Grapevine Newsletter

EDITORS NOTE



Summer is about over, and we are heading into fall, and I can feel the difference in the temperature already. But what comes with fall is that our pool is closed for the year. Getting the pool open this year is one we won't forget. The board had many meetings trying to figure out how to open the pool while dealing with COVID 19. However, they made it work, and we had a great time. Everyone in the Vineyards was respectful and understanding of the decisions that were made.

Let's continue to practice safety as we now move into the final quarter of the year. Holidays are ahead of us, enjoy, and I will be back in December.

I hope you enjoy the 3rd quarter of the Grapevine Newsletter.

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Streetlights 800-392-3709 x4391

 St. Charles Hwy Dept
 636-949-7500

 Code Enforcement
 636-949-7346

Meeting Minutes JULY 14, 2020

Meeting Start Time: 7:00pm

Trustees in Attendance: Keith Ernst, Sue Blasé, Greg Greenwell, Mike Eilers

Board of Representatives in Attendance: Irina Hale

Committee Members in Attendance: Bob Isermann

Homeowners in Attendance: Jason Fricke, Donna Agers, Todd Fyffe, Jay Murry, Cindy Moreno,

Bryan Heaven, Korey Banasyznski, Katie Sadewasser

Homeowner Concerns or Reports:

- When will the gym reopen? The gym is still currently closed due to the recent spike in COVID cases in the county. A date for reopening has not been determined at this time.
- Adult swim will be changed to 5:30pm-8:30pm. The pool will close completely for 30 minutes at 5pm to allow the guards to complete their closing duties.
- There are unregistered vehicles in poor condition in a resident's driveway. A notice will be sent to the resident after photos are provided.
- There is an overgrown area in one of the courts. Greg will have our lawn care provider address this.

Clubhouse:

We are looking into a local handyman to take care of the bathroom, as it is generally too small of a
project for most companies to want to take on.

Social Update:

- Fall Garage Sale date suggestions from Lisa Veit: 9/5, 9/12, 9/26 or 10/3. We will finalize on one of these dates in the near future.
- We are hoping to plan another pool music day before the end of summer.

Pool News:

- The broken urinal in the men's room has been fixed.
- We are waiting on a proposal to address the cloudy nature of the pool water.

Swim Team:

• There will be an end of season party on 8/7/2020. The pool will not be closed to residents, but there will be lanes up in half of the pool for a short while to allow some competition among the swimmers.

Grounds:

Sick evergreens at the entrances are being replaced.

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- A new sprinkler company is coming to check out a leak in a sprinkler near the tennis courts.
- Tree planting is being planned for this fall.

Finance:

- We are still behind on rental revenues compared to last year due to COVID.
- Assessments have been mostly turned in since the pool opened.
- We are still shopping for new insurance due to the price hike this year.

Meeting End Time: 8:10pm

Meeting Minutes AUGUST 11, 2020

Meeting Start Time: 7:05

Trustees in Attendance: Keith Ernst, Sue Blasé

Board of Representatives in Attendance: Irina Hale

Committee Members in Attendance: Bob Emery, Bob Isermann, Julie Weissflog

Homeowners in Attendance: Donna Agers, Jason Fricke

Homeowner Concerns or Reports:

 Holes left in resident's yards on Napa Ln after road repair. The highway department is responsible for filling these in after their roadwork is complete in the neighborhood.

Clubhouse:

- We are still waiting on the contractor to finish their project and bid on the bathroom.
- The gym has been reopened by appointment during office hours.
- The squirrels chewed up the tennis court cameras so they will need to be replaced.
- The front door camera was replaced as well.

Social Update:

Fall Garage Sale is scheduled for September 12th.

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There will be live music at the pool on August 23rd from 1-4pm.

Pool News:

- We are waiting on a bid for potentially switching to liquid chlorine to combat the green water.
- The broken motor was fixed but we are collecting bids to upgrade the breaker and prevent it from happening in the future.

Grounds:

- The ground by the tennis court entrance seems to be constantly wet. We are working with the sprinkler company to determine where the water is coming from.
- The upright shrubs in both entrances are dying. They will be removed and replaced with something that will survive better in that location.
- Clubhouse sign is still a work in progress. The resident is doing it free of charge but taking some time to complete.
- Barsack drainage needs to be cleaned after heavy rains. We will contact Ernie (groundskeeper) for this.

Finance:

- Some late assessments came in this month.
- There were unexpected expenses in pool repairs, but we are on target overall.

