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Want to receive e-mail alerts? Please e-mail your name and unit number, indicating if you are an owner or tenant to register@vineyardsofsaratoga.com

Welcome wagon for new residents Contact Katherine Weiss or Gia Biagi welcomewagon@vineyardsofsaratoga.com

HELPFUL CONTACTS Community Management Services

To report problems with outdoor lights or sprinklers and request repairs please call or email CMS customer service:

cs@ communitymanagement.com

Telephone

408 - 559 - 1977

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To report a crime or suspicious behavior call the local Sheriff 4 0 8 - 2 9 9 - 2 3 1 1



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THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The next Board meeting is scheduled on Thursday Oct 12th at 7:00pm.

The agenda for all board meetings is posted in advance at the entrance to the Clubhouse. Monthly meetings are open to all homeowners. The 15-20 minute Open Forum session at the start is an opportunity to have any issues heard by the board, association manager, and others present, and to ask questions about any projects or decisions addressed by the board.

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.

SEPTEMBER NEWS

The Fall Neighborhood Cleanup Dumpsters are scheduled for the week of October 13th - 23rd. Use these dumpsters to dispose of unwanted large items like furniture etc... See over for more details.

From November 1st, Bill Oldfield of CMS will be replacing Luis Heredia as our new community manager. Bill attended the September Board meeting, and will be working closely with Luis to ensure a smooth transfer.

Electric vehicles cannot be charged in Common Area garages. Firstly, the Common Area electrical circuits are designed to power lights and garage openers only. The amount of current an EV draws may overload these circuits, which poses a fire risk for adjoining garages and residential units. Secondly, the electricity bill for the Common Area garage circuits is paid by the HOA. Units with garages on the same electrical circuit board as the unit itself, paid for by the homeowner, may install an EV Charger – as long as the modification is carried out by a qualified electrician, and relevant permits are obtained from the City of Saratoga. If in doubt, ask !!!

We have a new display of historical memorabilia from the Paul Masson's Champagne Tasting Room, which used to be located on the other side of Saratoga Avenue. These items complement the mirror and winery painting already hanging in the Clubhouse. Please stop by and indulge in some 1960s nostalgia! The Board extends its thanks to Anna & Jan Scicinski, who collected and donated these items.

Save the date for the fall winetasting on Friday November 10th in the Clubhouse at 7:30pm. Talking of Champagne, in preparation for the holidays, the theme of the next Vineyards Winetasting Evening will be "Bubbles and Syrah". Bring a bottle of Sparkling Wine or a bottle of Syrah, and an appetizer to share. More info will follow in the October Grapevine, or ask Carole D.

The Vineyards Annual Holiday Party is scheduled for the afternoon of Saturday December 2nd at the Clubhouse.

COMMUNITY NEWS

FALL DUMPSTERS

Twice a year the Vineyards of Saratoga provides two larger dumpsters for convenient disposal of unwanted oversized items. Get rid of rickety old furniture, bed frames, mattresses and blankets, moving boxes, construction wood, carpets, curtains, blinds, small electronics (like toasters) and the like.

However, these dumpsters are not suitable to be used to dispose of paints, oils, computers, tires, or any item that contains toxic or flammable materials. See below for information from the City of Saratoga website on how to dispose of these items safely.

These dumpsters are for the use of Vineyards residents only. If you see any outsiders or contractors dumping stuff, please report their vehicle license plates to CMS or better still take a photo.

How do I dispose of my old computer, motor oil, paint or toxic materials?

The Santa Clara County Household Hazardous Waste program accepts hazardous materials, including paints, petroleum based products, batteries, drain clog remover, pesticides, gardening chemicals, solvents, pool chemicals, propane, helium, smoke detectors, and medical waste. To make an appointment to drop off these items call 408.299.7300.

West Valley Collection and Recycling, accepts household electronic and universal waste. Examples of household electronic waste include televisions, monitors, keyboards, computers, printers, and DVD players. Household universal waste accepted by West Valley Collection and Recycling includes batteries, flourescent tubes, bulbs, mercury containing lamps, thermostats, electrical switches and relays, mercury gauges, and non-empty aerosol cans. To make an appointment to drop off these items call 408.283.9250.

