



The Grapevine



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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

Welcome wagon for new residents
welcomewagon@vineyardsofsaratoga.com

HELPFUL CONTACTS

Community Management Services

To report problems with outdoor lights or sprinklers and request repairs please call or email CMS customer service:

cs@communitymanagement.com

Telephone 408-559-1977

Fax number 408-559-1970

Luis Heredia, Association Manager
lheredia@communitymanagement.com

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

MAY/JUNE 2017

THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The next Board meeting is scheduled on Thursday June 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 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

On June 1st 2017, the new Vineyards Operating Rules will be adopted and come into effect. Please read these new rules carefully as they will apply to all residents – owners, renters, visitors, guests and contractors. Last month Vineyards Owners received a copy of the proposed new Operating Rules (formerly known as Rules and Regulations), for a 30-day comment and consultation period. During the May Board Meeting a couple owners requested clarification of some of the points. Since there are no changes, please keep the document you were sent. This document will be available to all on the Vineyards website as of June 1st, and will be included in the new Welcome Wagon binders given to new residents.

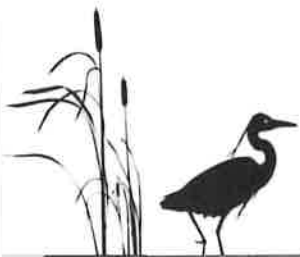
There will be an Open Forum for Renters on Thursday 13th July at 6:30pm, immediately before the July monthly Board Meeting. We are delighted to announce our new initiative to hold an Open Forum for renters twice a year. This will be an opportunity for resident renters to ask general questions and to get more involved in the Vineyards community. There are several initiatives that non-owners can get involved in, including Vineyards social events and the Neighborhood Watch / CERT team.

This is a chance for renters to meet a few more neighbors, and to put faces to names from the website and newsletter. We welcome community related questions and comments, however it is important to note that the Board cannot and will not mediate disputes between an individual Landlord and Tenant – renters will be informed if their question needs to be addressed directly to their Landlord.

Save the date for the Mexican Fiesta pool party on Saturday July 8th. For more information please see the next page.

As Pool and BBQ Season starts please read the guidelines on the next page for some seasonal information, as well as a few well-intentioned dos and don'ts to make everyone's poolside experience safe, pleasant and neighborly!

Our HOA Operating Rules will be updated on June 1st – please make sure you read this new document carefully!



COMMUNITY NEWS

POOL SEASON

Please observe poolside courtesies, and Vineyards Operating Rules.

- + Entry to the pool area is by residents' key fob
- + Do not open the gate or lend your key fob to others
- + An adult must accompany and supervise children
- + Residents must accompany their guests (max 4 per unit) at all times
- + Loungers, tables and BBQ facilities cannot be reserved
- + Diapers including swim diapers are not permitted
- + Be considerate if you swim during quiet hours & close the gate softly



- + No glassware or bottles should be brought into the pool area – please use acrylic glasses or cans
- + There should be no diving, running, screaming, loud music or any behaviors that cause an annoyance to other pool users or neighbors
- + Non-resident owners are not allowed to use the pools or other common area amenities – this right passes to the renter for the period of tenancy

Since the Big Pool has no bathroom, families are strongly encouraged to use the Clubhouse Pool with its adjacent toilet, shower & changing facilities.

BBQ SAFETY

During grill season please stay safe and aware of some fire safety concerns.

No fire pits or open flame BBQ grills are allowed on the balconies or patios – if in doubt call Luis Heredia and check before you fire-up or purchase a new grill.

There is a large communal gas BBQ next to the Big Pool for delicious open flame grilling, and a propane 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 – you do not want your greasy messes to attract roaches or ants!

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

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



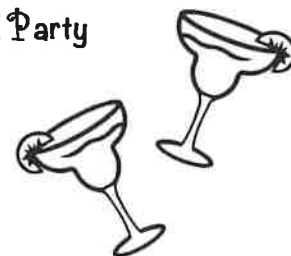
Mexican Fiesta

All Vineyards residents are invited to the annual Summer Pool Party

4 - 7 PM on Saturday July 8th at the Big Pool

Enjoy Chicken enchiladas and Margarita chicken,
Tortillas, chips, guacamole, salsa, and Watermelon

All adults will be served a welcome Margarita



Please bring your favorite summer drink and a dish to share – appetizers, sides, desserts, beer & wine.

If you bring your own wine glass or beer tankard, please remember that we use only acrylic or plastic glasses poolside.

A sign-up sheet for potluck appetizers, sides, desserts and drinks will be posted at the big pool in early July. We will need some volunteers for set up, grilling, and clean up duties – if you would like to help with one of these tasks, please see Chris Burns or Anna Scicinska, or send an email to grapevine@vineyardsofsaratoga.com.

Not all HOAs have the same operating rules – so please make sure you read ours carefully!

VINEYARDS BIRDS – PART 2

Inspired by Don Stoner's list of birds seen at the Vineyards, which you can see on the Vineyards Website, this six part series parts will help you identifying some of the many birds we see at the Vineyards.



