



# The Vineyards

OF SARATOGA

**October 2011**

## NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on October 13, 2011 at the Clubhouse beginning at 7:00 P.M. **ALL HOMEOWNERS ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!**

### **Your Board of Directors:**

**Jim Foley** –

President and Maintenance

**Frank Hedges** –

VP, Head of Security

**Steve Gillen** –

Treasurer, Landscape and Clubhouse

**Jim Turke** –

Director and Maintenance

**Laurel Stoner** –

Secretary

**Ruut Van Den Hoed** –

Director & Landscape

**John Glass** –

Director

## WEBSITE

Website for Vineyards -

[www.vineyardsofsaratoga.com](http://www.vineyardsofsaratoga.com)

A good source for up-to-date information, copies of monthly newsletters and minutes of the Board of Directors meetings, 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.

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**The emergency after hours number is 408-975-2840**

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: TO REPORT A CRIME OR ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO THE LOCAL SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, CALL 299-2311.

## **PREVENT THEFT**

Save yourself a lot of inconvenience and expense. Do not leave valuables on the front seat of your car--they invite break-ins, even here at the lovely Vineyards. Better yet, use your garage for parking your car.

## **DUMPSTER REQUIREMENTS**

We all have to pay extra if you leave boxes or other debris outside of the containers provided for garbage or recycling. If you have cardboard items that won't fit in the nearest dumpster, put it in dumpster #3 at the southeast perimeter of The Vineyards. If you see someone ignoring this rule, please notify CMS or a Board member.

## **CAR BREAK-INS**

The City of Saratoga recently held its annual meeting for the Homeowners Associations in the city. During the meeting, we heard from many local services including the sheriff's department. The sheriff mentioned that there have been a number of car break-ins lately. Below are tips we can all use to avoid having our cars broken into:

- Your best defense is to park your car in your garage - not on the street.
- If you park on the street, park in an area with good visibility and lighting.
- Do not leave anything in your vehicle that would tempt somebody to break in. Remove valuables or secure them out of sight in your trunk (GPS devices, laptops, PDAs, cell phones, MP3s, wallets, purses, store bags, even small items). Fixing a broken window may cost even more than the item you lost.
- If your car stereo has a removable faceplate, remove it. Do not leave CDs in the car.
- Lock your car doors.
- Roll all of the windows up all the way. Close your sunroof.
- Do not leave keys in the vehicle.
- Do not leave the garage door opener in plain view.
- Do not leave out items with personal information.
- Car alarms have been proven to be effective in preventing thefts.
- Keep your garage door closed.
- Call 911 if you see any malicious behavior in progress. Do not confront the suspect!
- Do not compromise your safety!
- Report all thefts to the sheriff's department.

## **PICNIC**

This year's picnic was a great success -- again. A good time was had by all. Gene's Fine Foods was very generous in their subsidy of their delicious marinated skirt steak. It was enjoyed and appreciated by all attending.

The Vineyards continues to support Gene's and all their "Fine Foods" by encouraging all of us to shop there.

Thank you everyone who worked in setting up, BBQing, and cleaning up, making this year's picnic a great success.

-Jim Foley, President