



The Grapevine



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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VINEYARDS WEBSITE

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

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

Telephone 408-559-1977

Fax number 408-559-1970

Our Association Manager is Luis Heredia
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 Sep 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 ongoing projects or decisions made by the Board.

Following Open Forum, the meeting is limited to issues posted on the agenda. Homeowners are welcome and encouraged to stay and observe, but this part of the meeting is typically closed to owner participation. Minutes are posted on the website once approved after the next meeting.

AUGUST NEWS

Our sincere thanks and good wishes to Dave Katleman, who has moved out of the Vineyards. During the three years Dave served as a Board Member he helped in the marathon task of revising the governing documents. He also played a big part in several Clubhouse projects including the new furniture, kitchen and IT connectivity for entertainment (our new wall TV), and Security. The new Security Committee Board representative will be Jeff Klopotic; the other members of the committee are Kailash (KC) Joshi, Tom Schmidt, and Jan Scicinski.

The Hawaiian themed Pool Party had a great attendance and was enjoyed by all. To the gentle sounds of island music we feasted on Pineapple Bruschetta, Kalua Pork, HuliHuli Chicken and Rice, several Green Salads, Hawaiian style Pizza and Meatballs, Shave Ice, Mini Pineapple upside-down cakes, Tropical Fruit Salads, and more. Icy cold POG, MaiTais and Hawaiian beer kept us refreshed through the afternoon. Thank you to everyone who bought delicious dishes to share. And a huge heartfelt thank you from the coordinator Anna Scicinska to all the volunteers who made the Vineyards Luau such a success by helping before, during and after the event. Previous summer event themes have included a Southern themed Pig Pickin', and All American burgers and hot dogs. How about a Mexican Fiesta next year?

On July 6th The City of Saratoga had the first reading of the proposed smoking ordinance. The second reading was on the agenda for the council meeting on August 17th. For more details please see the articles on the Community Information page. **If approved, a letter will be sent out from CMS to all residents and owners. The expected date for ordinance to go into effect is Saturday September 17th.**

Save the date for the Vineyards fall wine tasting, which is scheduled for Friday November 4th in the Clubhouse. Many thanks to Carole D for organizing these fun evenings. Anyone who participated and wants to get a list of the summer wine tasting wines should contact Carole by email.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

CITY OF SARATOGA PROPOSED SMOKING RESTRICTIONS

*MERCURY NEWS SARATOGA: Saratoga's elected officials are considering making changes to the city's smoking and tobacco retailer license regulations, which could impact ... multi-family apartment complexes ... The council voted on July 6 in favor of an amended ordinance to bring smoking regulations in line with state regulations. The updated ordinance **prohibits smoking in ... the common areas of multifamily developments** ... The regulations were modeled after existing ones in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties, the town of Los Gatos and the cities of San Jose, Campbell, Burlingame, Menlo Park, Palo Alto, Cupertino, Morgan Hill, Mountain View ... The second reading of the ordinance will take place at the next council meeting on Aug. 17. **If approved, the ordinance would go into effect Sept. 17.***

*CITY OF SARTOGA STAFF NOTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING: A notice advertising the public hearing on July 6, 2016 was printed in the Saratoga News on June 24, 2016. Additionally, though not required, the City mailed notices to Saratoga businesses and multifamily residents the week of June 20. Emails were also sent by the Saratoga Chamber of Commerce to Chamber members and information about the proposed ordinance was posted on the City website and on Nextdoor.com. A summary of the ordinance was also printed in the Saratoga News on August 12, 2016 **and another summary will be printed on August 26, 2016, if the ordinance is adopted.***

It looks likely that the proposed City of Saratoga ordinance on smoking will pass. This means there will be NO SMOKING PERMITTED ANYWHERE IN THE VINEYARDS, or within 20 feet of the entrance gate, as of September 17th 2016. Landlords need to inform their tenants ASAP and add a clause to this effect to their Lease documents.

SAFETY FIRST – Drive safe, bike safe, walk safe.

Please observe the speed limit and be careful to follow other rules of the road. Even though the Vineyards is a private road, California Vehicle Code applies and the Sheriff can stop and prosecute drivers. Please be careful on blind corners and at the entrance.

