

# The Vineyards OF SARATOGA

## December 2011

### NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on December 8, 2011 at the Clubhouse beginning at 6:00 P.M. **ALL HOME-OWNERS 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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FOR YOUR INFORMATION: TO REPORT A CRIME OR ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO THE LOCAL SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, CALL 299-2311.

### **Good Neighbor Reminder**

From the Vineyards of Saratoga Rules and Regulations --"Do not back into parking spaces." Facing in parking allows for visibility of ID stickers on rear bumpers and helps to prevent damage to sprinklers, plants and light fixtures.

### **Resurfacing Postponed Until Warm Weather in 2012**

Contractors were unavailable to resurface our roads this summer. They were too heavily booked doing jobs for the cities and state in the area.

### **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.

### **Thinking of Buying an E-Car? Where Will You Charge It? - by Frank Hedges**

Auto makers are continuing to ramp up the hype about their all-electric or plug-in hybrid vehicles. If you are considering buying one of these, don't forget to consider the potential costs, difficulties, and delays involved with providing a home charging station. That could be especially troublesome here in the Vineyards, as in other condo or multi-family neighborhoods. A recent newspaper article suggested a cost range of \$1400 to \$3000 for a typical home charging station installation.

For starters, you will probably need a Saratoga building permit and Vineyards HOA advance approval to install the charging station. If you are fortunate enough to have your garage integral with your unit, this may be fairly straightforward, requiring only an additional circuit breaker in your electrical panel and wiring to the specialized outlet. However, if your garage is separate from your unit, it may be presently served by one of the common area meters, and these circuits cannot accommodate the additional load of even the smallest charging station. Getting HOA approval for this kind of installation is uncertain, as we presently have no policies allowing you to install an additional electric meter and hookup to your charging station. This would also bump your installation costs way up. It is highly unlikely that the HOA would approve installation of a charging station in the common area parking, as this would amount to a reserved parking space in the common area.

The Board expects to begin discussions on how we will handle any requests that may come our way for a home charging station. At this point, we can only warn you that it may not be easy, quick, or cheap, and it will be especially tedious, perhaps even perilous, for the "early adopters."

### **CMS Holiday Closures**

CMS will be closed on Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th for Thanksgiving. We will also be closed on Monday, December 26, 2011 for the Christmas Holiday. A manager is on call in case of an emergency. Have a safe and happy Holiday Season.

