

The Vineyards

OF SARATOGA

November/December 2012

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The next meeting is on December 13, 2012 at the Clubhouse beginning at 7:00 P.M. **ALL HOMEOWNERS ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!**

Your Board of Directors:

Jim Foley
President

Frank Hedges
Vice President

Laurel Smith
Secretary

Gloria Felcyn
Treasurer

Steve Gillen
Director,

Ruut Van Den Hoed
Director

Jim Turke
Director

WEBSITE

Website for Vineyards -

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. 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.

Vineyards Board Vacancies

Our Vineyards HOA Directors are elected to two-year terms. At the balloting early next year, three expiring terms will be filled. If you are a member in good standing and interested in serving your fellow members (unit owners), we want to hear from you. You are invited to send a brief Statement of Candidacy as an e-mail attachment to Luis Heredia, lheredia@communitymanagement.com. Please include a daytime phone no. in your e-mail.

Statements of Candidacy should be received by December 14. Statements will be reviewed by a Nominating Committee recently appointed by President Foley, and may be interviewed by the Committee. Here's your chance to give back a little of your time and effort to your Vineyards community.



Good Neighbor Reminder:

Prevent Fires: Vineyards residents are not permitted to use **Bar-B-Que** grills on their porches, decks or patios if they are 10 feet or less from any flammable surface. Also remember that no bar-b-que should be left unattended.

The Santa Clara Fire Department has adopted some additional regulations from the California Fire Code, which limit the use of open flame devices on decks within condominium and apartment communities. The new sections of the fire code which apply are as follows.

CFC Section 308.3.1: Open-Flame cooking devices. Charcoal burners and other devices shall not be operated on combustible balconies or within 10 feet of combustible construction. Exception: one-and two-family dwellings.

CFC Section 308.1.1: Liquefied-Petroleum-gas-fueled cooking devices. LP-gas burners having an LP-gas container with a water capacity of greater than 2.5 pound (nominal pound LP-Gas capacity) shall not be located on combustible balconies or within 10 feet of combustible construction. Exception: one-and two-family dwellings.



"From our Residents' Corner" - A Word to The Wise on Wood Smoke

The main adverse impact of burning wood, manufactured logs or similar products in common fireplaces is **wood smoke**. According to the **Bay Area Air Quality Management District**, "**Wood smoke** from the 1.4 million fireplaces and wood stoves in the Bay Area can trigger asthma attacks making it difficult for people to breathe, especially children, seniors and those with heart or lung conditions. **Wood smoke** is the largest source of wintertime air pollution in the Bay Area and contains **harmful pollutants** such as hazardous soot and carbon monoxide, as well as toxins such as dioxin, which is linked to increased cancer rates in adults." Additionally, the **California Air Resources Board** states that: "**Manufactured fireplace logs**, for instance, are not recommended for burning because they produce **toxic fumes**, including PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls)."

Furthermore, in order to minimize the levels of indoor combustion pollutants emitted from older types of fireplaces, like the original fireplaces installed at the Vineyards, large volumes of indoor air must be exhausted up the chimney during such burning. As a result, furnaces usually have to run longer in order to heat and replace such exhausted air, thus increasing utility bills.

In summary, one of the best ways to **protect** you and your neighbors from the adverse effects of **toxic** air pollutants and possibly save money, is to avoid burning wood, manufactured logs or similar products in any fireplace at the Vineyards.

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"This article was written by a member of our home owner's association for The Grapevine and does not necessarily reflect the opinions of The Vineyards of Saratoga."