

Hunsaker Canyon

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Erin Partridge grew up in Hunsaker, moved away, and then came “home.” As a child, the art therapist was a member of what she called the Canyon Kids Club.

“Living here has been such a gift,” Partridge said. “We explored the hillsides looking for fossils, wildlife tracks, and wildflowers. I know it has shaped me both personally and professionally; living in this beautiful place with such a great group of people has taught resilience, collaboration, and the importance of community.”

With their Hunsaker Canyon acreage, Diana and Norm Paulson have cultivated a sunny garden nearly the size of a city lot. The certified composter and his wife grow an abundance of fruits and vegetables, including rhubarb, peppers, cane berries, zucchini and cucumbers across the road from their house. (Read the story about their composting efforts in the Lamorinda Weekly archives at <http://www.lamorindaweekly.com/archive/issue0807/Lamorinda-Home-Composting-A-Diverse-and-Growing-Practice.html>.) The Paulsons incorporated a portion of an original Hunsaker wall within the terraced garden.

Attorney and resident Joan Fife said life in Hunsaker Canyon provides unheard of opportunities and mixes the best of both worlds. “The space makes it a great spot for pursuit of passions and interests,” she said, including big dog walking, keeping roosters, bird and weather watching, and the Frisbee golf her sons play. Yet Hunsaker Canyon residents are a scant 15 minutes from fine dining, the best shopping and BART.

Hunsaker properties “weave in and out of Lafayette city limits following the path of Grizzly Creek,” said Schneider, who estimates 90 percent of canyon properties fall within the incorporated area. Residents maintain the length of their two-mile-long privately-owned single lane road and rush to repair it after a washout or downed tree.

Single lane access does come with at least one concern. Schneider says her Hunsaker neighbors “are wary of grass fires and have a phone tree set up to contact each other in an emergency. Additionally, many upper canyon properties keep extra water tanks [filled] for use in emergencies.

“We know since there is only one road, once the fire trucks come in, no one is driving out,” she said, adding her family works to keep the natural vegetation trimmed away from their house. But for Schneider, it’s worth it. “It is actually an awesome place to live.”



With a hillside elevation and sweeping views, Karen Schneider's Hunsaker Canyon home is the perfect spot for a telescope.

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