

TheGrapevine



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VINEYARDS WEBSITE

www.vineyardsofsaratoga.com

Go to the website to view the Monthly newsletter, HOA forms and documents, Bylaws, CC&Rs, Operating Rules, HOA Board meeting minutes.

NEXTDOOR

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/ hu8us8bm

Community Management Services

1935 Dry Creek Road, Suite 203 Campbell, CA 95008 Phone (408) 559-1977 Mon-Fri 8a-5p

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. Please include your name, address, email, phone and a description of your concern.

Sheriff's Dept. (non-emergency)

(408) 299-2311

PLEASE CHECK YOUR STATEMENTS!

The monthly dues are now \$550. To avoid late fees, please check your latest statement for any overdue balance.

Security Upgrades

The Vineyards Board of Directors has been investing in the security around our community. In June we installed new cameras and a new DVR (it was a much needed technology upgrade after ten years!). We want to give a big thank you to Director **Tom Schmidt** who has overseen all these improvements, and has spent time learning the new software as well as reviewing camera footage when incidents arise.

Recently, Tom worked with the Sheriff's department to catch a thief who stole property from a car parked at the Vineyards last month. Tom was able to provide a time-stamped license plate which led to an arrest!

If you see any suspicious activity or find any damage around our grounds, please report this as soon as possible to our Association Manager Bill Oldfield. Our upgraded lights and cameras are helping us to track down offenders so we can hold them accountable for damages to our community.

Also, remember that each of us is a vital contributor to the Vineyards community. We can all do a small part to be a good neighbor: If a gate at the dumpsters is unlatched, take time to shut the gate so it doesn't get damaged. If there is a broken sprinkler head, report it as soon as possible. If you see litter, pick it up.

Severe Drought

We are all aware that we remain in the midst of California's most severe drought. We have cut back on irrigation to the bare minimum, and maintaining our trees and other large plants remains our priority. Please continue to be wise in your own water usage.

Occupancy Form

Just a friendly reminder that we ask **ALL RESIDENTS** of the Vineyards to fill out our Occupancy Form. Your information is kept strictly confidential, but in case of an emergency, we need to know the names of our residents, their contact information, and their current vehicles (you will receive a unique parking sticker for each vehicle). Please help us keep our database up to date — the form is available on our website www.vineyardsofsaratoga.com. Thank you!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Board **will not meet** during the month of July, so our next Board meeting will be held on Thursday August 11, 2022 at 7:00 PM. Unless Covid numbers decline, we will continue to meet remotely. Details about the meeting will be posted in the community at least four days prior to the meeting and you can email the Association Manager Bill Oldfield for details on how to attend the meeting. There is a 15-20 minute Open Forum session at the start where you can bring up any issues or questions to the Board and the Association Manager. 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.

Operating Rules Update

Please make sure you read the new Operating Rules updated in May 2022. Each owner was mailed a copy; you can also download it from our website (www.vineyardsofsaratoga.com)

The Vineyards Trademark

Thanks again to Director **Michael Toback** for working over a year to get "The Vineyards of Saratoga" as our exclusive trademark.

Carry poo bags and pick up after your dog

Thank you for cleaning up after your pets! We have noticed an improvement and appreciate your diligence in keeping our grounds clean for everyone to enjoy.

Who is Responsible for That?? Owner or HOA?

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

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 general public.

Special thanks

This month we want to thank **Chris Burns** for all the time and care she invests in our grounds. She has been actively involved in tending and improving our landscaping for over 15 years! She also feeds our koi and ducks at the pond every day, and she offers a friendly and welcoming presence in our community.

The speed limit at The Vineyards is 15MPH

Please use caution and keep an eye out for children and pets on the roadway