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Deputy D.A. Speaks at Tuesday, March 26th Meeting

Supervising Deputy District Attorney Dan Wesp will attend our next meeting to speak about retail crime in Placer County. Retail theft, especially of the smash-and-grab variety, has received a lot of publicity lately thanks to store security videos of groups of people breaking into retail establishments and making off with merchandise.

Wesp will explain the role of the Placer County District Attorney's Office in prosecuting those crimes, and what their policies are on pursuing that prosecution. In addition to his role as a Supervising Deputy Attorney, Wesp has also served as the President of the Placer County Bar Association. He also lead as supervisor of the Placer County District Attorney's Office Special Prosecutions Unit which, last October, helped successfully prosecute a drug dealer for the fentanyl death of local Roseville teen, Jewel Wolf.

If you want to learn more or have questions about Placer County District Attorney policies or actions, please plan to attend our meeting **March 26th at 6:30 p.m.** in the **Sargeant School Multi-purpose room.**

Movie 'Sandlot' to Show at Park

The movie The Sandlot (PG), sponsored by the Parks Department, will show soon:

- Location: **Maidu Softball Field**, so bring something to sit on
- Fee: **Free**
- Date: **Friday, 3/29 at 7:30p.m.**, weather permitting—it's MLB opening day!

Up for Sale!

By Dave Steele

Greetings, non-holiday shoppers! Get out your spare change and checkbooks for the upcoming Maidu Garage Sale extravaganza! Many of your neighbors have been planning for this since last year - clearing out old closets, revamping the garage, spring cleaning that reveals lost treasures...but I digress.

Those same neighbors are signing up with the registration slip, below, (along with a \$10 fee that hasn't changed in 20 plus years) to stage a front yard display of items you'll find amusing, enchanting, and alluring...along with some junk...but, hey, one man's junk is another man's _____. Neighbors, get your registrations in and shoppers, shake those piggy banks!

2024 Maidu Neighborhood Garage Sale Registration

Name _____ Phone # _____

Street Address _____ E-mail _____

_____ \$10+ enclosed for the April 27th Garage Sale which supports the Maidu Neighborhood Association events all year.

_____ I do not plan to participate, but I would like to donate \$ _____ to the Maidu Neighborhood Association.

_____ I would like to help with map distribution or filling of balloons the day of the sale.

_____ I would like to donate a participation prize. Each person or business donating will be acknowledged in this newsletter.

Make your check out to *Maidu Neighborhood Association*. Send form & check to Mary Steele, President, **1390 Cloverdale Circle**, Roseville, CA 95661, **by Tuesday, April 23rd** to guarantee getting your address listed on the map.

Questions? Send email to [feedback\(at\)maiduna.com](mailto:feedback(at)maiduna.com)

Garden Faire is Back Again, April 13th

By Paula Finley, Master Gardener



The University of California Master Gardeners of Placer County invites you to our annual Garden Faire on **Saturday, April 13, 2024 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Maidu Community Center** in Maidu Park. This FREE indoor/outdoor home gardening event will include activities and fun for the whole family!

Activities throughout the day will include: two speakers:

- award winning landscape designer, Michael Glassman, and
- well known Master Gardener Kevin Marini.

Also there will be two hands-on workshops conducted by Justin Black from the City of Roseville Environmental Utilities and Peggy Beltramo, Placer County Master Gardener.

The event will also include a variety of vendors focusing on the garden - including plant and garden items for purchase, lots of information on all aspects of home gardening, local art with a garden focus, a Kids Korner with the theme "The Lorax" (complete with Truffula Trees!) and lots of door prizes will round out the day.

Message from the President

By Mary Steele

I want to introduce myself as the new Maidu Neighborhood Association (MNA) president. I was born and raised in Roseville and started attending the MNA in 2003. I was impressed with the mission of the organization and became treasurer in 2005. As treasurer I have had the opportunity to meet many of you through the garage sale registration process.

Our goal is to get people in the neighborhood out and connected.

We have a great board and sponsor some fun events during the year (which always involve some form of free food). We have block captains that deliver a monthly newsletter to almost 1200 homes to keep you informed. We love our volunteers.



