



The Grapevine



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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 please call or email CMS customer service:

cs@communitymanagement.com

Association Manager

Bill Oldfield

boldfield@communitymanagement.com

Contact the Association Manager if you have questions about rules, repairs, or other things related to the Vineyards

THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Board meeting will be held on Thursday September 12th 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.

Are You Prepared?

While our recent waterline break was no fun, maybe we should consider it an exercise to see if we are prepared for The Big One or any other disasters that might come our way. Did you have water for 72 hours? Do you have food for 72 hours?

Here's a list that FEMA suggests for your disaster preparation:

- **Water** - one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
 - **Food** - at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
 - Ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits, vegetables and a can opener
 - Protein or fruit bars
 - Dry cereal or granola
 - Peanut butter
 - Dried fruit
 - Non-perishable pasteurized milk
 - Comfort food
 - Manual can opener for food
 - Radio (Battery-powered or hand crank)
 - Flashlight (Battery-powered or hand crank)
 - Extra batteries
 - First aid kit
 - Whistle to signal for help
 - Dust mask to help filter contaminated air
 - Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
 - Wrench or pliers to **turn off utilities** – and know where your valves are
 - Local maps
 - Cell phone with chargers and a backup battery
 - Medications, extra glasses
- Necessities for children and pets – water, food, etc.

For more information Google FEMA Emergency preparedness

The Sneaky Leaks

The water bill at The Vineyards is one of our biggest expense. To address this, we are in the process of repairing some underground plumbing. As individual residents, we can all help reduce the costs for water as well. One culprit that can go unheard and unnoticed for a long time is a leaky toilet. To check out yours, put a drop or two of food coloring in the tank. Do not flush. Wait awhile and see if the clear water in the bowl takes on that color. If it does, you have a leaky toilet. Usually minor adjustments or replacement of the clapper may be all that is needed. Good sleuthing to you as you search out those sneaky leaks.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Fence Clearance

Please ensure dirt is not touching the bottom edges of your fences. Dirt continuously touching the wood causes damage to the fence. There should be at least two inches of clearance between the ground and the bottom of the fence.

Flooring

Section 10.26. of the CC&Rs states "Floor Coverings. No alteration in the type of floor coverings of the Unit may be made which will result in an increase in sound transmission into any other Unit. Only soft-cover floors may be installed on floor levels located above and adjacent to any other Unit, except for Replacement of any hard coverings in kitchen, bath or other areas where such hard coverings were originally installed.

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.

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

Coyote Warning

Recently there has been a higher than normal number of coyote attacks in Saratoga. Please remember coyotes are wild animals and need to be treated as such. Pets and pet food should not be left out overnight.

Neighborhood Watch Stickers

We still have enough cling-on stickers for your glass doors and windows, two for each household and possibly extras. Please email your unit number and we can deliver right to your doorstep. Any questions please email us at nw@vineyardsofsaratoga.com



Speeding drivers risk startling or hitting pedestrians,

pets, and children.

PLEASE

Drive below 15 MPH !!!