

### OAKWOOD

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fenced back yard has proved very functional. There are multiple garden beds, a large banana plant, vegetable gardens and a water garden with goldfish and frogs. For the Sorofsons' two daughters, ages 7 and 11, there's a clubhouse and rock-climbing wall. And Maggie, Mae Belle and Banjo, the family's large labs, have plenty of running space.

Jake and Jody also enjoy backyard entertaining. Every fall they

host parties where neighborhood kids watch movies projected on a screen against the back of the outbuilding, using hay bales for seats.

But when it comes to relaxing and reading, the family prefers the front porch, either on the swing or the outdoor sofa at the other end. "Porches are a big deal in Oakwood," Jake explained. "We've never used ours for dining, but a lot of families in the neighborhood have dinner parties on their front porches." The Sorofmans' porch, which measures 10 by 35 feet, is also the congregation point for

kid pick-up and drop-off, as well as for impromptu conversations with neighbors.

Realtor Peter Rumsey believes the expansive Sorofman home combines classic old house character with modern accents and a new kitchen. Most uniquely, he adds, "it is one of the few homes in Oakwood that commands the large lot on which it sits, with a large front yard and larger back yard that includes a new detached artist's studio and workshop.

Now, what would you think of that, Elvin Burke?



In the past five years, the Sorofmans have renovated the kitchen, added a two-story studio, a new roof, gutters and HVAC. The house now measures ~~2,298~~ 3,105 square feet, including the studio building.

