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Key Info for November & December (Busy Months!)

Note the following activities during this month and next:

- **Santa in the Neighborhood**—Tuesday, **December 10th**—see story below
- **Speaker on neighborhood development**—Tuesday, **Nov. 19th**—below
- **Neighborhood Holiday Decorating Contest**—Due **Dec. 9th**—page 2
- **November Maidu Meeting**—**Nov. 19th**—See box at bottom of this page
- **December**—No Maidu Meeting—there will be a *Maidu Neighbors* newsletter

Santa Rides Through Our Neighborhood on December 10th!

Tuesday evening, December 10th, Santa will visit our neighborhood. If you want to celebrate with other neighbors, we'll be waiting for him at Willard Dietrich Park, next to Sargeant School.

Santa will start at Maidu Park and immediately cross Rocky Ridge into the South Cirby neighborhood starting at 6 p.m., so we will have to be patient while he rides through that neighborhood. Once finished there, he will drive past Oakmont High School and come along South Cirby Way until he turns into our neighborhood at Champion Oaks Drive. He will slowly parade along Champion Oaks until he gets to North Cirby where he turns in the direction of Sargeant School and neighboring **Willard Dietrich Park where we will gather, starting at 6 p.m.**



City's Santa Map

First we'll hear sirens, then we'll see the flashing lights, then, at last, will come Santa and his helpers. Santa usually stops briefly at the Park to wave to everyone, and to accept the Santa letters we will be collecting. You can come to the Park ahead of time and write him a letter (and enjoy a hot drink and a cookie), or you can bring the letter with you. We'll have a mail box they can be put in.

The arrival time, given the rest of the route, is probably between 6:30 and 7 p.m. The **City will post any updates**, such as cancellation due to rain, **by 5 p.m. on the Roseville Parks, Recreation & Events Facebook page**. This year they will have "Live Tracking" of Santa starting at 6 p.m., available with the above QR code.

Speaker at November 19th Maidu Meeting on Development

Have questions about the apartments proposed for the property on the northeast corner of South Cirby and Rocky Ridge? The property's developer will attend our Tuesday, November 19th meeting which starts at 6:30 p.m. at Sargeant School's Multi-Purpose room to answer our questions. The proposal calls for 18 units on two stories with driveways on South Cirby and Rocky Ridge. The City engineering team will be at the meeting to discuss area traffic flow impacts.

Our next Maidu meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 19th at 6:30 p.m.** We do not meet in December. 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.

*The Maidu Neighborhood Association (MNA) is a member of the Roseville Coalition of Neighborhood Associations (RCONA). 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).*

Simple-entry Neighborhood Holiday Decorating 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 Monday, December 9th**. 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 9**.

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

Annual Park Clean-up

By Dave Steele

Our annual litter gathering around the park brought unusual debris to our attention. Two sleeves that you notice around the bottom of the new trees planted a few years ago were discovered laying about. Resembling PVC pipe with a sturdy appearance, they are actually fairly thin and are designed to break away from the young trees as they age. Apparently we'll be gathering these for years. Who knew?

The prize for the most unusual trash was for a car horn. It's anybody's guess how a car horn ends up in the park. Similarly, a car bumper was discovered a few years ago. That's why these annual cleanups are quite like a treasure hunt.

Several families and friends participated in the event on a beautiful fall day and enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by **Jimmy John's**. A big shout out to **Texas Roadhouse** (6309 Sunrise Blvd., Citrus Heights) and **Pieology Pizzeria** (Rocky Ridge Center, Douglas Blvd.) for donated prizes awarded to winners.

Cat Killed by Coyote in Neighborhood

(This story won't be a surprise for anyone who has lived here for a while, but it can be a useful reminder even for those of us who have been around for some time.—Editor)

One morning in August, a neighbor on Larkin Drive noticed an irregular object in her driveway. She stopped to take a look and realized it was a dead cat.

When she had a chance, she looked to see if her doorbell camera had caught what had happened. It had. At 1:54 a.m. she could see the disturbing video of a coyote with the already dead cat.