WATER BIRDS



The Koi pond has a number of permanent residents but we have some regular visitors too. A pair of Mallard Ducks has nested on our pond and made it home for several years. The male birds (drakes) have a glossy green head and are grey on wings and belly, while the females (hens or ducks) have mainly brown-speckled plumage.

We also get passing predatory waders looking to feast on Koi and even baby ducklings. If the bird you see has white feathers it is likely to be a type of smaller heron called an egret. The heron most often seen at the Vineyards is the Great Egret; it is quite majestic at 3 feet tall, with a wingspan of 5 feet. You may also see the smaller Snowy Egret at the waterside or perched on a rooftop or tree overlooking the Koi pond. A Snowy Egret, which is about 2 feet tall, has black legs and yellow feet.



Three other types of heron have also been observed at the Vineyards: the Great Blue Heron, the Little Green Heron and the Black-crowned Night Heron. The Great Blue Heron is the largest North American heron, with a wingspan up to 6 feet. The Little Green Heron appears to have a very short neck since it pulls its head tight into its body; as the name would suggest, the feathers are a greenish grey with a chestnut neck. Aside from fish these birds also eat frogs, rodents and aquatic insects.



Hérons and Egrets can be recognized easily by the characteristic "S" shape curve of their necks (both standing and in flight), whereas other large wading birds like Cranes have straight necks. Sandhill Cranes spend winter on the wetlands of Central Valley, but do not reach the Bay Area.

Occasional sightings of Kingfishers and Cormorants complete the list of water birds seen at the Vineyards. Other residents of the pond include turtles – Red Eared Sliders and a few Western Painted Turtles. Reliant on warmth from their surroundings, turtles are active during the day when they like to bask in the sun on rocks. During winter turtles hibernate in the mud at the bottom of the pond.



Please do **not feed** either the fish or the turtles with bread – it has no nutrition value for either species. The Koi are fed with a special fish food every day and do not need additional food. Koi are actually an omnivorous fish, and will eat a wide variety of foods – they love lettuce and watermelon. Turtles feed on aquatic vegetation, algae, and small water creatures including insects and fish; they can live over 50 years in the wild.



Report sick or dead birds at www.westnile.ca.gov/report_wnv.php

The **California Audubon Society** does much needed work in education and for the protection of native bird habitats. For more information see: <http://ca.audubon.org/conservation/conservation/important-bird-areas>

NEXT MONTH – VINEYARDS BIRDS PART 3 – Small songbirds

JUNE 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.

SAN RAMON ART & WIND FESTIVAL

Dates: 10am – 6pm, May 28th – 29th

Activity: Kites are the big attraction of this event along with musicians and dancers on multiple stages, artists' booths for shopping, and hands-on activities for all ages.

Distance: 47 miles, 1 hour

Location: San Ramon Central Park, 12501 Alcosta Blvd, San Ramon

Cost: free

Website: <http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/parks/events/windfest/default.htm>



SUNNYVALE ART AND WINE FESTIVAL

Dates: 10am – 4pm, June 3rd – 4th

Activity: Kick off summer at the 43rd Annual Sunnyvale Art & Wine Festival. Enjoy delicious food and live music in historic downtown Sunnyvale on Murphy Avenue.

Distance: 8.8 miles, 17 mins

Location: S Murphy Ave, Sunnyvale

Cost: free

Website: www.facebook.com/Sunnyvale-Art-and-Wine-Festival-822050314478223/



YOU CAN UKELELE (for ages 9 – 14)

Dates: 1pm – 4pm, June 12th – 16th

Activity: Small, light, and easy to play! Students will spend the week mastering basic chords and strumming patterns to play nearly any tune, featuring both classic and contemporary songs. As an added bonus, students will take home their ukulele!

Distance: 3.2 miles, 10 mins

Location: Montalvo Arts Center, 15400 Montalvo Rd, Saratoga

Cost: \$235

Website: http://www.montalvoarts.org/camps/ukulele_2017/



AND JUST FOR SOME SUMMER FUN IN THE SUN ... THE 2017 CORGI CON

Dates: 10 am – 2 pm, Saturday Jun 21st

Activity: Activities ranging from a group photo, costume contest, and Corgi Races. Yes! Stumpy legged little corgis will be racing for title of Fastest Corgi!

Distance: 49 miles, 54 mins

Location: Ocean Beach, Fulton Between Stairwell 21 and Fulton, SF

Cost: free

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/events/369815693391483/>

THE NEWSLETTER AT A GLANCE

New Operating Rules apply from June 1st

Next Board meeting – Thu June 8th @ 7:00pm

No scooters or bicycles on inner paths or fire lanes

Annual Pool Party – Mexican Fiesta on July 8th @ 3pm

See www.vineyardsofsaratoga.com for our calendar, operating rules, architectural & occupancy forms and more

New resident? Contact the Welcome Wagon at welcomewagon@vineyardsofsaratoga.com

The HOA has updated the Operating Rules – please make sure you read the new rules asap !

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 Scicinska by email at grapevine@vineyardsofsaratoga.com. Letters and articles submitted by residents will go into the next newsletter to go to print. Anna Scicinska, Carole Lunny, Linglin Niu

