

**From:** [Susan Gorin](#)  
**To:** [Gary Helfrich](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: VRBO  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 21, 2021 11:33:27 AM

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Merrill Herring <merrillh@sonic.net>  
**Date:** September 21, 2021 at 11:33:05 AM PDT  
**To:** Susan Gorin <[Susan.Gorin@sonoma-county.org](mailto:Susan.Gorin@sonoma-county.org)>  
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**EXTERNAL**

Thanks Susan, this is a very important issue on our road so I hope this can be addressed. We have had at least 2 occasions where a car pulled off the road so they could pass another car and started a grass fire. This is especially a problem in the last couple of year with the drought and dry conditions, I appreciate your efforts.

Merrill

“How to get rich quick, count your blessings”

On Sep 21, 2021, at 11:27 AM, Susan Gorin <[Susan.Gorin@sonoma-county.org](mailto:Susan.Gorin@sonoma-county.org)> wrote:

Thanks Merrill - I'm going through older emails, and found yours - and a number of folks on Gehricke and East 7th Street echo your thoughts. I will forward your email to Permit Sonoma for comments on our vacation rental ordinance modifications.

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On Jul 30, 2021, at 10:54 AM, Merrill Herring  
<[merrillh@sonic.net](mailto:merrillh@sonic.net)> wrote:

EXTERNAL

Hi Susan hope all is well with you. I'm very concerned about the county allowing VRBO's in a wildfire zone 2 or 3. As you know Gehricke Road is very narrow allowing room for 1 vehicle in many portions of the road. We now have 3 short term vacation rentals at the upper portion of our road. The county needs to reassess their permit process so as not to allow this. The potential for fire is very high when you have people coming to a rental that are not familiar with our road. I have seen these VRBO people smoking in their cars with the windows down. Anything you could do to make the County Permitting people aware of this would be appreciated.

Merrill  
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