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LORNA Remembers Mayor Joe Gunter

BY: STEVE MCSHANE

It is with a heavy heart that LORNA celebrates the life of Salinas Mayor Joe Gunter. Joe lost a battle to cancer on June 29, 2020. Joe Gunter was elected as Mayor of Salinas in November 2012 after serving the Salinas Police Department for decades as an officer and detective. He was the first police officer to ever be elected Mayor of Salinas.

After serving his country in the United States Marine Corps, Joe Gunter returned to Salinas and joined the Police Department in 1969. Joe has always been involved in community events and served six years as Director of Security for the California International Air Show.

As Mayor, Joe has always been supportive of strong neighborhoods. He worked closely with me to gain stronger support for neighborhoods. Together, we helped establish our City's Neighborhood Beautification Grant Program.

Joe is a Past President of the Air Show, having served two years as President. He served on the Board of the Central Coast Federal Credit Union and had been a volunteer for the California Rodeo and Alisal youth sports for over 30 years.

Joe was a servant leader and never asked other to do anything he was not willing to do himself. He will be missed as our beloved Mayor and today LORNA salutes his service to our community and country.

News Flash! Monterey County and City of Salinas Animal Services Have Combined



In an effort to enhance our community's Animal Services, the two shelters located on Hitchcock Road are now working together, under one roof. This will provide enhanced opportunities for the health and well-being of stray and lost animals.

During the activation of emergency operations related to COVID-19, the facility at 160 Hitchcock Road is accessible by appointment only. Please call 831-769-8850 for questions.

The current staff has made an amazing effort in finding Foster Homes for stray and abandoned, adoptable animals. They are asking for more loving homes to volunteer to care for these often forgotten animals. As we enter kitten season, there will be a greater need for fostering abandoned newborns, mom's with babies and the 'tweens'. Please consider becoming a foster parent to care for these precious little creatures. Having done this in the past, I can promise you it will be a heartwarming and joyful experience. Please visit the Monterey County Animal Services website to sign up, www.co.monterey.ca.us. Once on the website, go to Emergency Foster Care to fill out an online foster application.

During this time of social distancing, the shelters are unable to accept drop-off donations. The Monterey County Animal Shelter has set up an [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) Wish List as well as [Chewy.com](https://www.chewy.com) Wish List.

Please consider donating through either website to help make their animals more comfortable, healthy and happy during their stay with them.



A Very Special Thank You

Let's thank our neighborhood grocery workers, CVS workers and our wonderful mail delivery heroes in a very special way. They have all gone above and beyond in their dedication to keep us all stocked with food and essentials and kept us up to date with superior mail delivery.

I hope everyone appreciates the extra efforts put forth in the beginning of this Shelter in Place as we all tried to Super Stock our homes. It was a huge undertaking, keeping the shelves stocked and then set up in-store social distancing and home delivery. It seems overnight our worlds have changed and these awesome workers, many of whom we call friends, have enabled us to get through these unprecedented times with little disruption.

So neighbors, here is our opportunity to say thank you. On Saturday, July 18th, a box will be available at John and Mary Richardson's front porch, 157 Chaucer Drive. We will collect your personal Thank You cards and notes. Please indicate where you would like them delivered by addressing them to Nob Hill, Lucky's, CVS or mail carriers. Even just the two words "Thank You" can mean so much.

Let's show them how much we appreciate all they have done for us.

Leash Reminder

BY: GLENYS RODEBACK

Please use a leash at ALL times when walking your dog, and keep your dog on a tether if in your yard. As well-trained or well-behaved as YOU think your dog is — this is not safe for them or other dogs or people and it is citable by law. We are all stressed and have more anxiety right now so running into you & your dog off leash is the LAST thing we need. Please keep our area safe for walking with our families and dogs.

Bee Kind

These important creatures are an essential polinator of our agricultural area, from the fields surrounding our homes, to our own backyards. They are all around us and go about their business ultimately producing honey. Please treat the beneficial little creatures with respect.



If you see a swarm in our neighborhood please contact **MontereyBayBeekeepers.org** for safe removal. Or call **Meredith Gafill at (831) 238-4364 or (831) 622-2156.**



Neighborhood Yard Sale

BY: STEVE MCSHANE

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions, the neighborhood yard sale and celebration has been postponed to Saturday, June 26th, 2021.

