



The Grapevine



January 2019

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VINEYARDS WEBSITE

www.vineyardsofsaratoga.com

Monthly newsletter, HOA forms and documents, Bylaws, CC&Rs, Rules and Regulations.

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 regis-ter@vineyardsofsaratoga.com

Welcome wagon for new residents

welcome@vineyardsofsaratoga.com

HELPFUL CONTACTS

Community Management Services

To report problems with outdoor lights or sprinklers and request repairs please call, 408-559-1977, or email CMS customer service:

cs@communitymanagement.com

Annual Meeting

The Annual Membership meeting will be held on Thursday February 14th @ 7:00PM. A Board of Directors meeting will be held directly following the Annual Meeting

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.

No Board of Directors Election

Only the three incumbents currently serving on the Board presented applications to run for the Board. As there are only three openings there will be no election and the incumbents will retain their positions.

Violations Notice

Be sure that you and, if applicable, your tenants follow the rules of the community. An immediate fine hearing may be called for violations of the CC&Rs or Operating Rules.

E-Statements

Did you know you can sign up for e-statements. Signing for e-statements reduces your mailings by the Association? This can save the Association several hundreds of dollars each year in operating costs, which in turn helps keep Homeowner dues lower! Signing up for e-statements also greatly reduces the risk of notices being lost on their way to you. The form to sign up has been posted on the Vineyards website. http://vineyardsofsaratoga.com/Forms/forms_Email_Consent_2014.pdf
Return completed forms to Community Management Services

Renting out your unit?

If you are thinking about, or already are, renting out your unit please make sure to thoroughly read section 4.02 of the CC&Rs, which provides the rules relating to rental of your Condominium.

Neighborhood Watch

A flyer about Neighborhood Watch is included with this newsletter. If are interested in participating please contact Community Management Services

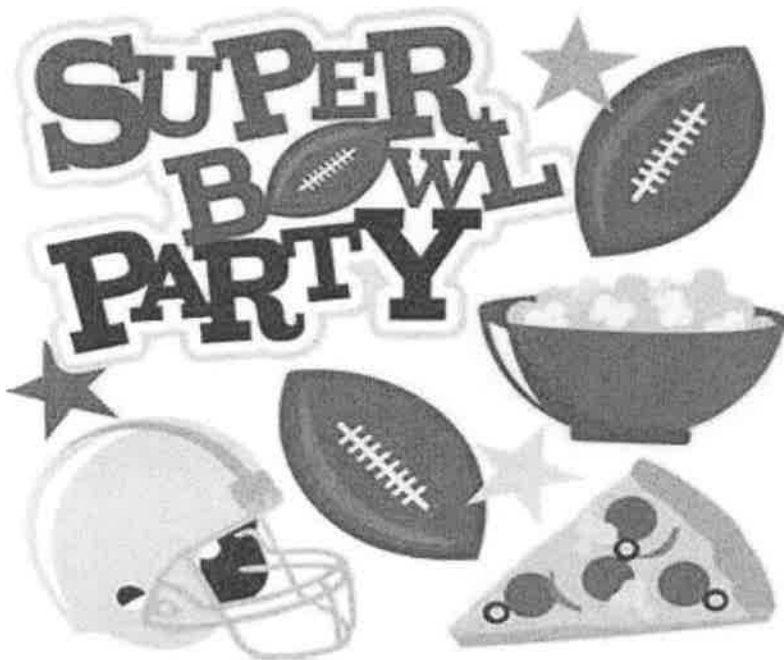
COMMUNITY NEWS

Moving In

Moving to a new place can be stressful, so the Welcoming Committee wants to do what we can to make adjusting to your new surroundings go as smoothly as possible. We offer **Free** to new or recently moved in tenants, a book about the Vineyards and the local areas, plus many other articles of interest.

If you have questions or concerns as you settle in, don't hesitate to contact Katherine who is part of the Welcome Committee at: welcome@thevineyardsofsaratoga.com

VINEYARDS SUPER BOWL 53 PARTY



Sunday, February 3, 2019 @ 3:00 PM

Vineyards Clubhouse

Bring your favorite Tailgate goodies and drinks to share

Check your statements!

Please make sure you check your statements. Occasionally an issue with a payment will occur and a late fee will be assessed. Unless you check your statement you will not know and get behind on your dues.

GETTING STARTED

- * Check the City Neighborhood Watch map to see if you are part of an existing Neighborhood Watch
- * If your home is not part of a Neighborhood Watch, seek out neighbors interested in forming a group
- * With your neighbors, decide the boundaries (overlapping boundaries are not allowed), concerns, goals, preferred Neighborhood Watch signage locations, and method for communicating amongst the neighborhood
- * Go door to door to let neighbors know about Neighborhood Watch, find out who wants to help, and get contact information to invite people to an orientation with the Sheriff's Office
- * Get neighbors to fill out a sign in sheet to demonstrate engagement from a majority of households in your Neighborhood Watch area when you go door to door or at your Orientation
- * Considering splitting the Neighborhood Watch group into zones of 10 to 20 homes each with designated captains for each zone that are responsible for communicating with residents in that area
- * Hold an Orientation with the Sheriff's Office for the entire neighborhood, contact the City at 408.868.1269 to request an orientation
- * Register your group on the City's website to receive signs and be eligible for the Neighborhood Watch grant

Benefits from Saratoga Neighborhood Watch Leaders

Better neighborhood communication

Awareness and a sense of shared security

Neighbors talking to one another

A safer neighborhood

- * **REQUIREMENTS**
- * Hold 1 neighborhood gathering per year to remain an active registered Neighborhood Watch group
- * Gatherings can include block parties, meetings with the Sheriff's Office, a class on personal emergency preparedness, or any other activity that your entire Neighborhood Watch group is invited to

Activity Ideas from Saratoga Neighborhood Watch Leaders

Block Party

Annual Pot Luck

Pool Party

Wine Tasting Party

Holiday Party

- * **COMMUNICATIONS**
- * Email groups or social media groups, like

- * Facebook or Nextdoor groups, are easy to set up and a great way to share information quickly
- * Not all residents have access to the internet, have a plan for communicating with these neighbors
- * Protect the privacy of your neighbors, do not share contact information unless authorized to do so

- * Block captains can be a great resource for getting information out the area or block they are responsible for
- * Subscribe to the City's e-newsletters, including the quarterly Neighborhood Watch newsletter, Weekly Sheriff's Office Activity Summary, and monthly Saratoga Source to receive current information you can share with neighbors

RESOURCES

- * For help, tips, or to invite a member of the Sheriff's Office to an event, call 408.868.1269
- * The City offers a \$300 grant to support the efforts of registered, active Neighborhood Watch groups

Tips from Saratoga Neighborhood Watch Leaders

Have fun

Don't be shy about calling the Sheriff

Focus on social connections

Keep in touch

Be friendly to everyone you meet on the street

Never give up

CALLING 911

- * Call 911 immediately if you see any suspicious activity
- * Suspicious activity includes anything that feels uncomfortable or looks out of place. You know your neighborhood best, trust your instincts.
- * Examples: strangers loitering in your neighborhood, a person looking into cars or windows, open or broken doors or windows, people arriving at a neighbor's home while they are away, individuals that are not wearing an identifiable delivery company uniform removing packages from a front patio, solicitors selling goods or services without a solicitor photo ID card from the City
- * Provide 911 with an exact location, an overview of the activity you've observed, and as detailed a description as possible of people and vehicles

MORE INFO

- * www.saratoga.ca.us/neighborhoodwatch