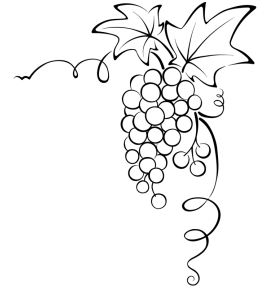




# The Grapevine



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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-mails about events? Please e-mail your name and unit number, indicating if you are an owner or tenant to [register@vineyardsofsaratoga.com](mailto:register@vineyardsofsaratoga.com)

Welcome committee for new residents Please email Katherine Weiss [welcome@vineyardsofsaratoga.com](mailto:welcome@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](mailto:cs@communitymanagement.com)

Telephone 408-559-1977

Fax number 408-559-1970

**Bill Oldfield, Association Manager**  
[boldfield@communitymanagement.com](mailto:boldfield@communitymanagement.com)

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



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## THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

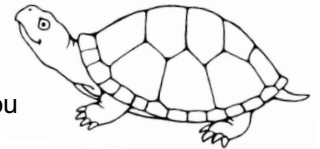
The next Board meeting is scheduled on Thursday June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

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.

## MAY NEWS

**'Tis turtle season again!** As our hopeful little mamas leave the lake and wander out in a search of places to lay eggs, keep a look out for little grey lumps on the perimeter road, and slow down so you do not run them over!



Please do pick the turtles up by their shells (at arms length initially, as they pee quite copiously when frightened) and return them to the lake.

**Asphalt re-sealing of Vineyard Lane** and the garage access courtyards is scheduled for July/August. At that time vehicles parked in perimeter parking spaces will need to be moved at fairly short notice. If you are planning a vacation during this timeframe, please plan ahead and make sure you park your vehicle safely in your garage.

Typically a few days notice will be given, as sections of the pavement are re-sealed. Cars that are not moved when the notices are posted will be towed at their owner's expense.

**Dogs must be leashed at all times.** Please observe this important rule (Section 10.04 (b) in the CCRs) without exception. Owners who blatantly ignore this rule will be called for hearings in front of the Board and fined.

**There were two recent mailbox break-ins** at locations near the front gate in the 200s and 900s. Unfortunately the HOA has no legal right to represent or intercede on behalf of Vineyards residents – the USPS owns 'our' mailboxes and is responsible for their replacement, repair and maintenance.

You may find it useful to enroll in the free USPS Informed Delivery service, which lets you preview letter mail and track packages.

<https://informedelivery.usps.com/box/pages/intro/start.action>

**Every mail recipient affected needs to contact Saratoga P.O. and complain until their mailbox is repaired. Phone: (408) 867-1159**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### 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 Bill Oldfield 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>

### 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
- + Children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult
- + 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 laps 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 behavior that causes annoyance to other pool users or neighbors
- + Non-resident owners are not allowed to use the pools or other common area amenities



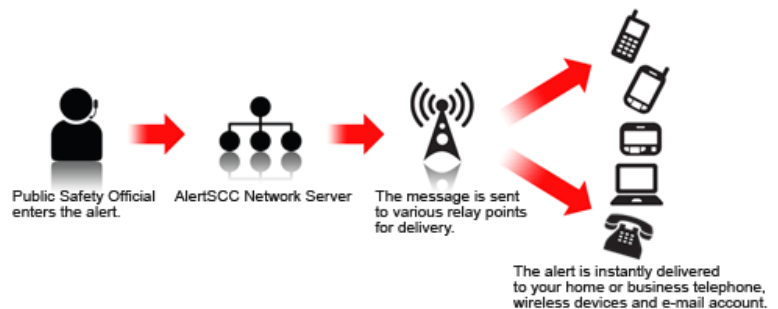
**Since the Big Pool has no bathroom, families are strongly encouraged to use the Clubhouse Pool with its adjacent toilet, shower & changing facilities.**

### SIGN UP WITH THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM

AlertSCC is a free, easy, and confidential way for anyone who lives or works in Santa Clara County to get emergency warnings sent directly to their cell phone, mobile device, email, or landline. AlertSCC can reach you wherever you are to provide information and instructions in a variety of emergency situations, which may include the following:

- Flooding, wildfires and subsequent evacuations
- Public safety incidents, including crimes, that immediately affect your neighborhood
- Post-disaster information about shelters, transportation, or supplies

AlertSCC allows authorized personnel from the City of Saratoga and Santa Clara County to send messages simultaneously to phone numbers included in the E-911 database, White Pages, Yellow Pages, and to every phone number, SMS address, and email address you sign up using text messages, voice messages, and emails. Messages reach TTY receiving devices for deaf and hard of hearing.



