



The Grapevine



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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 408-559-1977

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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 Oct 9th 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.

SEPTEMBER NEWS

The board is continuing to meet and work on the major task of updating the CC&Rs and other HOA documents. Meetings are open to members, with dates and times posted at the mailboxes should you wish to attend.

The concrete contractor is still around, and working on the annual task of fixing walkways and resetting paver stones lifted by tree roots.

The pool heating will be turned off next month at both pools.

In this severe drought remember to set patio watering systems by the Water District's new rules – **water before 5 a.m. or after 9 p.m.** Also please check for and fix dripping faucets or running toilets ASAP. SCVWD offers up to \$125 rebate per premium model High-Efficiency Toilet – contact Luis for our utility account info. For more info visit valleywater.org.

LITTER

Please do not drop cigarette butts, coffee cups, plastic wrappers and water bottles on the ground – this is both unsightly and unacceptable. Residents take your trash home or drop it into the nearest dumpster, and please remind your contractors to do the same!

FALL DUMPSTERS

It's time to gather your bulky giveaway items for the two large dumpsters scheduled October 1st to 3rd. 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

In the last month three vehicles were reported as abandoned in our perimeter parking bays and one was subsequently towed. Parking bays are for residents and their visitors only – if you have a long-stay visitor please put a note in their windscreen area indicating your unit number. Parking in the Red Zones is prohibited to all – vehicles parked in Red Zones may also be towed at the owners expense. This includes parking immediately behind your garage for anything other than loading and unloading. Please remind your cleaners, renters, contractors, and visitors to only use the marked parking spaces, and report any suspicious looking cars to CMS or to a board member.

WARNING: Windshield stickers are being used on illegally parked cars.

LANDSCAPING UPDATE

Please report broken sprinkler heads or other signs of excessive watering around your unit. Conversely, please give any shrubs or trees around your unit that look a little dry some extra water – consider saving and re-using “greywater” from rinsing veggies in the kitchen sink for this purpose. At the last board meeting a landscaping proposal for fall planting was approved, including ferns, hydrangeas, rhododendrons, and some chinese pistache trees. You may have noticed that gophers and squirrels are running wild and causing extensive damage to lawns and trees respectively – some local pest control measures will be taken shortly. We received permits from the city of Saratoga last week for the removal of two large trees – one is a diseased birch and the other is a redwood causing structural damage to a unit – the birch will be replaced in kind as soon as possible.

COMMUNITY CORNER – Fremont Older Open Space Preserve

by Linda George



The May 2014 issue of the Grapevine described Joe’s Trail, a pedestrian and bicycle pathway along the PG&E corridor south of the Vineyards. Another nearby outdoor opportunity is Fremont Older Open Space Preserve. The closest entrance is at the western end of Prospect Avenue, about 4.5 miles from the Vineyards.

Fremont Older is a 739-acre preserve with approximately 9 miles of hilly trails and a great viewpoint overlooking Silicon Valley and the bay. To get to the overlook, start at the Prospect Road entrance. When you reach the first ridge, turn right at the “Y” toward Hunters Point. From there you can return along the same route or explore the Seven Springs loop, which descends into a valley and then climbs back up near the initial ridge. The Seven Springs trail has great shade on warm days.

The preserve is open to hikers, equestrians, leashed dogs, and bicyclists. For more info, including directions and a trail map, see their website: http://www.openspace.org/preserves/pr_fremont.asp

THE NEWSLETTER AT A GLANCE

Save water during the 2014 drought
Work on HOA document updates continues
Windscreen stickers used on illegally parked cars

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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. Letters and articles from residents will be published in the next newsletter to go to print.

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