



The Grapevine



May 2019

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Board meeting will be held on Thursday June 13th 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.

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

Association Manager

Bill Oldfield

boldfield@communitymanagement.com

Window Stickers

Neighborhood Watch Window Stickers

Any one desiring Neighborhood Watch decals for their windows can contact Neighborhood Watch at nw@vineyardsofsaratoga.com

Items Placed on Railings and Fence Tops

Our railings and the tops of our fences are often damaged from potted plants, decorative items and weather. One of our major problems is moisture collection under pots, planters and other items thus damaging the paint and wood. In the last year we have gone to great expense to replace and repaint a lot of railings and fence tops. Please refrain from placing anything on railings or along tops of fences to help us preserve them

Architectural Request Form

Before making any modifications to the exterior of your unit, including the patio, an architectural request form must first be submitted and approved by the Board. Owners must also get approval for changes to their flooring. If modifications are made without approval, the homeowner may be required to return the building back to its original condition at their own expense. Also keep in mind that all work must be performed by a licensed and insured contractor. For additional information visit the Vineyards website or contact the Association Manager

Neighborhood Watch

The Vineyards of Saratoga hosted a Neighborhood Watch kick off meeting on Saturday, May 4, 2019 in the Club-house. Sergeant Terrance Helm of the Santa Clara County Sheriff Dept presented at the meeting.

Useful highlights from the meeting include:

- Use 911 when in Saratoga to contact the Sheriffs Department. Otherwise use 408–299–2311 to contact Sheriff's Dispatch.
 - If you wish to remain anonymous, tell the dispatcher, "I wish to remain anonymous", and they will respect your wishes.
- Basic advice is, "if you see something, say something".
- Look for suspicious vehicles or persons not known in your neighborhood.
- Anything else that makes you feel uneasy or unsure.
- Don't assume they belong and call the sheriff and your neighbors.
- Be attentive to unknown persons entering backyards or side gates.
- Look for: front doors, side gates, garage doors, car doors or trunks standing open. These can be indications of recent theft.
- Remember to close your garage doors! Many thefts occur by people leaving garage doors open.
- With regard to cars in Saratoga, there is a belief "on the street" that even a child's backpack will contain valuable electronic devices. Anything left visible in the car is an invitation for a "smash and grab" from a vehicle. This includes charger cables and phone mounts.

Things you can do: Install a burglar alarm and/or security camera.

Get to know your friends and neighbors better. Communicate and share information with them. This includes exchanging phone numbers, email addresses, and/or signing up on "Next-Door" to easily post information to the rest of the Vineyards community.

Lock your house and car, make sure the windows are rolled up.

Don't leave house keys under a doormat.

But most importantly, if you see something, say something. Call 911 and notify your neighbors.

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 !!!