AlertSCC communications are dependent upon external providers such as your wireless carrier or e-mail delivery service. This emergency alert system is designed to supplement, rather than replace, other communication methods used by emergency responders, both in person and through the use of other media. Television, radio and County/city websites will still continue to broadcast important announcements as before.

**Website:** <https://www.sccgov.org/sites/alertscc/Pages/home.aspx>

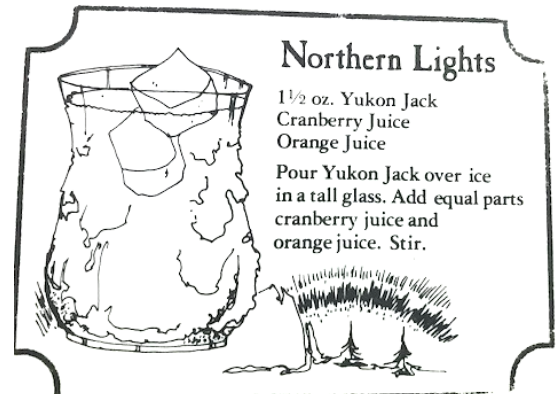
## VINEYARDS RECIPES FOR MAY

Years ago there was a community cocktail night every Friday at the Clubhouse! For your drinking pleasure here are three recipes published in the Grapevine in the 1970's and three favorites from modern day mixologist Jan Scicinski. As Jan and I move to the East Coast and bid the Vineyards farewell, we raise our glasses to good friends and neighbors! Cheers! Na zdrowie! May we meet again! Your Grapevine editor of the past 5 years, Anna Scicinska.

### ESPRESSO MARTINI

4 oz vodka  
2 oz St. George's NOLA coffee liqueur  
2 x 1.5oz shots of espresso coffee  
4 cardamom pods  
2 dashes Dutch's Colonial Bitters

1. Put the vodka and coffee liqueur into a Boston shaker.
2. Add cardamom pods and crush gently with a muddler.
3. Add the rest of the ingredients and shake for 1 minute.
4. Strain and serve.



### PISCO SOUR

1 oz lime juice  
1 egg white\*  
1 ½ oz Pisco  
¾ oz Simple Syrup  
3 drops of Angostura bitters



**FRESH CALIFORNIA STRAWBERRY DAIQUIRI**  
In a blender mix 5 fresh strawberries, 1 tablespoon lime juice, 1 teaspoon sugar, jigger of Bacardi light rum and ½ cup crushed ice. Blend until thick. Serve in chilled cocktail glass. (For year round, use frozen strawberries).

1. Combine the Pisco, simple syrup, and lime juice in a Boston Shaker
2. Add egg whites (\* pasteurized carton egg whites work well) – no ice yet!!!
3. Shake without ice for about 20 seconds, then add ice and shake again
4. Serve in old-fashioned or margarita glasses, distributing the foam evenly
5. Decorate the foam with three drops of bitters



### CUCUMBER AND LIME GIN FIZZ

4 slices peeled cucumber  
2 unpeeled slices for garnish  
12 fresh mint leaves  
4 sprigs fresh cilantro  
4 tps turbinado sugar  
2 oz fresh lime juice  
3 – 4 oz club soda per glass  
4 oz cucumber infused gin (such as Hendrick's)

1. Place the peeled cucumber slices, mint, cilantro, and sugar in a Boston shaker and muddle.
2. Add the lime juice and gin
3. Fill the shaker with ice and shake vigorously for 1 – 2 minutes (this seems long but it's essential)
4. Fill a cocktail glass with fresh ice
5. Strain the drink into the glass, top with club soda and garnish with a cucumber slice

### DRINK OF THE MONTH

#### SCARLETT O'HARA

Served at Antoine's in New Orleans

1 jigger (1½ oz.)  
Southern Comfort  
1 jigger Ocean Spray  
Cranberry juice  
cocktail  
Juice ¼ fresh lime

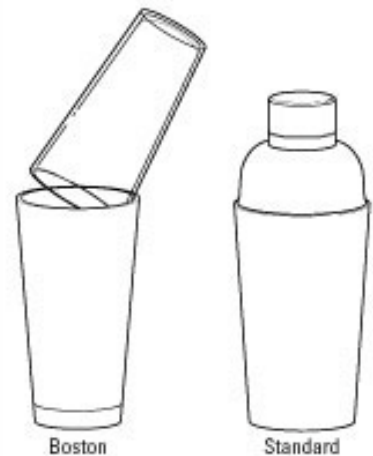


Shake with cracked ice; strain into glass. As intriguing as its namesake!

