



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 4 0 8 - 5 5 9 - 1 9 7 7

Fax number 4 0 8 - 5 5 9 - 1 9 7 0

Luis Heredia, Association Manager

lheredia@communitymanagement.com

To report a crime or suspicious behavior call the local Sheriff 4 0 8 - 2 9 9 - 2 3 1 1

JUNE/JULY 2017

THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The next Board meeting is scheduled on Thursday July 13th 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.

JUNE NEWS

On June 1st 2017, the new Vineyards Operating Rules came 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. If you prefer a softcopy, this document is also available on the Vineyards website.

LANDLORDS NEED TO IMPLEMENT SOME IMPORTANT CHANGES: All new Leases should include clauses for no smoking, no pets*, and relevant occupancy restrictions based on the number of bedrooms.

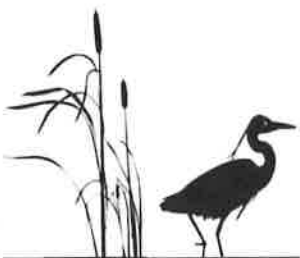
CMS will write to all known owner Landlords with more details, but it is very important that Landlords are familiar with and observe our CC&Rs and Operating Rules. *Existing renters may renew their Leases and keep their current pets; however the occupancy headcounts apply to all Leases.

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.

Join your neighbors for a Mexican Fiesta on Saturday July 8th at the Big Pool. For more information please see the next page.

As Pool and BBQ Season continues, please follow the few well-intentioned dos and don'ts that make everyone's poolside experience safe, pleasant, relaxing, and neighborly!



COMMUNITY NEWS

POSSIBLE DISH ALTERNATIVE

As our trees get ever taller, some owners are having difficulties with TV Satellite Dish replacement and reception. A new streaming-only live TV service called DirecTV Now is available from AT&T. No satellite dish or cable box is required, and packages start at \$35 per month. DirecTV Now requires only an internet connection and any of the following gadgets or web browsers: Amazon Fire TV and Fire TV Stick, Android smartphones and tablets, Apple TV, Chromecast, Google Cast, Google Chrome, Internet Explorer, iPad, iPhone, or Safari. More info on website www.directvnow.com

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
- + No diving, running, screaming, loud music or any behaviors that causes annoyance to other pool users or neighbors
- + Non-resident owners are not allowed to use the pools or other common area amenities



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

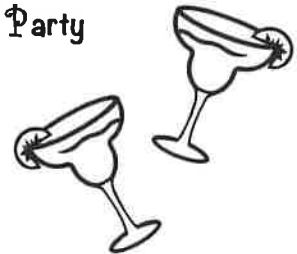
All Vineyards residents are invited to the annual Summer Pool Party

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 Scicska, or send an email to grapevine@vineyardsofsaratoga.com.

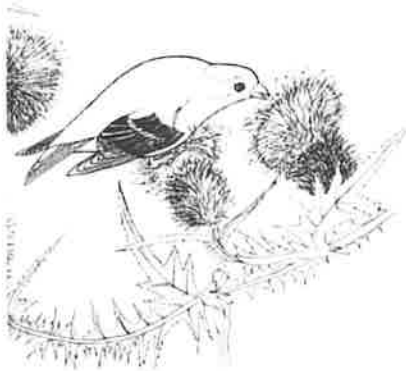
VINEYARDS BIRDS – PART 3

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

SMALL SONGBIRDS

Sparrows – house sparrows, white-crowned sparrows, and golden-crowned sparrows are probably the most abundant and widespread of suburban yard birds. Sparrows eat insects, fruit and seed from birdfeeders. The feathers of a sparrow are grayish brown, with head markings identifying the different types. Heard from September through April, the golden crowned sparrow's song consists of three clear descending notes.

House sparrows are seen year round, and often nest in bird boxes, eaves or crevices in walls. They are attracted to birdbaths, and also take dust baths when it is dry, ruffling their feather and flicking dust over themselves.



Goldfinches have a yellow belly, greenish-gray back, and black and white wing feathers; the male goldfinch also has a black forehead. The feathers are muted in winter and bright yellow in summer. The song of the goldfinch is heard mainly in the summer – males sing long and varied twitters and warbles that can be several seconds long.

