

# MAIDU NEIGHBORS

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## MAIDU NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

September 2024

### Meeting Speakers September, October & November

As we return to Sargeant School for our meetings, we have three speakers lined up and we invite you to join us to hear what they have to say. Our first two speakers are Placer County Supervisors. The third is a developer with a project in our neighborhood.

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#### **September—Bonnie Gore — On Homelessness**

Placer County Supervisor for District 1, Bonnie Gore, will speak on a topic she is deeply involved with, homelessness in this county. For more details, see the story on page 3.

#### **October — Suzanne Jones — Questions on our District**

Placer County Supervisor for District 4 (our district), Suzanne Jones, will join us to answer questions about our county and our district. In particular, we expect she will tell us more about the new development of 96 high-density, multi-family apartments that the Board of Supervisors approved in May this year for a property on Old Auburn near Sierra College Boulevard. Jones voted against the measure. See last month's newsletter for more details on what is planned and why.

#### **November — Sara Lebastchi — Proposed Apartments**

From D&S Development, Sara Lebastchi will attend on November 19th to answer questions and address any concerns about a two-story, 18 unit apartment complex that is proposed for the vacant corner lot at Rocky Ridge and South Cirby.

### Join Us For Annual Park and Open Space Clean-up!

On **Saturday, October 19th**, come to **Maidu Regional Park**, to the **pavilion** to the right as you enter from Rocky Ridge, and join neighbors for our annual Park and Open Space Clean-up event. The event begins at **10 a.m.** and ends after a noon lunch and small award ceremony.

Between 10 and noon we fan out across the undeveloped Park areas and beyond to neighborhood Open Spaces to pick-up trash. Volunteers pick the area they want to patrol. At noon we return to the pavilion where a light lunch will be served to all helpers. We invite people to show-off the most interesting piece of trash they've found. Judges will award small prizes to the volunteers with the most interesting trash (judges' opinion is final).

This outing is for people of all ages, so bring family and friends. The City will provide the trash bags and do the ultimate pick-up of what we find. You supply your efforts, and come dressed to wander on the uneven ground and brushy areas, ready to pick-up items. Fortunately, the goats have already cut down most of the high grasses. You may want to bring work gloves. Join us for our effort to keep things clean for all!

Our next Maidu Board meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 24th at 6:30 p.m.** 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](http://mna.rcona.com).

## **E-Motorcycles and other Smaller EVs Seen in Neighborhood**

As you travel through our neighborhood, or just look out your window, you will more often see how lighter, more powerful battery technology has spawned not only electric cars and trucks, but electric scooters, bicycles, and motorcycles as well. The Roseville Police Department has noticed as well, and they are reminding people of parts of the California Vehicle Code (CVC) that apply to them.

### **E-Motorcycles**

Here is a run-down of some of the Code that applies to e-motorcycles.

- Self-propelled devices that exceed 30 miles per hour are classified as either motorcycles, motor-driven cycles, or pocket bicycles under California law.
- Only e-motorcycles registered with the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) can be ridden on roads or in off-highway vehicle (OHV) parks.
- E-motorcycles cannot be used on sidewalks, bike trails, bike lanes, or bike paths, regardless of their classification.
- These vehicles must display a DMV-issued license plate and riders must have a California Driver's License with M1 or M2 endorsement. Drivers must also carry insurance and both they and riders must wear a DOT-approved helmet, regardless of their age.
- Some e-motorcycles, typically those marketed as off-highway electric motorcycles, are difficult to register and must be registered to be used on streets. The difficulties come because headlights, taillights, blinkers, mirrors, reflectors, and horns are required for street use; so those lacking these features cannot be registered to be driven on streets.
- Adding pedals to an e-motorcycle does not change its classification to an e-bike; it remains an e-motorcycle and must be registered with the DMV.
- Non-compliance with CVCs for e-motorcycles can lead to towing or impounding of the vehicle.

