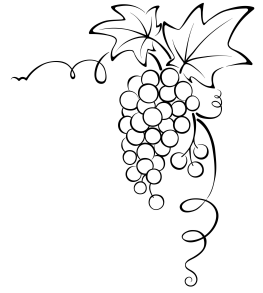




The Grapevine



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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



JUL/AUG 2017

THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The next Board meeting is scheduled on Thursday Aug 10th 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.

JULY NEWS

A big thank you to all who helped make the Vineyards "Mexican Fiesta" summer pool party such a success. The spread included chips and dips, taquitos, and other appetizers aplenty, as well as delicious tacos, enchiladas, corn salad, and margarita chicken fresh from the grill. We set up the decorations in the morning and partied from 4pm until sundown.

The Open Forum for Renters on 13th July was not well attended. This was quite disappointing for Vineyards Board Members, as we extended this opportunity so that our resident renters feel more welcome and involved in the Vineyards community. We were all there at 6:30pm!!! There are several initiatives that non-owners can get involved in, including the Neighborhood Watch / CERT team. Of course, our social events are open to all our residents to attend and help organize!

Save the date – the Neighborhood cleanup dumpsters will be back October 13th – 23rd. In the meantime, please do not dispose of unwanted large items like furniture or packing pallets in the regular trash dumpsters. These items add unnecessary additional expenses to the monthly garbage costs. Please set them aside in your garage and wait until the twice yearly pickup facility is on site or use a municipal garbage facility.

Remember to get new car parking stickers and update the occupancy form when you buy a new car or change renters. Vehicles with no identification that appear abandoned do risk being towed at their owner's expense. Guests staying overnight or longer should place a clearly visible card on their dashboard with the unit occupant's car sticker number, however for personal security do not write any names or phone numbers.

Credit and debit cards can be used to pay monthly HOA dues. Please see over for more details.

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

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 in the pool
- + 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 cause 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>



MONTHLY DUES – EVEN MORE FLEXIBLE WAYS TO PAY

Vineyard monthly dues can now be paid by debit or credit card. You can also request a recurring reminder notice by text or email from CMS. It is quick and easy to set up secure access to your account through the CMS website. Once your account is set up, simply follow instructions on the CMS website or contact the Customer Service team at CMS for help or more information.

SPA COVER

Several users have been leaving the spa cover off after they finish using the hot tub – please always replace the cover to reduce energy wastage. This month a user replaced the cover backwards and ripped a big hole in the cover, which will now need to be replaced. We will be checking security video footage to identify the people concerned, but if you know anything about this please save us some time and contact CMS or a board member.



Speeding drivers risk startling or hitting pedestrians,

pets, and children.

PLEASE

Drive below 15 MPH !!!



VINEYARDS BIRDS – PART 4 WOODLAND BIRDS

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.

Woodland birds seen regularly at the Vineyards include the following: magpies, jays, crows, blackbirds, mockingbirds, northern orioles, pigeons, mourning doves, robins and several types of woodpeckers.



You don't have to be a bird enthusiast to recognize a pigeon. Pigeons and mourning doves are from the same bird family and feed mainly on seeds. Doves have a very recognizable low mournful "coo-ah coo-ah" cooing call, whereas a pigeon's cooing "coo-coo-coo-ah coo-coo-coo-ah" is more gurgling and guttural. These birds mate for life raising 5 or 6 broods a year, which is more than any other bird species. Doves and pigeons eat quickly to fill their crop with seeds, then digest them while resting. They regularly swallow grit to aid in digestion of hard seeds.

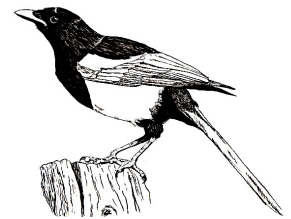
Another bird that is instantly recognizable, though more by its activity than its call, is the woodpecker. It taps holes into wood – tree trunks and wood siding on houses – looking for insects and beetles. Woodpeckers also eat seeds and are quite partial to suet from birdfeeders. With a very small natural habitat, limited to places where oak trees grow in California and a small part of Baja California, Nuttall's Woodpecker is arguably our most indigenous bird. More often heard than seen, it has almost 'zebra striped' black and white wings and back, and males have a red patch on their heads. Its markings provide surprisingly good camouflage in the dappled shade of tree branches. The horizontal stripes across the back of a Nuttall's Woodpecker set it apart from similar looking Downy and Hairy Woodpeckers that can be seen across most of the continental US.



