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Park Clean-up - Grab Your Grub!

By Dave Steele

Gather your buddies, your family, your scouts, and your walking shoes and meet **near the skateboard area at Maidu Park Saturday October 14th at 10 a.m.** It's park cleanup time and we don't just mean down by the creek.

As a community service and neighborhood beautification event, the Maidu Neighborhood Association is offering lunch to all who participate and join in the camaraderie. Trash grabbers and garbage bags will be provided, so instead of singing for your supper, you'll be grabbing for your grub, although if you can sing...be our guest.

Lunch will be served at about 12 p.m. as you return to the starting point with your recovered 'treasures.' Prizes will be awarded for the most unique or interesting items found during the clean up. This is a great chance to explore the undeveloped parts of the Park or neighborhood Open Spaces.



We've been cleaning the Park for a while: Here is board member Shirley Brown in the fall of 2001 helping out.

Organized Retail Crime Most Frequent Call for Police

At our August meeting, Roseville Police informed us that the most frequent calls they answer these days are from retailers about what is called "Organized Retail Crime" (ORC), or what many of us have come to know as "smash-and-grabs." Only that last term doesn't cover many of the situations where no smashing is done, but well-organized groups descend on a store and overwhelm the store's security precautions, making off with thousands of dollars in goods.

One example of the impacts: Dick's Sporting Goods, when reporting profits last quarter, blamed ORC for a 23% decline. Target, Home Depot, TJ Maxx, and Ulta have made similar claims in recent months.

Roseville Police have agreed to join us at our October 24th meeting to describe what is happening, and how you can recognize stolen goods when you see them at a flea market or online. More details will come in our next issue before the meeting.

Our next Maidu Board meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 26th 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.** Join us for a police report and catch up on neighborhood goings-on. Bring any questions or concerns you have.

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Joe Tapia Jr Soccer Complex Fencing Project—Sorry, No Dogs on Fields

Submitted By Jill Geller, Director of Roseville Parks, Recreation & Libraries

(Editor’s Note: As indicated, this was submitted by the City’s Parks, Recreation & Libraries department and we include it here in its unaltered entirety. The photos are ours. We should add that the paved trail that goes past the soccer fields into the undeveloped, eastern side of the park is one that does allow dogs on leash as marked by signs such as the one shown below at right.)



Roseville Parks, Recreation & Libraries (PRL) is excited to have completed the new fencing project around the Joe Tapia Jr Soccer Complex at Maidu Regional Park. These fields host games and practices involving tens of thousands of kids each year. Two years ago, the City made improvements to the turf, converting it to a hybrid Bermuda grass which is the preferred natural surface for soccer fields due to its playability, hardiness and drought tolerance. This turf conversion was important to the fields’ primary users, and both Roseville Youth Soccer Club and Granite Bay FC made significant financial contributions to the project.

To protect this investment, fencing was added around the complex allowing PRL to close the fields for maintenance, during wet weather conditions, and in other situations where use would damage the fields. The aesthetics and practicality of the fencing truly makes this one of the premier soccer complexes in the area, which is an added bonus. Tournaments at this complex draw teams from across the region and state,

positively impacting our local economy.

The fence gates are open, as the fencing was never intended to keep Roseville residents from enjoying this area for walking, picnicking, tossing a ball, or other appropriate activities. However, our PRL staff are witnessing the inappropriate activity of dog owners allowing their dogs on the fields. Per Municipal Code 8.02.240, dogs are not allowed in Roseville parks (except in the city’s designated dog parks). Dogs are allowed on-leash on city trails. Assuming positive intent, and that these dog owners are simply unaware of the Code, we appreciate the opportunity to share this information in your newsletter. We are not asking the readers of this article to enforce the Code when you see violators. We simply ask that you adhere to the Code, do not take your dogs on the fields, and share this information with others as appropriate.

In addition to being a Code violation, dogs on sports fields are a real concern. Feces and urine on the fields pose a danger to the kids who play (and fall) on the field. Additionally, dog urine can kill grass and leave brown spots on the turf. The Maidu soccer fields have always been, first and foremost, athletic fields for youth (and adult) sports. PRL is obligated to ensure they are safe for these players. We appreciate your adherence to Municipal Code 8.02.240, and your continued support to keep the Joe Tapia Jr Soccer Complex at Maidu Regional Park clean and safe for our young athletes. Thank you!



Tips on Hiring Contractors

Many of us have to or prefer to hire contractors for jobs we don't have the time, physical skills, strength, or expertise to do. We may look to reviews to determine expertise, but the following tips are a good reminder, from the California *Contractors State License Board* (CSLB), of other steps we can take to get what we need and expect before, during and after the job.

1. Hire only state-licensed contractors.
2. Use the Find My Licensed Contractor feature at www.cslb.ca.gov to locate a licensed contractor in your area.
3. Check a contractor's license number online at www.cslb.ca.gov or by calling 800-321-CSLB (2752).
4. Get at least three bids and check references.
5. Make sure all project expectations are in writing and only sign the contract if you completely understand the terms.
6. Confirm that the contractor has workers' compensation insurance for employees.
7. Avoid paying more than 10% down or \$1,000, whichever is less.* Avoid paying in cash.
8. Avoid letting payments get ahead of the work.
9. Keep a job file of all papers relating to your project, including all payments.
10. Avoid making the final payment until you're satisfied with the job.

* There is an exception to this rule for about a dozen contractors who have filed a blanket performance and payment bond with the Registrar. This information is noted on the contractor's license detail page on CSLB's website, www.cslb.ca.gov.

On Our Radar

Here are local items we're watching:

- **EV Workshop**—Roseville Electric will be holding a workshop on electric vehicle basics. Topics include the difference between all-electric and plug-in hybrid EVs; EV charging (home, work, and public space); and the environmental, economic, and personal benefits of owning an electric vehicle. It will be held on **Thursday, October 19th from 6-7 p.m.** at the Utility's offices at **116 S. Grant Street**, next to the Vernon Street Parking Garage's free parking. Use the QR code or link at the bottom right of this page to get to the sign-up page for this event.
- **Police on Cyber Security**—The Roseville Police Department will be doing a Cyber Security presentation at the **Riley Library in Mahaney Park, 1501 Pleasant Grove Boulevard**, on **Thursday, October 12th from 1-3 p.m.** Learn how to be more aware of what cyber criminals do to get into your computers and other digital devices as well as tips to help keep yourself more cyber secure. Free and open to all. No registration required.
- **New Sac County Alerts System**—Since we live as close as we do to Citrus Heights, it can be useful to receive emergency weather, crime, or missing person alerts for that jurisdiction. Sacramento County and its related incorporated communities (such as Citrus Heights) have adopted a new alerts system. If you were previously signed up for their alerts prior to January 1st this year, you have to re-register, or if you want to sign up, go to www.sacramento-alert.org.

Neighbor Ad: Shine On Mentors, a Christian nonprofit mentoring program encouraging transformation through leadership training, goal setting, and mentoring, plans to hold a yard sale September 23rd 8am-1pm at 2303 Valley Forge Way. All proceeds go to support their mission. For more information, visit www.shineonmentors.com.

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

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