

LETTER FROM THE SELLER

6616 Saroni Drive, Oakland

Welcome to Saroni Drive!

We think you'll love it here just as much as we have.

When we're asked to describe this neighborhood and house, it's always challenging to decide what to share first because both are so special.

We truly believe this stretch of Saroni is the best block in Montclair. On a typical day, you'll see neighbors walking their dogs and pushing strollers or kids learning to ride bikes. (It's a perfect area for new riders. Even though we're in the Oakland Hills, this section of Saroni is flat from here to Asilomar and back.) 6616 Saroni, in particular, has been a neighborhood hub for over a decade, beginning with the family who lived here before us, and then we picked up the mantle. For the last eight years, we have helped neighbors stay connected by maintaining a directory and helping organize frequent pre-Covid block parties and the famous annual Halloween event.

Every Halloween (except 2020), the neighbors close the road to make all of Saroni completely walkable. They bring tables and chairs up to street level, share treats, show movies, and generally host tons of spooky fun for kids AND adults. It's a big deal! (When we say "big," we are talking many jumbo bags of candies to share with all the trick-or-treaters who cherish the traditional event and return year after year).

The house has been so great to us. After we remodeled the kitchen and front yard, it was wonderful to be able to cook and host parties upstairs while the kids roamed around outside – close enough to keep track of but far enough for independence. As night fell, we'd send the kids downstairs to the dedicated playroom for a movie while parents sat in the living room or stood on the deck watching the sunset.

This place is lovely to come home to. We relished being able to pull into a dedicated garage that wasn't cluttered (because of the huge storage space in the workshop and the basement), plug in the EV, and walk into the front door. We used the workshop nearly every day – building drones, 3D printing, creating electronics, and doing other art projects in a safe space with excellent power and light. Because we work in technology, we naturally ensured the house is well wired and supports reliable telework options.

During the first year of the pandemic, we used the spacious downstairs playroom to host a "pandemic classroom" for six children. They used the backyard for recess, enjoying the swings, etc. It was a saving grace to be able to offer that to our children and neighbors.

After pandemic school ended and we knew working from home would stick around for a while, we began using the backyard play shed as a home office. The entire space is insulated, drywalled, and comfortable throughout the year. There's no electricity, but it was wonderful to sit in the peaceful space to work alone while knowing everything/everyone was close by. Working on remote meetings while watching the dog play in the yard is a cherished memory.

After creating so many wonderful memories here, we are certain you'll create a wealth of your own!

Warmly,

Matt & Nikki, the sellers