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Speaker at January Meeting on City's Pro-housing Status

By Lance Hibben

Lauren Hocker, Senior Planner in the City of Roseville Development Services Department, Planning Division plans to attend the MNA January meeting to present information about the State's Pro-housing program, the City's role in it, and answer questions from neighbors.

The "Pro-housing" (Prohousing) Designation Program is a state program created in 2021 that provides incentives to jurisdictions (like Roseville) for policies and programs that support housing production. Roseville was one of the first ten jurisdictions in California to receive Prohousing Designation in 2022, which was set to expire at the end of 2025.



The City reapplied for the designation because it includes the following benefits:

- Additional points on applications for various competitive state grants, including grants for improvements to water lines, sewer lines, and other infrastructure;
- Points for transit funding; traffic congestion reduction and safety improvement projects;
- Additional points for affordable housing developers on their grant applications for funding.

The City's application to renew the Prohousing Designation is complete and available for review on the city's website.

The Prohousing Designation gives the City credit for programs and policies Roseville already has in place, ensuring the City remains competitive when seeking grant funding for community improvements. Roseville has received over \$1 million in grant funding because of its Prohousing Designation.

Update on Local Multi-use Trail Through Neighborhood

A second speaker at our January meeting will be giving us an update on the multi-use trail that will go through our neighborhood along Linda Creek from where it passes under Rocky Ridge, goes under Champion Oaks, and leaves the neighborhood beyond the Auburn Road underpass.

Join us at the meeting at Sargeant School (see box below) on Tuesday, January 27th to hear more about this trail.

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Our next Maidu meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 27th at 6:30 p.m.** During the school year, except December, 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.

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Holiday Decorating Contest Winners & Honorable Mentions Listt

Our 2025 Holiday Decorating Contest is in the history books. We hope you got a chance to cruise the neighborhood and see all the great decorating neighbors did. And thanks to all of you who shared your decorating skills!

Here's our judge's list of winners and honorable mentions.

Winners:

- 2424 & 2426 Valley Forge Way – Hall of Fame (year after year – best display(s))
- 1437 Spring Vally Drive – Most Whimsical
- 1901 Branding Iron Way – Most Traditional
- 2311 Valley Forge Way - Most Elegant

Honorable Mentions:

- 106 Cloverdale Ct – reindeer/snowman with lights all the way to the top of the two story home
- 1317 Ridgecrest Way
- 2109 Van Ness Drive – loads of lights, train
- 1925 Larkin Drive - Gift/Present Arch and angels
- 1813 Larkin Drive – flashing lights with reindeer
- 2405 Valley Forge Way – Happy snowmen
- 2422 Valley Forge Way
- 2302 Fernwood Ct – Manger Scene
- 1521 Spring Valley Drive – Flashing Christmas tree lights, Santa Crawling up column
- 1427 Spring Valley Drive – Christmas Grinchy
- 1405 Spring Valley Drive – tallest snowman
- 1407 Spring Valley Drive – candy cane lane
- 101 Bass Ct – Star Wars
- 1118 Rockingham Drive – see it from an airplane
- 1929 Johnson Ranch Drive
- 1223 Bunker Hill Dr – fun inflatables
- 2214 N. Cirby Way
- 1205 Bennington Ct – love the light colors w/polar bears
- 408 Tyrolean Ct – roof top lights/gingerbread house
- 1612 Winchester Way – trees, candy canes, present lights
- 1002 Chippendale Way – Angels and reindeer
- 1011 Chippendale Way
- 400 Scots Mill Ct – Santa in the window, wreaths
- 2321 Thistle Down Drive
- 1310 Meadowvista Way – penguin igloo



A big shout-out and thanks to Melinda Shrader for sponsoring the contest.

Fear of Missing Out?

By Connie Arkus

Get the latest news on Roseville happenings by subscribing for free to any of the city's 17 e-newsletters and notifications.

Did you miss out on some holiday events in downtown Roseville? That won't happen again when you sign up for the *City of Roseville News*.

Concerned about crime in the 'hood? The January issue of *9-1-1 Public Safety Newsletter* provides a link to the city's Crime Log and Crime Map, along with tips on improving home and personal safety.

Want to know about upcoming library programs and speakers? Sign up for notifications from the *Library & Maidu Museum News & Events*.

Traffic alerts, business news and more are available. Google "City of Roseville newsletters" for a complete list.

We're Not in Chicago Anymore

By *Connie Arkus & Dan VanTassel*

Dan and I moved from the Chicago suburbs to Roseville in October 2024. We live across from Maidu in my late brother's (Larry) house. We started a list about the differences between life here and in the Midwest. I recently updated it. Here are a few highlights:

- Sun from April through October. 😊
- Rain from November through March/April. 😞
- Year 'round flowers and roses!
- Italian cypress, palm and sequoia trees everywhere.
- Polite and generous drivers who actually let you change lanes when you signal!
- U-turns permitted at intersections. What a concept!
- Ridiculously detailed written driver's test that Connie has yet to pass. (Update: I did pass it on my second attempt, alley-speed limit notwithstanding.)
- Quiet neighborhoods. No sounds of planes, trains, trucks, construction, sirens, children screeching or even playing!
- Frequent winding roads and boulevards, often providing views of ravines and hillside homes and glimpses of mountains, some snow covered.
- Weather-related warnings: minor earthquakes, tsunami alerts, small tornados, wind gusts to 85 mph, torrential rain, atmospheric river events and forecasts of 8-12 feet of snow in the Sierra, only 90 minutes from Roseville.
- Auto malls (!), all hidden from view by tasteful hardscaping and landscaping.
- Roads and freeways free of billboards and commercial signs.
- Streets and roads without trash and litter.
- No black spots from discarded gum covering parking lots.
- Whole communities—residential and commercial—with stylish, nearly uniform architectural styles and subdued earth colors.
- Especially friendly and welcoming servers and store clerks.
- Many shoppers showing body language and facial expressions that suggest happiness (but not at Christmas).
- Doors happily held open for others.
- Industrial sites disguised by attractive walls and shrubbery.

Salmon Returning to Linda Creek

On Nov. 15, 2025, 9 to 12 Chinook salmon were spotted in Linda Creek, behind Eich Middle school. This is exciting because it could mark the second year of a comeback for the fish, according to Sean O'Brien, Dry Creek Conservancy. He said that 56 have been seen across the Dry Creek watershed.

At its peak, nearly 2000 salmon were found in Dry Creek, O'Brien said. After that, the number dropped to close to zero. In 2024, 208 were spotted, "the best count in 10 years." (There are no salmon in Cirby Creek.) O'Brien explained that salmon travel an arduous 125 miles from the Pacific Ocean to reproduce in local creeks.

The conservancy has two roles: creek cleanups and salmon surveys. Cleanups are held throughout the year, and the first official salmon survey took place November 29. www.Drycreekconservancy.org

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

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