



# The Grapevine



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## VINEYARDS WEBSITE

[www.vineyardsofsaratoga.com](http://www.vineyardsofsaratoga.com)

- Monthly newsletter
- HOA forms and documents
- Bylaws, CC&Rs, Rules and Regs
- 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 customer services at CMS

### Community Management Services

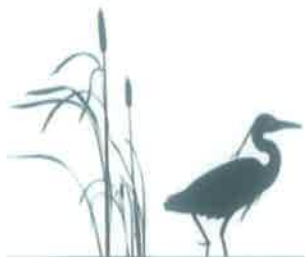
[cs@communitymanagement.com](mailto:cs@communitymanagement.com)

Telephone 408-559-1977

Fax number 408-559-1970

Our Association Manager is Luis Heredia  
[lheredia@communitymanagement.com](mailto:lheredia@communitymanagement.com)

To report a crime or suspicious behavior call the local Sheriff 408-299-2311



## THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The next Board meeting is scheduled on May 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.

## APRIL NEWS

**Pool heating in both pools** is usually turned on in mid to late April, dependent on the weather being warm enough.

**Several owners have reported yellow jackets** nesting in their eaves. If you have a nest to report please let CMS know ASAP so we can target all of these problems in the same pest control visit. Send an email to customer services [cs@communitymanagement.com](mailto:cs@communitymanagement.com).

**Owners who have not completed Occupancy Forms** for their unit will receive a letter from CMS this month with a deadline for return – those who do not respond will be called to an HOA hearing and fined.

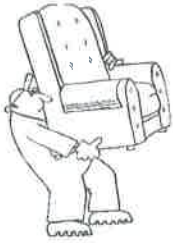
**The Security Committee** evaluated several security options for the Vineyards' entrance. The Board approved a proposal for the installation of license plate cameras. A proposed feasibility study to look into the possibility of some form of secure entrance barriers was also approved.

**The Landscape Committee** had good news and bad news. The good news is that even the most distressed redwoods are sprouting new green shoots. The bad news is that despite the rains this winter, recent testing has shown that soil more than 2 feet below ground level is still bone dry. We will need to continue our schedule of deep watering for the redwoods and several other trees through the spring and summer months of 2016.

**The Spring Dumpsters** are scheduled May 13<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> so hold onto your large disposable items for a few more weeks. See over for more details.

**Furniture and such should NEVER be left in or next to the dumpster enclosures.** If you think someone else might find an item useful please donate it to Goodwill, or wait for the arrival of the semi-annual oversize dumpsters each May & October. The removal of curbside "free items" dumped in the Vineyards adds needless \$\$\$ to our garbage costs.

**SPRING DUMPSTERS** are scheduled for May 13<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, so hold onto any bulky giveaway items a little longer.



Each Spring and Fall the Vineyards provides two high-capacity dumpsters. These should be used for disposing of household items too large to go in our permanent dumpsters. These large high-capacity dumpsters will be located on the perimeter road near the 200's and 600's.

**YES** – bulky, oversize household items – moving boxes, large quantities of packing materials, window shutters, old construction wood, unwanted furniture, curtains, toys, plastic items.

**NO** – do not use these dumpsters to dispose of hazardous household waste like paints, oils, computers, tires, or other toxic, poisonous, corrosive, or flammable materials.  
For correct disposal of these items call (408) 299 – 7300 or go to [www.HHW.org](http://www.HHW.org).

**GARBAGE & RECYCLE FAQs** for more information check [sccgov.org](http://sccgov.org)

What products are considered hazardous waste?

Many household cleaning, gardening, and hobby supplies are hazardous. Hazardous materials include batteries, asbestos, aerosol cans, pool chemicals, automotive fluids, needles and syringes, paint and paint products, mercury thermometers, pressurized cylinders, gasoline/diesel fuel, contaminated dirt, garden chemicals, radioactive materials, ammunition, explosives.

What can I do with unwanted household hazardous waste?

