



The Grapevine

October 2021

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/>

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.

Garbage & Recycling

Additional garbage costs can be avoided If everyone flattens cardboard boxes before putting them into recycle containers and no one abandons 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 EVER be abandoned in or next to the dumpster enclosures.

Contractor Trash Violations

Please ensure any contractor working on your property is well informed about the policies and procedures for disposing of trash and/or recycling at Vineyards of Saratoga. If a contractor in your employ improperly dis-poses of anything you will be responsible for their actions.

Fine Hearing for Garbage or Recycling Violations

Numerous notices have been posted and sent about the proper disposal of trash and recycling at the Vineyards of Saratoga. Warning letters for violations for improper disposal of either will no longer be sent and a fine hearing will be called.

It tis the season for Thieves

We have already received reports of packages being stolen off porches. Here are some tips to prevent theft. Leave instructions for packages to be delivered only when someone is home to receive the packages. Pick up mail from mailboxes every day. Do not leave anything visible in your vehicles. If you have something stolen file a police report and notice a Board member or the Association Manager.

SEE SOMETHING – SAY SOMETHING!

REPORT solicitors, thefts, or violations of the Vineyards rules TO A BOARD MEMBER or the Association Manager

THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Board meeting will be held on Thursday November 11, at 7:00PM. Details about attending the meeting will be post in the community at least four days prior to the meeting. You can also email the Association Manager for further details on attending the meeting. 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

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. The best way to avoid a problem is to check with the Association Manager or a Board member prior to installing new flooring.

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

Carry poo bags and pick up after your dog!

Finding dog poop on the roads, lawns, or creek side is not at all pleasant for others. Tell your guests and dog-walkers too. This situation had improved, but recently despite all the jaunty green dog warning signs, it's getting worse again,. If you see something, say something!

No Food Outside

Please do not leave food (including bird seed) or water outside. This attracts all kinds of pests.

DID YOU BORROW SOME FORKS?

ALL of the dinner forks in the Clubhouse kitchen are missing. If you borrowed them, please return them! They are part of a set and can no longer be replaced.



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

PLEASE

Drive below 15 MPH !!!