### TOASTS

Here are twenty-one languages in which to toast your host or guests the year around.

**American** Here's How! **Arabic** Bes-alamati! **Armenian** Genatzi! **British** Cheers! **Chinese** Wen Lie! **Czechoslovakian** Na Zdrovya! **Dutch** Proost!  
**French** A Votre Sante! **German** Prosit! **Greek** Yasas! **Hebrew** L'Chaim! **Hungarian** Egeszsegerel!  
**Irish** Slainte! **Italian** Alla Salute!  
**Japanese** Kanpai! **Polish** Na Zdrowie! **Portuguese** Eviva! **Russian** Za Vashe Zdorovye! **Spanish** Salud!  
**Swedish** Skoal! **Turkish** Sihatiniz!



## UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

If you know of an upcoming event that you think other Vineyards residents would enjoy and like to hear about, please e-mail the details to the Grapevine Team at [grapevine@vineyardsofsaratoga.com](mailto:grapevine@vineyardsofsaratoga.com).



### AMERICANS AT HOME IN WORLD WAR I EXHIBITION

**Date:** June 1<sup>st</sup> through July 1<sup>st</sup>

**Distance:** 11 miles

**Cost:** Free

**Activity:** A follow-on exhibition to "Over Here: Americans at Home in World War I" with local artifacts and stories that focus on the growing Los Altos community in the context of a wartime Peninsula. Featuring personal letters, original newspaper stories, information on Camp Fremont, and graphic posters promoting patriotic messages.

**Location:** Los Altos (visit website for locations for various events)

**Related Programs:** "The Camp Fremont Experience" lecture – June 5th, 7pm, Los Altos Library

"Lessons Learned" Closing celebration & panel discussions – June 17th, 2-4pm, Museum

**Website:** <https://www.losaltoshistory.org/exhibits/right-here/>

### HIT MUSICAL JERSEY BOYS

**Date:** June 5 – 10<sup>th</sup>

**Distance:** 9 miles

**Cost:** \$43 – \$128

**Activity:** The Tony, Grammy and Olivier Award-winning hit musical JERSEY BOYS makes its much-anticipated return to San Jose's Center for the Performing Arts. The musical tells the story of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons.

**Location:** Center for the Performing Arts., San Jose, CA

**Website:** <http://broadwaysanjose.com/jersey-boys/>

### LUAU DANCE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

**Date:** June 1<sup>st</sup>, 7 – 9pm

**Distance:** 1.3 miles

**Cost:** \$5 – \$7\*

**Activity:** The Saratoga Recreation Department is hosting a Dance for Individuals with Disabilities (ages 14 and older). Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Recreation Department, 19655 Allendale Avenue, or by mail. Download the necessary registration on the website or call 408.868.1249 for more information.

\*Registration forms must be completed prior to entrance.

**Location:** Joan Pisani Community Center, 19655 Allendale Avenue, Saratoga.

**Website:** <http://www.saratoga.ca.us/Calendar.aspx?EID=316&month=6&year=2018&day=11&calType=0>

### COLORING FOR ADULTS AT CAMPBELL LIBRARY

**Date:** June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1 – 2:30pm

**Distance:** 4.5 miles

**Cost:** free

**Activity:** Join us for a relaxing afternoon of music, refreshments, and coloring. **Location:** Campbell Library

**Website:** <http://sccl.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=100857&ag=all&df=list&private=0&do=1&nd=60&lib=999&backTo=List&startDate=2018/06/01&endDate=2018/06/30>

## THE NEWSLETTER AT A GLANCE

Check the pool rules so all can enjoy themselves poolside  
No open flame BBQ – if in doubt check with CMS  
Keep dogs on a leash in the Common Area

Next Board Meeting – Thu June 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm  
Check with HOA before remodeling your unit  
Drivers please do not exceed 15 MPH

## 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](mailto:grapevine@vineyardsofsaratoga.com). Letters and articles submitted by residents will go into the next newsletter to go to print.

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