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Parks & Recreation Coming to February 25th Meeting

You may have seen from our last issue that some people object to the Story Walk that was placed along part of the trail east of the soccer fields in Maidu Park. It isn't the story content that they object to, but the feeling that its placement further diminishes the little "pure nature" we can immerse ourselves in when walking through that part of the park versus the man-made environment we see everywhere else in our neighborhood. They say there is a place for both, but the Story Walk does not fit where it was placed. It should be elsewhere in the Park.

Another point on the placement is that Parks has been marking trails to get pedestrians to walk on the left side of the trail, bicycles and other higher speed traffic on the right. But the Story Walk signs are all placed on the right side in apparent contradiction to this effort since there are more pedestrians than cyclists using these trails.

Now neighbors can express their thoughts on this topic. **The City is sending a representative of the Parks, Recreation and Libraries department to our Tuesday, February 25th meeting at Sargeant School's Multi-Purpose room at 6:30 pm.**

There are other Park-related topics that neighbors have raised when being polled about the Story Walk. These questions may also be addressed at this meeting.

- How many memorial benches and exercise stations are planned for the nature area?
- Why was there no public comment period for the Story Walk?
- Many people expressed displeasure with the soccer fence. One person wondered why such expensive, delicate grass was used that it has to be protected?
- Could we change the area formally used for the batting cages to be pickleball courts?
- What's in the Master Plan for Maidu Park and can we see it?
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One comment that summed up many concerns was that "the City can't seem to leave the nature area alone." The City, for its part, said this.

"...Striking a balance between preserving natural spaces and meeting the diverse needs of our residents is always a challenge.

"The Story Walk initiative was designed to encourage literacy and promote healthy lifestyles by creating an engaging experience along the trail...The community has shared positive feedback about this feature, and it has been well-received as a way to blend recreation with education."

Our next Maidu meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 28th 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 Ridgecrest side.** Join us for a police report and catch up on neighborhood goings-on. Bring any questions or concerns you have for the Parks department representative who will be attending.

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Winners of Our Holiday Decorating Contest

We had many neighbors who made an effort to decorate for the holiday season, not all mentioned here. It was a tough choice to make, but in the end, these are the homes that were awarded a sign for various types of decorations...although we've never quite defined what these mean.

Winners:

- Most Colorful
2109 Van Ness Drive
- Best Light Display
2424 & 2426 Valley Forge Dr.
- Most Festive
1974 Side Saddle Way

And the following are some of the homes we caught sight of where a real effort was made to be festive, colorful, or celebratory, and we thank these folks and everyone else who made our neighborhood bright!



Honorable Mentions (alphabetic by street):

3583 Annabelle Court
1204 Bennington Court
1205 Bennington Court
2204 Bradshaw Avenue
1223 Bunker Hill Way
1306 Champion Oaks Drive
1030 Chippendale Way
1931 Johnson Ranch Dr.
1924 Larkin Drifve
1813 Larkin Drive
2101 Lee Way
2102 McLaren Drive
2224 McLaren Drive
2000 N Cirby Way
2110 N Cirby Way
2214 N. Cirby Way
201 Park Meadow Court
1118 Rockingham
1122 Rockingham
400 Scotts Mill Court
1437 Spring Valley Dr
408 Tyrolean Court
2311 Valley Forge Dr.
1616 Winchester Drive



A Thank You to the City's Environmental Utilities Department



On December 29th, late that Sunday afternoon, neighbors on Jamestown Way noticed there was a significant amount of water coming up out of the ground near their sidewalks and flowing into the street's gutter. They called it in, and the Roseville Environmental Utilities Department responded within the hour with equipment to determine the problem.

They found a break in the water main under the street, and immediately set to work to effect repairs. Unfortunately, it did mean turning off water to neighbors in the area. Fortunately, the crews were very polite, and gave them warning before turning off the water so the neighbors could set some aside in tubs, sinks and buckets. They were very clear about what they would do at each point.

Despite it being between Christmas and New Years, and in spite of some rain, they kept at it. Later that same evening they finished the repairs. Next, neighbors had to flush dirt out of their lines, and the City assisted neighbors as needed.

The second day, they started to finalize their work. This included having a high-tech crew come out to check that restoring the pressure to the lines in the area hadn't caused another leak elsewhere. They checked again with neighbors to be sure everything was working. All was restored to good working order. A couple of weeks later, a crew came out to patch the street's pavement (see photo).

Neighbors were very happy with the way Environmental Utilities handled the entire affair.

On Our Radar

The following items have gotten out attention lately:

- **LOST AND FOUND:** Car Key Found 1/08/2025 in the Spring Valley Dr/East Colonial Pkwy area (with identifying key ring and sticker) 916-747-7535
- **Pizza Place is New Again:** Several years ago, owner Amy retired and sold her *Cool River Pizza* business to family members. They reopened it as a second location of *Campbelli's*, then sold it to a Bay Area chain called *Cenario's*. Well, it has changed hands once more, and is now *Gregory's Pizza*. The Gregorys are a couple, and she used to work for Cool River. Check it out...
- **Spahn Ranch Block Captain Needed:** Spahn Ranch is the set of homes, just a few years old, on the south side of Old Auburn Road near where S. Cirby goes into Citrus Heights. We need someone to deliver to this southern-most tip of our neighborhood. Contact Moody at 916-343-9572 for info.
- **Fires in SoCal:** We join our fellow Californians in dismay over the on-going fires in the LA area as we write this newsletter. In addition to supporting survivors and mourning their losses, we can not help wonder if anything like that could happen here and what we should do to decrease those chances. To that end we will be contacting the Roseville Fire Department to discuss our situation and actions to consider. We'll carry that information in future issues.

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—*Santa in the Neighborhood*

For More Information

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