



Lagoon Living

Life & Realty on the San Mateo Marina Lagoon

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Tribute to Mr. Lelio Giorgi

Kelly and Lake Street Site Plots

View circa 1960



In the late 1950's two Italian Americans received a contract for their new trucking company to infill the new San Mateo development called, "Perkade". Mr. Lelio Giorgi and partner, Dante Venturini trucked in loads of clean fill in this new development next to Mr. Venturini's prized water-ski spot. Both fell in love with the waterside location. Mr. Giorgi quickly put down a deposit for, "One of the best lots", with homes selling at the time for a mere \$30,000 or less. He moved his wife and daughters from San Francisco & found great new friendships on the lagoon. All the neighbors had so much fun, they founded the San Mateo Power Boat and Water Ski Club to expand their activities on and beyond the lagoon. I would especially like to thank Mr. Giorgi for sharing with me his treasured memories that have contributed so much to the Lagoon Living Newsletter. I hope to inspire other readers to share their photos & stories.

View a Google Earth fly over of the lagoon at: www.lagoonliving.com

Seal Slough circa 1950



2012 Mid Summer Raft Off

About the Author



Michael Sawyer & family growing up on the lagoon

Imagine it's the middle of summer and every lagoon resident is invited to the biggest bash ever on the Lagoon, or the 2nd biggest perhaps. Michael Sawyer, life-long 2nd Generation Lagoon Resident, (and Owner of Trade Print; the printer of this newsletter), tells me when he was just a boy (pictured to the left), that Navy Admiral George K. Oress organized a spectacular Navy Demonstration with Vietnam Era River Boats blasting from 0 to 40+ MPH and turning 180 degrees on a dime while firing deafening rounds of mortar blanks over the empty grazing lands of Foster City. It was a vivid memory of Michael's childhood on the lagoon. While having no Navy connections... (cont. Pg. 3)



Linda Sawyer & family

We moved to the lagoon in 2006. It was my first purchase, my wife's second. She's 27 City and I am the Midwest suburbanite who lived on a river and grew up skiing. I love our family time on the lagoon. The process of buying and making this our dream home is what inspired me to become a Realtor and to create Lagoon Living.

Lagoon Lens >>>



Mark Flowers & daughter participating in the 27th Annual Bay Front Clean-up Day

27th Annual Bay Front Clean-up Day

The Daily Journal captured Mark Flowers & his daughter in the September 19th issue covering San Mateo's 27th Annual Bay Front Clean-up Day. Mark, a lagoon resident shares his experience... It's true...I've been a Peninsula resident my entire life, but my wife and I were pleasantly surprised to find the marina lagoon, and our home when we moved here 4 years ago to start our family. I am an avid waterman and wanted to find a place locally that would embody all the activities our family likes on the water. This year, we welcomed our... (continued Pg. 3)

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Below is our market over T-540 days. ASFR are attached single family, DSFR are detached (free standing homes), followed by TWN and COND. Prices for single family homes on the water are \$150k—\$300k or more than the off water comparative. While there is still a very strong demand for the waterfront, buy-

ers in general are hunting for low prices. For buyers, it can take a while to understand why waterfront values are so different from non waterfront homes. I work with buyers who have said, "I get it. Andrew, just plug me in to the next opportunity to own the waterfront". I've helped many individuals and families fulfill their waterfront interests whether it has been to buy or to sell. If you have considered selling and would like to explore the path of least resistance; with qualified buyers of serious intent, and without having to always be, "show ready" there may be potential to deliver an off market offer which is amenable to you. Likewise, if you know those who want to own on the water or off, I will serve them with the professionalism which upholds your expectation should you think to refer me. I am glad to provide references and believe that client's needs and desires must be met in order to meet my own.

Whether about realty or as an interested neighbor, reach out anytime, as I would enjoy hearing from you!

Sincerely, *Andrew Lomano*

Waterfront by the
Numbers >>>

What's Active, What's Pending, What's Sold!

