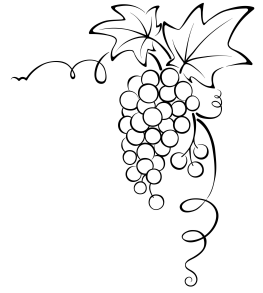




The Grapevine



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

Welcome committee for new residents
Please email Katherine Weiss
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

Telephone 408-559-1977

Fax number 408-559-1970

Bill Oldfield, Association Manager

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 May 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.

APRIL NEWS

The two Spring Cleanup dumpsters are scheduled for 12th – 22nd May. Please see over for more details.

Website Nextdoor proved to be a very handy communication tool during the unexpected water shut-offs we experienced while the first two fountain pools were being refurbished. If you have not already done so, please consider signing up for The Vineyards of Saratoga neighborhood. Many people were appreciative and commented at how useful it is to share and read real time information about unforeseen events on Nextdoor.

Please remember that Nextdoor is not a suitable forum for personal complaints or issues that are better addressed at HOA monthly meetings.

Dogs must be leashed at all times. Please observe this important rule (Section 10.04 (b) in the CCRs) without exception.

There were two recent mailbox break-ins at locations near the front gate in the 200s and 900s. Tax season is 'one of those' times of year when there is an increase in mailbox thefts throughout the Bay Area. Please report these events to the Sheriff and CMS. If you are missing some mail, please tell the Sheriff that we have security cameras with vehicle number plate recognition at the entrance gate, which can be checked for car arrivals and departures around the reported time of the crime.

Additionally, 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>

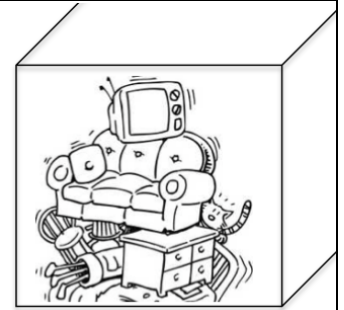
Unfortunately the HOA has no legal right to represent or intercede on behalf of Vineyards residents – the USPS owns 'our' mailboxes and is responsible for their replacement, repair and maintenance.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP DUMPSTERS May 12th – 22nd

Use these dumpsters to dispose of any unwanted items of furniture, household items, lumber, plant pots, and packing materials – get rid of rickety old bed frames, mattresses and blankets, moving boxes, construction wood, curtains and blinds, carpets, and such. Unlike our regular recycle and garbage collection, these dumpsters do not belong to the city, and dumpster diving is allowed – so if you see a nice shabby chic chair or picture frame you'd like – please take it!



These dumpsters are for the use of Vineyards residents only. If you see any outsiders or contractors dumping stuff, please report their license plates to CMS or better still take a photo. See something, say something!

Do not use the clean up dumpsters to dispose of paints, oils, computers, tires, or any toxic or flammable materials. See below for information from the City of Saratoga website on how to dispose of these items safely.

CITY OF SARATOGA FAQs: How do I dispose of my old computer, motor oil, paint or toxic materials?

1. The Santa Clara County Household Hazardous Waste program accepts hazardous materials, including old paint, petroleum based products, and batteries. To make an appointment to drop off these items call **408.299.7300**.

2. West Valley Collection and Recycling, accepts household electronic and universal waste. Examples include televisions, monitors, keyboards, computers, printers, and DVD players. To make an appointment to drop off these items call **408.283.9250**.

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>

DOES YOUR REMODELLING PROJECT NEED PLANNING PERMISSION?

Friends and neighbors, however well meaning, may give you very costly advice! If in doubt please bring the details of your project to a monthly board meeting or phone Bill Oldfield at CMS and check. Retroactive permission might not be granted, additional inspections may be required and repairs to remedy or to reverse an upgrade can become very expensive. Caveat emptor!

In a condominium community permission needs to be obtained for many upgrades **before** your contractor starts work. You may also need permits from the city of Saratoga. If you are planning a new HVAC unit, electric car charging station, Comcast cable, a new skylight, replacement windows or carpets, or to do a kitchen or bathroom remodel read on ... Most common & routine improvements will be signed off without a problem, but they may have some guidelines or restrictions attached. Some projects will need to be inspected by the HOA during certain stages of the work. Application Forms are available on the Vineyards website <http://www.vineyardsofsaratoga.com/forms.htm>.

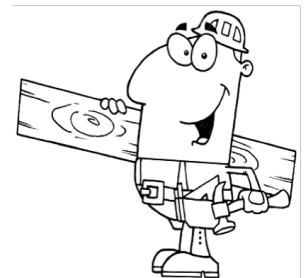
One of the most common questions regards installation of hardwood flooring in units. Our CC&Rs state that “no alterations in type of floor coverings may be made,” so carpet should be replaced with carpet. Modifications to the position of internal load-bearing walls cannot be made. In the worst-case scenario, owners of units are asked to correct unapproved modifications – regardless of whether they or a previous owner put in the updates in question – the CC&Rs state that we, as owners, are responsible for the compliance of our units.

CITY OF SARATOGA FAQs: When do I need to obtain a Building Permit?

“A Building Permit is needed for ... remodeling or other improvements such as ... replacement of windows, Electrical, Plumbing and Mechanical Permits are required for alterations and modifications such as furnace and water heater replacements, new air conditioners ... or the installation of new plumbing, mechanical or electrical fixtures or appliances.

Always check with a Building Inspector as to whether a permit will be required.”

To read this article in full go to: <http://www.saratoga.ca.us>



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.



17TH ANNUAL LOS ALTOS PATHWAYS RUN/WALK

Date: May 5th

Distance: 13 miles

Cost: \$35-\$50

Activity: Make the Los Altos Hills Pathways Run/Walk your HOME RUN! Online registration. The 5K/10K run starts at 9am, and the 1 mile walk is scheduled at 10:30am.

Location: Westwind Community Barn, 27210 Almont Road, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022

Website: <https://lahpathwaysrun.org>

THE TEDDY BEAR FAIR

Date: May 5, 10am - 2pm

Distance: 4 miles

Cost: Free

Activity: Family fun! Adopt a stuffed animal or have one repaired, enjoy the carnival games, craft or activity station, jump house and slide, face painting, and food trucks.

Location: West Valley Presbyterian Church Parking Lot (corner of Bollinger and Miller), Cupertino, CA 95014

Website: <https://patch.com/california/cupertino/calendar/event/20180505/320621/the-teddy-bear-fair>

MOUNTAIN VIEW A LA CARTE & ART

Date: May 5-6, 10am – 6pm

Distance: 10 miles

Cost: Free

Activity: Come enjoy the music, arts and crafts show with 200 of the west coast's top artists showing their latest handcrafted wares, fabulous food and drink with premium fine wine, refreshing craft beer, a farmers' market with fresh seasonal produce, artisan specialty food makers, and much more.

Location: Castro Street, Mountain View

Website: <http://alacarte.miramarevents.com>

SARATOGA SAFETY FAIR

Date: May 20, 1-5pm

Distance: 1.6 miles

Cost: Free

Activity: You can get safety and crime prevention tips, meet safety professionals from the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office and Santa Clara County Fire Department, and check out safety-related products and services at the resource fair.

Location: West Valley College, 14000 Fruitvale Avenue, Saratoga, CA 95070

Website: <http://www.saratoga.ca.us/Calendar.aspx?EID=339&month=5&year=2018&day=12&calType=0>

THE NEWSLETTER AT A GLANCE

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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 Scicska by email at grapevine@vineyardsofsaratoga.com. Letters and articles submitted by residents will go into the next newsletter to go to print.

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