

Larkfield Living

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Hello neighbors!

Welcome to the first issue of Larkfield Living, our new neighborhood quarterly newsletter. The goal of this newsletter is to provide you with information regarding issues impacting our neighborhood, community, and our quality of life. We also want to ensure our neighborhood stays connected so we can all help each other and continue to make Larkfield Estates the premiere neighborhood to live in! We are also using this newsletter to implement our Citizens Organized to Prepare for Emergencies (COPE) program.

Each quarter, we will invite guest columnists to provide updates on issues important to our neighborhood, such as roads, traffic, crime and public utilities. We will also provide updates from the Larkfield Resilience Fund (our community's non-profit organization), Mark West Citizens Advisory Council (our community's planning commission), the Mark West Area Chamber of Commerce, the Mark West Union School District, and other community organizations.

This newsletter is written and edited by volunteers within our neighborhood and funded by sponsors such as the Larkfield Resilience Fund and local businesses. If you are interested in providing content for the newsletter or learning about sponsorship opportunities, please contact us at larkfieldliving@gmail.com



Larkfield Resilience Fund

The Larkfield Resilience Fund (LRF) is a 501c3 non-profit organization with a 7-person Board of Directors comprised of your Larkfield Estates neighbors. The founding goal of the LRF was to help rebuild our community following the 2017 Tubbs Fire. Since beginning in 2018 the LRF has received various grant funds and private donations to support the communities rebuild progress. Through their program, the Neighborhood Greening Project the LRF has provided two thousand free trees to rebuilding homeowners in Larkfield, Wikiup and Mark West neighborhoods. The Larkfield Resilience Fund also supports and funds the development and implementation of our neighborhood COPE program. Additionally, the LRF supports community building activities and events such as the Neighborhood Holiday Light contest. The LRF board meets monthly and welcomes your input. If you are interested in getting more involved in the neighborhood the LRF may have an opportunity for you to assist on a committee. Please visit larkfieldfund.com or email larkfieldfund@gmail.com to learn more.



Larkfield Resilience Fund

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Citizens Organized to Prepare for Emergency

COPE

Larkfield Estates now has a COPE program. This means we are organizing our neighbors to be prepared for an emergency, such as wildfire, earthquake, or evacuation. The first step in this process is to assess everyone's needs during an emergency. Please complete the enclosed form and return it to our neighborhood COPE Leader Gena Jacob at 87 Oxford Court. We will be providing updated COPE information in each issue of this newsletter.

Stay tuned to learn more!



Preparing for Emergencies



What is COPE?

The mission of COPE is to help residents, families, and neighborhoods become better prepared to respond to and recover from emergency situations. This includes developing individual response plans, maintaining individual emergency supply kits and outreaching to neighbors in the community.

Following a major disaster, it may be several days before vital services are restored to Larkfield Estates. We are in an area at high risk for a variety of natural and manmade threats: Earthquakes, Wildfires, Drought and extended power outages. First responders may not be able to meet the demand for services therefore we must rely on each other for help in order to meet our immediate life-saving and life-sustaining needs.



WHY PARTICIPATE IN COPE?

- It is an opportunity to meet your neighbors and identify community needs and resources.
- It is easier and more effective to prepare for an emergency when we work together.
- It is an opportunity to assemble preparedness kits and learn how to respond in emergency situations.
- To understand the dangers specific to our community and learn how to prepare for them and mitigate them.
 - It will provide you with peace of mind. We will develop a plan so in an emergency we are ready.
- You are not alone; we can look out for each other as a community. We are neighbors helping neighbors.
- We will be self-reliant. Officials say we should be prepared to be on our own for 3-5 days in emergency situations.
 - To provide accurate and helpful information to first responders.

SAFETY UPDATES

In Larkfield Estates we pride ourselves on being aware and keeping an eye out for crime in our community. The Sonoma County Sheriff's Office works diligently to keep our community safe, and they encourage us to contact them [anytime](#).

To report suspicious activity, call (707) 565-2121 To report a crime happening now, call 911

Make sure you are registered for local alerts and use apps to stay up to date on the latest safety news.

PulsePoint – Phone App provides a real-time list of emergency situations in your area such as fires and vehicle accidents.

