

MAIDU NEIGHBORS

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Keep Your Family Safe with Neighborhood Watch

By Donald Struckmann

We live in a great city with wonderful neighbors. But sadly, there are people who enter our neighborhoods with intent to steal or do harm. This is a persistent problem and considering the overall rise in crime in our country it could very well get worse. We must maintain high alert and diligence to protect our family and our property. And we must watch out for the safety of our neighbors like they watch out for us.

To that end the City of Roseville has a great program called Neighborhood Watch. It is a plan for the citizens of our city to link up with our close neighbors and keep watch over one another.

The City of Roseville has an excellent page with information about Neighborhood Watch and instructions on how citizens can easily form a Neighborhood Watch for themselves. There is also a recent article on the City website on how to use cameras on the exterior of your home to further increase the security of your property.

We urge you to check out the site and seriously consider forming your own Neighborhood Watch. It can be



A Neighborhood Watch sign in our neighborhood

as easy as speaking with your neighbors and exchanging contact information.

If you already have a Neighborhood Watch with your neighbors or have questions about how to get started, we welcome you to come to the next Maidu Association meeting, Tuesday, August 22nd, to share your experiences and questions. Together we can all make and keep Roseville safe and enjoyable.



Link to City's Neighborhood Watch page

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Our next Maidu Board meeting will be on **Tuesday, August 22nd at 6:30 p.m.** As we go to press, we are unsure exactly where we will be meeting, so please go to our website (mna.rcona.com) to see where we'll be. We'll post it a day in advance. Join us for a police report and catch up on neighborhood goings-on. Bring any questions or concerns you have.

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

Our web site is mna.rcona.com.

Seeking Volunteers

By Lance Hibben

Have you noticed Maidu neighborhood homes with dead front yards or weeds as tall as small trees? Have you wondered what can be done about it? If so, this is a call to neighbors who are interested in volunteering to help others in the Maidu neighborhood who need help with front yard landscaping challenges.

If you're interested, willing, and able to lend a hand to help your community, this is your opportunity. No experience or expertise is needed, only a desire to be part of a list with other likeminded neighbors willing to provide manual labor when needed. The goal is to develop good neighborly relationships, build upon our sense of community, and improve neighborhood aesthetics.

Each yard project would be reviewed by the MNA Board using a prepared set of rules for consideration before calling volunteers to work. If a yard project is approved, neighbors from a volunteer list would be contacted and scheduled if available to help. If you're interested in becoming a volunteer, sign-up by using the email hello@mna.rcona.org by September 22nd.

New Fencing Goes Up Around Maidu Park Soccer Fields

Any regular visitor to Maidu Park that has gone near the soccer fields will be aware that throughout July and August new fences have been put up around the fields. Neighbors expressed concern about access to the fields during non-game time. The City responded with some answers:

- Recently, we invested a significant amount in renovating the fields to make them even better. Every year, we have to close the fields temporarily to maintain and repair them after heavy use throughout the rest of the year. This maintenance requires a considerable amount of time, and money, to ensure the fields remain safe and usable.
- The fencing also protects the fields during wet weather. Playing on wet fields damages them and makes them unusable. The new fences should help prevent the need for long-term closures, allowing us to enjoy the fields more consistently. You'll still have access to the fields outside of these instances, except during authorized tournaments.
- Funding for this project comes primarily from a generous grant provided by Placer Valley Tourism, with the remaining funds coming from the City. No Measure B funds are being used. The City Council has approved the project and formally accepted the grant.



This shows the concrete footing and poles in place before chain link is added to finish fencing around the soccer fields.

As of this writing, the fencing has been completed. There are several open gates around the parameter of the fields. It is somewhat less convenient to access the fields as you have to go to a gate rather than walking onto the field at any point, but this seems like a reasonable sacrifice in order to assure the fields are well-treated.

Keep Cool with Shade Trees

Fall is a good time to plant a tree where you wish you had shade this summer. Receive a \$40 City rebate for purchasing and planting an approved shade tree. Here are the program requirements:

- Maximum of 6 trees per residence.
- This program has a limited budget. Applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis, until funds are depleted.
- All applications must be submitted no later than 90 days after tree purchase.

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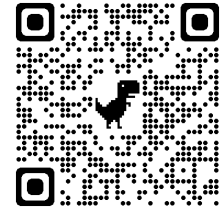
- Offer only valid for the purchase of trees from the list on City website (see QR code, below).
- All trees must be planted at a single-family residence receiving electricity from Roseville Electric Utility, and must be purchased new at retail price.
- Trees must be planted on the South, East, or West side of home.
- Need advice on what to plant and where? The Roseville Urban Forest Foundation (RUFF) volunteers will gladly visit you to discuss all this. Contact RUFF at 916-250-2902 or info@rosevilletree.org or <https://rosevilletree.org/shade-tree/>

Before applying online, make sure you have the following:

- Roseville Electric utility account number.
- Paid in full invoice or receipt including Contractor/Retailer information.

Then either apply online or print out the application from the website. If you do the latter, you can mail in the completed form, or fill it out, scan it, and email it in.

Note that the printed form is the one also used to submit for rebates on smart thermostats, whole house fans, variable speed pool pumps as well as shade trees.



City Tree rebate info

If you use the online form, and if you haven't used it to apply for other rebates, you'll have to set up an account first. The upside to this is that you can apply for other rebates online using the same account in the future, if you plan to apply for them. Otherwise, using the printed form may be easier if you have a printer at hand.

On Our Radar

Here are local items we're watching:

- **Park Clean-up**—Mark your calendar for our annual event for cleaning-up Maidu Park's undeveloped areas. It will take place on **Saturday, October 14th**. We'll meet in the park near the pavilion and basketball courts (to the right as you enter the Park from Rocky Ridge) **at 10 a.m.** After a couple solid hours of work, we'll return to that location to have a picnic lunch.
- **Homelessness Planning**—**Thursday, August 17th, 6:30 p.m.** Bonnie Gore, Placer County Supervisor, will talk to RCONA at the **Martha Riley Community Library**, 1501 Pleasant Grove Boulevard **about regional homelessness planning** effort that has been taking place between the County, Cities, and Law Enforcement leaders. Questions for Bonnie? Drop an email to SupervisorGore@Placer.CA.gov
- **Soccer Fields**—The City will be building a **new set of soccer fields** on the west side of Roseville. Groundbreaking for the complex of 10 artificial turf fields took place June 8th and **completion is scheduled for late 2025**. The complex will be on Westbrook Boulevard between Blue Oaks and Pleasant Grove Boulevards near the Pleasant Grove Waste Water Treatment Plant.
- **City Status**—Mayor Bruce Houdesheldt will give the **2023 State of the City address at 9 a.m., Friday, August 25** at the **Westfield Galleria Center Court**. The speech is open to the public. Free tickets are available at 2023SOC.eventbrite.com.
- **Senior Safety Presentation**—If you or a loved one is a senior citizen, learn how to recognize and avoid fraud, scams, elder abuse, and other crimes that target seniors from **1 - 3 p.m., Thursday, September 14 at the Riley Library**. Recently a victim living at Sun City met scammers via eHarmony and paid them over \$400,000 over several transactions, an example of a romance scam.

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—**Pancake Breakfast**
- August—**National Night Out**
- October 14th—**Park Clean-up**

For More Information

Go to mna.rcona.com/2023-links. Or scan this QR code with a suitable app. There are links there to more story info and to our related sites including our Facebook page. Sometimes there are story updates as well as corrections as needed.

