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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



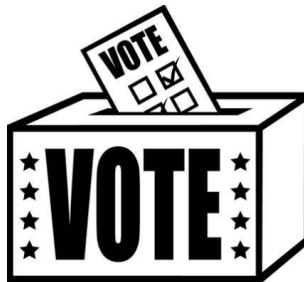
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BOARD VACANCIES AND CANDIDATE FORUM

In preparation for the annual meeting and board member election, all homeowners receive an information packet and ballot papers for the board election. The board requests that even if you are not planning to attend the annual meeting to please fill out your ballot and mail it in. This will ensure we have a quorum and are able to hold the meeting. The results of the elections will be announced at the Annual Meeting on February 13th.

The nominating committee has confirmed six candidates on the ballot for the four expiring terms. Written statements from all the candidates will be included in the information packet.

The nominees are as follows: Paula Camporaso, Gloria Felcyn, Ali Mahdavi, Laurel Smith, Michael Toback and Nora White.



Please attend the Candidate Forum on Saturday January 25th at 1pm, at the Clubhouse. Listen to a short verbal presentation from each candidate, and afterwards ask the candidates questions. Light refreshments will be served.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP

The Annual Meeting is on Thursday February 13th at 7:00pm.

The Vineyards of Saratoga is holding its Annual Meeting of the Membership in the Clubhouse. At this once a year event you will hear about the projects that were undertaken by the board during the past year. You will also get some information about upcoming projects and events. So please mark your calendars and don't forget to join us at the Clubhouse at 7PM on February 13th.

OTHER JAN/FEB NEWS

The painting project is progressing well. Please continue to look out for notices from EKIM Painting with details of 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.

As the final stage of the wood replacement project, the pool house by the big pool will be renovated.

CLUBHOUSE UPDATE

The Clubhouse is open for member reservations – please contact Luis at CMS.

SECURITY UPDATE

When entering the Clubhouse with your personalized key fob, please be aware of anyone trying to follow you in – everyone should use their own key fob! Residents should not lend their keys and must accompany guests at all times.

Historically, there has been sporadic unauthorized use (and abuse) of the Clubhouse, including damage, theft, and even organized criminal activity by non-resident trespassers. Our new security system now logs all entries and exits – in short, residents will be held responsible for anyone that they allow to access the Clubhouse. So we ask you please not to leave the entry doors ajar, and not to get cross if someone refuses to open the door for you.

Over the past few months we are again observing sneaky carpoolers using our parking spaces (especially near the front gate), for all-day and evening parking. We have also seen and asked transient in-car-overnighters to move on. So please ask your most welcome weekend or overnight visitors to leave a note in their car windscreen indicating your unit number. A handwritten note saying “Guest of unit XXXXX “ will suffice – no other personal information need be given.

This time of year, with its dark evenings, is one of the worst for petty crime and car break-ins. To deter would-be thieves, remember not to leave *any* visible or valuable items on car seats. Please also pass this information on to your visitors.

Please report any suspicious activity.

LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE UPDATE from Chris Burns

The recent cold weather has affected a number of the bushes that have been planted in the last few months. Some bushes may recover some may not. We are waiting to see how the plants fare, and if our weather pattern shifts towards more rain. Until we have some substantial rain we will be holding off on any new plantings. We are also planting more drought resistant and hearty plants whenever possible.

Our arborist Gil Mitchell has inspected our trees and made recommendations on tree maintenance and removal. We have submitted the list to 4 local tree care companies and have received proposals back from 3 of them. The arborist is also in the process of obtaining permits from the City of Saratoga for the removal of any sick trees.

We are also getting ready to perform yearly concrete maintenance to keep our paths and sidewalks safe and appealing.

GREEN AT THE VINEYARDS by Claire Walters

Dear Vineyards Residents,

Let's try to be greener at the Vineyards. If you have items you wish to get rid of that you think may be desirable to others, please don't throw them away at the dumpsters or into the giant dumpsters that are provide twice yearly. There are several thrift good stores in our neighborhood, and also the Book Go-Round, which benefits our Saratoga Library. Please consider donating at the thrift shops below or Book Go Round in the future.

Thx, Claire

The Book Go-Round 14410 Oak Street, Saratoga (408) 867-5552, Hours: Sun–Fri 12 – 5 and Sat 10 – 5

The Echo Shop 14554 Big Basin Way, Saratoga (408) 867-3995, Hours: Tues–Sat 10 – 4

The Happy Dragon 245 W. Main Street, Los Gatos (408) 354-4072, Hours: Mon–Fri 10 – 4 and Sat 10 – 1

The Salvation Army 1522 Winchester Boulevard, San Jose (408) 374-2350, Hours: Mon–Sat 9 – 9
Call 1-800-958-7825 for home pick up

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THE NEWSLETTER AT A GLANCE

LAST MONTH

Wood repair and painting progressing
Association Annual Budget accepted
HOA Election Candidates confirmed

NEXT MONTH

Candidate Forum – Saturday January 25th @ 1pm
TIME TO VOTE !!! Return ballots for the board election
Board meeting – Thursday February 9th @ 7:00pm

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, Dave Katleman, Linda George and Paula Camporaso