Drivers need to stay below 15 MPH. Since there is no sidewalk along most of the perimeter road, cars and pedestrians must share the roadway. We have parents pushing infants in strollers, children on scooters, cyclists, and dog walkers. In addition, our partially sighted, elderly and infirm residents who use walking aids, cannot leap out of the way of BMWs careening around blind corners!!!



Now that evenings are getting darker, dog walkers & joggers please wear reflective clothing or carry a flashlight.

WE VOLUNTEER BECAUSE ...

Over the next few months we will run a stories about some of our Vineyards residents and the worthy causes they support as volunteers. If you would like to share your story and write a short piece about the charitable or non-profit organization you volunteer for, please send an email to grapevine@vineyardsofsaratoga.com.

Tom and Barbara Schmidt moved to the Vineyards last December. Before they retired they ran an IT sales and services company for 25 years. They have become familiar faces at Vineyards social events and Tom recently joined the Security Committee. Tom also recently signed up for a sponsored bike ride BIKE-MS to raise funds for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. He will be riding in the Waves to Wine Ride on September 24 – 25th. Riders will travel from San Francisco across the Golden Gate Bridge, along the Pacific Coast, and through Sonoma County.

With regard to his first ever sponsored BIKE-MS 50 mile ride, Tom says "I'm involved due to my personal connection to two young adults that have been diagnosed with MS. Fortunately, neither of them is currently stricken with active symptoms, but the potential is there and the way to overcome is through continued research. So much money is needed that my small contribution needs so much more and thus I reach out to the community. That's why I'm riding". Multiple sclerosis is an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system that interrupts the flow of information within the brain, and between the brain and body. Symptoms range from numbness and tingling to blindness and paralysis. Since the first Bike MS ride over 30 years ago, more than \$1 billion has been raised for research and programs to improve the lives of people living with MS. Today, there are treatments where there weren't any before and the dream of ending MS is becoming a reality. But there is still much to do.

If you would like to help Tom reach his goal of \$1500 you can make a make a tax-deductible donation on his Personal Bike MS page. <http://main.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR/Bike> ID: Thomas Schmidt Team: Tour de Friends

SARATOGA 60TH ANNIVERSARY PARADE

Saratoga will officially celebrate its 60th anniversary with a parade at 10 AM on September 17th. The parade will march along Big Basin Way with floats, musical ensembles, car clubs, civic organizations and more.

HILLSIDE COUNTRY OF THE QUIET RIVER?

The city of Saratoga, previously known by several other names, was named in 1865 after Saratoga Springs, NY. Saratoga was incorporated in 1956 to avoid being annexed to San Jose.

The usual process of naming a town involves someone who says, "I'm going to establish a town here and name it after myself," or who names it for some other person or, perhaps, a geographical feature. Maybe, the name just grows by usage and custom. By October 1864, the residents of a little settlement strung out along the banks of a stream on the western edge of the Santa Clara Valley, variously known as Arroyo Quito and Campbell Creek, had been through that all.

The place had been called Campbell's Gap, after the man who built a sawmill on the stream some two miles up the canyon; Tollgate, after the barrier that had been erected across the road leading to the mill; McCartysville, after the man who laid out the streets; Bank Mills, after the impressive stone structure and its ponderous water wheel which enterprising Charles Maclay had built near what is now the present entrance to Hakone Gardens, and now the citizens gathered at a patriotic event, for it was during the Civil War and even communities in remote California were divided by the conflict raging more than 2,500 miles away - were going to decide on the permanent name. They called it Saratoga.

There was good reason for the choice. During the 1850s, in a canyon that branched off from the one in which William Campbell built his sawmill, and some distance below the mill itself, mineral springs were discovered, the waters of which, it turned out, had almost exactly the same chemical content as the great Congress Springs, one of the ninety or so sources that compose Saratoga Springs, New York. Already the property had been purchased by a group of financiers headed by Darius Ogden Mills, and there was talk of a resort to be built in the grand manner of the eastern Saratoga spa, then a center of fashion. Indeed, what more logical name than Saratoga?

