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E-Bikes, E-Scooters & E-Motorcycles City-wide Concern

When the Roseville Police Chief, Troy Bergstrom, made a presentation to the City Council on February 4th, he made it clear that the number one issue he hears about from residents is in regard to electric scooters, bikes, and motorcycles, and especially about young drivers of those vehicles. During the last year, it is one of the top concerns neighbors have expressed at our meetings. Why is this such an issue, and what is being done about it?

In this issue we address these concerns three ways:

1. We have information on the legal aspects of operating e-vehicles.
2. Perhaps more importantly, we have an overview of how our kids, our parents, and other adults are interacting—and how we can keep everyone safe.
3. We have a link to a presentation Roseville Police made to the City Council.

Save the Date—May 2nd—Neighborhood Garage Sale

By Dave Steele

Egads! Has it already been a year since our last sale? Yes. And several new neighbors have decided to call this their new home. Think of it...they haven't ever seen the fantastic items you're planning to display on Saturday, May 2nd. They've cleaned out their previous homes during the move and now have available space for your prized possessions!

Rules of engagement:

- \$10 fee (Unchanged for at least 20 years) which goes entirely towards supporting MNA events. See the form, below, to register.
- Advertising will be furnished by the Maidu Association in multiple sites as well as online.
- A garage sale kit sponsored by local realtor, Melinda Shrader, will be given to each participant which includes colored dots for pricing, maps of participants of the sale, and hints for better outcomes.
- Colored, filled helium balloons will be available for pickup at Willard Dietrich Park behind Sargeant School beginning at 7:00 am to make your sale site more visible.
- Raffle prize drawings for all participants.

Save the date: Saturday May 2nd, rain or shine.

2026 Maidu Neighborhood Garage Sale Registration

Name _____ Phone # _____

Street Address _____ E-mail _____

_____ \$10+ enclosed for the **May 2nd 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 28th** to guarantee getting your address listed on the map.

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

E-Bikes and Neighborhood Safety: A Community Reminder

By Melinda Shrader

As e-bikes become more popular with kids in our neighborhood, we're seeing some behaviors and situations that raise real safety concerns. These aren't the bicycles many of us grew up with - they're faster, heavier, and can accelerate quickly, which changes the risks for everyone involved. A little awareness on all sides can go a long way toward preventing accidents.

Some kids are:

- Testing their new-found freedom in ways that can be unsafe and unpredictable for drivers, pedestrians, and other riders.
- Unaware of many road rules, right-of-way expectations, and visibility limitations that drivers face.
- Not realizing that drivers can't always see them - especially when they appear suddenly, ride fast, or make impulsive decisions.
- Not fully understanding the concerns adults have or the dangers they may not yet recognize.
- Riding in groups, where peer influence and "pack mentality" can override the good judgment, they might show on their own.

Some adults are:

- Reacting in ways that may unintentionally increase the danger - for example, pursuing kids in a much larger, heavier vehicle when kids make a mistake.
- Startling or scaring kids, which can cause them to flee at high speed or make sudden, unsafe decisions.

Some parents are:

- Purchasing e-bikes or e-vehicles without realizing how different they are from traditional bikes in speed, weight, and handling.
- Upgrading their child's ride without understanding the technical, safety, or legal implications.
- Not always ensuring their kids are properly trained, knowledgeable, or equipped to handle the power and responsibility of these vehicles.

Why This Matters

A moment of misjudgment - from a child or an adult - can have serious consequences when high-speed, motor-assisted bikes are involved. As a community, we all share the responsibility of keeping our streets safe. A little patience, communication, and awareness can help protect our kids while still allowing them to enjoy the independence these bikes offer.

AARP Tax Help Program in Progress at Maidu Community Center

The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program offers free, in-person and virtual tax preparation focused on seniors (50+) and low-to-moderate income individuals from Feb 1 to April 15, 2026. IRS-certified volunteers provide this service, which is not restricted to AARP members. Options include in-person, drop-off, and online, with services focusing on maximizing credits.

- Locally, volunteers are meeting tax payers in person at the Maidu Community Center. But in order to get an appointment to this service, you need to first call 1-888-227-7669.
- If you made less than \$89,000 dollars adjusted gross income last year, and you want an online option you can request help from a volunteer counselor to coach you through the process using your own computer while screen-sharing. See <https://taxaide.aarpfoundation.org/>
- To get the drop-off option, you'll have to go further afield—to Lincoln. To find all locations and services, you can search at <https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp-taxaide/locations/>

Our next Maidu meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 24th 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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Some E-Vehicle “Rules of the Road”

By Lance Hibben

Riders (of all ages) and parents of minors who ride must know and comply with the laws or risk complaints, altercations, citations, costly impoundment, civil liabilities (for property damage), injury, and possible death due to accidents. Responsibilities don’t end with riders and parents. Motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists also need to be watchful by following rules and laws and be considerate of others including riders on e-bikes, e-scooters, and e-motorcycles. Use the following advice at your risk.

A major caveat is **off-road e-motorcycles are illegal in ALL Roseville trails, roadways, and public spaces like parks or greenspace.** Effective January 1, 2026 new state laws went into effect such as California Vehicle Code (CVC) Section 436.1. Roseville Police plan to continue to emphasize this restriction and impound e-motorcycles of this description on any street or in a public space.

Another clear law is **riders MUST have a valid Driver License (or Learner’s Permit) to use an e-scooter. E-scooters cannot be used on roadways or sidewalks and are restricted to bike lanes or bike paths/trails.** Roseville Police will continue to impound e-scooters for these and other violations (Reference CVC 21212, 21229, 21230 21235).

The laws concerning e-bikes (class 1, 2, and 3) are a bit more confusing and challenging to enforce. **E-bike (class 3) requires riders to be a minimum sixteen years old, wear a helmet, and cannot be used on sidewalks or bike paths/trails.**

Riders and parents must know the laws. Ignorance of the laws will not excuse enforcement or prevent accidents, damages, or injuries. More changes to state laws are currently in the legislative process. If everyone shows patience and kindness, it will go a long way in helping keep Roseville and Maidu neighborhood a great place to live. The Roseville Police may be at our next meeting if you have questions on this topic.

Roseville Police E-Scooter, E-Bike, and E-Motorcycle Presentation

On February 4, 2026, Roseville Police provided an informational status update at the Roseville City Council meeting. This presentation outlines the legal distinctions and safety concerns regarding electric scooters, e-bikes, and e-motorcycles. The 35-minute presentation and the Council’s feedback can be viewed online at link (or use QR code). The presentation starts at 40:50:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/x0KD478hGQ?si=WT2OJySWHbWWzWkf&t=2450>

Police Chief Troy Bergstrom described a significant rise in community complaints and collisions, particularly those involving unlicensed juveniles operating high-speed devices.



The briefing clarifies that while e-bikes are categorized into three classes with specific age and speed restrictions, e-motorcycles strictly for off-road use remain illegal on all city streets and paths. Because California state law limits the city's ability to pass local ordinances, the department is currently advocating for legislative reforms to simplify the vehicle code. Ultimately, the Chief emphasized that parental responsibility and education are the most immediate tools for ensuring child safety and improving public behavior on the roadways.

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 2nd—*Neighborhood Garage Sale*
- August—*National Night Out*
- October—*Park Clean-up*
- December—*Santa in the Neighborhood*

For More Information

Go to mna.rcona.com. 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.