Project Teddy Bear

BY: STEVE MCSHANE

Some of you may have seen the many teddy bears popping up in windows of homes throughout LORNA. This was an exciting project started with neighbors on Primavera and took the neighborhood by storm. My two year old son **LOVED** looking for teddy bears. While on walks, look for the special messages from your neighbors posted in windows and yards. Please be sure to post to our LORNA Facebook page!

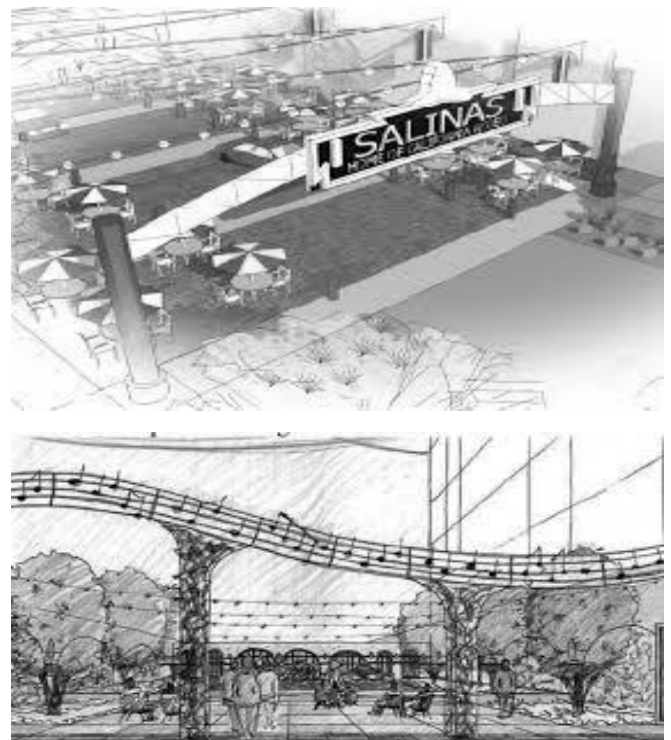
City of Salinas Main Street Master Plan

BY: STEVE MCSHANE

For more than eight (8) years, I have been involved in an effort to champion a serious investment in our Downtown, and I'm proud to say that we've finally begun! The project will take ten (10) months and will include lighting, public art, seating, landscaping and infrastructure upgrades. Some have been disappointed with the tree removal at the start of the project, but new trees are coming! The important thing to note is that trees downtown were not planted correctly, or were not the appropriate variety, and sidewalks and infrastructure was impacted. The new investments will last for generations and signal strong support for a vibrant community.

For more information visit:

www.cityofsalinas.org/main-street-master-plan



Cook Dine Eat

BY: GLENYS RODEBACK

Born and raised in Monterey County and Los Olivos/Riker Area resident for 17 years, Glenys Rodeback would like you to join her on her eating adventures! Everything from cooking at home, Monterey County local favorites to delicious eateries on her travels. Follow her on Instagram: @cook_dine_eat

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My favorites: Cauliflower, avocados, strawberries and kale

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Hours: Tues-Fri 8:30 am - 4 pm

My Suggestion: Breakfast Sandwich and the Cobb Salad

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(831) 578-2536

My Favorite: Baby Back Ribs and Portobello Mushroom Sandwich

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Our Neighbor Recommends: Cupcakes, cookies and macaroons

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www.alvaradostreetbrewery.com/salinas-brewery

1315 Dayton Street, Suite E Salinas, CA
(831) 800-3332

My Favorite: Mai Tai 4 pack \$16



Los Olivos-Riker Neighborhood Association

Garden of the Month

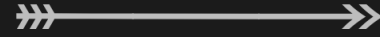
It's that time of the year!

LORNA will again be awarding one neighbor a month for their outstanding efforts in keeping our neighborhood beautiful. The Garden of the Month award includes a colorful yard sign, a personalized certificate and a \$25 gift card to be used as you wish to celebrate.

Please email your nominations to LornaWatch@gmail.com or send to Los Olivos Riker Neighborhood Association, c/o Sunrise Villa, 1320 Padre Drive, Salinas, CA 93901.

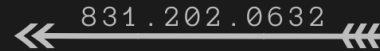


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Annual Membership Drive

LORNA needs your support

It is hard to believe our Association is already into our eighth 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 Villa Serra 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: _____