information about RCONA, go to: <https://rcona.org>, or to keep up with the meeting agendas you may also contact Jim Kidd about signing up for our Watchmail distribution list (see column at left on front page for his contact information).

Tree Mulching Events at Maidu Park on June 24th & July 15th

The Roseville Urban Forestry Foundation (RUFF) and Roseville Parks department are hosting mulching events from June to October in local parks and preserves. They are doing two of those events in June and July in Maidu Park. They will run from **8 to 11 a.m. on June 24th and July 15th** which are both Saturdays.

This work has been done in Maidu Park before, most recently last spring in the undeveloped part of the park where new trees have been planted southeast of the soccer fields. The work will mean ferrying piles of mulching material using the supplied wheelbarrows to the location of each tree in the area to be worked, then spreading the mulch around the base of each tree.

Mulch conserves water. It keeps the soil moist and slows evaporation allowing water to sink into the soil. It also moderates soil temperature keeping it cooler in summer and warmer in winter. Mulch breaks down into nutrients for plants.

Things to know if you volunteer:

- Tools, gloves, water and light refreshments will be provided.
- Dress appropriately, including sensible shoes. Bring extra water, and wear a hat!
- There are volunteer waivers that need to be signed by all volunteers. All members of the same family can be included on one waiver form. You can get a waiver form online. Either find the waivers on the RUFF website (<https://rosevilletree.org/>) to print and bring to the event, or email RUFF at info@rosevilletree.org to have them send you a copy.

There will be a brief introduction and demonstration at 8:10 a.m. RUFF would like you to arrive early if you can. Look for signs directing you to the place to start as you come in the main Park entrance. Keep in mind that parking fills up due to athletic events in the park.

Join the City “Trail-A-Bration”

Enjoy walking the trails in Maidu Park? You can expand your horizons by joining the City’s “Trail-a-bration”. Here’s how it works:

1. Get a “passport”, i.e., an 8.5”x11” paper either by printing your own from a file at the City’s web site (search “Trail-a-bration”), or by picking one up at the Library.
2. Find the online map of the 9 trail locations around Roseville where you can stamp your passport. One is in Maidu Park (see picture at right). The arrow in the picture points to the stamping device.
3. Visit the 9 trail locations around the City.
4. Attend the CommUNITY Picnic on **August 5th**, 11 a.m.-3p.m. at Royer Park. You can get a prize whether you visited one location or all 9. Those who visited all 9 get entered in an additional raffle for a grand prize.
5. Can't attend the event? Take your passport to any one of our three City libraries, after August 5 to turn in your passport for a prize. Prizes available while supplies last.



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*
- June 17th—*Pancake Breakfast*
- August 1st—*National Night Out*
- October—*Park Clean-up*

For More Information

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