INFORMED DELIVERY FROM USPS

This new service from USPS allows you to digitally preview your mail and packages in a daily email from USPS. These days we cannot take security too lightly and hopefully our new cameras will continue to deter criminal intruders. Anyone foolhardy enough to come into The Vineyards will certainly be recorded on hi-res color video! But given the spate of mailbox break-ins last year, as well as the frequency of wrongly delivered mail (deep sigh), Informed Delivery may be a useful service to consider. Informed Delivery lets you view images of the exterior of letter-sized mail pieces, track packages, and leave delivery instructions if you won't be home. Sign up is free!

https://informeddelivery.usps.com/box/pages/intro/start.action

PLANNING SOME UPGRADES? YOU MAY NEED PERMISSION ... AND A PERMIT

Architectural permission application forms are available on the Vineyards website. Upgrades like new windows or front doors require HOA architectural permission. Your window, electrical, and plumbing projects will also require a permit from the City of Saratoga. If in doubt call CMS or attend a Board meeting and ask for advice before you start. Your project may be "red-tagged" (stopped pending permits and inspections) if you do not follow HOA or city guidelines.

NEVER BLOCK OTHER PEOPLE'S GARAGE ACCESS !!!

We have ample parking in the Vineyards. Please to tell your contractors NEVER to park in front of other people's garages or block their exit. This month CMS received a complaint that a garage was blocked by a contractor's truck on a Saturday morning – the owner had to leave promptly to catch a train and barely made it on time after having to chase down the reluctant workman and ask him to move his truck. This is both frustrating and completely unacceptable. Vehicles parked in fire lanes or blocking access reported to a Board member risk being towed. At the very least the owner will have to deal with the inconvenience of scraping off a large windshield warning sticker.



Consideration of others is the guiding principle of The Vineyards HOA and is required of all residents and guests at the The Vineyards of Saratoga at all times.







VINEYARDS BIRDS - PART 6 HUMMINGBIRDS

In this sixth and final section of our Vineyards Birds series we look at the tiniest bird of all.

The hummingbird is the world's smallest bird, and the only bird that can fly backwards. It also has the highest heart rate (up to 1,260 beats per minute) of any animal. While most are found in Central and South America, about 25 species of hummingbirds are seen around the United States. East of the Mississippi, hummingbirds are not as common a sight as they are here in California, a rest stop for migratory species like Allen's Hummingbird. The species that Californians see most commonly is the one that lives here year-round: Anna's Hummingbird (*Calypte anna*).



It is easy to attract hummingbirds to your garden. A red plastic feeder filled with sugar water provides instant gratification – the responsible wildlife gardener will keep it filled, clean it regularly, and protect it from ants, bees, and other uninvited visitors. You can also bring hummingbirds into your garden by planting the nectar-rich native plants that these birds have evolved with. As they feed, the birds also perform a vital function of pollination for some native plants.

Do hummingbirds have a preference for red flowers? It turns out that insects can't see the red as well as they can other colors. So more nectar is available for the hummers at the red flowers than at the other flowers. Hummingbirds will in fact feed on flowers of any color, but will go to red ones first where available.

All birds, including hummers, need access to fresh water year round, so be sure to include a bird bath or water feature in the garden. Tall shrubs and vines make for good perches and small trees provide preferred nesting sites for tiny nests. Hummingbirds use spider silk to bind the nesting material to itself and to attach the nest to the branch. A useful property of the silk is that it allows the nest to expand as the chicks grow. So spiders and their webs play a vital role in hummingbird ecology. Hummingbirds' powerful aerodynamic wings allow them to fly up, down, sideways, forward, backward and upside down. Flower nectar provides hummingbirds with energy, but a sizeable portion of their diet also consists of insects, especially during nesting season.