Read more about the history of the city of Saratoga on the webpage of the Saratoga Historical Foundation at www.saratogahistory.com

There are a couple of theories as to the origins of the name Saratoga. Some sources say it is derived from an Iroquois word, 'Se-rach-to-que', literally, 'floating scum upon the water', an understandable interpretation given the presence of mineral deposits which show up as vari-colored film on the surface of water. Another more credible theory from the history pages of Saratoga Springs NY, is that 'Saratoga' is a corruption of an Indian word 'Se-rach-ta-gue' from the Mohawk language, which meant 'the hillside country of the quiet river' – this was the name of ancient Indian hunting grounds located along both sides of the Hudson River. Whether the meaning, our city bears a truly American name.

Save the Date

Help celebrate Saratoga's sixth decade of incorporation by attending the 60th Anniversary Parade on Sat., September 17, 2016 on Big Basin Way in Downtown Saratoga.

WELCOME WAGON PERSON NEEDED

It has been a few years since the Vineyards had a welcome wagon person. In the fast changing realty reality of Silicon Valley, several new families move in to the Vineyards each year – it would be nice extend a warm official "Welcome" to our new neighbors. A welcome package typically consists of useful local and community information, and maybe a sweet treat or two. Looking for one or two volunteers! Please come to a Board Meeting or contact a Board member.

PLUMBING PROBLEMS

If your plumbing suddenly starts to run slow, please report the problem to CMS. You may have a leak or blockage in your pipes. This is especially important for upstairs units. Owners who ignore a plumbing issue or wait a few weeks before reporting a problem, and in so doing contribute to damage in their own or neighboring units, will pay a share of the cost of all necessary repairs. Be a good neighbor and do not wait until other units are damaged by your problem.

Consideration of others is the guiding principle of The Vineyards HOA and is required of all residents and guests at the The Vineyards of Saratoga at all times.



SEPTEMBER 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.

ANTIQUE AUTOS IN HISTORY PARK

Dates: 11 am – 4 pm, Sunday September 11th

Activity: The 16th Annual Antique Autos in History Park is presented by the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club and History San José. Enjoy antique autos, fire equipment, bicycles and motorcycles of all makes from 1900 to 1945 with a special focus on early Lincolns. Browse antique collectibles & craft demonstrations.

Distance: 13.6 miles, 19 min

Location: History Park, 635 Phelan Avenue, San Jose

Cost : \$5

Website: <http://historysanjose.org/wp/event/antique-autos-at-history-park/>



SARATOGA 60TH ANNIVERSARY PARADE

Dates: 10 am, Saturday September 17th

Activity: Enjoy an old-fashioned home town parade as it marches down Big Basin Way in celebration of Saratoga's 60th anniversary as a city!! The parade features live music, dance groups, home-made floats, antique cars, and more. Following the parade attendees will enjoy a cup of ice cream. Support this community activity and bring your neighbors!! P.S. Big Basin Way will be closed during the parade!

Distance: 2.2 miles, 6 min

Location: Big Basin Way, Saratoga

Cost : free

Website: www.saratoga.ca.us/60thparade



BARK IN THE PARK

Dates: 10am – 5pm, Saturday September 17th

Activity: Bark in the Park San Jose is the largest dog festival in the United States with more than 15,000 dog lovers and 3,900 dogs. Enjoy contests, including the popular Dog Costume Contest, Dog/Owner Look-Alike Contest and Tail Wagging Contest, demonstrations of dog agility and specialized dog training. Vendors will sell food and drink for humans, as well as dog-specific goods and services. Money raised benefits local community organizations including Humane Society Silicon Valley, and San Jose Animal Care Center.

Distance: 13.2 miles, 17 min

Location: William Street Park, S. 16th Street and E. William Street, San Jose

Cost : Free

Website: <http://www.barksanjose.org>



THE NEWSLETTER AT A GLANCE

Looking for a welcome wagon volunteer
Read the city of Saratoga smoking ordinance update
Report serious plumbing issues ASAP to CMS

Next Board meeting – Thu Sept 8th @ 7pm
New Saratoga smoking ordinance takes effect on Sat Sept 17th
Fall Wine tasting – Fri Nov 4th @ 7pm

NEWSLETTER TEAM

Anna Scicinska, Carole Lunny, Linglin Niu

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

