

The Crapevine



August 2022

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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—<u>https://nextdoor.com/g/</u> hx4j0w8rx/ Homeowners— <u>https://nextdoor.com/g/</u>

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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 cover the spa after use

Please remember to replace the cover on the spa after usage. It helps reduce evaporation and saves energy.

Package theft in July

Be aware that packages are often delivered on porches in plain sight and are tempting targets. We had one reported theft in July. You may want to request delivery behind your gate (if possible) or ask a neighbor for help with collection. We are working on our security cameras to catch all vehicles license plates as they enter/exit our property.

Security Upgrades

Another big thank you to Director **Tom Schmidt** who has overseen all camera and lighting improvements 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. 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.

Help us with Security: We need a current Occupancy Form!

Just a friendly reminder for **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 to be placed on the driver's side rear or front window. Please help us keep our database up to date the form is available on our website <u>www.vineyardsofsaratoga.com</u>.

This month we will also start placing an Occupancy Form on the windshield of any vehicle that <u>does not have a parking sticker visible</u>. Please fill it out and mail it to Community Management Services, email it to the Association Manager <u>boldfield@communitymanagement.com</u>, or you can drop it off at **19537** Vineyard Lane (unit near the big pool and the koi pond). Thanks for your help !

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Our next Board meeting will be held on Thursday September 8, 2022 at 7:00 PM. Unless Covid numbers decline, we will continue to meet remotely. As a courtesy to those at the meeting, we ask that you turn on your video so we can see everyone in attendance. 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.

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. We recently had deep watering done for our redwoods on August 1 & 2. Please continue to be wise in your own water usage.

Operating Rules Update

Please make sure you read the new Operating Rules updated in May 2022. It provides a summary of the essentials from our CC&R's. Each owner was mailed a copy; you can also download it from our website (<u>www.vineyardsofsaratoga.com</u>).

Prevent plant damage

This month we sent out several notices to residents to cut back trees/vines that are climbing on fences and walls. If the plant is growing within your exclusive property, you are responsible for trimming it so that no damage occurs to the fences or stucco.

Special thanks

This month we want to thank **Gloria Felcyn** for all the time and care she spends as our **Treasurer**. With her background in finance, she oversees our Monthly Expenditures as well as preparing our Annual Budget. In addition to keeping a watchful eye on our income and expenses, Gloria reviews the Financials and Tax Returns prepared for The Vineyards by an outside CPA, and also reviews our insurance coverage annually. We are fortunate to have such a capable woman who is willing to volunteer her expertise with 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