Address	Type	BED	BA Full	BA 1/2	SqFt	Lot SqFt	City	AreaName	Status	Price	Closed Date	DOM	HOA
4217 LOS PRADOS ST	D SPR	4	3	1	2800	7140	SM	Los Prados	ACT	\$1,490,000		128	
940 CUMBERLAND CT	D SPR	4	2	1	2658	5885	PC	Dolphin	SLD	\$1,268,000	8/25/2011	24	
1755 LAKE ST	D SPR	4	2	0	1700	8160	SM	Parkside	SLD	\$ 848,000	10/6/2010	94	
8161 LOS PRADOS ST	D SPR	4	2	0	1680	7500	SM	Los Prados	SLD	\$ 810,000	7/15/2011	28	
1740 ROBERTA DR	D SPR	3	2	0	1880	9800	SM	Parkside	ACT	\$ 722,200		25	
1428 SHOAL DR	D SPR	2	2	0	1290	8828	SM	Marliner's Isle	PEND	\$ 658,000	2/17/2012	42	
1168 SHOAL DR	A SPR	3	2	1	1900	2678	SM	Marliner's Isle	SLD	\$ 600,000	11/17/2010	101	\$125
682 PORT DR	A SPR	3	2	1	1750	2500	SM	Marliner's Isle	SLD	\$ 600,000	5/5/2011	10	\$170
616 FATHOM DR	A SPR	4	2	5	2250	2888	SM	Marliner's Isle	SLD	\$ 775,000	1/31/2011	6	\$120
1095 SHOAL DR	A SPR	3	3	1	1900	8148	SM	Marliner's Isle	SLD	\$ 718,900	11/17/2010	128	\$125
612 PORT DR	A SPR	3	2	1	1660	2500	SM	Marliner's Isle	SLD	\$ 715,000	10/31/2011	18	\$175
505 STARBOARD DR	A SPR	4	2	1	2010	2875	SM	Marliner's Isle	SLD	\$ 700,000	4/7/2011	28	
172 FATHOM DR	A SPR	2	2	0	1290	2652	SM	Marliner's Isle	SLD	\$ 630,000	10/14/2010	6	\$120
600 FATHOM DR	A SPR	2	2	0	1060	2182	SM	Marliner's Isle	SLD	\$ 575,000	11/30/2011	48	\$120
1086 SHORELINE DR	TWN	3	2	0	1625		SM	Harbortown	SLD	\$ 678,000	12/15/2011	2	\$485
1058 SHORELINE DR	TWN	2	2	1	1555	1700	SM	Harbortown	PEND	\$ 628,000	2/28/2012	5	\$485
8881 KIMBERLY WY	TWN	3	2	0	1450	1752	SM	Los Prados	SLD	\$ 605,000	10/20/2011	4	\$345
8809 KIMBERLY WY	TWN	3	2	0	1450	1752	SM	Los Prados	SLD	\$ 580,000	8/12/2011	24	\$345
1186 SHORELINE DR	TWN	2	2	1	1555	1555	SM	Harbortown	SLD	\$ 567,000	3/2/2011	808	\$485
948 SHORELINE DR	TWN	2	2	1	1555		SM	Harbortown	SLD	\$ 540,000	12/15/2011	5	\$485
8861 KIMBERLY WY	TWN	3	2	0	1450	1752	SM	Los Prados	SLD	\$ 521,000	3/16/2011	198	\$341
2154 VISTA DEL MAR	TWN	2	2	1	1121		SM	Edgewater Isle	SLD	\$ 435,000	3/15/2011	19	\$480
1681 MARINA CT	TWN	3	1	0	1054		SM	Lakeshore #1	PEND	\$ 399,000	2/17/2012	6	\$365
700 PROM. PT #1204	COND	2	2	1	2224		PC	Metro	ACT	\$ 765,000		1	\$800
740 PROM. PT #8804	COND	2	2	1	2224		PC	Metro	SLD	\$ 770,000	8/31/2010	7	\$772
720 PROM. PT #2802	COND	2	2	1	2224		PC	Metro	PEND	\$ 730,000	2/28/2012	145	\$800
700 PROM. PT #1106	COND	2	2	1	2421		PC	Metro	SLD	\$ 699,000	1/5/2011	19	\$775
1014 SHORELINE DR	COND	3	2	0	1625	1625	SM	Harbortown	SLD	\$ 690,000	12/15/2011	17	\$485
740 PROM. PT #8804	COND	2	2	0	1980		PC	Metro	PEND	\$ 675,000	5/11/2012	6	\$800
888 WHARFIDE RD	COND	3	2	0	1570	1570	SM	Harbortown	SLD	\$ 665,000	9/30/2011	25	\$485
700 PROM. PT #1208	COND	3	2	1	2264	0	PC	Metro	ACT	\$ 574,000		82	\$800
720PROM. PT #2808	COND	2	2	1	2224	0	PC	Metro	SLD	\$ 560,000	6/23/2011	72	\$800
1060 SHORELINE DR	COND	2	2	1	1555		SM	Harbortown	SLD	\$ 542,000	9/23/2011	62	\$485
1186 SHORELINE DR	COND	2	2	0	1280	1280	SM	Harbortown	SLD	\$ 535,000	7/29/2011	158	\$485
878 WHARFIDE RD	COND	2	2	0	1280		SM	Harbortown	SLD	\$ 530,000	5/31/2011	20	\$485
862 WHARFIDE RD	COND	2	2	0	1280		SM	Harbortown	SLD	\$ 518,500	4/27/2011	115	\$485
974 SHORELINE DR	COND	2	2	0	1280	1280	SM	Harbortown	SLD	\$ 488,000	12/28/2011	52	\$485
2121 VISTA DEL MAR	COND	2	2	0	1374		SM	Edgewater Isle	PEND	\$ 485,888	2/20/2012	6	\$480
651 PORT DR #108	COND	3	2	0	1818	0	SM	Marliner's Isle	SLD	\$ 425,000	11/30/2011	28	\$519
848 WHARFIDE RD	COND	1	2	0	1150	1150	SM	Harbortown	ACT	\$ 422,600		258	\$485
1024 SHORELINE DR	COND	1	1	5	1150		SM	Harbortown	SLD	\$ 385,000	12/27/2011	33	\$485
615 PORT DR #304	COND	2	2	0	990		SM	Marliner's Isle	SLD	\$ 382,600	1/11/2011	47	\$488
780 SEA SPRAY LN #306	COND	1	1	0	941	0	PC	Metro	SLD	\$ 312,000	6/7/2011	79	\$454
651 PORT DR #107	COND	1	1	0	858	0	SM	Marliner's Isle	SLD	\$ 295,000	3/31/2011	88	\$474
615 PORT DR #304	COND	1	1	0	746		SM	Marliner's Isle	SLD	\$ 247,000	1/27/2012	12	\$465
615 PORT DR #206	COND	1	1	0	746	0	SM	Marliner's Isle	SLD	\$ 230,000	2/18/2011	182	\$466