Contact the County of Santa Clara Household Hazardous Waste Program to make a drop-off appointment

408-299-7300 or go to [www.HHW.org](http://www.HHW.org)

What do I do with old electronic equipment?

**You have choices:**

If it is in good working condition, you may be able to donate it to a charitable organization - look in the yellow pages under Social Service Organizations.

Is it worth repairing? Check with a retail electronic shop about repair of your broken electronic equipment. Ask for an estimate to make sure the equipment is worth the cost of repair. When you buy a replacement, ask the retail store to take your old item.

Santa Clara County has over 200 recycling centers that accept a wide variety of products. To find the appropriate recycling center nearest you, call the County Recycling Hotline at 1-800-533-8414 or go to [www.RecycleStuff.org](http://www.RecycleStuff.org).

What do I do if I see scavengers taking recyclables?

Write down the license number, a description of the vehicle and person scavenging, the date and time of the occurrence and call your local police NON-emergency dispatcher.

Sale of the recyclable materials collected by your collection company helps to pay for the services you receive. Theft of these materials impacts your cost of service. City and County ordinances specify that recyclable materials are the property of the municipality once they are set at the curb by single family residents or placed in cooperative collection containers by multi-family residents. Violation of these ordinances is a misdemeanor and is punishable by fine or imprisonment.



**NOTICE**

**PLEASE  
REPLACE SPA  
COVER AFTER USE**

The Spa next to the Clubhouse Pool is heated year round and those who leave the insulated cover off add needless \$\$\$ to our monthly utility bills.

- \* Please read and follow all Spa Rules
- \* Be aware of adjacent neighbors during quiet hours
- \* Replace the cover after every use

## CLUBHOUSE SOCIAL EVENTS

Thank you to all who attended the memorial for Frank H. last month. A slide show of photographs, which ran on the TV screen, gave us a charming glimpse of Frank in his younger days – we all knew him as being very camera shy in his later years! Frank's daughters, both of whom live in Oregon, were there for the gathering. They appreciated the kind words and all the memories that were shared. Many thanks to Chris B. for organizing this event.

**Does any one have suggestions for themes for a Clubhouse Movie Night? Several residents have expressed an interest in gathering for some evenings of back-to-back movies. Anyone for Matrix, Mad Max, Jason Bourne, or Star Wars Trilogies? How about some Hitchcock at Halloween? We could do a Toy Story Matinee or an all day Harry Potter Marathon for the young (and young at heart). Any volunteers to organize and run an event?**

**Please send ideas and requests to [grapevine@vineyardsofsaratoga.com](mailto:grapevine@vineyardsofsaratoga.com).**

Hurray for resuming a popular Vineyards event! There will be a winetasting evening at the Clubhouse on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. This winetasting is a closed event for Vineyards residents only. For more information from the organizer Carole D. please look below and see the notices by the mailboxes.

## THE VINEYARDS OF SARATOGA WINE TASTING

*Join your neighbors in the Clubhouse for a great time on Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 pm*

*What to bring: One bottle (per unit) of red or white California wine priced \$10 - \$20*

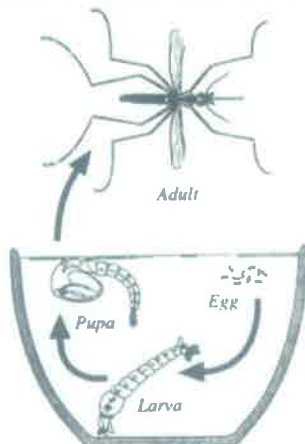
*Hors d'oeuvres to share AND a wine glass*



## PREVENT MOSQUITOES

**\* \* \* Check the pots on your patios and balconies for standing water and mosquito larvae \* \* \***

Our proximity to the Saratoga Creek makes parts of the Vineyards very prone to mosquitoes. With spring weather and mosquito season coming, there are some simple precautions that can be taken. Apart from the discomfort of bug bites, there is local concern about West Nile virus, and this year the CDC has additional concerns about preventing the Zika virus from spreading in the United States.



