

MAIDU NEIGHBORS

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MAIDU NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

April 2024



Last Chance to Sign-Up for Annual Garage Sale on 4/27

Do you have things to sell or clear from your home? Take advantage of our Neighborhood Garage Sale happening the last weekend of this month!

For just \$10 you get a boost from our advertising for the event, advice in the packet that will be brought to your home with information on how to do a sale, and your location on the map we'll be distributing at strategic street corners entering our neighborhood on the day of the sale, Saturday, April 27th.

To participate, just cut out the registration slip at the bottom of this page (or go to our web site and print it out) and return it, filled out and with a check for \$10 and mail to 1390 Cloverdale Circle, or drop it off. Cloverdale Circle is just south of Sargeant School off Ridgecrest. Do so by Tuesday, April 23rd to be assured of appearing on the map.

Have a business and want to donate a good or service to our random drawing for those who sign-up to participate? Drop it off at 1390 Cloverdale Circle, and we'll include a thank you for your business's contribution in our next newsletter!

Just want to support our efforts? We welcome your contribution. Just use the same form, below. The Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale is our one fundraiser of the year.

Deputy DAs Provide Updates on Crime Prosecutions

By Lance Hibben

At the MNA March Monthly meeting, speakers from the Placer County District Attorney's (DA) Office provided an interesting presentation on a few topics including organized retail crimes, voter approved Proposition 47, recent newsworthy convictions involving drug dealers, a Placer County forensic lab update, and answers to many questions and concerns from attendees.

Supervising Deputy DA Dan Wesp, just reaching 18-years working for Placer County, and Deputy DA Tiffany Thomas, who started here in 2016 and is the main Organized Retail Crime deputy DA, shared interesting trends and what they are doing with law enforcement and other partners to be proactive in fighting crime.

Overall, Placer County is a safe place to live. *(continued at top of page 3)*

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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)

'Quilts of Valor' Awarded to Veterans

By Kaye Allen

The Quilts of Valor Foundation (QOVF) was established in November 2003 by Blue Star Mom Catherine Roberts. After making a quilt for her son to honor his service in Iraq, she dreamt of a young soldier in utter despair, fighting his war demons. In the next part of the dream she saw someone come and wrap a quilt around him. The change in his demeanor was so apparent that she felt the message of her dream was that quilts could offer comfort.

The mission statement of the QOVF is to cover all service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor. Today over 377,000 warriors have been covered throughout our nation. A Quilt of Valor is not a gift. It is our special civilian award to honor our men and women who have served our country. It is also our way of expressing our love and gratitude for their service.



Neighbor Jim Kidd, who served in the US Army in Europe, is awarded a Quilt of Valor at a recent ceremony.

If you would like to nominate a veteran or service member to receive a QOV, please visit the website at QOVF.org. Go to the menu and follow instructions for nominating someone. If you have any questions please call Kaye Allen at 916-960-9257.

Be a Clean-up Volunteer!



Last month we mentioned the four City and RCONA sponsored Clean-up events that started on April 6th, and continue on April 20th at Bridgeway Christian Church, May 4th at St. Johns Episcopal Church, and May 18th, again at Bridgeway Christian Church. During these events, Roseville residents can drop off trash they would normally have to take to the dump.

The remaining events still need volunteers to help direct traffic, check eligibility, and help residents unload their vehicles. There are three shifts of 2 or 5 hours apiece that you can sign-up for using the Sign-up Genius web site. Just use the QR code to the left and scroll down the page to find the event and time slot you

want to sign-up for.

Neighbor Submission: Hello Roseville Community!

My name is Cody, here with my best friend, Rebecca. We have lived in this area for over 20 years and both really love this city. We've been picking up trash along our creeks and parks for a few years now after we kept seeing litter along the trails and sidewalks during our walks. I purchased some heavy duty picker uppers and found an old bucket to put trash in, and the rest is history. When we started picking up trash along Linda Creek, we'd fill the bucket with trash after a block or so. Now we wander around the Maidu park area and green spaces, still finding plenty of trash, but less than we used to.

We have such a beautiful area and some really spectacular natural habitats; it is imperative that we take care of it all.

Our next Maidu Board meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 23rd 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\(at\)maiduna.com](mailto:feedback(at)maiduna.com).

Our web site is mna.rcona.com.

Deputy DAs Spoke At March Meeting *(Continued from front page)*

Most criminal activities originate from outside the county, particularly from the bay area. The current DA, Morgan Gire, and his staff work closely with police departments and businesses through assertive prosecutions and development of proactive programs.

For example, most organized retail theft is linked to other unrelated crimes by the same people. The same person dealing drugs will also fence stolen good from stores. In fact, many of these “fences” will put out a “shopping list” for specific items to be stolen which can include groceries such as the Spam, alcohol, coffee, spices, condiments, and more, recently stolen from a grocery store on Woodcreek Oaks Boulevard, but recovered by Roseville Police.

The DA’s office worked with Roseville Police Department over the 2023-24 holiday shopping season using “Operation Grinch,” which resulted in over 100 more arrests compared to past similar shopping seasons. They are also taking proactive approaches in helping retail corporations and businesses in developing effective new ways of capturing retail crime groups, regardless of if the crime is a misdemeanor or felony, using technology and other resources.

Since 2014 when California voters approved Proposition 47 (titled, “Safe Neighborhoods and School Act”) organized retail crimes have surged statewide and prosecutions have dropped due to the threshold changes between misdemeanors and felonies. Some other counties and cities choose not to prosecute misdemeanor crimes. The Deputy DAs Wesp and Thomas said there are statewide efforts to present voters with changes to Proposition 47 in the future.

In other news, the Placer County DA’s Office was the first in California to successfully convict a drug dealer for murder of a young Placer County woman who died using drugs containing fentanyl. Since then, Riverside County had a similar conviction and Placer County had their second successful conviction.

Placer County also has a new capital outlay project planned to build a new county forensic laboratory that will expedite test results in order to speed up the legal process. Currently, Placer County uses the California Department of Justice for these services. The new facility will be a full function crime lab.

Deputy DAs Wesp and Thomas provided many more interesting details regarding the above topics and responded to several questions from meeting attendees.

Child & Family Resource Fair at Maidu April 25th

There will be activities and giveaways at the Child and Family Resource Fair that Placer County is sponsoring on Thursday, April 25th, from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Maidu Community Center. There will be free food and drinks, free dental exams, free bike helmets or bike locks, free diapers, and other resources for families of all sizes.

The Fair is part of what the County Supervisors declared as Child Abuse Prevention Month, so it has a serious purpose behind the fun. “Child Abuse Prevention Month gives us an opportunity to educate the community on prevention activities and signs and symptoms of possible abuse, but more importantly, ways the community can build caring connections and positive experiences so every child in Placer County has a safe place to live and grow,” said Children’s System of Care director Twylla Abrahamson.

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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