

FROM THE FIELDS



LOS OLIVOS-RIKER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



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Greetings Neighbors!

It is so hard to imagine that for more than 10 years we have had one of the safest neighborhoods in our city thanks in part to our efforts organizing the Los Olivos-Riker Neighborhood Association. We were established because there was a sudden increase in petty theft and crimes in our little corner of Salinas. We were able to network neighbors and develop a closer relationship with our police and fire professionals. Within a year or two, both non-violent and violent crimes dropped by double digits and continued year after year. The silver lining to our efforts was the fact that we were able to develop lasting friendships. We organized events and celebrations and before we knew it, neighbors from other parts of Salinas joined our efforts. This resulted in other neighborhood associations being established. Before we knew it, our city was safer overall. Today we celebrate a cleaner and safer Los Olivos - Riker Neighborhood. We realize that there are new neighbors that have joined us since we first started and I hope this fun newsletter gives you a sense of how much we appreciate where we live. We also hope that this newsletter serves as an invitation to get involved. If nothing else, we recommend that you take the time to send in a membership form. We also hope to see you participate in one of our many annual events including Home decorating competitions, our (Summer) garden of the year competition & annual neighborhood yard sale. We can't leave out the annual pizza throw down or national night out event. We hope you enjoy the newsletter and we look forward to connecting soon.

Sincerely,

LORNA Leadership Team 2023

(David, Kevin, Dana, Ashley, Monica, Glenys, Don, Ursula Steve, & Stuart Li)





Los Olivos - Riker Neighborhood

NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE

It is with great excitement that we will be hosting our neighborhood - wide yard sale again this year. We are inviting neighbors to plan to host a yard sale or garage sale at their home on June 24th. We recommend getting a garage sale permit and will host a "LORNA POP-UP" at the corner of Riker and Coleridge with donuts, coffee, waters and other goodies. If you have any questions regarding the event, please contact Steve McShane at (831) 970-4141 or steve@mcshaneslandscape.com

SATURDAY JUNE 24TH, 2023
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM



Wood Fired Pizza Oven Throw Down

McShane Home

20 Dickens Cir, Salinas, CA 93901

SUNDAY JULY 30, 2023
3:30 PM- 7:00 PM



National Night Out Mixer

Dickens Circle, Salinas CA 93901

TUESDAY AUGUST 1, 2023
5:00-7:00PM





LORNA ❤️ 's Trees

BY: DANA BARNEBEY, The Tree Lady

Back in 2016, I learned about a program the City had started to get more trees planted in Salinas. As a big fan of trees and the many benefits they have, I immediately got engaged and become point person for LORNA to help organize the program for our neighborhood. Since that time, about 200 trees have been planted in LORNA and every time I see them it fills me with joy and pride knowing I'm playing a small part in adding to the beauty of our neighborhood.



Its been fun meeting neighbors as I knock on doors to see if there might be interest for a new tree. I would like to thank everyone who has had a tree planted and are taking good care of them. They need extra TLC, especially when they're young. As a reminder, keep all grass/weeds away from the trunk - they suck up the water; water needed for the tree roots



to grow deep and strong. When we're without rain, please water 2-3x a week with a hose on low flow. Again, this allows the water to soak deep so the roots will follow.



Trees add beauty and charm to our neighborhood, increase our property values and are good for the environment. That's a "Tree Trifecta" for sure.

Riddle Me This?

I am something that has bark

Although I am not a dog



When somebody cuts me down



I might end up as a log

What am I?

March 2023



Favorite Local Hikes Review

BY: DAVID J. R. MACK

Our neighborhood allows views across the fertile fields to some amazing scenery. It is one of many factors that attract residents to this neighborhood. But what many people may not realize that the scenery is some of the most beautiful hiking trails in Monterey County. One spot in particular is Creekside Terrance Trailhead, located just off Portola Drive in the Toro Park area.

Creekside serves as the northern gateway to a vast outlay of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Fort Ord National Monument lands. Offering two large parking areas (one paved and one gravel), Creekside has become popular to hikers, walkers, mountain bikers and the occasional horse rider.

Creekside offers hiking trails for every level of outdoor enthusiast. You can walk along the paved road (Creekside Terrance Road) or the many unpaved roads (Engineer Road, Engineer Canyon Road, Oil Well Road, and Jacks Road) plus numerous unnamed trails that zig zag throughout the area. The views back to Salinas and LORNA neighborhood provide a perspective that few get to experience.

