



*The Vineyards*  
OF SARATOGA

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#### VINEYARDS WEBSITE

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

- Vineyards News
- View monthly newsletter

- HOA Board meeting minutes

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](mailto: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

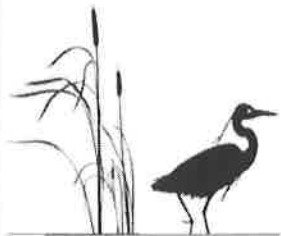
[lheredia@communitymanagement.com](mailto:lheredia@communitymanagement.com)

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



JULY/AUG 2013

#### THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

*The next Board of Directors meeting is on Thursday August 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

At the last meeting Jim Turke was appointed to the temporary vacant position on the Board.

#### JULY/AUG 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 rules. **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.**

#### CLUBHOUSE

This week saw the final inspection of the renovations completed so far to our Clubhouse – all the interior and exterior work, new windows and plumbing. Last month we donated the old furniture to charitable organizations. The next step: new furniture and carpets.

#### SUMMER POOL PARTY

A great time was had by all! Many thanks to everyone who attended and bought tasty dishes to share, and to all those who helped with the setup and cleanup. If you missed this party, we hope that you will be able to join us at the next Vineyards social event.

#### FENCES

There is still time to report any damaged wood visible only from the inside of balconies or patios – specifically fencing and roof trim – other damage has already been noted. Please email Luis Heredia at CMS with a description of the location (and a photo if needed).

#### DUMPSTERS

Please be a good neighbor – remember to flatten delivery boxes, as well as cardboard moving and storage boxes before recycling them, so that all your neighbors have space for their trash too! Dumpster #3 by the wall with Highway 85 has extra large capacity for bulkier items. Please never fill the dumpsters to overflowing, and use the capacity in adjacent dumpsters if the one nearest to your unit is full.

\*\* Fines will be sent to residents who do not break down large boxes \*\*

## NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK: Nextdoor.com

We now have our own private network on [Nextdoor.com](http://Nextdoor.com), a social network service designed to build community within neighborhoods. Nextdoor.com differs from more general social networks (such as Facebook) in several ways:

1. Each neighborhood network is geography-based. To participate in The Vineyards' network, a person must verify that they live (or own property) in The Vineyards.
2. Members use real names when sending messages, unlike social networks that allow aliases.
3. The network is oriented toward helpful, respectful, honest communication such as community events and emergency alerts, queries about recommendations for local businesses, and items for sale or donation.
4. In January the City of Saratoga started using Nextdoor.com to communicate city news and events within Saratoga.

If you'd like to participate but haven't signed up yet, go to <http://vineyardsofsaratoga.nextdoor.com>. Click on the "Sign up" link at the bottom of the white box. You'll be asked a series of questions that will start the registration process.

Once you've registered and your address is validated, you will need to specify the types of messages you'd like to receive. To do this, click on the triangle to the right of the profile icon (a square box with image in it, near the upper right corner of the page).

Under "Settings" you'll see three tabs:

- "General" – to change your email address or password.
- "Email" – to select what types of communications you'd like to receive via email. You can choose immediate updates, a daily digest, or no email for a range of communications from Vineyards members and from the City of Saratoga.
- "Mobile" – to add your mobile number if you'd like to receive urgent alerts via text message.

(In addition to email messages and text alerts you can access Nextdoor.com via the Internet or on an iPhone app. An Android app is being developed.)

Under "Profile" can you chose to add a picture of yourself, decide whether to make your street address visible to other members or not, and include additional contact information.

Nextdoor.com is a startup company based in San Francisco, currently operating with venture capital. They do not share our information with third-party advertisers, communication among neighbors is private, and the website is encrypted for safety and security.

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### THE NEWSLETTER AT A GLANCE

#### LAST MONTH

Jim Turke appointed to vacant Board seat  
Clubhouse renovations – inspection of interior/exterior work  
Landscaping – removal of overgrown conifers  
Repairs – new BBQ grate at the Big Pool

#### NEXT MONTH

Board meeting – Thursday August 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm  
Clubhouse renovations – furniture and carpets  
Repairs – miscellaneous wood trim and fencing  
Financial – audit document mailed out on 31<sup>st</sup> July

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### 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](mailto:newsletter@vineyardlane.org). We continue to welcome all input into our Vineyards newsletter.

Anna Scicinska, Paula Camporaso and Linda George

