



The Grapevine

December 2021

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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 NEVER be abandoned in or next to the dumpster enclosures.

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, the Association Manager, or contact the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department. If you are a victim of any crime it is very important to file a police report.

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 approved at the next board meeting.

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

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

A lot of our citrus fruit will soon be ripe!

It's that time of the year but please remember, one of our Operating Rules is:

4.2 Flowers or fruit in the common area shall only be picked if the Resident takes care not to damage the plant and leaves adequate blossoms and fruit for other Residents to enjoy.

This means you could possibly be fined for picking more than a few. And we now have cameras on some of the trees! The fruit will last on the tree quite a long time for all to enjoy over time. If you need more than a couple, please purchase them at the store.

A simple tug or twist will release a ripe piece of fruit. If you have to cut or break the branch to obtain the fruit, it's not ripe yet. The Meyer lemons will turn a darker yellow/orange before they are ready to be picked. A lot of our limes have turned yellow – but they are still limes. If you are unsure what kind of tree it is. The trees have a silver tag low on the tree identifying what kind of tree it is.



**Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukah, Joyous Kwanzaa,
Happy Holidays
And Happy New Year**

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