Background

A rich history, diverse habitat and bountiful recreation opportunities await you at the Fort Ord National Monument. A coastal gem with

more than 86 miles of trails provides opportunities to hike, bike or ride your horse through rolling hills, pockets of chaparral and oak woodlands. You will see a huge diversity of plant life and animals in habitats that include stream-side corridors, grasslands, maritime chaparral, oak woodlands and seasonal pools.

Fort Ord is also cherished for its link to the heroism and dedication of men and women who served our nation and fought in the major conflicts of the 20th century. This area remains undeveloped thanks to its role as a U.S. Army facility from 1917-1994. During the Vietnam War, it served as a leading training center and deployment staging ground. As many as 1.5 million American troops trained at Fort Ord.



Hours and Access

Creekside Terrance Trailhead is just off Highway 68 near the intersection of Reservation Road and Portola Road; and is open 30 mins before sunrise to 30 mins after sunset daily, year-round.

Resources

The BLM Website can be access here: <https://www.blm.gov/programs/national-conservation-lands/california/fort-ord-national-monument>

A downloadable trail map can be found here: https://www.blm.gov/sites/blm.gov/files/docs/2022-05/Fort_Ord_2022_508.pdf



March 2023



Potholes & Street Updates

BY: SALINAS CITY COUNCILMAN STEVE MCSHANE



Salinas is suffering from aging infrastructure more than ever and I'm going to die trying to address it. The good news is that the City of Salinas is

funding streets, sidewalk replacement and pothole repair at nearly three times in the current year than we have in any of the last ten years. The bad news is that we need 40 times what we're spending to address what is documented.

At a recent goal setting session of the City Council streets and sidewalks ranked in the top three concerns along side housing / homelessness and public safety. You might be asking yourself if you can help? The quick answer is "Yes!."

While our public works professionals studies and ranks streets and sidewalks, they cannot get to everything. The truth is that the more residents report problems, the more likely they will get addressed. The easiest way is through our app called Salinas Connect available in both the Android and iPhone marketplaces. I launched the app 8 years ago

and it helps document more than 10,000 constituent issues annually. For those that do not have smart phones you can use your desktop computer and report issues at www.cityofsalinas.org.



You can also call the City Manager's Office at (831) 758-7201 or stop by City Hall. I think we all get the message that a strong City depends on engaged residents. As always, I invite your feedback.

If you every have a question about a City matter, please email or call me at steve@mcshaneslandscape.com or (831) 970-4141.



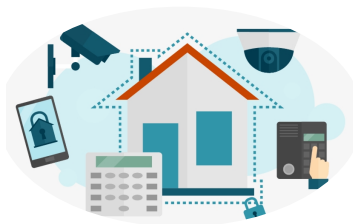


Safety Tips

BY: KEVIN LOW

I am thankful that we live in such a beautiful, safe neighborhood! We can all do our part to keep it that way. Be the eyes and ears of the Salinas Police Department. If you see something suspicious, call the Salinas Police non-emergency number at 758-7321. Call 911 if there is an emergency or a crime in progress. Make sure that you are safe before being a good witness. Trust your instincts and always be aware of your environment.

Also make yourself as small of a target as possible. If a bad guy is up to no good, they are going to avoid being seen by avoiding cameras or well lit areas. They are going to choose the easiest payoff by checking door handles to see if they are unlocked. If they must break in, they are going to look inside a home or vehicle to see what treasures are visible to see if it's worth the risk to break into.



HOME SAFETY

Lock all your doors and windows
Make sure valuable items cannot be seen from the outside
Light dark areas around your home

Security cameras can be a deterrent
Bring delivered packages inside as soon as possible
If that's not possible, ask a neighbor to take it to their home, install a package lock box, or have packages delivered to your workplace



VEHICLE SAFETY

Park your vehicle in your garage (you can clean your garage and sell things at the LORNA Mega Yard Sale in June!)
If you must park outside, park in a well lit area
Lock all your doors and windows
Make sure items cannot be seen from the outside
If you must leave items in your vehicle, store them in your trunk or glove box



PERSONAL SAFETY

Be aware of your environment
Constantly be looking around you and not on your phone
Know where all the exits are in places that you go to frequently
Stay in well lit areas
Ask security to walk you to and from your vehicle
Have your keys ready when entering your vehicle or home

This is how we do it on the south side!