Are coyotes a threat, or is this a natural behavior? Clearly, in this case, a small pet was killed in someone's front yard, but even so it was late at night in a quiet area, rather than a direct confrontation during the day, so it seems it is both. Still there are steps that can be taken to reduce risk. See the science related site at <https://urbancoyotereseearch.com/coyote-info/how-avoid-conflicts-coyotes> or use the QR code at right.



Living as close as we do to a large park with open spaces stretching along area creeks, it should be expected that we will have wildlife near our homes. Sometimes that's a delight, and sometimes it can threaten our small pets. Just be aware.

Supervisor Jones Talks about Development and Measure B

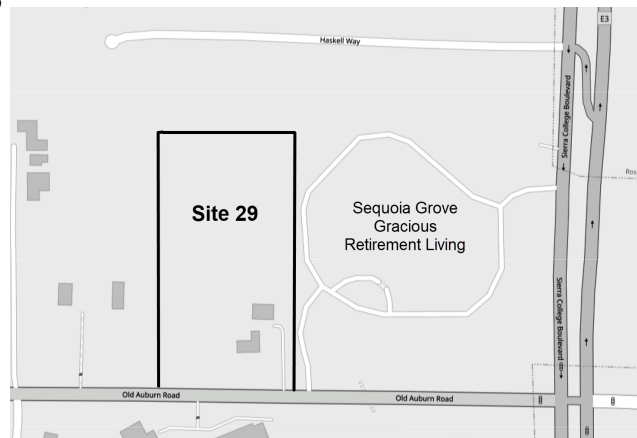
By Lance Hibben

Suzanne Jones, Placer County Supervisor for District 4 representing East Roseville and Granite Bay met with Maidu neighbors at the October 22nd meeting of the Maidu Neighborhood Association (MNA). Supervisor Jones came to the meeting to address two topics: 1) the proposed Placer County project to develop 96 high density affordable homes on 4.8 acres on Old Auburn Boulevard between Sierra College Boulevard and Ridgecrest Way (known as Site 29); and 2) Measure B on the November election ballot. Jones focused most of her time answering questions and addressing issues presented by meeting attendees.

Site 29 is one of thirteen sites in Placer County in which private property owners have agreed to sell or use their land in conjunction with the County's efforts to meet its affordable housing requirements by the State of California. The State requires California jurisdictions to meet affordable housing requirements or risk significant penalties by the State. In May 2024, the Placer County Board of Supervisors voted 3 to 2 to rezone these 13 sites to meet these requirements (Jones voted against the plan).

Although the plan for Site 29 is outside the boundaries of the City of Roseville, Jones encouraged the MNA to work with nearby neighborhoods and the City towards mitigating anticipated increased traffic on Old Auburn Blvd. At this time, there is no known timeframe for when the Site 29 project would begin.

For more information, refer to the August and October 2024 MNA Newsletters on our website at mna.rcona.com; Placer County's website www.placer.ca.gov (search 2021-2029 Housing Element); and contact Supervisor Jones' office at 916-787-8960.



Site 29 on Old Auburn Blvd near Sierra College Blvd

Placer County Measure B is a proposed 30-year half-percent increase for sales taxes in Roseville, Rocklin, Lincoln and unincorporated areas within south Placer County to be used for local transportation projects. Rocklin and Lincoln have among the lowest sales tax rates in the State of California and Roseville is one-half percent higher than its neighbors. If approved by voters on November 5th, the increase in sales tax would become effective April 1, 2025.

By the time this newsletter is distributed, election results will probably already be determined; however, for more information refer to the County of Placer November 5, 2024 Voter Information Guide.

Maidu Neighborhood Association Election Retains Incumbants

Not facing any opposition, the board members up for election were retained in office at our October Association Annual Meeting. Re-elected to a two year term were Moody Boulos, Lance Hibben, Scott Reid, Melinda Shrader, and Mary Steele. All officers were re-appointed for another year.

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 10th—***Santa in the Neighborhood***

For More Information

Go to mna.rcona.com/2024-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