SoCoAlert – Register to receive alerts for evacuations, shelter in place, tsunami, and flood warnings.

Nixel – Register to receive alerts for emergency situations, criminal activity, missing persons and severe weather or traffic.

**** KNOW YOUR EVACUATION ZONE Larkfield Estates: SON-3F2 Dover Courts: SON-3C2 ****

Community News

Mark West Springs Sidewalk Project

The Sonoma County Department of Transportation and Public Works reports construction of a new sidewalk along Mark West Springs Road, between Old Redwood Highway and Ursuline Road, will begin this fall. The sidewalk will be constructed on both sides of Mark West Springs Road and is being paid for by PG&E Tubbs Fire Settlement Funds. Creative Sonoma is working on an art creation as part of the project with help from Mark West Union School District students.

Mark West Union School District

The Mark West Union School District continues to provide our neighborhood kids with an excellent public education despite the many challenges our community has faced with fires and COVID. Here is the latest news:

- Superintendent Ron Calloway will be retiring in June and Assistant Superintendent Rachel Valenzuela has been selected to fill the role.
- As of Monday, March 14th facial coverings are no longer required for students while on MWUSD campuses.
- The 2021/22 school year concludes Friday, June 3rd and classes recommence for the 2022/23 school year on August 11th.

Larkfield Remains in District 4

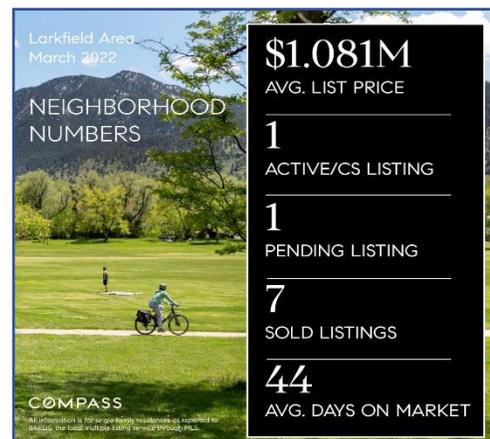
The County of Sonoma just completed the redistricting of its supervisorial districts, and our neighborhood remains in District 4, under the representation of Supervisor James Gore. Therefore, if you have questions regarding County of Sonoma services, such as roads, public works, parks and recreation, please contact Supervisor Gore’s office. The best point of contact in his office is Jennifer Mendoza at jen.mendoza@sonoma-county.org

Mark West Citizens Advisory Council (MWCAC)

The community of Larkfield/Wikiup represents one of the largest unincorporated sections of Sonoma County. Since a city council does not service the area the Mark West Citizens Advisory Council was created in 2016. The MWCAC provides county government with insight and feedback on area specific issues. The Council is comprised of five appointed community members and is responsible for land use review, public utility and transportation issues, and providing community service updates. The Council meets monthly on the second Wednesday, and meetings are open to the public. Upcoming Meetings: April 13, May 11 and June 8. Please visit markwestcac.org to learn

Recology – COMPOST requirement

To reduce greenhouse gas emissions the California State Senate has enacted Senate Bill 1383. SB1383 requires all residents and businesses to use their green waste bin to compost as of January 1, 2022. In addition to plant trimmings, you should now be placing all food scraps and unlined soiled paper into your green waste bin.



Community Questions

Where is the closest fire department? The closest fire department is located at 45 Lark Center Drive, across from the Molsberry shopping center.

Where is the closet police station? Larkfield does not have a Sheriff’s sub-station; it was closed due to budget cuts a while back. The closest law enforcement station is the Sheriff’s main office at 2796 Ventura Ave, Santa Rosa.

What public schools serve our neighborhood? Our neighborhood is serviced by the Mark West Union School District, including Riebli Elementary, Mark West Elementary, San Miguel Elementary, Mark West Charter Junior High. Students “feed” into Maria Carrillo High School.

Who provides our drinking water? California American Water, a privately held company, is our local water provider. Their offices are located at 4787 Old Redwood Hwy, across from the Molsberry shopping center.

Who provides our sewer service? If your lot is connected to the public sewer system, your service provider is the Airport-Larkfield-Wikiup Sanitation Zone.

