MAIDU NEIGHBORS



RCONA MAIDU NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

November 2023

Join Us to See Santa on Tuesday, December 5th

Santa has decided to visit our neighborhood once again on Tuesday evening,



December 5th, at **about 6:30 p.m.** and we'll be having a watch-party at Willard Dietrich Park next to Sargeant School! Join us for some light refreshments, play in the Park, write a letter to Santa, and visit with neighbors during this fun, annual event.

The route Santa will take will be to enter the neighborhood on Champion Oaks Drive from South Cirby Way, then turn

right on North Cirby Way. He will travel to Willard Dietrich Park, then turn right again on Stoney Point Way. He will slow at this corner to see all of us!

Although Santa lives in the North Pole, he doesn't want to risk getting sick before Christmas so all visits are weather permitting. Look for updates on the Roseville Parks, Recreation & Events Facebook page by 5pm on each evening for changes due to weather. The timing of his arrival, above, is estimated.

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Let's Talk Dogs

By Lance Hibben

As a Maidu Neighborhood resident for over 30 years and a dog owner most of my life, I'd like to share some thoughts about our responsibilities of our beloved animals.

First, I'd like to say there is a special bond between well trained and behaved dogs and their owners/trainers. I get it: owners can find enjoyment in giving their canine companions the freedom of untethered walks knowing their pet is still impressively obedient under verbal commands. I have to admit, I have walked prior dogs occasionally off-leash within the neighborhood confidently knowing if any problems arose, the dog would immediately respond to my commands (like

remote control).

Second, what I didn't fully appreciate is the possibility of unintentionally creating uncomfortable feelings with other residents. I realize not everyone who lives in our great neighborhood is a "dog person". In fact, some people in our neighborhood have had unfortunate and very bad experiences with uncontrolled badly (even violently) behaving dogs. For these neighbors, just seeing an

unrestrained dog can trigger fears, anxiety, and create hostilities which I would not want for anyone.

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Our next Maidu Board meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 28th 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.

Our web site is mna.rcona.com.

Let's Talk Dogs

By Lance Hibben

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Since I try to treat others the way I would want to be treated, I need to remember a hard truth that people are more important than dogs (I'm sure for some of us, it might be an amusing debate). However, with this reality in mind, being a good neighbor includes being a responsible dog owner. AT MINIMUM, being a responsible dog owner means abiding by city ordinances when in public places (like a street, park, etc.).

Third, our City municipal codes about pets are available on the City website on this path:

City of Roseville/Government/Departments & Divisions/Police Department/Animal Control

As a helpful reminder, a couple of these laws can be summarized as follows. It is unlawful for any person to allow any animal off leash in public spaces. Dogs may be exercised on-leash on bicycle/walking trails/sidewalks, etc. OR off leash in one of the five designated city dog parks. It is also unlawful to have custody of any dog and fail to immediately remove and dispose of any feces upon public or private property not owned by the owner (or in custody) of such dog. It is also unlawful to allow dog feces to accumulate on the dog owner's private property.

Finally, it's also helpful to remember that abiding by these laws helps to PROTECT our dogs from hazardous situations like cars, bikes, and other animals (including wild ones such as coyotes). So, please remember to use leashes and have bags ready for picking up after our dogs. After all, none of us like finding an unwelcomed deposit from someone else's dog in our yard, right?

Sargeant School's Baccalaureate Program and Other Updates

By Dave Steele

(Editors Note: Homes in our neighborhood south of Maidu Park and Thistle Down Drive are in the Roseville City School District of which Sargeant Elementary is a part. North of the Park and Thistle Down homes are in the Eureka School District of which Maidu Elementary is a part.)

We are proud to have Sargeant Elementary School, a TK-5 International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years School, as part of our neighborhood. As such, Sargeant students focus on inquiry-based learning and becoming globally minded citizens. The international emphasis includes weekly Spanish instruction for all students TK-5th grade.



The Baccalaureate program stresses 10 attributes that the school and its students strive to excel in, namely being reflective, open-minded, caring, principled, balanced, good communicators, thinkers, knowledgeable, inquiring, and courageous. The students read about the attributes and are rewarded for demonstrating them.

If parents want their students to continue in the IB program after 5th grade, they can enroll their children in the IB programs at Eich Middle School and Oakmont High School.

Other Sargeant Updates

Sargeant wishes to thank the involved Parent Teacher Club that raises funds for the benefit of students and staff, and recently provided a Harvest Festival full of fun for the whole family.

You may have noticed the new crossing guard, Mr. Gary, who was added to the team by the work of the dedicated School Site Council. Please watch for students, families, and Mr. Gary when driving past the school in the mornings and afternoons. It is important that students are at school each day and are provided safe routes to and from home.

To learn more about Sargeant, follow on Facebook and Instagram @RCSDSargeant.

Outdoor Holiday Decorations Contest

By Shirley Brown

Maidu Neighborhood Association will have a holiday decorations contest again this year. If you'd like to participate in the contest, showcase your yard and the outside of your home with your best

decorations by December 11. Our judges will be driving through the Maidu Neighborhood to evaluate decorations and pick contest winners.



There will be three categories judged. They are **Best Light Display**, **Most Colorful**, and **Most Festive**. If your display is a winner, with your permission a sign will be posted in your front yard.

There is no prize other than the sign, a mention in this newsletter, and the pride you get from being a contest winner. Neighbors, let's see what you can do! Remember, in order to be judged, the deadline to have your outdoor decorations in place is **Monday, December 11**.

We thank Realtor Melinda Shrader, our sponsor, for providing the signs.

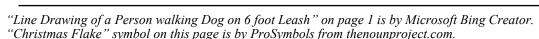
City Develops "myRSVL" App for Accessing City Resources

In the iPhone or Android app store, you can now search for and install the free "myRSVL" app.

- Most of the choices in the app, such as Events, News, Jobs, Utility
 Billing, or Connect with Us are just direct links to the Roseville City
 web site pages with the corresponding information. This does
 provide some convenience rather than bookmarking or searching for
 a City resource.
- Not linked immediately to the web site is the "Requests" function. This allows you to report something to the City that you believe needs their attention, such as graffiti on public property, or a streetlight that isn't working. You follow the prompts until a service request is created and submitted. You can attach pictures, videos or audio to your requests.
- You can also search for "nearby" service requests to see if your item
 was already reported, or what others have submitted. You may even
 add a comment to an existing request.
- The variety of requests you can submit is large. Service requests address the City Council, Code Violations, Construction, Flooding, Housing, Weed Abatement, Parks, Trails, Trees, Traffic, and Trash, among others.

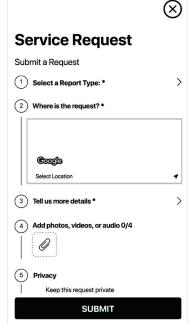
If you find communications from or to the City to be worthwhile, then this app is likely worthwhile to have. It does appear to make reporting

issues to the City easier than using the City web site because of its immediate availability via your phone. We found seeing the requests submitted by others to be as interesting.



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—National Night Out
- October—Park Clean-up
- December 5th—Santa In The Neighborhood



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.

