



The Grapevine

December 2019

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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| President | Jim Foley |
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THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Board meeting will be held on Thursday January 9, 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 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

Member Information List

The By-Laws of Vineyards allow Members (owners) to request a list of contact information for all the Members of the community. To protect your privacy there is an option to "opt-out" of being included on this list. A form can be found on the Vineyards website under the forms section. <http://www.vineyardsofsaratoga.com/forms.htm>. If Members do not want to be included on this list it is their responsibility to "opt out."

Candle Alert

Unattended candles are a disaster waiting to happen. For everyone's safety, we encourage the use of battery operated LED "candles" for your celebrations this holiday season. This is a much safer option under the extremely dry conditions in California. Thank you for your cooperation. We can all do our part in keeping our homes safe.

CMS HOLIDAY for 2019 office CLOSED

December 24th, December 25th

December 31st

January 1st, 2020

Parking Stickers Required

If you reside in the Vineyards of Saratoga any vehicle you park on the property is required, Operating Rules section 10.1.0, to have a parking sticker on the vehicle. If you do not have a sticker fill out an Occupancy Form and submit it per the instructions at the bottom of the form. The form can be found on the Vineyards website under the HOA Forms & Documents section

COMMUNITY NEWS

The following article was provided by a member of the Vineyards. The Board of Directors would like to remind everyone that burning wood or commercial fire logs does not violate any rules of the association or California law unless burned on a Winter Spare the Air Alert has been issued.

Wood Burning

The main adverse health impact of burning wood, manufactured fireplace logs or similar products in common fireplaces is wood smoke, which contains harmful substances. On its website, Bay Area Air Quality Management District states: "Small particles and toxic chemicals from wood smoke can cause serious health problems, especially in children, older adults, and those with heart or respiratory problems." Additionally, California Air Resources Board in its *Wood Burning Handbook* states: "...Manufactured fireplace logs, for instance, are not recommended for burning because they produce toxic fumes..."

Also, since fireplaces exhaust indoor air up the chimney during such burning, furnaces can run longer in order to heat and replace such exhausted air.

In summary, one of the best ways to help protect you and/or your neighbors from the adverse effects of toxic air pollutants and potentially save money, is to avoid wood burning.

Anthony R. Fisher. PhD.

Santa

Two merry blue eyes
A very little nose
A long snowy beard
And cheeks like a rose
A round chubby man
A big bulging pack
Hurrah for Old Santa
We're glad he's come back!



COMMUNITY NEWS

JIM "MR. VINEYARDS" TURKE

Jim "Mr. Vineyards" Turke, a long time Vineyards resident, passed away in mid-October here at The Vineyards. Jim joined our community in 1989 and had been an active participant in many capacities ever since. Over the years Jim has been a Member of the Board of Directors, the chair of the Maintenance Committee, and a member of the Executive Committee.

James Kilpatrick Turke, Jr., was born in Tulare CA on March 21, 1927. Ten years later his family moved to Visalia where he and his siblings, Mary Margaret and Richard, grew up. He was active in Boys Scouts and achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

Jim then enlisted in the Navy and following his service, he attended Visalia Junior College and later transferred to University of California at Berkeley. He graduated with an Electrical Engineering degree in 1951.

He married in 1951 and began his engineering career at Beckman Instruments. He lived in San Francisco, then El Cerrito, CA, where his two daughters were born. Beckman transferred him to Illinois for a few years until Jim's next career move to Ford Aerospace brought him and his family back to the Bay Area where they lived in San Carlos for several years.

In the 1970s Jim became the owner and proprietor of a bait shop in Clearlake Highlands, CA and was active in the local American Legion and community events.

Jim returned to the Bay Area in the 1980s and was employed at Olivetti in Cupertino, until his retirement. In 1989, Jim moved to his Vineyards townhouse, which he loved. He shared his life there with Colleen until her untimely passing. They loved ballroom dancing and traveling.

Jim spent the last 30 years enjoying life at the Vineyards. As The Vineyards has "matured" over the years, maintaining our community to the standards we all expect has become an ever-challenging task. Jim was always there to help by providing his guidance and expertise. Without Jim's involvement, projects like the roof replacement, deck replacement, fence replacement and repairs, drainage enhancements and concrete repair, clubhouse remodel, swimming pool upgrades, paving and pavement maintenance, and more, could never have been as successful. His engineering background led him to be the Vineyards Light Fixture Repairman Guy, which he was for many years. In the last few years, residents would see him dashing about the grounds on his red scooter looking for burnt out light bulbs to replace.

Jim was an avid gardener, even on his little patio, and had a special green thumb for tomatoes. This year his 6 plants produced hundreds of tomatoes! He really enjoyed going to all the Vineyard events over the years, like the Annual Pool Party, Oktoberfest, and Fourth of July potlucks. Jim had made many lifelong friends here at The Vineyards.

Jim is survived by his daughters, Leslie and Merrie, brother Richard, son-in-law Rod, stepsons Tim and Tom, and his four grandsons, Kyle, Evan, Jay, and Will (plus grand dogs Walter and Jet). His daughters live locally and were an active part of his daily life. There was always a birthday celebration or family event. The last big blowout was his 90th birthday bash held in his honor two years ago. He was deeply loved by his family who will miss him very much.

Jim "Mr. Vineyards" Turke will be sorely missed by all of us here at The Vineyards.

Thank you, Jim Foley

COMMUNITY NEWS

Come join us in celebrating the life of

Jim “Mr. Vineyards” Turke

1927 - 2019

Sunday, January 12, 4:00 PM

The Vineyards Clubhouse

Appetizers or beverages would be appreciated

Holiday Season—Packages

The holiday season is fast approaching. It's a time of merriment giving and crime. Please have packages delivered only when they can be delivered directly or brought inside almost immediately.

