

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JUNE/JULY 2013

- President** Jim Foley
- Vice-President** Frank Hedges
- Secretary** Laurel Smith
- Treasurer** Gloria Felcyn
- Director** Anna Scicinska
- Director** Dave Katleman
- Director** vacant

VINEYARDS WEBSITE

www.vineyardsofsaratoga.com

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Want to receive e-mail alerts? Please e-mail your name and unit number, indicating if you are an owner or tenant register@vineyardsofsaratoga.com

HELPFUL CONTACTS

To report problems with outdoor lights or sprinklers and request repairs please call or e-mail our manager:

Luis Heredia, Association Manager

Community Management Services

Telephone 408-559-1977

Fax number 408-559-1970

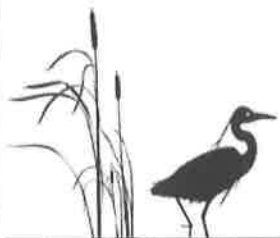
lheredia@communitymanagement.com

To apply for car parking stickers call

Security at 408-806-0729

To report a crime or suspicious behavior to the local Sheriff call

408-299-2311



THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The next Board of Directors meeting is on Thursday July 11th at 7:00pm.

The agenda for all board meetings is posted in advance at the entrance to the Clubhouse. Monthly meetings are open to all homeowners. The 15-20 minute *Open Forum* session at the start is a great opportunity to have any issues heard by the board, the association manager, and others present, and to ask questions about any projects or decisions that have been addressed by the board.

Following *Open Forum*, the meeting is limited to those issues posted on the agenda. Homeowners are welcome and encouraged to stay and observe, but this part of the meeting is closed to owner participation. Minutes of all meetings are posted on the website after they have been approved at the next board meeting.

There remains one vacant seat on the board for the term that expires early next year. The board is currently deliberating how to fill this vacancy.

JUNE/JULY NEWS

This warm weather is the perfect for adult residents and families alike to enjoy our two sparkling swimming pools! **As schools break for summer, please remember that for insurance and safety reasons children under 18 must be accompanied to the pool by an adult resident at all times.** Remember to be considerate to the neighbors living around our pools and to other pool users – please no loud music, running, shouting or screaming.

Also, for health and safety reasons, infants in swim diapers are not allowed in the water. Please be sure to review the other posted pool and hot tub rules. If you need a key for the large pool or the new key fob for the small pool and Clubhouse contact Luis at CMS. **Pool hours are 10am to 10pm.**

Guests must be accompanied by their resident host at all times with a maximum of 4 guests per unit. Please do not leave your guests alone at the BBQ area or poolside.

POOL PARTY

The Summer Pool Party for Vineyards residents will be held **3 – 7 PM on Sunday July 14th**, at the big pool. We will be serving chips & dips, burgers, hot dogs, veggie-burgers, salads and watermelon. Please bring a bottle of your favorite summer drink and a dish to share – additional beer, wine, appetizers and desserts are always welcome! Please, if you bring your own wine glass or beer tankard, remember to use only acrylic or plastic glasses poolside.

Thank you to the five residents who have already signed up to help to date – more volunteers are needed to help with the event. Please contact Anna Scicinska to RSVP and/or volunteer – if you'd like to help us please indicate if you'd prefer the set-up, the BBQ or cleanup, reply to newsletter@vineyardlane.org. Further info will be posted on the gates of the big pool.

NEXT DOOR

In January the City of Saratoga started using Nextdoor.com to communicate city news and events within Saratoga. The Vineyard's has it's own neighborhood network within this scheme, which only allows Vineyard's residents to register – through Nextdoor we can receive emergency alerts from the city of Saratoga, as well as access to information about community events and local businesses, etc... As we go to print, 21 out of 165 households have already joined Nextdoor Vineyards of Saratoga. More detailed news on this scheme, with step by step instructions on how to sign up, will be posted in next month's newsletter.

SIGN UP FOR E-STATEMENTS and ONLINE PAY PORTAL

You can save our HOA money if you receive your monthly assessment statements and the newsletter by email. It's easy to go green! Soon you could be receiving your statements and newsletters in your email. You will also receive the annual budget and financial audit documents by email as well. This is an even greater \$\$ savings to the HOA.

Have you registered on the Association's Pay Portal for monthly dues? The Pay Portal will allow you to view and manage your account in real time. You can pay your monthly assessment by e-check at no cost to you or the HOA. Sign up today!

Call or email the association manger, Luis Heredia to register.

FROM THE LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

Citrus Fruit: In the last couple of years we have planted more citrus trees around the Vineyards in response to requests from residents. These trees are still young and small, and are bearing limited amounts of fruit. Everyone is free to partake of the fruit, however, when you do, please limit your harvest to one fruit at a time. Please leave the rest for your neighbors, who also love to be able to walk out their front door and grab a lemon or lime for their favorite drink or dish. If you need more, please make a trip the grocery store. Gene's would love to provide you with all that you need.

Please be kind and share with your neighbors.

Dogs & Damaged Lawns: There are a lot of dogs at the Vineyards and we are experiencing a real problem keeping some areas of our grass from dying due to dogs urinating. You'll notice unsightly brown, dead spots in our lawns. These are areas where dogs (especially females) prefer to go and where owners seem to congregate. It is ugly to look at, and we've had to re-sod some areas – this gets expensive. If you have a dog, please be considerate where you walk it when it's time to go.

A couple of suggestions you might try:

- ♦ Take a bottle of water to dilute the urine on grass, as this helps the roots recover. The first time in the morning is especially strong.
- ♦ Use some of the more accessible dirt areas, around large trees and towards the back on the perimeter.

Please be considerate to the next dog and owner to come along and to all other residents – always use poo bags and pick up, even when your dog goes in the ivy or on the dirt or leaf layer along the creek!

Thank you for your help,

The Landscape Committee

THE NEWSLETTER AT A GLANCE

LAST MONTH

- Exterior inspection for fencing repairs
- Clubhouse progress – bathrooms and painting
- Work orders for pest treatments for wasps and termites
- Work orders for broken outdoor lighting

NEXT MONTH

- Board meeting – Thursday July 11th @ 7:00pm
- Pool party at Big Pool – Sunday July 14th 3 – 7 PM
- Repairs to fencing
- Clubhouse progress - new carpets and furniture

NEWSLETTER

If you are interested in joining the newsletter committee or contributing to the look, feel and content of future newsletters please contact Anna Scicinska at newsletter@vineyardlane.org. We continue to welcome all input into our Vineyards newsletter.

Anna Scicinska, Paula Camporaso and Linda George