Finches are one of the only vegetarian songbirds! They do not nest until June or July, when seeds such as milkweed, thistle, dandelion, sunflower, and aster are in abundance. Finches nest in shrubs and small trees, making an open cup-shaped nest several feet off the ground.

Another trilling, tinkling, warbling, songster is the Pacific Wren. This tiny bird holds its tail upright when it sings. It more often heard than seen, favoring the dark understory of old-growth redwoods. Wrens forage and build nests where fallen logs, upturned tree roots, and dead trees provide these insectivores with beetles, ants, caterpillars, and ticks. They hop on the ground and probe into crevices and decaying bark to locate insects. Occasionally wrens will eat juniper berries.



Waxwings are recognizable by the crest on their head. They feast on fruiting trees and berries, filling the air with high, thin whistles. During the breeding season and throughout the summer waxwings eat insects they catch as they swoop over their preferred habitat of running water near our shallow tree lined creek. Waxwings are social birds. Each fall they flock together to feed on the bright red berries on the firethorn bushes growing alongside Saratoga Creek.

These multicolored birds have tiny red "wax drop" tips on their wings, otherwise their plumage is pale brown, gray, yellow, with black and white accents.

Other songbirds you may see at the Vineyards include the black-headed grosbeak, titmouse, and wren-tit. Our numerous trees and shrubs, as well as multiple sources of water (from the creek, and reflecting ponds, to the lake), create a perfect environment for many birds. It is rare not to hear some bird song during the day.

To hear recordings of these birdsongs search for each species on www.allaboutbirds.org

NEXT MONTH – VINEYARDS BIRDS PART 4 – Woodland Birds



Speeding drivers risk startling or hitting pedestrians, pets, and children. Please drive below 15 MPH !!!



UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

If you know of an upcoming event you think other Vineyards residents would enjoy and like to hear about, please e-mail the full details to grapevine@vineyardsofsaratoga.com.

CITY OF SARATOGA FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIES

Dates: June 16th, July 21st, August 18th

Activity: The Saratoga Parks & Recreation Commission will host its summer Movie Night series on the third Friday of June, July, and August. Bring your friends and family to enjoy these fun, family-friendly events. The movies begin at sundown!

Location: El Quito Park, 12855 Paseo Presada

Distance: 0.6 mile, 10 minute walk

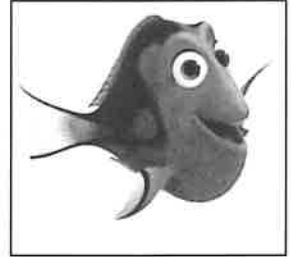
Cost: free

Website: www.saratoga.ca.us/movienights

June – Rogue One: A Star Wars Story Dinner and a Movie (food trucks Cox/Saratoga)

July – The Secret Life of Pets – Family Night

August – Finding Dory – Back to School Night



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Dates: July 4th

Activity: This is an annual Independence Day volunteer led event. Come celebrate the birth of America and our freedoms with a patriotic family parade and old-fashioned community band. Bring a flag and dress in red, white, and blue. Pets welcome!

Location: Kevin Moran Park, Scully Avenue, Saratoga

Distance: 1.7 miles, 7 mins

Cost: free

Website: <http://www.saratogajuly4.com>

LOS GATOS MUSIC IN THE PARK

Dates: Every Sunday from June 18th to August 27th

Activity: The Annual Summer Concert Series brings local bands and vendor booths to the center of Los Gatos.

Bring a picnic and some folding chairs. Bands play from 5 – 7pm.

Location: Civic Lawn 110 E Main Street, Los Gatos.

Distance: 5.6 miles, 16 mins

Cost: free

Website: <http://lgmp.com>



THE NEWSLETTER AT A GLANCE

New Operating Rules apply from June 1st 2017

Landlords – Lease changes may be required

Observe Pool and BBQ courtesies and rules

Next Board meeting – Thu July 13th @ 7:00pm

Renters Open Forum – Thu July 13th @ 6:30pm

Annual Pool Party – Mexican Fiesta Saturday July 8th @ 4pm

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

NEWSLETTER

Many thanks to Linglin Niu for her contributions to the Family Activity section. Linglin is retiring from the Grapevine staff. If you are interested in joining the newsletter committee or contributing an article please contact Anna Scicska by email at grapevine@vineyardsofsaratoga.com. We welcome all input into our Vineyards newsletter. Letters and articles submitted by residents will go into the next newsletter to go to print.

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