

# The Vineyards

OF SARATOGA

June 2008

## NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The next Board Meeting is scheduled to be held on June 12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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.

## **SAVE THE DATE FOR THE VINEYARDS SUMMER BBQ**

Come join your neighbors for a Vineyards Tex/Mex BBQ

When: Sunday, August, 10, 2008, 3:00 PM

Where: Large Pool

Bring side dish to share

## **POOL RULES**

- The pool hours are: 10 AM - 10 PM.
- Keep the noise down - no loud voices, loud radios, etc. Voices carry further than you think – especially children's.
- People under 18 must be accompanied by an adult resident.
- Residents are limited to 4 guests and must ALWAYS be present at the pool with their guests.
- Children still in diapers are not allowed in the pools for health reasons.

**Please obey all other pool rules and regulations for your safety and consideration of others.**

**VIOLATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO FINES AND LOSS OF PRIVILEGES.**

## **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 PAYMENT FINES**

Get the required form from CMS or go to The Vineyards website and download one to fill out and submit to your bank to permit automatic withdrawals from your checking account for your monthly assessment. It's easy and saves you \$0.42 X 12 = \$5.04/year!

## **YOUR CONTRACTORS' TRUCKS**

Owners are responsible for advising your contractors to park their trucks where they will not block traffic from garbage trucks or other vehicles needing to get around The Vineyards. Make life easier, safer, and less expensive for everyone.

# **CLEAN UP WEEK!!**

**MAY 23<sup>RD</sup> through JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup>**

**will be the Vineyards of  
Saratoga's Spring Clean Up  
week. Two (2) dumpsters will  
be delivered on the morning of  
May 23<sup>rd</sup> and will remain  
On site until Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Please take advantage of these dumpsters  
to unload any excess storage you may have  
in your homes and/or garages. \*Please do  
not place any computer monitors, large  
furniture, concrete, dirt, engine parts,  
televisions, refrigerators, freezers, medical  
or hazardous waste, car oil or car batteries,  
within the dumpsters!!! Thank You.**

This came from Sen. Barbara Boxer's as a reminder about the probability of an earthquake by the USGS and the following reference to FEMA recommendations.

## What to Do Before an Earthquake

Earthquakes strike suddenly, violently and without warning. Identifying potential hazards ahead of time and advance planning can reduce the dangers of serious injury or loss of life from an earthquake. Repairing deep plaster cracks in ceilings and foundations, anchoring overhead lighting fixtures to the ceiling, and following local seismic building standards, will help reduce the impact of earthquakes.

### Six Ways to Plan Ahead

#### 1. Check for Hazards in the Home

- Fasten shelves securely to walls.
- Place large or heavy objects on lower shelves.
- Store breakable items such as bottled foods, glass, and china in low, closed cabinets with latches.
- Hang heavy items such as pictures and mirrors away from beds, couches, and anywhere people sit.
- Brace overhead light fixtures.
- Repair defective electrical wiring and leaky gas connections. These are potential fire risks.
- Secure a water heater by strapping it to the wall studs and bolting it to the floor.
- Repair any deep cracks in ceilings or foundations. Get expert advice if there are signs of structural defects.
- Store weed killers, pesticides, and flammable products securely in closed cabinets with latches and on bottom shelves.

#### 2. Identify Safe Places Indoors and Outdoors

- Under sturdy furniture such as a heavy desk or table.
- Against an inside wall.
- Away from where glass could shatter around windows, mirrors, pictures, or where heavy bookcases or other heavy furniture could fall over.
- In the open, away from buildings, trees, telephone and electrical lines, overpasses, or elevated expressways.

#### 3. Educate Yourself and Family Members

- Contact your local emergency management office or American Red Cross chapter for more information on earthquakes. Also read the "How-To Series" for information on how to protect your property from earthquakes.

- Teach children how and when to call 9-1-1, police, or fire department and which radio station to tune to for emergency information.
- Teach all family members how and when to turn off gas, electricity, and water.

#### 4. **Have Disaster Supplies on Hand**

- Flashlight and extra batteries.
- Portable battery-operated radio and extra batteries.
- First aid kit and manual.
- Emergency food and water.
- Nonelectric can opener.
- Essential medicines.
- Cash and credit cards.
- Sturdy shoes.

#### 5. **Develop an Emergency Communication Plan**

- In case family members are separated from one another during an earthquake (a real possibility during the day when adults are at work and children are at school), develop a plan for reuniting after the disaster.
- Ask an out-of-state relative or friend to serve as the "family contact." After a disaster, it's often easier to call long distance. Make sure everyone in the family knows the name, address, and phone number of the contact person.

#### 6. **Help Your Community Get Ready**

- Publish a special section in your local newspaper with emergency information on earthquakes. Localize the information by printing the phone numbers of local emergency services offices, the American Red Cross, and hospitals.
- Conduct a week-long series on locating hazards in the home.
- Work with local emergency services and American Red Cross officials to prepare special reports for people with mobility impairments on what to do during an earthquake.
- Provide tips on conducting earthquake drills in the home.
- Interview representatives of the gas, electric, and water companies about shutting off utilities.
- Work together in your community to apply your knowledge to building codes, retrofitting programs, hazard hunts, and neighborhood and family emergency plans.