### **E-Bikes and E-Scooters**

Here's a chart of e-bike types and some rules that apply:

Class	Electric Motor Assistance When	Maximum Assist Speed	Minimum Age to Use	Notes
1	Pedaling up to max. speed	20 mph	None	Allowed where ever regular bicycles are
2	Pedaling or via throttle up to max. speed	20 mph	None	Allowed where ever regular bicycles are
3	Pedaling up to max. speed	28 mph	16	Must wear helmet, not allowed on multi-use trails, driver only (no passengers)

E-scooters have rules too:

- California's law permits anyone over the age of 16, who has a learner's permit or license, to operate an e-scooter.
- E-scooter riders must know traffic laws because they must share the road with vehicles.
- Users can ride in bike lanes if the posted speed limit is 25 mph or slower. This is generally true for all the residential streets in our neighborhood, but not the larger, arterial roads such as S. Cirby.
- California law prohibits riding e-scooters on sidewalks and pathways unless marked otherwise.

Rules of the road for Bicyclists and Scooter users:

- By law, cyclists 17 years and under must wear a helmet.
- Drivers should be 100% predictable in their actions.
- They should be seen by wearing bright clothing and/or have reflective gear.
- They should signal their presence by using a bell, horn or calling out before passing others on any shared roads, paths, trails, or elsewhere.
- They should watch for possible wet, icy or other slippery road conditions.
- For the safety of everyone, they should slow down when passing pedestrians and walkers. What might seem like a slow speed to the person on the bike or scooter, may seem fast to others. Going too fast can cause unpredictable reactions, increasing the chances of injury.

At our August meeting, Roseville Police Officer Masten said that if, for example, they stop a 15-year old who is in violation of the CVC, they will generally let them know it's an infraction and release them. But if they are a repeat offender, then the Police may impound vehicle. The impoundment lasts 2 days plus there are storage fees to pay, and the offender's parents have to pick up the vehicle.

## **Maidu Neighborhood Association Election and Slate**

At our October meeting, Tuesday the 22nd, we will have our general election of Board members. If you are interested in being a Board member, email us at the address of at the bottom of the first page. If you want to know more about being a Board member, come to one of our meetings, or call a Board member listed on the first page and ask about it.

During the Board election, any one living within the boundaries of the Neighborhood Association is allowed to vote. Once the vote is finalized, the Board members will appoint the Board officers and other positions. The Board members transact the business of the Association throughout the rest of the year.

This year, the following current Board members have agreed to run for re-election (listed in last-name alphabetical order):

- Moody Boulos
- Lance Hibben
- Scott Reid
- Melinda Shrader
- Mary Steele

## **What's Up in Placer County Regarding Homelessness?**

Join us Tuesday, September 24th (see box at bottom of front page for details) for a talk by Placer County Supervisor Bonnie Gore on a topic she has explored in-depth, homelessness in our county. She just finished holding a “High Need Homeless Supply Drive” at the beginning of this month, and has worked with local organizations to find a way to reduce the number of homeless in the county. She believes in “compassion with accountability” in that she supports local programs that offer help, but wants individuals on the receiving end to be responsible for what they do.

In February, the Board of Supervisors came out against Proposition 1 which also addresses homelessness and which passed in March’s election. Come hear Gore’s thoughts on that and other factors affecting how many homeless we see on our streets now and going forward.

Gore’s district is primarily West Roseville. It is generally west of I-80, and extends to the western county line. She was elected Supervisor in June 2018 and took office the following January. Prior to that she was on the Roseville City Council from 2012-2018. She founded the Female Leadership And Mentor Exchange (FLAME) in 2019 to encourage mentor relationships between women in executive level leadership roles and young women attending college or beginning a career. She is currently serving as a trustee for William Jessup University.



Bonnie Gore, Placer County Supervisor, District 1

For more about Gore, see her official Supervisor web site by going to <https://www.placer.ca.gov/>, select “Government” at the top, then from the pop-up menu, select “Board of Supervisors”. From the Board page, select “BOS Districts” at the top, then “District 1—Bonnie Gore”, then “Open the District 1—Bonnie Gore page”.

**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 19th—*Park Clean-up*

### **For More Information**

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