



# The Grapevine



**AUG/SEP 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 Sep 11<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.

## **AUG NEWS**

A wonderful time was had by all at the annual summer Pool Party this year – a chance to meet with old friends and welcome new Vineyards residents. Thank you to all who attended, volunteered their help organize this event, and brought delicious potluck dishes to share.

Work is continuing on updating the CC&Rs and other HOA documents. The concrete contractors are currently fixing walkways and paving stones.

The perimeter has been plagued by litter recently, including cigarette butts, coffee cups and water bottles – this is both unsightly and unacceptable. Please ... just take your trash home or drop it into the nearest dumpster!

## **FALL DUMPSTERS**

It's time to gather your bulky giveaway items for the two large dumpsters scheduled during October. Twice a year the Vineyards provides larger dumpsters for convenient disposal of unwanted oversized items – old furniture, moving boxes, construction wood – no paints, oils, computers, tires, toxic or flammable materials please.

😊 **Flatten all cardboard boxes and put them inside the dumpster** 😊

In the meantime, please do not fill the dumpsters to overflowing, and use adjacent dumpsters if the one nearest to your unit is full. Dumpsters are for residents only – contractors must haul construction trash away.

😊 **Dumpster #3 (hwy 85 wall) has extra capacity for larger items** 😊

## **RED ZONE TICKETING AND TOWING**

Parking in the Red Zones is prohibited. Please remind your renters, contractors, and visitors to only use the marked parking spaces.

**WARNING: Windshield stickers will be used on illegally parked cars.. Vehicles parked in Red Zones may also be towed at owners expense.**

## SAVE WATER



**“Almost all of California is in severe, extreme or exceptional drought.”** — here are some updates from the July 2014 Santa Clara Valley Water District newsletter and website.

*“We ask everyone across Santa Clara County to help reach the statewide 20 % water reduction target. If we all do our part it can add up to huge water savings — it may mean the difference between California running out of water or not.*

*National studies show that most people use twice as much water as they think they do. We should look carefully at where, when and how we use water.*

*Make a list of changes you can make in and around your home, set a goal and get started. Visit the SCVWD website [valleywater.org/drought2014](http://valleywater.org/drought2014) for the most up-to-the minute drought information. “*

“More than half the water used in Santa Clara county comes from snow or rain that originates in the Sierra Nevada mountains, most of which flows through the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. This “imported water” is transported into the county through a system of channels, pipelines and tunnels. In dry and critically dry years, up to 99 percent of treated water is from imported water sources. At this time, both the federal and state governments have announced that little to none of our regular allocation of imported water will be made available to us this year due to the drought. Groundwater is the county’s original source of water supply and is our largest storage “reservoir.” Maintaining the level and quality of our groundwater basin is essential to securing our water supply and preventing land subsidence (sinking of the ground). Currently, water is flowing out of Lexington Reservoir at a rate of 12 cubic feet per second (cfs). At this rate, the water district estimates that Lexington Reservoir will reach a shallow depth, whereby the water level is lower than the release outlet, by the end of October.”

*Santa Clara Water also offers a High Efficiency Toilet Rebate Program. Planning to replace your old toilet? You may be eligible to receive up to \$125 rebate per premium model High-Efficiency Toilet – contact Luis for our utility account info.*

### Here are some ways to conserve water on a daily basis:

#### Indoors

- *About 40 % of indoor water is used in the bathroom and a quarter of that is flushed down the toilet, so don’t use your toilet as a wastebasket, and fix leaky toilets ASAP*
- **Cut your shower time to 5 minutes**, and use an efficient shower head
- *Renters take action by alerting building owners to plumbing leaks or wasteful irrigation, and requesting water efficient shower heads*
- *Wait for full loads to wash clothes and save 20 gallons per load*

#### Outdoors

- *Set automated watering systems to **water before 5 a.m. or after 9 p.m.***
- *Water only **two times per week** — less frequent, deeper watering is better for plants and lawns during dry spells*
- *Check your watering system for leaks or excess run off — preventing overspray can save 20-25 gallons a day*
- *Sweep with a broom — don’t use water spray to clean hardscapes and make sure hoses have an automatic shut off nozzle*



## THE NEWSLETTER AT A GLANCE

Thanks to all for a great pool party !!!

Work on HOA document updates continues

Save water at home – see info above

Next Board meeting – Thursday Sep 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm

Fall clean up – large dumpsters coming in October

Windscreen stickers will be used on illegally parked cars

## 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.

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