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Parks and Rec Team Answers Neighbor Questions

At our February 25 meeting a team of four Parks, Recreation and Libraries (PRL) Department members met about 35 neighbors at Sargeant School to answer their questions about Maidu Park. The PRL team members were Director Jill Geller, Manager Jeff Nereson, Planner Tara Gee, and Manager Brian Castelluccio.

Neighbors applauded when Jill announced that their department (*cont. next page*)

What You Get For Your \$10...

Here's a list of benefits if you donate \$10 to join our **2025 Annual Garage Sale**:

If you have a Garage Sale, you get...

...advertising for our big neighborhood sale on Saturday, May 3rd, starting at 8 a.m.

...your home appears on our map which will be available online for download before the Sale.

...the maps are handed out by our volunteers at entrances to our neighborhood on the day of the Sale.

...a kit to help you get started with your garage sale (tips and some supplies).

...eligibility to win one of several prizes offered by neighbor business owners.

...more space in your home post-sale (we hope!).

If you donate, you get...

...eligibility to win one of several prizes offered by neighbor business owners.

And everyone who attends any of our events later in the year will benefit as the funds we raise support our activities like the Pancake Breakfast, National Night Out or our annual Park Clean-up.

It's a true value no matter how you participate! Fill out the form below and attach a check. Remember the April 29th deadline to be included on our map if you plan on having a sale.

2025 Maidu Neighborhood Garage Sale Registration

Name _____ Phone # _____

Street Address _____ E-mail _____

_____ \$10+ enclosed for the **May 3rd 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 29th** to guarantee getting your address listed on the map.

Questions? Send email to [feedback\(at\)maiduna.com](mailto:feedback(at)maiduna.com)

Park Answers *(continued from page 1)*

is trying to decide where to move the Story Board Walk elsewhere in Maidu Park. She noted they didn't know where they would go, or when they would be moved yet. She also told us that the story in the Story Walk is supposed to change about once a quarter.

Neighbors asked about the concrete memorial benches along the nature trail east of the soccer fields. Jill noted there was one more foundation in place for another bench, but that would be the last one, for seven total. One neighbor felt the fact that the benches were paid for by families was flawed and said, "You are rewarding the wealthy who can afford a bench. I can't afford to have a bench."

Another neighbor asked about the four trees in front of the soccer fields' main entrance by the parking lot—she had heard from a Parks employee that they would be cut down. Brian quickly assured her that there were no plans to cut them down. He noted that there is nothing on the ground there but dirt, so they are looking to improve on that.

The availability of the soccer fields was another source of questions. Jill noted that the field improvements were done to make them more attractive to play on, and safer as well (no dips or bare patches). The type of grass used goes dormant in the colder weather which is why the fields are closed during that time, i.e., so they are not torn-up. Brian noted that on other fields, as the grass grew over several seasons, it recovered from its dormant state and filled back in faster each year, so it is possible they will be able to open the fields earlier in the future.

Someone noted that, despite the soccer field closure until March 31st, the Quad-ball players (a spin-off of Quidditch) had been allowed to play on the field in early February. Jeff, as the program director, said he had been nervous about letting those games to go forward because of the potential for damage, but he said allowing them to use it generated enough good will with the Quad ball league that they will be scheduling a much larger tournament here in Roseville next year. However, it will not take place at Maidu Park, but at the new Roseville Soccer Complex being completed late this year in west Roseville. Those fields have artificial turf.

Another neighbor asked about insecticide and herbicide spraying in the Park and asked if there could be some warning when it is going to be done. Brian answered that they use a minimal approach, using the lowest levels of effective chemicals. Nonetheless, he said they would look into how they might provide warning to Park users.

One neighbor wanted to know why have people walk on the left. Jill said the idea is that you are walking "against" the higher speed traffic so you can be more aware and avoid potential injury.
[Editor's Comment: It was probably also easier to get walkers to move left since bicycles are legally supposed to ride on the right on streets. Much more on this topic on the internet...]

Why did the City stop renting out the batting cages? Demand for them declined over time as costs to maintain the equipment increased. So PRL decided to stop using them at both this location and another location on the west side of the City. An informal, on the spot poll of attendees found that folks were 14-4 in favor of converting the batting cages area into a pickleball court.

Will the sixth soccerfield, shown on the Park's master plan document, ever be built? Tara answered that, like other items on the master plan, this would have public review before being done. She noted that there is no funding for that field to be built, so it is unlikely to happen any time soon, if at all.

Neighbors were pleased that the Parks staff showed up for the meeting and were so frank about answering our questions. Jill, Brian, Tara and Jeff were applauded at the end their presentation.

Our next Maidu meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 25th 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.

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

The Garden Faire is Back on April 5!

The Master Gardeners of Placer County join again with the sponsors, The City of Roseville Utility Exploration Center and the Arts Council of Placer County, to provide a delightful day that is all about gardening - including art, information, vendors, plants, door prizes and fun! This event will be held on **Saturday, April 5, 2025 from 9:00 am- 3:00 pm at the Maidu Community Center**, 1550 Maidu Drive in Roseville. This event is free and will include activities for the whole family!

Highlights of the day will include a Kids' Kraft Corner, and scavenger hunt that is all about butterflies! Two excellent keynote speakers will also be presenting: Marlene Simon, also known as "the Plant Lady" will be busting garden myths while Linda Higgins of Placer County Water Agency will talk about waterwise plants and rebates.

There will be two hands-on workshops too! Justin Black, a Water Conservation Specialist for the City of Roseville will focus on types of local soils, water infiltration rates and ribbon testing. And Master Gardener Julie Barber will lead the second workshop, the final title of which is under construction!

Rain or shine it's going to be a fun day and we hope to see you there!

Spring cleanup event Volunteers needed

By Jim Kidd

Roseville residents can take advantage of any of the City's four Spring Clean-up events to drop off household junk for free. The City counts on our parent organization, RCONA, to supply volunteers to help with the effort. Maybe you can help?

Spring Clean-up days are scheduled on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the following locations:

- April 12: Saugstad Park, 100 Buljan Drive
- April 26: Bridgeway Church, 8150 Industrial Avenue (near Roseville DMV)
- May 17: St John's Church, 2351 Pleasant Grove Blvd
- May 31: Bridgeway Church, 8150 Industrial Avenue

The volunteer shifts are:

- 7:30-10AM
- 10AM-12:30PM
- 12:30-3PM

You can sign up for more than one shift.

What do volunteers do:

- 7:30am shift helps set up needed equipment (event starts at 8am).
- Check IDs. This event is for Roseville residents only.
- Direct cars to available bins for dumping.
- Assist residents by helping them unload their junk into bins.
- 12:30-3pm shift tears down equipment and cleans area.

Breakfast Danish and drinks will be provided for early shift. Lunch (Sandwiches & Chips) will be provided for the 2nd and 3rd shifts. Water will be available all day.

To volunteer, use the QR code above, or go to our main web page at mna.rcona.com.



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.

- May 3rd—*Neighborhood Garage Sale*
- August—*National Night Out*
- October—*Park Clean-up*
- December—*Santa in the Neighborhood*

For More Information

Go to mna.rcona.com/2025-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 as needed.

