



The Grapevine

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VINEYARDS WEBSITE

www.vineyardsofsaratoga.com

Monthly newsletter, HOA forms and documents, Bylaws, CC&Rs, Rules and Regulations, HOA Board meeting minutes.

The Vineyards of Saratoga uses **Next Door** to post important notifications for residents. Residents are highly encouraged to join the group. <https://nextdoor.com/city/saratoga--ca/>

Welcome wagon for new residents

welcome@vineyardsofsaratoga.com

HELPFUL CONTACTS Community Management Services

To report problems with outdoor lights or sprinklers please call or email the Association Manager

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

Board of Directors Meetings

The Board meeting will be held on Thursday July 8, 2021. The meeting will start at 7PM. 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.

Assessment Increase

Effective April 1st the HOA dues (assessment) increased to \$530. Notification about this was sent out with the annual budget but the Board of Directors wants to ensure everyone is aware of this change. Because of a change in California law any automatic payment you have setup will not automatically increase. If you are setup for automatic payments you will need to ensure the payments are adjusted. If you have automatic payments setup through Community Management Services and need assistance please contact the Association Manager

Mailbox Issues

The United States Postal Service (USPS) has, without officially acknowledging they are responsible, repaired or replaced the mailboxes that were not being delivered to. Despite not being assigned any responsibility for the mailboxes the Board of Directors is continuing to work on ensuring the USPS officially acknowledge their responsibility for the mailboxes at Vineyards. This will ensure a more expedient response to future issues

COMMUNITY NEWS

Did you know... from the Landscape Committee

From the Vineyards Operating Rules – Section 4 Landscaping & the CC&R's - ARTICLE VIII – Maintenance

- Owners desiring to plant in areas beyond their individual patio area must obtain prior written approval of the Board.
- Pots, planters, and other plant containers used in Common Areas next to front door entrances and patio gates, are permitted up to a maximum of 6 containers and their plants must be maintained.
- No plants or decorative items may be placed on windowsills, railings or along tops of fences.

You can find the full Vineyards Operating Rules and CC&R's at http://www.vineyardsofsaratoga.com/rules_regulations.htm

We encourage you to periodically go over all of these rules!

Rental Reminder

Any owner who rents or is considering renting out their property is advised to carefully read section 4.02 of the CC&Rs. Here are a few highlights. 1. Owners who purchased property after March 21, 2017 must get permission from the Board to rent their property. 2. New rentals will not be approved if the percentage of rentals is at 25% or higher. At this time the percentage of rentals has exceeded 25%. 3. The owner is required to provide a copy of the lease and contact information to the HOA. This information should be sent to the Association Manager as soon as you sign the lease. 4. The lease is required to include acknowledgment of receipt and understanding of the CC&Rs and Operating rules. Tenants are required to follow all of the rules of the Association. 5. The homeowner will be held responsible for violations of the rules by tenants.

Water Conservation

As you know California is currently experiencing a drought. Here are some of the top tips for conserving water.

1. Turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth.
2. Only run the washing machine and dishwasher when you have a full load.
3. Use a low flow shower head and faucet aerators.
4. Fix leaks.
5. Install a dual flush or low flow toilet or put a conversion kit on your existing toilet.

Vehicle Registration, Parking Enforcement. & Information

Please remember that all vehicles that will be parked at the Vineyards on a regular basis must be registered with the HOA and display a HOA parking sticker. The Board of Directors enforces the HOA rules. If your vehicle is not registered with the HOA and/or does not have a sticker it may be tagged or towed. Residents should not take it upon themselves to take any enforcement actions. If you see a violation of the rules please report it to the Association Manager.

Raccoons in the Vineyards

Raccoons have been seen scurrying around inside the Vineyards. While they can seem cute and adorable at first, they can be a significant nuisance. Their ability to manipulate locks, lids and other devices allows them to get into areas you really don't want them. Plus, they have been known to enter homes to eat the pets food and may carry rabies.

If you see one, treat it like you would any other wild animal you want to shoo away. Wave your hands make noises that would scare them away. Hissing helps. And by all means please do not feed them.