

# MAIDU NEIGHBORS

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October 2024

### Suzanne Jones, Supervisor, Speaking at October 22 Meeting

Placer County Supervisor for District 4 (our district), Suzanne Jones, will be at our Tuesday, October 22nd meeting to answer questions about our county and our district.

One local item she will address is 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. For more details on this development, see the August newsletter for what is planned and why.

On a wider, Roseville/Lincoln/Rocklyn area issue, she will answer questions about the 1/2-cent Sales Tax for Transportation measure B that is appearing on our November ballot (see page 3 for more details).

Jones served as a trustee on the Placer County Board of Education from 2010 to 2020 when she was elected as Supervisor. She also served on the Granite Bay Municipal Advisory Council from 2010 to 2016, and was appointed Commissioner for District 4 on the Placer County Older Adult Advisory Commission from 2014 to 2020. She has a law degree from Lincoln Law School of Sacramento, and is a current member of the California State Bar Association.



### Join October 19th Annual Park and Open Space Clean-up

We've long operated on the theory that if we keep our local open spaces clean, no passer-by is going to think they have permission to just litter indiscriminately. We put that theory into action on Saturday, October 19th when we get out and keep our area clean.

Join us for this Maidu Neighborhood Association free event that includes a lunch for anyone who helps out. At 10 a.m., we'll meet at the pavilion in Maidu Park, next to the basketball courts, choose where we want to go to do clean-up, then fan out to explore and hunt for trash. At noon we return to the pavilion to share lunch, stories, and each other's company. We have an informal contest to see who found the most interesting piece of trash and award small prizes to the winners.

People of all ages are invited to participate! Wear clothing appropriate for exploring the undeveloped parts of the Park and open spaces, and work gloves can be helpful.



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Our next Maidu Board meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 22nd 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.

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## **Supervisor Gore's September Talk on Homelessness**

By Lance Hibben

At the monthly Maidu Neighborhood Association meeting on September 24th, Placer County District 1 Supervisor Bonnie Gore gave a presentation on the present state of Placer County's homeless population, and what the county is doing to meet this challenge.

Overall, Placer County holds the lowest rate of homelessness in northern California. Over the past three years, the county's homeless population is slightly trending downward. In 2022, there were 750 people counted during the January "point-in-time" count. In 2023, that number lowered to 709 and she indicated the number for 2024 was at 702. Slightly less than half (48%) of these 702 people were counted as sheltered while the balance were counted as unsheltered.

The county's current shelter capacity includes 292 emergency beds, 210 interim housing beds, and 231 permanent supportive housing beds. Each of these sheltering options includes a wide range of services that includes short-term rental assistance for transitional housing (includes services to help stabilize people's lives) and ongoing support and services to help people manage serious chronic issues.

Roseville, Rocklin, Lincoln, and nearby unincorporated areas have 52% of Placer County's homeless population. The county purchased the old Hampton Inn in Roseville on North Sunrise and is reconstructing the facility to become the Sun Rose Apartments providing 82 permanent supportive housing units in which residents pay a portion of the costs. In addition, the Placer County Behavior Health Center located near Cirby Way and Highway 80 offers six urgent care beds. The county also has 24/7 Mobile Crisis Teams which can help with mental health and substance abuse situations by calling 888-886-5401. They also have a Homeless Helpline at 833-3PLACER (375-2237).



As a footnote, she told attendees that the City of Roseville spends about \$300,000 per year to cleanup camps within the city's creek beds and other public spaces.

Finally, Supervisor Gore talked about the challenges, principles, and goals of the county's efforts addressing the homelessness issue by describing additional resources and partnerships. For example, the county's Navigation Centers help people address their issues and get them help. County partnerships include local law enforcement, churches, and other non-profit organizations. She stressed one of the county's principles is "compassion with accountability". Supervisor Gore also encouraged attendees to contact her with questions or concerns. Her email address is [supervisorgore@placer.ca.gov](mailto:supervisorgore@placer.ca.gov).

## **Two Neighbors Looking for Support of Their Works**

It has come to our attention that two of our neighbors would like our support:

- **Nicolle Goldman** is looking for follows and likes on her Facebook author page so she can interest a publisher in her book on her hike across Spain on the Camino to Santiago de Compostela trail. She is told she needs 1,000 followers to interest a publisher. She's written a book about the adventure, describing not only the physical journey but the unexpected emotional one. To learn more about her journey, or follow or like her on Facebook, use the QR code at the right.
- **Chuck Kritzon**, who was featured in our May newsletter for his work on stone engraving and teaching about local native culture, will be part of the 2024 Placer Artists Open Studio Tour. He will have his home studio at 1206 Champion Oaks Drive open for folks to stop by and check out his arts and crafts. It runs the weekends of November 8-10 and November 15-17. He will also be offering mini ancestral arts workshops every day of the tour for visitors to participate in, if they choose, to make and take home a unique art project. See Tour info at QR code at right.



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

At our October meeting, Tuesday the 22nd, we will have our general election of Board members. 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 for the remainder of this meeting and throughout the rest of the year.

This year, the following current Board members are up for re-election (listed in last-name alphabetical order):

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

## **Measure B on Fall Ballot—1/2 cent Sales Tax Increase for Transportation**

The November ballot's Measure B is one we've seen before in 2016, but it has changed in one significant way: Fewer Placer residents will have the option to vote on it. It would increase the sales tax in Roseville, Rocklin, and Lincoln by 1/2 cent for the next 30 years to benefit transportation projects in these three cities, so only voters in these cities will be voting on it. Last time, the whole county voted on it even though the likely transportation projects were concentrated in our area. A 2/3 vote is required for it to pass.

Transportation funds come from Federal and State taxes, but they all require matching funds from the local community before they are forthcoming. Placer County has never funded the local part of that formula, so it has lost out on applying for Federal and State funding matches. This measure would build that fund. So the big argument for it is that it pulls more tax dollars from the Federal and State governments back to Roseville, Rocklin, and Lincoln for local transportation projects. The sales tax funds will be multiplied with those additional funds.

The main argument against, as one would expect, is that it will hit us all in the pocket when we buy things locally. Those against it argue existing tax funds should be used for transportation projects before raising taxes.

The Placer County Transportation Planning Agency recommends spending transportation money, regardless as to the source, on the following projects in this priority order:

- Widening State Route 65 to at least three lanes, with up to five lanes in each direction, between Galleria Boulevard and Twelve Bridges Drive.
- Improving capacity and safety of the Interstate 80 and State Route 65 interchange.
- Widening Baseline Road from Foothills Boulevard to Highway 99.
- Connecting Highways 65 and 99 by building a new thoroughfare called Placer Parkway.
- Improving local roads and routes for bicycles, pedestrians, and transit.

See your Placer County Voter Information Guide for the arguments for and against this measure. Come to our meeting October 22nd to ask Supervisor Suzanne Jones about it if you have questions.

**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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