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History of the Marina Lagoon Part II

The front page depicts a map of Seal Slough circa 1850. Look closely at the right side and you will see the Southern tip of the Shoreview neighborhood being developed. The San Mateo Airport is where Parkside Plaza is today. In the late 1850's Parkside would become the first development to border the adjacent Seal Slough; a tidal estuary of the San Francisco Bay where in the early 1900's lumber & merchandise was floated into the heart of San Mateo to build our city.

If you live on the West Shore of our Lagoon, look at the County Record for your property (If you do not have access to it I can get yours for you). Excepted below is what should be on each of our County Records if we, or our predecessors, had bought the rights to the 20 feet of "Access way" that extends across the width of each of our lots. This constitutes the core of our right to the use of our lagoon. It's the reason that readers should be interested in MLAC meetings (Marine Lagoon Action Committee). Parkside and Los Prados have sewer and utilities running parallel to the old service road bordering the tidal slough. It became apparent that the road was unnecessary. The greater use of the tidal slough would be to develop the Marina Lagoon and to allow bordering owners to purchase the rights to use the adjacent land. Residents petitioned the city to purchase the additional acreage and to be re-assessed on it so that the tax revenue would fund the effort to dike and dredge Seal Slough. Renamed the San Mateo Marina Lagoon, it became a watershed for runoff catchment as well as a public body of water 8 feet deep at its center whereby the community and wildlife could enjoy the splendor of this waterfront treasure. Shared by the public and by the wildlife that migrate and live on the lagoon year round, (See back page Lagoon Wildlife), we have an active and diligent Harbor Patrol whose mission is to ensure safety on our waterway. A contract for weed abatement makes our water sports pleasurable. In an era of deep public cuts, it is vital now more than ever, that WE ALL WORK TOGETHER TO PROTECT OUR RIGHTS and realize lagoon front homeownership needs to consistently be defended. We organize through MLAC. I encourage your involvement as this affects our lifestyles and our property values. For more information on MLAC contact me: amlacmso@gmail.com, Rick Secude at: rsecude@gmail.com or Rich Hedges at: richhedges@icloud.com.