Blackbirds forage mainly on the ground and emit shrill cries. They often gather in large flocks, and even nest in groups 20 – 30 pairs. The species we see at the Vineyards is the Brewer's Blackbird, recognizable by its solid black plumage and contrasting pale eye. These birds have adapted well to living in a suburban environment. They belong to the same family as the much more striking yellow and black orioles. Unlike the rather harsh song of the blackbird, orioles have a beautiful melodic whistle. Blackbirds will eat seeds but prefer insects. In rural area you will see them following farm machinery in fields to feed on insects turned up by the plow.



Jays, magpies and crows are some of our loudest birds, and are all members of the Corvid family. With their bright blue feathers jays are very distinctive, as are magpies in crisp black and white plumage with long tails. Crows, are one of the smartest birds in the world. All of these birds are omnivores and often forage on the ground for food. Magpies and crows will also feed on carrion, and steal food from other birds. If you feed them, crows will probably not only recognize you but your car as well, and may leave you gifts of shiny trinkets in return!



The robin is a very familiar bird over most of North America, running and hopping on lawns with upright stance, nesting in our porches. The robin's rich caroling is among the earliest bird songs heard at dawn in spring and summer, often beginning just before first light. In fall and winter, robins may gather by the hundreds in roaming flocks. They prefer woodland environments with plenty of berries in the winter.

Very common in towns and cities, the Mockingbird often seeks insects on open lawns. Between the 1700s and early 1900s, this species was often captured and kept as a caged pet. Mockingbirds are very bold in defense of their nests, attacking cats and even humans that venture too close. When running in the open they may stop every few feet and partly spread their wings, flashing the white wing patches. The call of a mockingbird is a long series of both musical and grating phrases, each repeated 3 or more times; it often imitates other birds and regularly sings at night.



For more information on these birds and their calls look at the Audubon Society website: www.audubon.org/bird-guide

NEXT MONTH – Vineyards birds – PART 5 Birds of prey

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.



SANTA CLARA COUNTY FAIR

Dates: Aug 3 - 6 **Distance:** 13.3 miles **Location:** Fairgrounds, 344 Tully Rd, San Jose
Activity: Santa Clara County Fair is a beloved tradition where the agricultural roots of the Santa Clara Valley blend with entertainment, food, and fun. Ferris wheel. Live music. Carnival. Farm animals.
Cost: \$0 adults, \$5 children & seniors, free under 5. Thursday \$1 Admission all day. Parking \$5.00 per car
Website: <http://thefair.org>

SANTA CLARA BEAD & DESIGN SHOW

Dates: Aug 11 - 13 **Distance:** 9.6 miles **Location:** Marriott, 2700 Mission College Blvd, Santa Clara, CA
Activity: Shop handmade arts in 200 artisan shops. Relax at the bar. Watch designers and craftspeople demonstrate their work. Buy gems, beads, and eco-dyed handwoven textiles.
Cost: Admission is \$10, good for all three days. Online for \$8. Under 17 free.
Website: <https://www.facebook.com/events/297372724057717/>

LOS GATOS FIESTA DE ARTES

Dates: Aug 12 -13 **Distance:** 6.7 miles **Location:** North Santa Cruz Avenue, downtown Los Gatos
Activity: Live Music! All your favorite craft booths, food, wine, and beer. Snow cones and a jump house for the kids!
Cost: free
Website: <http://www.lgfiesta.com>

SAN JOSE ORCHID EXPOSITION 12 SHOW & SALE

Dates: Aug 18 - 20 **Distance:** 10.1 miles **Location:** Wesley United Methodist Church, 566 N 5th St, San Jose
Activity: Five of the world's premier orchid growers offer rare and exotic orchid species and original hybrids direct to the public at unbelievable prices! Friday Preview Night book signing by Bruce Rogers, author of 'The Orchid Whisperer'.
Cost: \$7.00 Friday, \$5.00 Saturday/Sunday (Cash Only-Tickets at the door)
Website: <http://sanjose.eventful.com/events/san-jose-orchid-exposition-12-show-sale-/E0-001-102261157-8>

SUNNYVALE SUMMER CONCERTS

Dates: every Wednesday **Distance:** 15 miles **Location:** Murphy Ave, Sunnyvale .
Activity: Drive out to downtown Sunnyvale for live music outdoors 5:30 pm – 8:30pm. Market. Dining.
Cost: Free
Website: <http://www.sunnyvaledowntown.com/summer-series-music--market.html>

Don't forget SARATOGA MOVIE NIGHT on August 18th in Quito Park – showing Saving Dory. See the June Grapevine or website for more details: http://www.saratoga.ca.us/thingstodo/movie_nights.asp

THE NEWSLETTER AT A GLANCE

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Share the road! Do not exceed our speed limit of 15 MPH !!!

NEWSLETTER

A warm welcome to Par Moroak, who has joined the editorial team and will be writing the Local Events column. 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, Par Moroak

