



# The Grapevine

October 2023



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## 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  
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## Association Manager

**Bill Oldfield**

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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

## GROUNDINGS UPDATE:

- **Tree removal:** The Santa Clara Valley Water District removed nine blue gum eucalyptus last month. [Thank you for your patience with the parking restrictions while they worked!] We are grateful that this costly work was done by the water district before the rainy season starts. We are planning to replace these trees with white oleander because of their drought resistance and quick growth.
- **Other tree maintenance:** In addition to deep watering of our redwoods and selective trimming of branches, we are also applying tree growth regulator to allow the trees to strengthen branches rather than increasing their height.



- **Clubhouse repairs:** The clubhouse repairs are finally complete! The dishware has been cleaned and shelved. We still need to schedule a rug cleaning but check out the beautiful new countertops.

- **Front Gate:** We are pleased to report that the drawings for the gate installation were completed and have been sent to the City of Saratoga for approval! Slowly but surely we are moving forward.
- **Well project:** Since last month, there is no new progress to report.

## PARKING PERMITS:

As you know, all residents are required to fill out an Occupancy form and to keep their information up-to-date. CMS needs to have a record of all **resident car licenses and phone numbers** so that a car owner may be

called in case of an emergency. When we did the pavement sealing project last month, we were dismayed that we had to tow one car because we did not have the car's owner phone number on file.

Also, when the new front gate is installed, we will have a license plate reader that will allow the gate to open for all known residents. Another good reason to make sure we have your license plate in our records!

We want to clarify that parking permits are non-transferrable. If you purchase another car, **you need to apply for another permit**. Please do not transfer your parking permit to the new car. (We only track car owners by their license plate number, not by the permit number.)



## SECOND ANNUAL TRICK OR TREAT-A-THON:

Once again (back by popular demand!), we are celebrating Halloween Night at The Vineyards with **Trick-or-Treating from 5:30-7:30pm**. If you will be passing out candy or trick-or-treating, **please sign up** at 19537 by the Koi Pond and Big Pool.

For treat givers: Pick up a Halloween candy bag to secure to your porch/gate to show that you will have goodies, and please plan to leave your door/patio light on from 5:30-7:30pm.

For trick-or-treaters: Come by 19537 on Oct. 31 after noon for a list and a map of the homes giving out treats. Last year there were about 25 households who signed up to pass out treats and about 25 kids who participated. We all had great fun decorating our homes and seeing the cute costumed visitors. Many thanks to Chris Burns for bringing us together for this fun community event!



## FALL CLEANUP:



The dumpsters (for residents only) are on site from **October 12 to 23!**

[Please do not leave any of the following items in the dumpster: pretreated wood, concrete, dirt, tires, engine parts, televisions, mattresses, unbroken furniture, computer monitors, refrigerators / freezers, medical or hazardous waste. Also, please do not abandon any items **outside** of the dumpster. Any violations cost the HOA extra money, which may lead to increased monthly assessments (we will also use our video cameras to try to identify any offenders).]

## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS:

- As the days are cooler, the pool heaters will be turned off soon. They are usually turned on again in May, depending on the ambient temperatures.
- There was another car break-in last week. Please be sure not to leave **any visible items** in your car as it can tempt someone to quickly smash and grab your belongings. Better safe than sorry.
- Please be aware that we have a lot of people who walk around the perimeter of the Vineyards. Please **DRIVE SLOWLY (15mph)**, especially as you enter the property and go around corners. There are joggers and children playing and dogs being walked. **You do not want to be responsible for injuring anyone** due to inattention or excessive speeds. We have installed some speed bumps as you drive right on Vineyard Lane. To be safe, walkers should avoid dark clothing, use flashlights, and walk toward oncoming traffic.
- Stop signs: Please note that there is a stop sign on all three lanes as you approach the exit. Please do not just roll through the stop sign. Also, there are two lanes to exit the Vineyards. The left lane is meant for those turning left onto Saratoga Ave. or going straight into Bellgrove (the left lane is also the one that triggers the signal to change). Be please courteous by waiting in the correct lane.
- Little Free Library: We are fortunate to have a Little Free Library in front of the clubhouse. The concept is to borrow books and to share used books with your neighbors. There is also a place to share your used (but not too old) magazines. Lisa Lattuca has graciously been maintaining the library and requests that you return any books that you borrow. Thank you!



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Our Board meets on the second Thursday of every month. Our next Board meeting is on Thursday November 9, 2023 at 7:00 PM. We meet in person upstairs in the Clubhouse. 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 when 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.