



The Grapevine



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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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.

The Vineyards of Saratoga uses **Next Door** to post important notifications for residents. Residents are highly encouraged to join the group. <https://nextdoor.com/city/saratoga--ca/>

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 or email CMS customer service:

cs@communitymanagement.com

THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Board meeting will be held on Thursday April 11th 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.

Voting Results

The Minutes from the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Membership held on February 8, 2018 were approved by the membership with 73 votes in favor and 1 opposed.

IRS Resolution – the membership approved to allocate any excess operating funds to the reserve account at the end of the 2018 fiscal year with 71 votes in favor and 3 abstained.

Additional garbage costs can be avoided if everyone flattens cardboard boxes before putting them into recycle containers and does not abandon any items on the ground. The garbage collection vehicles will not pick any items from the ground, and if their access is blocked may refuse to take the dumpster out of the enclosure. This is an ongoing problem, especially around dumpster number 3. No items of unwanted furniture or household goods should NEVER be abandoned in or next to the dumpster enclosures.

Citrus Trees

Around the Vineyards we have a number of citrus trees. The limes, oranges, lemons, Meyer Lemons and Tangelos are ripening. Feel free to pick them. Each tree has a metal name tag hanging from a lower branch to help you identify the fruit on the tree. The limes, lemons, and Meyer Lemons can look very similar. If you wish to pick the fruit, gently pull and twist the fruit. If it come off the tree easily, it's ripe. If it doesn't come off, please leave it to continue ripening. Be considerate of your neighbors and take only a few. Others would also like to share in the enjoyment. Be kind and leave some behind!!!

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

Spa Covering

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. 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.

Revitalizing a Neighborhood Watch program for the Vineyards

Neighborhood Watch is a great way to maintain a healthy and vibrant neighborhood, as well as aid local law enforcement in their efforts to stop crime. Neighbors build relationships with one another, learn about crime prevention, and work collaboratively to report suspicious activity and reduce crime. If you are interested in helping to keep the Vineyards safe, please contact us at NW@vineyardsofsaratoga.com.

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.

E-Statements

Did you know you can sign up to get your statement via email? 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

**Speeding drivers risk startling or hitting pedestrians,
pets, and children.**

PLEASE

Drive below 15 MPH !!!