The Zika virus is primarily spread through the bite of an infected *Aedes aegypti* mosquito. It is called as the "container-breeding mosquito" because females prefer to lay eggs in water that collects in manmade containers. Eggs stick to containers like glue and remain attached until they are scrubbed off. Eggs can survive up to 8 months when they dry out – when it rains or water covers the eggs, they hatch and become adults in about a week.

- \* Empty any standing water outdoors
- \* Use door and window screens with open windows
- \* Turn unused buckets and flower pots upside down
- \* Clean birdbaths and fountains weekly
- \* Fill a plant pot saucer with sand – it will still trap moisture
- \* Scrub outdoor containers such as pet water bowls or watering cans weekly
- \* Report dead birds online to [www.westnile.ca.gov](http://www.westnile.ca.gov)



## MAY FAMILY ACTIVITIES

by Linglin Niu

Here are some local activities the whole family can enjoy. If you know of an upcoming event you think other Vineyards parents or grandparents would like to hear about, please e-mail the full details to [grapevine@vineyardsofsaratoga.com](mailto:grapevine@vineyardsofsaratoga.com).



### Treasure Island Flea Market

**Dates:** Apr. 23<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>

**Activity:** 400+ vendors and makers selling original artwork, antiques, vintage apparel, re-purposed and up-cycled items, new designs and fashion, and much, much more! 25+ top rated food trucks and booths. Makers Square features a rotating selection of DIY workshops. Live music from local bands on the lawn. Kid zone filled with activities from jump houses to petting zoos, pony rides, magic and more!

**Distance:** 50 miles, 53 min

**Location:** Ave. of the Palms, Treasure Island, San Francisco

**Cost :** General Admission \$3 / Kids 12 under free

**Website:** <http://www.treasureislandflea.com/#!april-23-24-2016/avxcp>



### Almost Mother's Day Kids Concert

**Dates:** 11am – 1pm, May 7<sup>th</sup>

**Activity:** Have at blast at the "Almost" Mother's Day Concert! Families will enjoy a super fun kids concert and an inflatable play land. Use the craft area to create a special Mother's Day Gift.

**Distance:** 21.3 mile, 26 min

**Location:** Courthouse Square, 2200 Broadway Street, Redwood City

**Cost :** Free

**Website:** <http://www.hiddenvilla.org/programs/calendar-of-events#2016-04-01>



### Swan Lake by Los Gatos Ballet

**Dates:** May 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>

**Activity:** An elegant production of Swan Lake, the crown jewel of classical ballet. Watch as Prince Siegfried seeks to rescue his beloved Odette, who has been cast under a spell from the wicked Baron. A dramatic tale of love's triumph over evil.

**Distance:** 1.7 miles, 5 min

**Location:** West Valley College Theater

**Cost :** Adults \$25, Seniors and children \$15

**Website:** <http://losgatosballet.org/swan-lake.html>

## THE NEWSLETTER AT A GLANCE

Report suspected yellow jackets nests to CMS

Prevent mosquitoes – clear standing water

Wine tasting April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30pm at Clubhouse

Next Board meeting – Thu May 12th @ 7:00pm

Dumpsters for oversized garbage due in May

Clubhouse Movie Marathons – send in ideas

## Smoking is not permitted inside units, on patios or balconies – this applies to all forms of smoking

The designated smoking zone is on the perimeter road beyond the centerline of Vineyard Lane

Smokers should dispose of cigarette butts properly – please do not leave your butts on the ground as litter

## NEWSLETTER

We welcome all input into our Vineyards newsletter. If you are interested in joining the newsletter committee or contributing an article please contact Anna Scicska by email at [grapevine@vineyardsofsaratoga.com](mailto:grapevine@vineyardsofsaratoga.com). Letters and articles submitted by residents will go into the next newsletter to go to print.

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