Pet Reminders

BY: Glenys Rodeback

“Stop and Smell the Roses”

Dogs understand their world through their incredible noses, so be sure to let them take some time to stop and smell a tree, a bush, a fire hydrant or a rose. That’s how they understand who’s been there. With a single sniff, dog noses interpret an entire story without words. Instead of rushing them to keep walking, allow them to find out the headlines in the latest newspaper!!



When in a new area, a dog can sniff a tree and determine what other dogs live in the neighborhood. They can smell a visitor’s pant-leg and get a good impression of where the person lives and whether he has pets at home. Dogs also have a great homing instinct that depends on their ability to smell. Since dogs move their nostrils independently, they can

determine the direction of an odor and use their sense of smell like a compass.

Leading veterinarians and pet behaviorists encourage people to take their dogs on a “sniff walk” (also known as a “scent walk”). That’s a walk where the dog has the power to decide how long to stay in a certain spot. This is a great mental exercise for your dog to help keep them happy pups.



You can follow their cues while they keep their ears forward and nose to the ground following a scent. You can even teach them a verbal cue like “go sniff” that will help them know the difference between a sniff walk and one where you want to keep moving. Have fun with your dog on your walks and happy sniffing!!





Restaurant Review

BY: Glenys Rodeback

Mangia—Eat On Main is at 328 Main St. in Oldtown Salinas. # (831) 256 - 2170

“Everything's better when it's made right,” states Anna Altomare, who co-owns the restaurant with her husband and chef, Nuccio. Mangia opened up in November 2021 and its already made a name for themselves.

Anna and Nuccio put together old family classic recipes from mothers and grandmothers, aunts and cousins to form the core of their menu. "Serving fresh, local, and seasonal Southern Italian dishes with a California flair." Anna is familiar with serving amazing Italian food as she grew up in the restaurant world. Her family, the Bozzo Family from Cosenza, Italy, has owned and operated Gino's family Restaurant Group with well-known locations like Gino's (founded in 1975), Angelinas and the Bagel Corner to name a few. Anna & Nuccio share their families same dreams and have already made a name for themselves.



The restaurant is beautifully decorated and the tables have white linens & fresh flowers. There are delicious specials every night - I suggest you bring your appetite. On my night of review, my choices were the Caprese Salad and the Rigatoni Bolognese - both perfectly prepared and amazing. When you head out to try Mangia in downtown Salinas, don't forget to save room for dessert - the homemade cannoli is out of this world!!



Hours:

Sunday	Closed
Monday	4:30–8:30 PM
Tuesday	4:30–8:30 PM
Wednesday	11:30 AM–2 PM, 4:30–8:30 PM
Thursday	11:30 AM–2 PM, 4:30–8:30 PM
Friday	11:30 AM–2 PM, 4:30–8:30 PM
Saturday	4:30–8:30 PM

Reservations only for parties of 6 or more.





Salinas P.D Safety Corner: Tips from our local police department

Tips to keep yourself and your home safe:

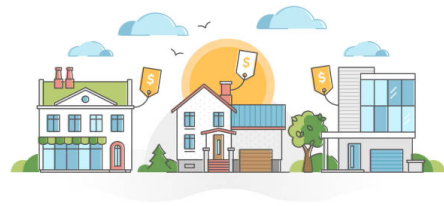
1. Know your neighbors
2. More lights around your home to light up dark walkways
3. Have a safety plan for your family and pets
4. Secure your property
5. Download the Salinas Connect app where you can report suspicious activity and keep connected:



If you do not use a smart phone, you can also contact non-emergency at 831-758-7285

To file an anonymous crime tip call 831-775-4222

Salinas Police Department is hiring- you can apply online at www.salinaspd.org/joinspd/



Market Update

BY: ASHLEY GOLDBECK

November 2022 – January 2023 | Keeping LORNA Current

Are you interested in knowing what your home is worth in the current market?

Do you have questions about buying or selling?

My name is Ashley, and I am your neighbor, local realtor and your Lorna president.

I am passionate about our Lorna community, and I hope to provide useful and relevant information to all the residents of Lorna. I love our community and our relationships built over the years with each other. Our neighborhood is safe, clean and full of fun activities throughout each year. Together we can make it even better!

I am looking forward to the 2023 year and what we can all bring to our “LORNA” neighborhood!