MNA president Mary Steele (right) with her husband, Dave, during a recent vacation.

Our monthly meetings are open to everyone and usually include a visit from a police officer to offer updates and answer questions and concerns. Sometimes the fire department also attends. We try to get speakers that are timely and relevant.

We have a Maidu Neighborhood Association Facebook page that we would love to have you follow.

This year we want to see more of you at the events and monthly meetings so I am asking for ideas as to what would bring you out. Please email me at davemar1@prodigy.net with your ideas or concerns and I will take them to the board.

Our next Maidu Board meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 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 Ridgcrest 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\(at\)maiduma.com](mailto:feedback(at)maiduma.com).

Our web site is mna.rcona.com.

Woot Woot! All Aboard!

By Dave Steele

As is the case in all neighborhoods, especially one of our size (1200 homes), there are folks with talents and skills that go unnoticed to those around them. Tucked away in sewing rooms, craft rooms, garages, sheds, and backyards are treasures built by skilled hands and creative imaginations.

Hunkered down in the backyard of a neighbor, let's call him "Mark", is 750+ feet of track compiling a vast network of railroad lines. Mark had been a docent at the California State Railroad Museum 15 years ago and enjoyed getting kids into trains. COVID gave him down time to begin this awesome project.

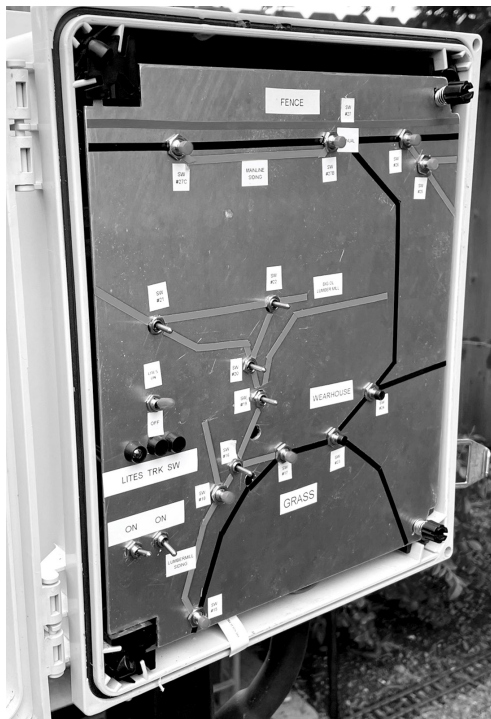
The layout encompasses the entire backyard circling the edges, surrounding trees, and ducking under canopies and through mountains Mark has created. Sturdily built,



you can step on the tracks without damaging them. 14 managing engines and tenders for the 84 car collection patrol the expanse of rails, dropping off cars and picking others up on sidings. Collisions are avoided during full operations by having members of Mark's club at several control panels strategically placed on the routes.

Features include two towns, each with stations, six water towers, and warehouses. Five industrial areas include Hume Lake Grainery, Klondyke Furniture Factory, Big Ol' Lumbermill accompanied by Woodlander Logging Operations, Dan's Railyard Ice House, Jackson Gold Mine, Lakehill Jail, Jon's general store, Nick's Hardware Store, a fire dept., and my favorite, a full switching yard! Farms include barns, windmills, and animals. The locations were named by Mark's kids to add authenticity to the family yard.

A retired electrical engineer, Mark has rigged Bluetooth access to the cars themselves and lights them up in seasonal colors for Halloween, Christmas, and Fourth of July. LED lighting accentuates the structures. Invitation-only open houses for friends, relatives, school groups, etc. put the magic on display replete with lots and lots of little people everywhere. To Mark, this takes effort, not work.



A control panel for the backyard railway mimics the set-up orientation, controls lights and switches, and was designed by the owner, an electrical engineer.

Please let the Maidu board know if there are other treasures tucked away that would be of interest. Seriously. We know you're out there.

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 27th—*Neighborhood Garage Sale*
- June—*Pancake Breakfast*
- August—*National Night Out*
- October—*Park Clean-up*

For More Information

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