



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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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 4 0 8 – 5 5 9 – 1 9 7 7

Fax number 4 0 8 – 5 5 9 – 1 9 7 0

lheredia@communitymanagement.com

To apply for a car parking sticker call Security at 4 0 8 – 8 0 6 – 0 7 2 9

To report a crime or suspicious behavior to the local Sheriff call 4 0 8 – 2 9 9 – 2 3 1 1



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ANNUAL MEETING & BOARD VACANCIES

In preparation for the annual meeting and board member election, here is a helpful timeline. Our seven Vineyards HOA directors are elected to a two-year term. Four board position fall vacant in 2014. **If you are a member in good standing & interested in serving your community as a board member, please submit a Statement of Candidacy and a contact phone number by email to Luis Heredia at CMS by December 12th.**

In January all homeowners will receive an information packet and ballot papers. At the balloting early next year, the four expiring terms will be filled, with the results announced at the Annual Meeting in February.

More information to follow in the December newsletter.

THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The next Board meeting is on Thursday December 12th 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 an opportunity to have any issues heard by the board, association manager, and others present, and to ask questions about any projects or decisions 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.

NOV/DEC NEWS

The wood project on buildings and patio fences is almost complete. EKIM Painting has posted notices on garage door detailing the three phases of the painting project: 1) prepping & pressure washing 2) general painting 3) front door painting. The paint colors are very similar to the current ones. Please look out for further notices as the work progresses.

CLUBHOUSE UPDATE

The new carpet has been installed and furniture will be ordered shortly. The Clubhouse is open for reservations - please contact Luis at CMS.

SECURITY ALERT

At the last board meeting a homeowner from the 200 block reported a car break-in. The Vineyards periodically experiences this problem. To deter would be thieves, do not leave any visible or valuable items on car seats.

GUTTER CLEANING

Commercial Gutter will be carrying out a biannual gutter cleaning during the time period December 30th 2013 – January 4th 2014.

WINTER SPARE THE AIR IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA



The 2013/2014 Winter Spare the Air season runs from November 1 through February 28. Each day by early afternoon, the Air District will issue an air quality forecast for the next day. If air quality is forecast to be unhealthy, a Winter Spare the Air Alert will be called. The alert will be in effect the entire next day, for a full 24 hours.

When a Winter Spare the Air Alert is in effect, it is illegal to burn wood, manufactured fire logs, pellets, or any other solid fuels in your fireplace, woodstove, or outdoor fire pit. During the winter season, wood smoke is the largest source of harmful particulate pollution.

On the website <http://sparetheair.org> residents can find information about the health effects of wood smoke, as well as detailed information about the Wood Burning Rule and how to comply with it.

To find out if a *Winter Spare the Air Alert* is in effect, residents and business owners can do the following: call 1-877-4NO-BURN (1-877-466-2876) or sign up for automatic phone alerts by calling 1-800-430-1515.

A WORD TO THE WISE ON WOOD SMOKE contributed by Vineyards resident **Dr. Anthony R. Fisher**

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 containing 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 Resource Board states *“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 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 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.

This article written by an HOA member does not necessarily reflect the opinions of The Vineyards of Saratoga.

THE NEWSLETTER AT A GLANCE

LAST MONTH

Wood repair and replacement continue
Clubhouse carpet fitted
Exterior paint colors confirmed
Gutter leaning contractor for 2013-14 chosen

NEXT MONTH

Board meeting – Thursday December 12th @ 7:00pm
Exterior painting
Seasonal gutter cleaning December 30th – January 4th
Statements of candidacy for board election due December 12th

NEWSLETTER

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

Anna Scicinska, Paula Camporaso, Linda George and Dave Katleman

