



# FROM THE FIELDS

*A Newsletter of the Los Olivos-Riker Neighborhood Association*

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## *Citizen Patrol Hits the Streets!*

...details in *Eyes and Ears*



### **LORNA News**

**Announcements, Events, and Reportage from the South Side**

#### **LORNA YARD SALE**

The association's first neighborhood-wide activity, a mega community yard sale and barbecue, has officially been deemed a huge success. The fundraising and community-building event took place June 26<sup>th</sup> and drew hundreds of bargain hunters and fun seekers. Attendees were treated to a barbecue lunch and live music as they browsed among the diverse merchandise being offered by residents.

LORNA memberships and United States flags were hot-selling items, and sellers made contributions to the association treasury, supplying much-needed operating funds to the coffers.

Other highlights included an appearance by the Salinas Fire Department, featuring two trucks and equipment demonstrations. Attendees also took full advantage of a bounce house and face painting, and food was plentiful with excellent side dishes and sinful desserts created by association members and residents.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who contributed their time and positive energy to this wonderful event. Photos and more can be viewed on the LORNA website at [www.lorneighborhood.com](http://www.lorneighborhood.com).

Planning has already begun for next year's epic event that will once again proudly demonstrate *how we do it on the south side*.

#### **PIZZA THROWDOWN**

Dozens of pizzas and copious amounts of beverages were consumed as LORNA President Steve McShane hosted the *Wood Fired Pizza Throwdown and Swim Party* on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Steve supplied the pizza dough and guests provided exotic toppings, sauces, and secret ingredients. Prizes were awarded for Best Overall and Most Creative. The host and guests are looking forward to an encore presentation of this fun social event.

#### **NEIGHBORHOOD FLAG PROJECT**



The *United We Stand* neighborhood flag project, conceived and spearheaded by Mary Richardson, continues to be one of the most popular programs ever presented by LORNA. For \$30, friendly neighbors deliver and install a high quality United States flag and fixture.

The flag is embroidered nylon and comes with care and maintenance instructions.

#### **VERY SPECIAL NEIGHBORS**

*Submitted by Mary Richardson*

Manuel and Lorraine Santa Ana, the newest members of LORNA, are celebrating their 63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary. Manuel and Lorraine are original groundbreaking homeowners in the Chaucer/Riker/Dickens subdivision, and are an inspiration to all with their devotion to each other and the American dream. Their American spirit is regularly on display as Manuel flies the flag on his flagpole. Congratulations and best wishes for happiness and joy, Manuel and Lorraine.

#### **KIPLING STREET FESTIVAL**

A date for the Kipling Street festival has been set. Join other south side neighbors on Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> for this exciting community event. The fun starts at 1:00 pm. Watch for more details coming soon.

#### **LOS OLIVOS – RIKER GATEWAY**

Improving the entrance at Los Olivos and Blanco is the association's first neighborhood improvement project. Volunteers will be using materials provided by LORNA to give the gateway a more dynamic, visually appealing appearance. Look for further announcements for dates and times for this important improvement project.



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## *Eyes and Ears*

### The Watch, the Patrol, the Network

#### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Watch Chair Cynthia Shaffer is pleased to report that crime has clearly been reduced in the neighborhood, thanks to the success and progress of the newly established Los Olivos-Riker Neighborhood Watch (LORNW). Networking of vigilant and observant neighbors via heavy e-mail contact regarding suspicious activity has been responsible for many crimes being avoided.

In addition, communication and cooperation with Eagle-Bison and Monterey Park neighborhood associations are helping to keep criminals from making inroads in the community.

Plans are being finalized for a *Crime Tip* blog to which residents can subscribe via the website. Subscribers will be immediately alerted as soon as anyone posts suspicious activity information.

A community safety awareness training program has been developed by law enforcement experts for residents interested in learning how to detect and deter criminal activities. Visit the LORNA website for details and announcements of future training dates.

LORNA leadership is proud to have participated in National Night Out in Salinas on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. NNO is a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and is designed to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.

#### CITIZEN PATROL

The LORNW Citizen Patrol has hit the streets and is out in full force watching and listening! Look for the vests with the LORNA logo, introduce yourself to the patrollers, and thank them for helping keep the community safe.

The *Guide to Citizen Patrol*, diligently authored by Watch Co-Chair Don Jones, has been completed and published. This comprehensive guide is designed to provide personal safety and guidance for citizens who patrol their neighborhoods. The guide will soon be available for viewing on the website.

Monterey Park's Civilian Patrol sponsors and hosts patrol training. LORNA strongly encourages anyone who wishes to be part of Citizen Patrol to go through the training. The next training session, hosted by Monterey Park, is scheduled for November 6<sup>th</sup>. Visit the LORNA website for details.

#### GRAFFITI ABATEMENT

Effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, the city of Salinas has transferred its graffiti/tagging cleanup function to BFI. During the BFI transition period, LORNA is developing its own graffiti abatement program, details of which will be forthcoming on the association website and in future newsletters.

Call the BFI hotline at **831-751-5493** to report graffiti or tagging.



### *THANKS, KUDOS, PLAUDITS, ACCOLADES*

- ★ Thank you to Melissa Mears for generously contributing her time and energy to printing the newsletter.
- ★ Special thanks to Renae Gerhardstein for her support and Villa Serra for allowing LORNA to meet at that facility.

### *LORNA WEBSITE*



Residents are encouraged to visit the website at [www.lorneighborhood.com](http://www.lorneighborhood.com) for news, event information, Neighborhood Watch updates, helpful links to city services, security resources, and membership information. The site is constantly evolving and expanding, so visit and browse often.