Ashley Goldbeck

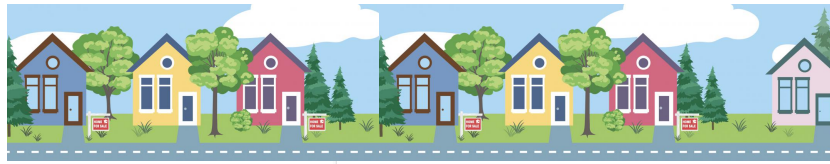
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Continue Market Update



Sold Properties

Address	Beds	Baths	Living ft Sq	List Price	Sold Price	Cost per ft2	Sold Date
331 Amherst Dr	3	4	2,038	\$925,000	\$929,000	\$455	8/19/22
410 Palma Dr	4	2	1,710	\$869,000	\$840,000	\$491	8/29/22
1154 Santa Fe Wy	4	2	1,741	\$789,000	\$825,000	\$473	11/3/22
765 Ambrose Dr	3	2	1,796	\$819,000	\$815,000	\$453	8/11/22
163 Del Mar Dr	3	2	1,873	\$775,000	\$760,000	\$405	11/10/22
918 Junipero Wy	3	2	1,680	\$770,000	\$750,000	\$446	10/21/22
17 Fairfax Cir	3	2	1,632	\$710,000	\$705,000	\$431	1/11/23
1104 Driftwood Pl	4	2	1,840	\$749,000	\$700,000	\$380	1/3/23
846 Riker st	3	2	1,700	\$714,999	\$700,000	\$411	8/17/22
104 Nissen Rd 1	3	2	1,341	\$675,000	\$667,500	\$497	11/22/22
1342 Dickens Dr	3	2	1,305	\$669,000	\$659,000	\$504	9/23/22
1227 Padre Dr	3	2	1,406	\$725,000	\$645,000	\$458	10/19/22
1310 Primavera st 138	2	1	1,137	\$565,000	\$570,000	\$501	8/18/22
518 Capitol St	3	2	1,448	\$549,000	\$569,000	\$392	8/22/22
1310 Primavera St 109	2	2	1,1275	\$565,000	\$555,000	\$435	10/3/22
637 Carmelita Dr 21	2	3	1,341	\$555,000	\$540,000	\$402	8/26/22
1253 Los Olivos Dr 21	2	2	1,275	\$535,000	\$530,000	\$415	1/5/23
191 Chaucer Dr	3	2	1,360	\$499,000	\$525,000	\$386	12/1/22
637 Carmelita Dr 22	2	3	1,397	\$538,000	\$525,000	\$375	8/25/22
1060 Padre Dr 1	2	1	936	\$505,000	\$505,000	\$539	8/2/22
1054 Padre Dr 8	2	1	936	\$488,000	\$483,500	\$516	8/30/22
114 Nissen Rd 2	1	1	900	\$439,900	\$4750,000	\$527	10/14/22
51 Geil St	2	1	845	\$475,000	\$432,600	\$511	9/16/22
411 Church St	2	1	912	\$465,000	\$425,000	\$466	1/26/23
30 W San Joaquin St 6	2	1	972	\$399,999	\$399,999	\$411	12/20/22
Average	2.6	1.9	1,391	\$630,355	\$621,223	\$451	

Here is what has been happening in our neighborhood: Average Listing Price | Average Sales Price
\$652,119 | \$551,000
 (11/22-01/23)

Active Listings

Address	Beds	Baths	Living Ft Sq.	List Price	Cost Per Ft Sq.
636 Santa Monica Wy	3	2	1,726	\$849,900	\$492
571 Ambrose Dr	4	2	1,715	\$775,000	\$451
6 Talbot St	3	2	1,8880	\$749,000	\$398
516 College Dr	4	2	2,022	\$739,000	\$365
1253 Los Olivos Dr 54	3	2	1,536	\$560,000	\$364
Average	3.2	1.8	1,592	\$688,816	\$458

Properties Under Contract

257 Clay St	9	3	3,302	\$900,00	\$272
680 San Leandro Wy	3	2	1,526	\$749,000	\$490
817 Bautista Dr	3	1	1,301	\$675,000	\$518
345 Coleridge Dr	3	2	1,536	\$579,000	\$376
Average	3.2	1.8	1,592	\$688,816	\$458

SALINAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

www.salinaspd.org/joinspd

“Working in partnership with the people of Salinas to enhance the quality of life through the delivery of professional, superior and compassionate police services to the community”

BASE SALARY

\$82,497 to \$110,558 Annually
\$7,188 to \$9,632 Monthly
\$43.54 to \$55.57 Hourly
\$30.93 Academy Attendees/Recruits

QUALIFICATIONS

High school diploma or GED
21 years old at time of appointment
Must be eligible to work in the USA
Valid California Driver's License
PELLET B T-score 48+ / WSTB

POLICE SERVICE OF SALINAS
312 E. Alisal St.
Salinas, CA 93901

BENEFITS

Public Employee Retirement System (PERS)
95% Medical, 100% Dental & Vision
\$1,200 Yearly Uniform allowance
POST Certificate Incentive Pay:
3.5% Intermediate / 3.5% Advanced
5% Bilingual pay
5% Special assignment pay
Longevity Incentive Pay:
3% at 10 Years / 5% at 20 Years
3% Master Officer Incentive Pay
Night Shift Differential Pay
Four hour minimum court appearance pay
12 paid holidays
Rotating 10:40 Schedule

ASSIGNMENTS

Patrol Investigations
Traffic SWAT
K9 Unit Bicycle Patrol
Hostage Negotiation Team
Enduro Motorcycle Unit
Field Training Officers
School Resource Officers
Crime Scene Investigator
Violence Suppression Task Force
Computer Forensics Unit
Homeless Outreach Team

Contact Personnel and Training (831) 758-7120 | Human Resources (831) 758-7254
spdrecruitment@ci.salinass.ca.us



Molly McShane's Favorite Brownies



If there is one thing Molly McShane loves, it's a great home made brownie. This recipe will keep any three year olds in your life asking for more!

Note – this recipe is what I call a “half.” You'll want to double it to make friends at the office.

6 ounces unsweetened baking chocolate – Ghirardelli of course!

1 cup salted butter, softened (I prefer Challenge Butter)

4 large eggs

2 cups granulated sugar

1 tablespoon vanilla extract

1/2 cup all-purpose flour

1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips –Ghirardelli Chocolate Chips!



Preheat oven to 300°F and grease an 8x8 baking pan. Mix the unsweetened chocolate and butter in a double boiler until pieces are almost melted. Remove and keep stirring until its smooth. In another bowl, beat the eggs about 5 minutes. You want 'em fluffy! Add sugar and then vanilla and keep mixing. Finally – add the chocolate mixture until smooth. The flour is the last addition. Pour the mix into a greased pan and use a spatula to even out the goods. The final step is a sprinkling of chocolate chips. You will want to bake your brownies 45-55 minutes. If your oven has a “convection” feature, use it. The batter should be set and a toothpick inserted into the center should come out clean.





Annual Membership Drive

LORNA needs your support

It is hard to believe our Association is already into our 13th year! Thanks to our efforts, we consistently rank among the safest neighborhoods in Salinas to live. We have been incredibly successful achieving our mission promoting quality of life and safety in our neighborhood. We are 100% volunteer run and our activities are not possible without your support. That's why you're receiving this:

Please consider sending your annual donation to your local neighborhood association

Some Successes:

- Quarterly Newsletters facilitating events
- Neighborhood Fair and BBQ with awards for neighbors, businesses & public safety
- Holiday and Neighborhood "Pizza Party" Events, Summer Garden of the Month
- Neighborhood Beautification and Tree Plantings
- Annual Neighborhood Clean-ups & Waste Collection
- Citizens Police Academy and CERT (Emergency) training of our neighborhood leadership
- Video system installation for support of Salinas Police
- Work with the City to improve safety on our streets

Your Membership Renewal donation is appreciated, and as a Thank You, you will receive a new Proud Member yard or window sign. We all look forward to seeing the neighborhood displaying a sense of unity.

Please take the time to donate to LORNA by completing the form below and mailing it to: LORNA c/o Ivy Park 1320 Padre Dr. Salinas CA 93901. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact us at LORNAwatch@gmail.com. Thank you!

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LORNA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Household Membership \$10 \$25 \$50 Other: _____

Business Membership \$50 \$75 \$100 Other: _____

Business / Member(s) Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Would you like to get more involved in LORNA? Please select below:

- Baking for events Join the Board Help with newsletter
- Host coffee / event Volunteer at event Other: _____