

# MAIDU NEIGHBORS

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## MAIDU NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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### Park Clean-up Cancelled

We planned to do our annual Park Clean-up event at Maidu Park on Saturday October 14th at 10 a.m., but learned late that the area we usually use as our starting point had been reserved by a “fun run” activity. Historically, the Parks Department did not allow the area by the pavilion in the Park to be reserved, but in the past few years that’s changed, and we need to learn to change our ways. In the future we need to consult the Park’s calendar as well as our own.

Our apologies to anyone who attempted to join us for that event and discovered it was not happening.

### Annual Meeting for Election of Board Members

It is time once again for our annual election of Board Members. The declared slate up for election is as follows:

- Jim Kidd
- Mary Hoff
- Shirley Brown
- Vicki Miller

Nonetheless, we do have open positions on the Board and seek additional volunteers who may be interested in taking a role in supporting our neighborhood.

All neighbors present at our next meeting, Tuesday, October 24th, are eligible to vote to elect or re-elect board members. The full board will then vote to appoint officers. In that regard we should note that Alan Bartley will not seek to be President, so the board will be looking for another board member to fill this role.

The initial voting by all neighbors will occur shortly after our meeting is called to order at 6:30 p.m., but as always you are invited to stay to hear what Roseville Police officers (if available) have to say about local crime, and to hear about upcoming neighborhood activities and neighbors’ concerns.

### A Chance to Learn More about Organized Retail Crime

The Roseville Police officers who are planning to attend our October 24th meeting are ready to answer any questions neighbors have about Organized Retail Crime (ORC) or any other activities that may involve the police. Come to our meeting to learn about ORC and what to do if you are present when a group of criminals comes into a business in a coordinated effort to overwhelm security measures and run off with items to sell on the black market.

The officers will entertain other questions you may have for them.

Our **Annual Meeting** and next Maidu Board meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 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.** 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](http://mna.rcona.com).

## **Dog, Blaze, Helps Fire Department Staff Handle Job Stresses**

By Shirley Brown

For many of our firefighters and first responders, performing their duties can be extremely taxing on their mental health. Roseville City Council recognized this and approved a trained comfort canine in July 2023 for the Roseville Fire Department. The role of the canine is to aid in firefighters decompressing after a critical incident.

Blaze is a one and a half year old Goldendoodle who received over a year of training to become a comfort canine. He officially received his Roseville badge in October 2023. Even though Blaze is assigned to Roseville Fire Station #6 with his handler, Dan Salois, he is available to all Roseville Firefighters.

Firefighter Paramedic Dan and Blaze work in conjunction with the Peer Support Team (PST) to assist Roseville fighters when they are feeling the stresses of their job. The goal of the PST is to keep every firefighter emotionally, mentally, and physically able to do the job. Resources and assistance are offered to any Firefighter who may be experiencing stress in his/her life. Blaze is one resource available.

Dan related to me that Blaze is keenly aware of an individual's stress and will immediately go sit at the side or on the feet of a firefighter who needs him.

Blaze came to the Department through a nonprofit organization called Hearts 4 Heroes USA (H4H USA). Hearts 4 Heroes provides the dog, the training, the food, and the veterinary expenses involved. To learn more about H4H USA, you can access their website: [www.hearts4heroesusa.org](http://www.hearts4heroesusa.org).

Blaze and his brother, Blitz, were available for the public to see and pet during Open House at Fire Station #6 in early October. Blitz is assigned to the Folsom Fire Department where he performs the same comfort canine role for members of that agency.



**Brothers Providing Comfort**—Both Blaze (top) and Blitz (bottom) are trained as “comfort canines”. Blaze works for the Roseville Fire Department, while brother Blitz works for the Folsom Fire Department

## **Holiday & Native Craft Fairs Return Saturday, November 4th**

By Vicki Miller

Our own Maidu Park is hosting two craft fairs on November 4th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.—the **Holiday Craft Fair at the Community Center**, and the **Native Craft Fair at the Maidu Museum**. Parking for and Admission to both are free, although only Museum members can enter the Native Craft Fair between 9-10 a.m. At 10 a.m. the Native Craft Fair opens to everyone.

Here are more details on each from the City:

- **Holiday Craft Fair**—Terrific shopping awaits! Santa’s helpers have been hard at work to create a holiday shopping market. 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.
- **Native Craft Fair**—Come by and find unique gifts at the annual Native Craft Fair. The Native Craft Fair highlights dozens of Native American artisans from all over California selling their handcrafted items. Items range from contemporary art and art prints to traditional jewelry to handmade soaps using native plants.

## **Small Fire at Maidu Park in September**

There was a small fire that started in Maidu Park in the low-lying undeveloped area between McLaren Drive and the soccer fields near where the path enters the park near Balboa Drive. The Roseville Fire Department responded quickly and stopped it from going beyond a 100 foot diameter area. A tree trunk was charred and the goat-shortened grass and weeds in that area were burned. The nearby structure, built by unknown persons last year out of several fallen branches, was untouched.

Our thanks to the Fire Department for their quick response, and to the City for their continued use of goats to reduce fire materials in the Park and open space areas.



## **Title Theft—A Variation on Identity Theft Involving Real Estate**

There has been some publicity recently about a variation on identity theft that involves fraudulently taking over the title to a piece of real estate. Victims may discover someone has sold their home, or taken out loans against it, or is even “renting” it out to someone. How big a problem is this, and what can be done to prevent it?

A recent Fox News report cites the FBI’s Internet Crime Complaint Center as having recorded over 11,000 “real estate and rental fraud victims in 2022” across the US, but title thefts are not broken out into their own category, so the size of this particular issue is unknown. Given the five million housing transactions last year, the whole fraud category is less than a quarter of 1% of which title theft is an unknown, smaller subset. So, not a huge issue, but if it happens to you it’s a headache at the least.

Since real estate transactions are recorded officially at the county level here, we can ask what Placer County is doing about this. Last year the Placer County Recorder’s office instituted a courtesy notification program that sends you a letter if any changes are made to your title. The letter includes a copy of the first page of the document being changed. In most cases you will recognize it as something you initiated, so there will be nothing additional to be done. However, if you don’t recognize the transaction, or if you think details are incorrect, you can contact the Recorder’s office: (530)886-5600. If you suspect fraud, you may contact the District Attorney’s Fraud Alert Hotline: (916)645-SCAM (7226).

You can also sign-up for a title-monitoring service that some identity-theft prevention companies offer for a monthly or annual subscription fee, usually as a part of a larger suite of identity monitoring services. Such a service might notify you sooner than the County’s letter.

Is this worth the subscription fee? We’ve tried to give you some idea of the risks, and there are those that believe such a service is worth the cost for piece of mind. Others will keep this kind of risk in mind as part of their ongoing efforts at self-monitoring and identity information control.

**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—*Park Clean-up*

### **For More Information**

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