Do you have a question you want to see featured in the next newsletter? Email us at larkfieldliving@gmail.com

Neighborhood News

Larkfield WalkAbout Group

Join our new walking club lead by neighbors Diane Aceves and Gena Jacob for a weekly evening neighborhood walk. This is a great way to get out for some fresh air, exercise, and neighborhood connection. Walk with the group or at your own pace, but for safety reasons please leave pets at home.

Walks begin at 6:30pm from 4548 Brighton Drive
 April Tuesdays: 19th, 26th
 May Wednesdays: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
 June Thursdays: 2nd, 9th, 16th
 Saturday, June 25th: Spring Lake Walk at 9:30am followed by food or refreshments at Montgomery Village.

Upcoming Neighborhood Events:

April 23: 2-5 pm Neighborhood Gathering at 51 Oxford Ct.

- **Join us for a fun neighborhood afternoon including raffles, food, games and more!!**

June 25: 9:30 am Spring Lake Walk

July 2: Independence Day Celebration

Kids Korner – For our junior neighbors!

Pottery Painting – Saturday, April 23rd 2-4pm at the Neighborhood Gathering.

Patriotic Artwork Needed - We need your help! Please submit a picture of an original patriotic art project to larkfieldliving@gmail.com. One project from each age group (8 years and under and 9+ years) will be featured in our July Edition. Be sure to include your name and age with your entry. Participate to earn a prize!!

Meet your Neighbors...The Chandlers

By: Katrina Lassen

Bobbie, Jenna and the newly added Jackson Chandler began their journey in Larkfield Estates together in the Summer of 2018. However, Bobbie's story goes back just a bit farther as he is a second generation Larkfieldian. His parents, Joel and Tina bought their home here in 2000. Bobbie recalls it as being a "utopian neighborhood." I sat down with them recently to find out how life in their very own Larkfield dream home has been. In short: very busy.

Bobbie works full time for Chandler Brother's Construction with his dad and brother, Dale. What was once a custom framing business, has become a full-service general construction company post fire to better serve rebuilding families. Jenna also works in the building industry, selling custom windows and doors. Their newest roles as Mom and Dad however, is what they're most passionate about. Jackson Lain was born on February 22, 2022. For Bobbie, it's special that his son will grow up surrounded by lots of kids on the same streets he did and bonus: grandma and grandpa are just up the street!

The Chandlers were a very newly married couple when they struck up an old school land deal with Bob and Shirley Dimple for their property on Brighton Drive. A handshake, a tiny trailer and a whole lot of faith, hard work and Instagram posts have led them to where they are now: in a home fit for a Pottery Barn Catalog in a neighborhood they love for its Taco Truck Friday traditions and close-knit community. "We love that an evening stroll or golf cart ride can turn into hour long conversations and front porch drinks or even dinner!"

I hit them with a little Q & A for some fun:

- Q.** Dream home feature, did you include it? [A front porch. Yes, Jenna made that design change midway through!](#)
- Q.** Major home project you're dreading? [Landscaping & our front walkway steps.](#)
- Q.** Cooking at home or take out? [Meal train! Meal train is always the best option! \(Referring to the meals neighbors brought after Jackson was born.\)](#)
- Q.** Dinner at home, what are you making? [Tri Tip and Caesar salad.](#)
- Q.** Dinner out, where are we going? [John Ash](#)
- Q.** Okay, what are we getting? [Tips and Toast with whipped mash and an old fashion made by Thomas.](#)
- Q.** Favorite show to binge watch? [Yellowstone. Oh, Ozarks too!](#)
- Q.** Favorite Larkfield spot? [Norms!! We DoorDash it as lazy as that sounds.](#)
- Q.** Go to karaoke song at The Final Edition? [Friends in Low Places](#)
- Q.** Dream Vacation? [We were actually planning when we were done with the house to go to Europe for a month. We also want to do a North American road trip with a trailer because we actually miss ours.](#)
- Q.** Future non house goals? [Build a hot rod or a 4-wheel adventure rig](#)

It was such a pleasure to chat with Bob and Jenna (in between feeds and diaper changes.) and getting to meet Jackson. They're at such an exciting time in their lives and they feel so fortunate that they've been able to build a home and start their family in this unique neighborhood. I'm excited to continue seeing them grow and thrive in Larkfield Estates.