



The Grapevine



September 2022

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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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/hu8us8brn>

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

Fall Cleanup Dumpster

Time to get rid of large items — the dumpsters are coming Oct. 13 - 24!

Note: this service is for **Vineyards Residents only**.

[Please no pretreated wood, concrete, dirt, tires, engine parts, televisions, mattresses, unbroken furniture, computer monitor, refrigerators/freezers, medical or hazardous waste.]

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

Another 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 at

www.vineyardsofsaratoga.com (> HOA forms and Documents).

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

Security Upgrades

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.

In Saratoga there have been many incidents of smash and grab theft from parked cars; catalytic converters are also a frequent target. We recommend that you park your car in the garage if possible. If parked outside, be sure not to leave any valuables visible.

Be aware that packages are often delivered on porches in plain sight and are tempting targets. You may want to request delivery behind your gate (if possible) or ask a neighbor for help with collection.

To add to the security of the Vineyards, we are looking into installation of **security gates** at the entrance to our property. We will keep you informed as we work through the logistics of the gate design and implementation.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Our next Board meeting will be held on Thursday October 13, 2022 at 7:00 PM. Until 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. The meeting agenda will be posted at the Clubhouse 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.

Protecting our trees

Commercial Tree Service will continue with deep watering this fall, and will also be conducting tree trimming maintenance from October through December.

Gutter cleaning

Our semi-annual roof and gutter cleaning is scheduled for the week of November 7—12, depending on weather conditions. We would appreciate it if prior to the cleaning you close your windows, remove or cover all furniture, pets, cars, clothing from the walkways, patios, driveways, fences, balconies, and decks.

New Neighborhood Donation Recycling Station (NDRS) at Westhope Church

There is a new donation station nearby (12850 Saratoga Ave.) where you can recycle your shoes, clothes and other household items. This unit is sponsored by the Green Education Foundation (GEF), a volunteer non-profit which was founded by Charlene Nijmeh, Chairwoman of the Muwekma-Ohlone tribe. Out of their conviction that we are all responsible for protecting Mother Earth, the GEF has repurposed a used shipping container to collect used goods for either **reuse** or **recycling**. They will take "clothes, shoes, hats, purses, belts, personal accessories, toys, games, tools, jewelry, sporting goods, glasses, silverware, cookware, linens, towels, bedding, luggage, books, knickknacks, and other household items". All the items must be able to fit in their chutes. The unit has solar-powered lights and cameras for safety and is **available 24/7**. Please check it out and dispose of your unwanted items in an environmentally responsible way that keeps them out of landfills, and any profits go to support our schools.

Special thanks

This month we want to recognize Laurel Smith. Laurel has lived at the **Vineyards since 1986**, has served **on the Board for over 20 years**, and has been **Board Secretary since 2007**. Laurel reviews all of our Board minutes and correspondences promptly and meticulously. She currently serves on the Landscape committee, but also led the Operating Rules update last year, and served on the committee to renovate the Clubhouse. We are fortunate to have her on our team! Since she retired from teaching in 2002, Laurel has devoted much time and energy to give back to our Vineyards community, and she feels honored to have worked with so many hard working Board members.

The speed limit at The Vineyards is 15MPH

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

