

The Vineyards of Saratoga

April-May 2008

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The next Board Meeting is scheduled to be held on May 8th at the Clubhouse beginning at 7:00 PM. **ALL HOMEOWNERS ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!**

Your Board of Directors:

Jim Foley – President & Maintenance
Frank Hedges -Vice President & Head of Security
Steve Gillen – Treasurer
Jim Turke – Director & Maintenance
Bill Sullivan – Director
Laurel Stoner – Secretary
Ruut Van Den Hoed – Director & Landscape



NEW WEBSITE

New website for Vineyards -
www.vineyardsofsaratoga.com

Good source for up-to-date information, copies of monthly newsletters and minutes of the Board of Directors meetings, etc., etc. If you'd like to be included in email reminders, send your name, unit number and email address to:

register@vineyardsofsaratoga.com

Both owners and tenants are welcome. Please indicate owner or tenant.

WHEN YOUR CONDO NEEDS REPAIRS

A word to the wise: It is a good idea not to assume that The Vineyards Homeowners Association (you and your neighbors) will pay for repair work done at your condo. If you believe you have a valid claim, submit it as soon as possible to the Home Owners Association via Community Management Services.

The Pools will be opened on May 1st, 2008. A copy of the "pool rules" is attached.

GOOD NEIGHBOR HINTS FOR SAVING ENERGY

We have a very effective and low cost way of cooling our bedroom after a hot day. We close all the windows in the house except for the sliding glass door in the bedroom that we only open part way and the vertical window downstairs. We put a large fan blowing out at the downstairs window. It draws cool air into our bedroom upstairs. You can do this with any room in the house. Try it. You will like it!

Don and Laurel Stoner

Some additional hints:

- If you have an air conditioner (we don't) set the thermostat 3 degrees higher to save money and CO2 emissions.
- Replace your five most used incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescents.
- Wash your clothes in cooler water. (90% of the energy used in washing clothes goes to heating the water.)
- Do full loads in your washing machine and dishwasher

WHEN YOU WALK YOUR DOG

Don't forget to take a couple of plastic bags with you when you walk your dog on the Vineyards properties. Some pet owners are forgetting that they are responsible for picking up and disposing of pet wastes. Please don't make walks and drives unpleasant for your neighbors by failing to pick up after your dog.

Also, please remember that dogs must be on a leash *at all times* when you are walking them in the common area.

A violation of these common-sense rules may result in a warning or fine.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: TO REPORT A CRIME OR ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO THE LOCAL SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

CALL 299-2311

COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES – 408-559-1977
CMS EMERGENCY CALLS AFTER 5:00 PM – 975-2840

AVOID LATE PAYMENTS OF YOUR ASSOCIATION DUES

In case you were not aware, you can arrange for automatic withdrawal from your bank checking account paid to The Vineyards Homeowners Association. Call CMS for information. You will need to furnish the bank routing number and send a voided check. CMS will tell you what to do.

LET'S GET AFTER OUR GARBAGE TRUCK DRIVERS

Let CMS know if the drivers leave the gates open unlatched to the dumpster fences. We want the garbage company notified if their drivers are careless.