News copy: Dredge works to protect San Mateo "Seal Slough Drainage Project" Under Way." IAN

April 2012 - Dredging work on Seal Slough, San Mateo, CA. Photo by IAN.

San Mateo Water Ski Club

More people find us thanks to our new web: www.sanmateowaterclub.com. Waterfront ownership is NOT a requirement. We are a group of women & men who enjoy skiing and post to the Web to coordinate launch times. With about 4 launches a week, one is sure to find time for a quick pull to set the day off right. We welcome all ages & abilities of skiers/ wakeboarders (including children accompanied by parent). Enjoy instruction & encouragement from all. With a slalom course, a dock to stretch out on and fresh water showers, you will feel invigorated. For membership call or email me at 650-346-0900 / amlacmso@gmail.com or email me or Rick Secude at: rsecude@gmail.com.



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2012 Mid-Summers Raft-Off

Lagoon Clean-Up Day

2012 Raft-Off >>>



(continued from page 1) and residences on our Eastern Shore curtails mortar rounds, we have many fun loving neighbors and a city that may let us take over Aquatic Park for an afternoon. We get a plan to the Harbor Patrol and seek permission to let us beach our boats or anchor them and lash them together, called "Rafting off" on one another and hoping boat to boat to shore meeting new friends. Boat, paddle, sail, walk or drive to our party. Boat rides & grill delights will be a plenty. With a little planning and a pot luck style neighbors new & old can exchange acquaintances.

To plan or to provide suggestions call Andrew Lomana at 650-346-0900.

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(cont. pg. 1) daughter into our lives with the understanding that we would raise our children in a place that has deep roots for us, and also will provide an unforgettable atmosphere to grow up in. To preserve this amazing place we participated in this year's coastal clean-up. My daughter Zoe and I, pictured, were out on the lagoon cleaning debris along with many local volunteers. It was a great success, great fun, and I'd encourage everyone to participate in the next one! Mark Flowers is a lagoon resident and a financial advisor in San Mateo who can be reached at: 650-636-5311 or at mflowers@fmscapitalm.com



Photo: My Love Clean and members of the San Mateo Lagoon Club



Spotlight >>> Lena's on Lake

For 35 years Judy Lena, long time Lagoon Resident has operated a fantastic collectible gift gallery. She has even created a beautiful storefront at her home with "Made in America" Gems including "Frogman", "Wee Forest Folk" and "Glass Eye Studio" among other collectible brands including Uadro and Swarovski. Visit www.lenasgiftgallery.com or email her at lenasgiftgallery@aol.com or call her at: 650-573-5456

Final thoughts... Lagoon Leasing?



View 2012

Lagoon residents young and old love to work hard and play hard with a true passion for fun. The economy has would-be owners weighing the investment more now. While waterfront prices are at yesterday's deals, loan requirements are more stringent; leaving some to consider leading ones lagoon lifestyle. Recent leases range from \$3,000—\$4,500 for 3-4 bedrooms. Owners may consider the long term potential of a quality tenant and a possible, "Lease With An Option To Purchase". The option is purchased by the buyer at the time of the lease and is monetarily significant. It can be a great tool for the lessor / seller & lessee/future buyer but there can be pitfalls.

Whether just information and direction or agency in working together, I am firstly a good neighbor and secondly a professional businessperson who can help you achieve your real estate desires. Sincerely,

Andrew Lomano



Birds of the San Mateo Lagoon



Cormorant



White Heron



Blue Heron



Black Duck



Great Egret



Snowy Egret

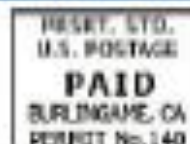


White Pelican

To compare old & new Marina Lagoon views unfold newsletter



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