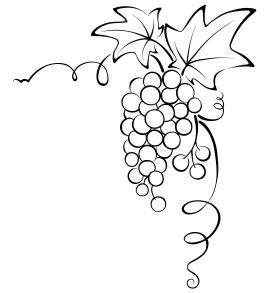




The Grapevine



APR/MAY 2014

A TRIBUTE TO JIM, FRANK, & RUUT

With the “Grand Opening” of the Clubhouse we are celebrating the many years of service to The Vineyards by three outstanding individuals – Jim Turke, Frank Hedges, and Ruut van den Hoed. These three gentlemen have selflessly contributed their knowledge, skills, and many hours of their time over the past 2+ decades.

Jim Turke purchased in The Vineyards in the late 1980s. He has participated as a member of the Maintenance Committee and a Member of the Board of Directors. He has been a key participant in all of the major infrastructure projects. He produced a map of all the lighting and related circuitry for the entire Vineyards complex and replaced all the old "pagoda" lights with brand new fixtures. Most recently he participated as a member of one of the Clubhouse Committees and contributed significantly to the success of this project. His expertise in electrical engineering was and is extremely valuable to the general well-being of The Vineyards. A number of years ago Jim was awarded a certificate designating him as Jim "Mr. Vineyards" Turke by the Board of Directors.

Frank Hedges purchased in The Vineyards in the mid 1990s. He has participated as a member of the Maintenance Committee, a member of the Security Committee, and a Member of the Board of Directors. He has participated in all of the major infrastructure projects. Most recently he also participated as a member of one of the Clubhouse Committees and also contributed significantly to the success of this project. Frank was solely responsible for installation and coordination of all the safety and security features – a very complicated task. As an ad hoc “Parliamentarian” Frank always keeps the Board on the straight and narrow during its proceedings. We all see Frank making his daily rounds of The Vineyards keeping us all safe and sound.

Ruut van den Hoed purchased in The Vineyards in the early 1990s. He has participated as a member of the Landscape Committee and as a Member of the Board of Directors. Always dressed as the gentleman he truly is, he added a modicum of decorum to all the meetings in which he participated. Ruut’s contributions also include early participation in the successful completion of the clubhouse project. After years of Board confusion regarding the layout and addresses in The Vineyards, Ruut single-handedly contributed the “big map” that has guided the Board through many board meetings. We all need to keep watching for Ruut driving his classic Citroen up and down Saratoga Avenue.

As president I am privileged to have served with Jim, Frank, and Ruut over the years and look forward to their continued participation in the success of The Vineyards.

Jim Foley

Board President

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VINEYARDS WEBSITE

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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 to 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 a car parking sticker 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 meeting is on Thursday May 8th 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.

MAY NEWS

Last month the final furniture shipment arrived, and the all the new Clubhouse seating is now in place, in time for our grand opening party on April 26th (see next page for more details). While both pools are open, some work needs to be completed on the trellis at the big pool.

It's time to gather your bulky giveaway items for the large dumpsters next month. This spring they are scheduled for 16th – 27th May. Twice a year the Vineyards provides two large dumpsters to allow you to dispose of bulky items – moving boxes, construction wood, old furniture – no paints, oils, computers, tires, toxic or flammable materials please.

VINEYARDS PAINTING PROJECT

Please report any unpainted areas or mistakes or other painting concerns to Luis Heredia ASAP. The front doors of the units will be painted in a few weeks time. All necessary remedial work will be carried out at when the painters return to each unit.

SARATOGA CREEK

With the recent drought we have a very dry creek bed along our border. The Santa Clara Valley Water District has reduced its releases intended for purposes of groundwater recharge from local reservoirs and distribution systems to local creeks and ponds. With parched hillsides above and a dry creek bed beside us, there is some concern that more wild animals will be seeking water and food in areas beyond their normal habitat. At the April board meeting a resident reported hearing coyotes at night.

You may want to keep patio gates closed and be extra vigilant with pets, especially cats and small dogs. In addition to this, if you see an animal in distress please call San Jose Animal Care and Services at (408) 794-7297. The Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley advises people not approach or handle raccoons, coyotes, fox, deer, bobcat, or skunk.

Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley: <http://www.wcsv.org>

NEWSLETTER

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

Anna Scicinska, Dave Katleman, Linda George and Paula Camporaso

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*Grand Opening of the Clubhouse
&*

*Tribute to Past Board Members
Jim T, Ruut, Frank*

**4:00 PM Saturday April 26th
at Vineyards Clubhouse**

*Please bring a goody to share.
Beverages will be provided.*



CLUBHOUSE & POOLS

The Clubhouse and pools are for the use of residents and their guests only. Pool heating in preparation for the 2014 pool season is scheduled to start on April 15th and the two pools are heated May through September. Pool social hours are 10am to 10pm, so make sure that you are very quiet if you like to swim laps early in the morning. For insurance reasons children under 18 must be accompanied to the pool by an adult resident at all times. Infants who are not potty trained are **not** allowed in the water even with swim diapers. Please remember to be considerate to neighbors living around our pools and to other pool users – no loud music, running, shouting or screaming!!!

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.

The Vineyards Clubhouse is open for member use and reservations. Please contact Luis at CMS.

BBQ SAFETY

As grill season starts please stay safe and aware of some fire safety concerns. **No fire pits or open flame BBQ grills are allowed on our balconies or patios – if in doubt call Luis Heredia and check before you buy or fire-up.** There is a very large communal gas BBQ next to the big pool for delicious open flame grilling, and small grill at the clubhouse pool. All residents may use these, but please be prepared to share the space, and to clean the grates and area around the BBQs after each use.

Below are some relevant sections of the Santa Clara county regulations, which we all individually need to follow. For more information please see:

<http://santaclaraca.gov/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=5726>



SANTA CLARA FIRE DEPARTMENT – DIVISION OF FIRE PREVENTION

Fire safety regulations for barbecues on balconies, patios and decks of residential occupancies having more than 2 dwelling units. The Fire Code contains regulations for the use and storage of barbecues on specified balconies, patios and decks of residential structures having more than two dwelling units. These include apartments, condominiums and townhouses (except for townhouses located on individual parcels).

The following are the applicable sections from the Fire Code: 308.1.4. Open-Flame Cooking Devices. Open-flame devices shall not be operated on combustible balconies or within 10' of combustible construction.

Frequently Asked Questions:

When did these new requirements become effective? Initially in 2007. Effective January 1, 2010 with the adoption of the California Fire Code.

Which municipalities have adopted Fire Code regulations for barbecues?

All municipalities in Santa Clara County have adopted the Fire Code regulations for barbecues.

Can electric barbecues be used on combustible balconies and decks without restriction? Yes.

Are there other restrictions I should be aware of regarding the use of propane fuel? Yes, if your building has more than one dwelling unit above the first floor, you must transport the LPG/propane containers to your unit via an open exterior stairway.



THE NEWSLETTER AT A GLANCE

LAST MONTH

Pool heater turned on April 15th
Spring tree trimming
Final wood repairs and painting
Pool house new heater, pipework & trellis
Resident must accompany pool guests (max 4)

NEXT MONTH

Board meeting – Thursday May 8th @ 7:00pm
Clubhouse Opening and Tribute Party – April 26th @ 4:00pm
Large dumpsters available 16th – 27th May
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No open-flame grills or fire pits on patios and balconies