



# The Grapevine



January 2023

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<b>President</b>	Jim Foley
<b>VP</b>	Michael Toback
<b>Secretary</b>	Laurel Smith
<b>Treasurer</b>	Gloria Felcyn
<b>Director</b>	Tom Schmidt
<b>Director</b>	Charles Sudderth
<b>Director</b>	Pam Nomura

### Front Security Gate and Irrigation Well Projects

Good news! Both of our projects were approved by the membership! Thank you to all those who returned their ballots on time.:

For the gate: 90 votes for and 8 votes against

For the well: 87 votes for and 8 votes against

[Over 50% of our membership (83 votes) was needed for approval]

The Board will now move forward to gather the detailed costs and requirements for construction before we decide to sign a contract. Be assured that the Board will review the proposals carefully to make sure that each project makes sense for our community.

### VINEYARDS WEBSITE

[www.vineyardsofsaratoga.com](http://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](mailto: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

### STORM DAMAGE

There has been some damage to the Vineyards during the high winds and heavy rains this past month. On the night of January 5 - 6, the top of one of our redwoods trees broke off and went through the Clubhouse kitchen roof. Water worked its way down to the first floor near the pool table and through the ceiling of the furnace and computer rooms. The broken part of the tree has been removed and the roof temporarily repaired and large fans and dehumidifiers placed in the Clubhouse. In the kitchen the cabinets can be saved and the appliances are undamaged but the kitchen will need a new ceiling, counter tops and flooring. Many thanks to William and Sarah who helped Jim and Chris empty out the kitchen cabinets. The gym and the bathrooms will remain open (accessible from the poolside entrance only), but the rest of the Clubhouse will remain closed until further notice.

While our trees provide much beauty for our complex, they also pose some hazards during these storms. Fortunately we had just completed major tree trimming in December by Commercial Tree Company. They returned to remove the broken tree trunk and to assess other trees and to trim as needed. We have also consulted the City of Saratoga arborist (their permission required to remove any tree). The extensive drought has compromised the health of our trees but it's impossible to predict the future. Please be patient as we consult with the experts.

A few individual units have also experienced some storm related damage. Please contact our Association Manager Bill Oldfield and we will try to assess the problem quickly, then decide whether it is something the Association can assist you with. Many thanks to Jim Foley and Tom Schmidt and Chris Burns who have been actively overseeing our property during these storms (and all year long!).

# The speed limit at The Vineyards is 15MPH

Please use caution and keep an eye out  
for children and pets on the roadway,  
especially when entering the complex



## **ELECTION BALLOTS**

We sent out ballots for the 2023 Annual Election of Association Directors. Please return your secret ballot by February 9, 2023 at noon, or you can vote in person at the Annual Meeting (see below). Three directors are running for re-election (unopposed) this year for another two year term: Jim Foley, Tom Schmidt, and Charles Sudderth.

## **ANNUAL MEETING**

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 7pm. Please come to hear about all we have accomplished in 2022 and our goals for 2023. The Agenda was mailed to you along with the Election Ballot. We decided that we will continue to meet remotely. Instructions:

1. In a browser of your choice, go to <https://meet.goto.com/boldfcms/vineyards-of-saratoga>
2. Enter access code: 258-825-653

As a courtesy to those at the meeting, we ask that you turn on your video so we can see everyone in attendance. If you prefer not to turn on your video, please dial in using your phone:

1 (786) 535-3211, Access Code 258-826-653

We hope to see many of you there!

## **Reporting thefts**

Please report any thefts or suspicious activities as soon as possible to the Sheriff's Dept. (408) 299-2311. In addition, please notify Community Management so we can keep track of all incidents that occur at The Vineyards. In November there was another catalytic converter stolen. In December our Christmas wreath at the entrance was stolen, but thanks to our video sleuth Tom Schmidt, the sheriff was able to get it returned! Hopefully the new gate will help discourage further nighttime nefarious activities. We are also participating in Neighborhood Watch, so we all keep our eyes out for one another.

## **Contact Information**

For safety and security reasons, each Director and our Association Manager need to know how to contact you. As a member of The Vineyards community, you must provide updated contact information for you and your renters to the HOA through the Association Manager. HOA members are entitled, upon written request that includes a valid reason for the request, to a list of members' contact information. This information includes member's name, property address, mailing address and email address. If you do not want your name to be included on the membership list, there is a form on The Vineyards website that you can fill out (HOA forms & Documents: Opt-Out Sharing Contact Information) and return to the Association Manager