Meeting End Time: 7:40

Meeting Minutes SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

Meeting Start Time: 7:00pm

Trustees in Attendance: Keith Ernst, Greg Greenwell, Dee Barnett, Sue Blasé

Board of Representatives in Attendance: Sarah Claus, Irina Hale

Committee Members in Attendance: Bob Isermann

Homeowners in Attendance: Jay & Mitch Murry

Homeowner Concerns or Reports:

- Residents contacted the board about the possibility that the Barsack retention pond may have
 contributed to the flooding of a resident's basement. The county and Greg reviewed the pond with the
 resident to review what could be done for the future. The pond and drain have been determined to be
 within county code. We also checked with the HOA insurance to see if there was anything through
 insurance and were told that water is the responsibility of the resident to mitigate.
- Jay Murry will be doing the Rett Gets Rocked marathon in the neighborhood from 10/3-10/4.

Clubhouse:

• The pool table is now also available to be reserved via the same Calendly link on the website. At least one adult is required, with a maximum of four people. https://calendly.com/thevineyardsclubhousegym/15min?back=1&month=2020-09&date=2020-09-25

Social Update:

The holiday decorating event will be held on Friday, November 20th.

Pool News:

- The bid for the liquid chlorine has been accepted. A new structure to hold the tank will be built on the pool deck and the bulletin boards will be affixed to it.
- County cited us for the coping stones so those must be remedied to be able to open next summer. We are currently collecting bids, but it will be a large cost.
- We are also looking into bids to have the privacy fence around the bathrooms and the gutters done at the same time.

Grounds:

- We will be meeting with Ernie about the fall plans soon.
- A tree will be coming out on the clubhouse grounds. The entrance signs will be getting new plants.
- We are still investigating the wet sprinkler spot near the tennis courts.

Finance:

- We are on target still except for being short of projected rental income.
- We are waiting until next year to get new insurance since it's already so late in the year.

Meeting End Time: 8:20





When you see something that someone has worked hard to make their property look nice, take a picture and send it to me. Let's recognize our neighbors for their hard work!

Scott Hyde of Sonoma Court lives here.

WE ALL LOVE OUR CLUB HOUSE AND POOL





Ask any of our board members; they will tell you that our biggest attraction in the Vineyards is our pool and clubhouse. Most of us go up and have a great time and then go home. But there is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes to make the pool and clubhouse the way it is when we are enjoying it. If you come to one of the HOA club meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm, you will find some conversation about the pool and clubhouse, in keeping it in top-notch shape. A big thanks to our Trustees, Dee Barnett (Clubhouse) and Sue Blasé (Pool), and many others.

Here are a few of our neighbors that were first in the pool in 2020, and the last getting out. Well, as you can see, I took a picture of the pool at closing time for 2020. I guess everyone went home early. ©











Dear Vineyards Resident,

We have decided to open the clubhouse gym to residents with some restrictions.

- The gym will be available by appointment only. Appointments can be made on the website or through the link here https://calendly.com/thevineyardsclubhot
- Key Card access is still not available at this time so appointments will only be available when the clubhouse is staffed and can be one hour in duration.
- A COVID waiver will be required for each individual using the gym for EACH visit.
- When you arrive for your appointment you will need to check in with the hostess and drop off your waiver.
- While the clubhouse is regularly cleaned, we are not disinfecting or sanitizing the gym.
 You will want to bring your own supplies to clean, disinfect and sanitize to your own satisfaction before and after using the facility.

Thank you for your cooperation.

The Vineyards Home Owners Association

Neighborhood Dog Etiquette



Please..... Dog Owners... Don't let your dogs bark endlessly in the yard while you're inside enjoying the peace and quiet. We all want to enjoy the outdoors without the constant sounds of excessive dog barking. Please be a courteous pet owner.

Just a friendly reminder that when walking your furry friends, please make sure that you pick up after them. Also, as a courtesy, please do not dispose the waste in your neighbors trash cans.



Remember.... Doggies must be on a leash at all times. If it's important to let your dog run free, please take them to the local dog park. Per the Vineyard's Indentures, there is a 2 dog limit per home.



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HOW ABOUT HAVING YOUR PARTY AT THE CLUBHOUSE

<u>IT'S EASY</u> HERE IS WHAT YOU DO

As early as 3 months in advance, you may book your party.

