



The Grapevine

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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 and homeowners. There are now two groups. One for homeowners and one for residents. You can join the groups using the links below.

Residents—<https://nextdoor.com/g/hx4j0w8rx/>

Homeowners— <https://nextdoor.com/g/hu8us8brn>

HELPFUL CONTACTS Community Management Services To report problems with outdoor lights or sprinklers please call or email the Association Manager

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. If a dumpster is full, please hold onto your recyclables until the bin has been emptied. Hazardous materials, oil, antifreeze, gas, etc, will not be picked up by the garbage company.

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.

Operating Rules Update

The Board of Directors has approved a draft of updated Operating Rules. The draft will be sent to all homeowners for review. If you have any comments on the updated rules please contact 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 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 May 12, 2022 at 7:00 PM. 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.

Assessment Increase

There was a mistake in the February newsletter starting April 1st assessments will increase to \$550 not \$562. Good news for people signed up to make automatic payments through Heritage Bank. Bank can

COMMUNITY NEWS

Check that Bill

In this day and age people make use of the convenience of automatic bill payment a lot. Automatic bill payment is not a perfect service and you are responsible for ensuring your dues are paid. Please remember to check your HOA bill on a regular basis.

Speed Limit

The maximum speed in the Vineyards is 15 MPH. Please watch your speed.

Security Upgrades

The Vineyards Board of Directors takes security very seriously and has been working to upgrade the security around the community. Additional lights and cameras have been installed in various locations around the community to assist with enforcement of the rules and help to mitigate crime.

Carry poo bags and pick up after your dog!

Finding dog poop on the roads, lawns, or creek side is not at all pleasant or healthy 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!

Whose Responsible for That???

Exhibit C of the CC&Rs clearly shows who, a homeowner or the HOA, is responsible maintenance and repairs inside and out of the units. Homeowners should review this section of the CC&Rs

Is that the right bin?

Please make sure to put the right things in the right bin. The white dumpsters and blue bins are for recycling. The green dumpsters are for garbage.

Spring Cleaning

It is that time of year. The first of the semi-annual dumpsters will be delivered on May 12th. The dumpsters will be on site until Monday May 23rd. Please make sure not to leave the following items: pretreated wood, concrete, dirt, tires, engine parts, televisions, mattresses, unbroken furniture, computer monitors, refrigerators / freezers, medical or hazardous waste. **These items are not allowed and will cost the HOA, that is anyone who owns property here, extra money.**

The Vineyards NextDoor Groups

Details about joining the new NextDoor groups announced a couple of months ago has been added to the side bar of the first page of the newsletter. This information will remain in the newsletter moving forward. The introduction of the two private groups, where we can invite and remove people, will be removed. Reminder, just because people are in the original Vineyards group does *not* mean they are an owner or resident of the Vineyards community. 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, email address and details on why you are making contact.

The speed limit at The

