



The Grapevine



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SUMMER LUAU:

After being shutdown since Covid, we are hoping to bring back our **Annual Summer Luau Party on Saturday August 5th from 4 to 8PM!** It's a great time to meet or get better acquainted with your neighbors [it's a party for residents only please]. We will have a potluck dinner at the Big Pool, so please bring your favorite dish(es) to share: Appetizer, Main Dish, Casserole, Pizza, Salad, Dessert, Drinks, etc. We will have the BBQ fired up for those who want to bring their own burgers, dogs, sausages or other items to grill. Plates, cups, utensils, BBQ tools, ice, and condiments will be provided.

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.

To make this event a success, **we really need your help.** We hope to have a morning Setup Crew (9am-noonish), Pre-party Crew (3pm-4pm), Help during the Party Crew (4pm-8pm), and a Cleanup Crew (8pm-9pm). If we all pitch in, it is fun to work together and all can get done quickly.

Please email Pam Nomura (pam.nomura@gmail.com) if you are willing to help with the planning or want to volunteer.

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

bolfield@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.*

IT'S POOL TIME!

Please observe poolside courtesies, and The Vineyards Operating Rules:

- Entry to the pool area is by residents' key fob
- Do not open the gate to strangers or lend your key fob to others
- Children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult
- Residents must accompany their guests (max 4 per unit) at all times.
- Loungers, tables and BBQ facilities cannot be reserved
- Diapers including swim diapers are not permitted
- Be considerate if you swim laps during quiet hours & close the gate softly
- No glassware or bottles should be brought into the pool area – please use acrylic glasses or cans
- No diving, running, screaming, loud music or any behavior that causes annoyance to other pool users or neighbors
- Non-resident owners are not allowed to use the pools or other common area amenities
- If using the spa, please remember to replace the cover!!

Since the Big Pool has no bathroom, families are strongly encouraged to use the Clubhouse Pool with its adjacent toilet, shower and changing facilities.

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



FROM OUR SECURITY TEAM:

- San Jose Mercury News writes that “**Identity theft** is the most common reported crime in Saratoga, with 68 cases in 2021 and 76 cases in 2022. So far this year, there have been 25 reported case.”
- Capt. Valenzuela, new commander of the West Valley Patrol Division, also reports that the residential **burglary rate** in 2022 was up 34%. He recommends that “residents can deter crime in their neighborhoods by calling the sheriff’s office when they see suspicious vehicles or people. Residents should keep their doors locked and windows closed when not home... Motion sensor light and home security alarms have also been effective in deterring crime.”
- The City of Saratoga installed an **Automatic License Plate Reader** system at several intersections last spring to track cars coming in and out of the city to deter crime. These cameras capture vehicle license plates and compare them with Sheriff’s Office databases to alert authorities when a plate matched a listing.
- Here at The Vineyards, we are continuing to pursue a Front Security Gate and will keep you posted as the project progresses.
- Please note that there are **TWO LANES exiting** the Vineyards. The traffic light is triggered ONLY when there is a vehicle in the LEFT LANE. From the left lane you can turn left onto Saratoga Avenue or cross the intersection to enter Bellgrove. From the right lane you cannot trigger the signal to change AND you must turn right onto Saratoga Avenue.
- We continue to monitor that all of our residents have **parking stickers** on their cars. In case of an emergency, we may need you to move your car. Also, once the gate is installed, we may use a license plate reader to allow you to gain access to the property. We will place an Occupancy Form on the windshield of any vehicle that does not have a parking sticker visible. Please fill out this form and mail it to Community Management Services, or email it to the Association Manager boldfield@communitymanagement.com. Thank you for help!
- **BBQ Safety:** During grill season please stay safe and aware of some fire safety concerns. No fire pits or open flame BBQ grills are allowed on the balconies or patios. There is a large communal gas BBQ next to the Big Pool for delicious open flame grilling, and a propane grill at the Clubhouse Pool. All residents may use these, but please be prepared to share the space, and to clean the grates and area around the BBQs after each use – you do not want your greasy messes to attract roaches or ants!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Our Board meets on the second Thursday of every month. Our next Board meeting is on Thursday July 13, 2023 at 7:00 PM. Now that the Covid emergency has lifted, we are meeting **in person** in the Clubhouse again (downstairs until the kitchen repair is completed). The meeting agenda will be posted at the Clubhouse at least four days prior to 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 discussion 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 approval at the following month’s Board meeting.