Anna's Hummingbird is named after Duchess Anna Messena of Rivoli. Anna's are approximately 4 inches long when mature. The adult male's vivid plumage is metallic bronze and green on the back, with a bright red crown and gorget, and a light gray breast. The adult female is less colorful, with outer tail feathers tipped with white. Mating is the only time that male Anna's Hummingbirds actually sing. After mating, the male leaves the female, who seeks a secure place with nearby food sources to make her nest. She lays two tiny eggs, which will hatch after a couple of weeks, and the hatchlings begin to fly a few weeks after hatching.

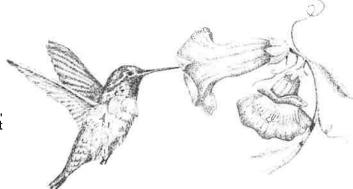
The main predators of hummingbirds are housecats, poisonous spiders, and snakes. The cats instinctively kill the birds, often without eating them, when the birds venture into backyard gardens. Snakes and poisonous spiders that live in the trees where hummingbirds make their nests can also potentially kill them.

Here is a list of hummingbird-friendly native Californian plants, by time of bloom:

Winter: Manzanitas, chaparral currant, and fuchsia-flowered gooseberry.

Spring: Pink-flowering currant, black and hummingbird sage (Salvia mellifera and Salvia spathacea), sticky monkey-flower, and western columbine. A plant that does well in a pot is the succulent Liveforever.

Summer: Scarlet monkey-flower (*Mimulus cardinalis*) does well in the garden with regular summer watering.



The red tubular flowers of California fuchsia (*Epilobium canum*) are a hummingbird favorite. The plant loves full sun, and thrives on neglect, so you just need to cut it to the ground during winter dormancy.

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

If you know of an upcoming event that you think other Vineyards residents would enjoy and like to hear about, please e-mail the details to the Grapevine Team at grapevine@vineyardsofsaratoga.com.





DIWALI MUSIC AND DANCE SHOWCASE

Dates: October 7th, 1:30 - 5pm Cost: Free Location: 10800 Torre Ave, Cupertino Distance: 4 miles

Activity: Enjoy the rich heritage of India brought to you in the form of music and dance at the Cupertino Library, Community Hall. Performers include students from local Indian music and dancing schools, and respected local area professionals.

Website: http://sccl.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=91146&ag=all&private=0&lib=3&backTo=Calendar&start Date=2017/10/01

47TH ANNUAL CUPERTING TOURNAMENT OF BANDS

Dates: October 14th, 3pm - 5:15pm Cost: Free

Location: 10100 Finch Avenue, Cupertino Distance: 4.5 miles

Activity: Cupertino High School hosts about twenty other high school bands from Northern California in competitions and activities. Come watch the parade march down Stevens Creek Blvd and the Drill Down in the stadium. Tickets required for evening competition activities after 5:45pm.

Website: http://www.chs.fuhsd.org/TOB

FAMILY MOVIE @ CAMPBELL LIBRARY

Dates: October 28th, 2-4 pm Cost: Free Location: 77 Harrison Ave. Campbell Distance: 3.6 miles

Activity: Watch a family friendly movie in the community room on the large screen!

Website: http://sccl.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=88643&ag=all&private=0&lib=2&backTo=Calendar&start

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HARRY POTTER AND THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN IN CONCERT

Cost: Ticket options \$45 - 95 Dates: Oct 27, 28, 29

Location: 325 South First Street, San Jose Distance: 9.8 miles

Activity: From the Symphony Silicon Valley fall Movies in Concert series. The Harry Potter saga continues!

Website: http://www.symphonysiliconvalley.org/concerts.php?pagecontID=262

THE NEWSLETTER AT A GLANCE

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NEWSLETTER

We welcome all input into our Vineyards newsletter. If you are interested in joining the newsletter committee or contributing an article please contact Anna Scicinska by email at grapevine@vineyardsofsaratoga.com. Letters and articles submitted by residents will go into the next newsletter to go to print. Anna Scicinska, Carole Lunny, Par Moroak

