



The Grapevine

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Director	Jeff Klopotic
Director	Tom Schmidt

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. If a dumpster is full please hold onto your recyclables until the bin has been emptied.

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.

Annual Meeting / Election

The annual meeting will be held on Thursday February 10, 2022. The deadline for submitting your ballot is February 2, 2022. **PLEASE return your ballot**

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 at 408-299-2311. 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 February 10, 2022 immediately following the Annual Meeting. 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.

KEEP VEHICLES SAFE

Vehicles continue to be targeted for theft in the Bay Area. The Vineyards of Saratoga is not immune to these thieves. Please do not leave anything visible in your vehicle when parking in or out of The Vineyards. This includes something as simple as a piece of paper.

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.

Walking Safety

Some areas of the roads at The Vineyards of Saratoga are VERY dark. When walking 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.

New NextDoor Groups

The NextDoor group we have been using for years is great for reaching out to neighbors in this or other neighborhoods, but it is open to non-owners, former neighbors and even some people who never lived here. It is not a good place to post information about things happening within the Vineyards like meetings, annual dumpsters, roof cleanings and so on. Doing so not only invites outsiders to use our dumpsters, but negative or confusing posts can ruin our reputation and ultimately affect property values.

A few months ago two private groups were started where we can invite and remove people as they come and go into the Vineyards called Vineyards of Saratoga Residents and Vineyards of Saratoga Owners. We can post the same notices you see around the vineyards and you can feel more secure communicating with neighbors or owners. Again, just because people are in the Vineyards group does *not* mean they are an owner or resident. Please refrain from posting anything in the neighborhood group that you wouldn't want to send out to the public.

Contacting the HOA Protocol

When contacting the HOA, the Association Manager or a Board member, please make sure to include all relevant information. Relevant information that is needed for the majority of communications is your address, a telephone number, and details on why you are making contact.

