



# The Grapevine

November 2021

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<b>President</b>	Jim Foley
<b>VP</b>	Michael Toback
<b>Secretary</b>	Laurel Smith
<b>Treasurer</b>	Gloria Felcyn
<b>Director</b>	Charles Sudderth
<b>Director</b>	Jeff Klopotic
<b>Director</b>	Tom Schmidt

## VINEYARDS WEBSITE

[www.vineyardsofsaratoga.com](http://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](mailto:cs@communitymanagement.com)

## Association Manager

Bill Oldfield

[boldfield@communitymanagement.com](mailto: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 NEVER be abandoned in or next to the dumpster enclosures.

## 2022 Annual HOA Election / Meeting

Nominations for the two position on the Board of Directors that are up for election are closed. We have three candidates for these positions so there will be an election for the Board of Directors this year. The Board has appointed HOA Election Services as the Inspector of Elections

## 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 December 9, 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

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### 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.

### 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.

### Walking Safety

Some areas of the roads at The Vineyards of Saratoga are VERY dark. When talking on or near the road please be extremely cautious. Wearing light color clothes and carrying, or wearing, some kind of light so you are more easily seen is also highly recommended

### 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.

### 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.

### 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



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

**PLEASE**

**Drive below 15 MPH !!!**