It's as Easy as 1-2-3

- 1. Pick a date
- 2. Sign a contract
- 3. Write 3 checks, due at signing of the contract
 - 1st check (\$75 for rental)
 - Not refundable within 30 days of date of rental
 - 2nd check (\$100 for cleaning deposit)
 - Totally refundable
 - 3rd check (\$100 for alarm deposit)
 - Totally refundable
- ALL CHECKS TO BE MADE OUT TO VHA





VINEYARDS CLUBHOUSE OFFICE HOURS	
Sunday	Closed
Monday	1:30 – 8:30pm
Tuesday	5:30 – 8:30pm
Wednesday	1:30 – 6:30pm
Thursday	Closed
Friday	1:30 – 5:30pm
Saturday	9am – 3:30pm
Any changes will be noted on the calendar provided on our website: <u>Vineyardsclubhouse.com</u>	

I would like to hear from you

Everyone, you know what would help me out when putting together the Grapevine Newsletter? Input from you. For example, for the last two quarters, I picked out the yard that I feel did a lot of work to make their place look nice. However, I would like to hear from you telling me about a yard that stands out to you. I will take it from there. Talking to the person that owns the house to explain why I want to take a picture. Years ago, we used to have a yard of the month award. At least that was done by a committee.

We have many yards that I would like to put in the newsletter, to show them off, so I will start putting in two yards beginning next quarter. I guess I better find them before the snow is on the ground.

Also, how about a neighbor that goes out of their way to help others? Or maybe someone that has lived in the Vineyards since the beginning of time. Please share with us how it was back then. That is if we have any homeowners from back then. I bet we do! Pictures would be great too. I had always wanted to know what the Vineyards looked like before the Vineyards existed.

I think you get the point. So, please send me an email, pictures, a phone call, or stop and talk to me as you see me changing the signs at our subdivision entrances. I would like to hear from you!

Bob Isermann - bobisermann@icloud.com - 636-578-6971

PICTURES AT THE VINEYARDS































SUCCESS 3rd Quarter 2020



Fall Garage Sale: There was a steady flow of people and nice sales. One family did over \$400 in sales. One hundred cars arrived to shop before 10:00 am on Saturday, even with the rain.

Lisa Veit believed it was a success due to good advertising, detailed maps, her being available to answer questions, etc. as people pulled up to the clubhouse.

Thank you, Lisa (Berkshire Hathaway), for sponsoring our garage sales.







RETT RACERS RUNNING THROUGH THE VINEYARDS

Jay Murry

A message from Jay Murry.

This will be the third consecutive year that I have organized and coordinated a solo run/walk ultra-marathon (anything longer than 26.2 miles, by the way) to raise awareness and research funds for Rett syndrome. In the past two years, I did 24-hour events at Washington University in St. Louis that netted me 61.5 and 60.3 miles, respectively. From those two events, I was able to raise over \$8,500.

The genesis of all this stems from my work at Fort Zumwalt West High School as a special education paraprofessional (teaching assistant). Six years ago, I met a student with Rett syndrome...her name is Ellie McCool. She couldn't walk or talk, but I could tell from the glint in her eyes that there was a fully functioning mind behind them. Plus, she looked like Audrey Hepburn...I noticed that Ellie often wore a scarf that helped cement that comparison. So, during discussions with her caregiver and fellow para Katie Busch, I began to learn about Rett syndrome and its sinister nature. Along the way, I met Ellie's family and several families in the St. Louis area that have kids with Rett. Ellie has graduated and is now 22 years old, but I still keep in touch with her and her family.

Since it is a rare disease (a girl is born with Rett in one out of every 10,000 births, even more, rare among boys), not many people know about it. So, I thought that I would use my enjoyment of running ultra-marathons and try to gain some attention for the cause. I utilized the leverage that I have as a play-by-play announcer for WashU sports (my second job) to garner quite a bit of attention among the radio/TV/online media outlets in the St. Louis area and outstate Missouri.

This year, I have organized and put together Rett Gets Rocked Virtual Ultra Weekend. It's a virtual-reality event where people can sign up and do an ultramarathon--either during the same weekend that I will make my 100-mile attempt (October 3-4), or through the entire month of October (Rett Syndrome Awareness Month). So, those who aren't as crazy as I am can cover their chosen distance at a more comfortable pace. (NOTE: He plans to run through the Vineyards on October 3-4).

Jay is an outstanding father that is doing everything possible to help his son, Mitchell, and the many others that are stricken with this disease. By the way, Jay lives in the Vineyards. Thanks, Jay, for sharing this information with our neighborhood. Donations are always accepted. Money is needed to be able to fight this disease. LINK......

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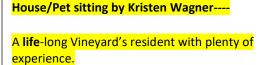












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