



# The Grapevine



MAY/JUNE 2014

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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 to [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 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 June 12<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 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

It's time to gather your bulky giveaway items for the large dumpsters. This spring they are scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

'Tis the sunny season for living outdoors – please read the article on the next page with our pool, patio and BBQ grill info and guidelines.

## VOLUNTEERS, VOLUNTEERS, VOLUNTEERS !!!

Dear neighbors,

We all call a fabulous place home – the Vineyards not only has the top three items on a real estate wish list, namely “location, location and location,” but we think that we have the very best neighbors too!

We are looking for volunteers, volunteers and more volunteers to join the Vineyards Social Event Committee and for the Welcome Wagon to welcome new Vineyards residents. If you can contribute time, ideas, technical support or practical support we'd love to hear from you!

Please come to the next monthly Board meeting or contact Anna S via the newsletter. Our next Vineyards event is a Summer Pool Party on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

## 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](mailto:newsletter@vineyardlane.org). Letters and articles from residents will be published in the next newsletter to go to print.

Anna Scicinska, Dave Katleman, Linda George and Paula Camporaso

## CLUBHOUSE & POOLS

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. The two pools are heated May through September. Please remember that the Clubhouse and pools are for the use of residents only (accompanied by no more than 4 guests). 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 – this means no running, shouting or screaming or loud music!!!

The upper floor (and deck) of the Clubhouse is open for reservations. Please contact Luis at CMS. Reservations cannot be made for the pool areas or for the lower floor of the Clubhouse, which is open at all times to all residents.

**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.**

## 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 a 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.



We all need to follow relevant sections of the Santa Clara county regulations for fire safety.

For more information please see: <http://santaclaraca.gov/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=5726>

## SOCIAL NEWS

The Clubhouse Grand Opening party last month was a great success – it was very well attended and enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously with delicious potluck dishes. President Jim Foley acknowledged three very long serving former members of the Board – Jim T, Frank H and Ruut V. Details of the final “kitchen stage” of the upgrades were made public. Jim also thanked Nora W for donating some new gym equipment, and Christian O for donating a ping-pong table, for all to enjoy at the Clubhouse!

## SAVE THE DATE – SUMMER POOL PARTY

All residents are invited to a pool party at the big pool to be held on Saturday July 19<sup>th</sup>, from afternoon into evening. Volunteers are needed to help with set up, organization and clean up. BBQ favorites fresh from the grill will be served. A sign-up sheet for potluck appetizers, sides, desserts and drinks will be posted at the big pool in early July.

## SQUIRRELS AND CROWS

Squirrels and crows in increasingly large numbers have become quite a nuisance lately. Please do not feed or encourage these pesky creatures either by choice or inadvertently, by leaving pet food outdoors.

## DUMPSTERS

With the imminent arrival of the large dumpsters later this month comes a friendly “year round” reminder – please do not overfill the dumpsters and recycle bins in each courtyard. This is not very neighborly and it cost us A LOT each month to clean up after a few selfish folks!!! The sanitation crews do not pick up trash from the ground, so please break down all boxes, make sure the lids on the bins can close, and take overspill to supersized dumpster #3 near the HWY 85 border.  
**Contractors should haul their own trash – dumpsters are for use by residents for domestic trash & recycle only.**

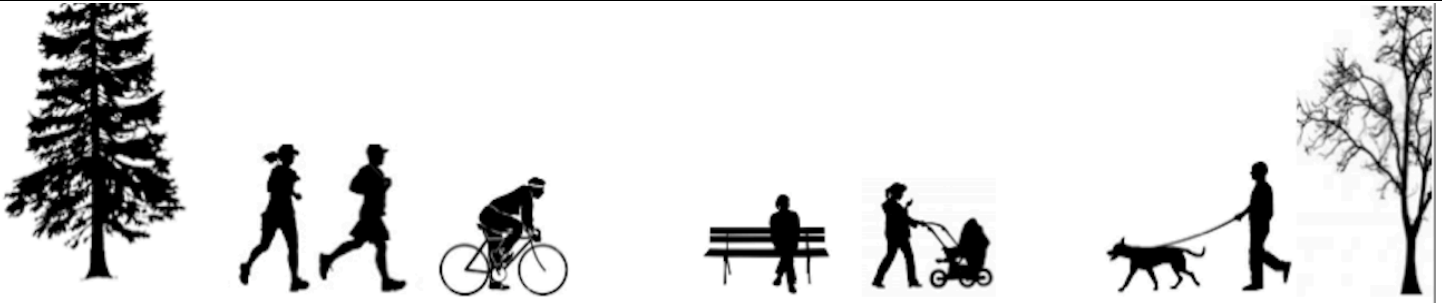
## THE NEWSLETTER AT A GLANCE

### LAST MONTH

Large dumpsters available 16<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> May  
Pools and clubhouse open to residents  
Spring tree trimming  
New trellis at big pool house

### NEXT MONTH

Board meeting – Thursday June 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm  
Save the date – Summer Pool Party on Saturday July 19<sup>th</sup>  
Resident must accompany pool guests (max 4)  
No open-flame grills or fire pits on patios and balconies



**COMMUNITY CORNER – JOE’S TRAIL**

contributed by Linda George

**NEARBY WALKING, JOGGING, AND BICYCLING:** If you haven’t explored Saratoga just south of Highway 85 recently, you might be surprised to learn that there’s a new trail in town. Named in memory of Joe Sanfilippo, a Saratoga resident, “Joe’s trail” officially opened in November 2011. The 1.6-mile pedestrian and bicycle pathway along the PG&E right-of-way, parallels the Union Pacific railroad tracks south of Highway 85.

The trail starts at Saratoga Avenue and ends at Saratoga-Sunnyvale Avenue, with a short gap near Cox Avenue. (This gap is due to property right-of-way constraints and can be crossed easily by foot or bike). Additional bridges across Rodeo Creek and Saratoga Creek were added more recently.

To reach the trail from the Vineyards, walk along the sidewalk under 85 and continue uphill for a total of 0.3 miles from the entrance to the Vineyards. The trailhead isn’t very obvious unless you know it’s there! Look for it on your right before you reach the signal at Dagmar Drive.

Perhaps in the more distant future the trail will connect to other regional trails such as the Stevens Creek trail toward the bay, but for now it’s great to have a nearby recreational pathway away from cars and traffic.



**LETTER FROM A CONCERNED HOMEOWNER** This item came up during the Open Forum of the May Board Meeting.

*Electrical Wiring: I would like to inform other Vineyard owners of an issue we recently encountered. We had a power outage in our unit and our electrician found the problem to be a faulty wall plug. The wires were an older style with the wires merely twisted together, as the building code required at the time The Vineyards was constructed. Our electrician secured them by using a newer type of connector that meets the newer codes and does not have the same problems. Other owners might want to have their electrical plugs/wiring/fixtures checked out for any similar problems.*

*A concerned homeowner*

**KEEPING IT CLEAN**

A big thank you to all dog owners for picking up after your pooch! There has been a visible decrease in the amount of doggy doo-doo seen around the perimeter and lawns areas. Please remember to alert your dog walkers and any family members who might take Fido for a walk to do the same. A few new signs will be posted shortly in some strategic places to keep awareness levels high. Let’s continue to keep our Vineyards community a pleasant place for all to enjoy.

