



Chantarelle News

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FEBRUARY

Another busy February is upon us. Notable days this month include: Groundhog Day on the 2nd; Super Bowl on the 4th; Mardi Gras & Shrove Tuesday on the 13th; Ash Wednesday & Valentines Day on the 14th; and Presidents Day on the 19th. Everyone have a very happy month.

HOA MEETING

There is no HOA Meeting in February. The next HOA Meeting will be in the clubhouse on Tuesday, March 16th, commencing at 3pm.

HOA BOARD ELECTION

The HOA Board election is coming up this March. The Board needs three new members to fill three vacancies. *If you are interested in volunteering for this important position, please contact a member of the nominations committee by February 10th.* The committee comprises: Pat Chace (935-7301), Roger Young (938-2582), and Cindy Adamson (343-7276). We hope residents who care about our community will offer to be involved in contributing to managing and enhancing Chantarelle.
~ Pat Chace, member of the Board, and Dave Owens, president.

TGIF PARTY

The next TGIF is at the clubhouse on Friday, February 2, starting at 5:45pm. All residents are invited and we look forward to seeing you there. Newcomers to our community are especially encouraged to come along, meet their

neighbors, and make new friends. There is no admission charge, just bring a beverage of your choice and a small item of food to share.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

As February begins, we are reminded that spring is just around the corner and love is the air (Valentine's Day). The days grow longer, and we see new blooms and life in the landscape. Chantarelle will be experiencing our own spring-cleaning. The grounds will be spruced up, the pool resurfaced, and the area around the pool power washed. There will be new and better lighting around the clubhouse, as well. Our new Chantarelle entrance signs are receiving many positive comments, too.

Try to keep an eye out for things that don't look right. Recently, someone slashed the tires of a vehicle in our community, on Avenida Sebastiani. A concerned community looks after one another.

There was some recent confusion about garbage can placement for pickup. (See the note in this Newsletter from Sonoma Garbage Collectors.) Having spoken directly to the collectors, I can tell you they said just continue to place the cans on the edge of the sidewalk as most of you have been doing on Sunday night.

We are getting closer to the Annual meeting in March, at which time new HOA Board members will be elected. Nominations for the HOA Board must be received prior to February

10th. We currently have three open positions (two-year terms) and three candidates so far: Mike Dietrick, Steve Rogers and Ron Yamato. If interested please contact the Nominations Committee or Paul Strong.

I am now only one Newsletter away from the end of my four-year term as Association President.

Where did that time go? Seems like so much has occurred in that time. We have moved forward as a Community, even through earthquake and fire. We may have had differences of opinion, but we have many dedicated neighbors working to improve Chantarelle all the time. Many new homeowners have become part of the Chantarelle community, and we are counting on all of you to join us in moving forward. We need the efforts of many, "old" and "new" to use your talents and ideas for new projects and ongoing work.

The new Directory will be distributed at the Annual Meeting in March. As soon as possible, forward to John Dodgshon any changes or updates regarding your information for the Directory. Thanks goes out to Mary Howland and John Dodgshon for their efforts in updating the Chantarelle Website (www.chantarelle.org), particularly the new photos reflecting recent changes. We just found out recently that the **VOM schedule for the installation of our backflows** is scheduled for late summer or early fall.

Amore to all ~ Dave Owens

LANDSCAPING NOTES

Hello Neighbors.

We are well into our winter season. Trees are mostly bare and plants are storing strength in preparation for spring growth. We have completed our major fall/winter tree pruning done by Art and Science Tree Company. If any of you missed getting in a request for work on trees in your area please let Ben or myself know and we will talk with you and put your name on our list for the next pruning session. Our Waldron team is diligently working their way through the community doing their artful pruning of our crabapples and crape myrtles. This work will insure a beautiful spring and summer bloom season. Something to look forward to during these cold and damp days.

If you are over by the clubhouse we hope that you have noticed the addition of the rock "hard-scape" that was completed last month. It provides a more finished look to the area and adds protection to the soil around the trees and aids in maintaining moisture during the hot weather.

Irrigation is turned off again and hopefully will remain so until late spring but as before we will be watching the community and plan irrigation needs as required depending on the rain. Keep up your rain dancing, so far so good.
~ Ben Jones (415-939-8955)
~ Debbie Yamato. (415-696-2424)

SONOMA GARBAGE CAN PLACEMENT

Sonoma Garbage Collectors have asked us to place this announcement in our newsletter...

"Please place carts at the road edge against the curb the night prior to your service day.

Thank you."

However, as Dave Owens explains in his Presidents remarks, you should just continue to place

the cans on the edge of the sidewalk, as most of you have been doing on Sunday night.

SAFETY AND WELFARE NOTES

We have an annual earthquake (disaster) drill in Chantarelle, usually coordinated with the "Great Shakeout" in October; however, as you know, we had postponed our drill due to the fire threat at that time. We intend to have a drill in April. You will receive more information in the March newsletter. There will also be a flyer in your tube with more details, as we get closer to the day of the drill.

Thank you to all who have submitted census (emergency contact) forms. We now have well over 100 responses. If you have not received, or have misplaced your form, please contact me at 707-343-7087 or email me at powens2@juno.com.

Also please contact me if you wish to be included on the Safety/Welfare emergency email contact list.

To expand on the information Dave has given you in his article regarding the automobile vandalism, the vehicle in question is a truck belonging to a neighbor who was recently widowed. She, understandably, is continuing to deal with her own personal situation, and this vandalism, to put it mildly, did not help.

We continue to encourage you to garage your own vehicles. The Chantarelle CC&R's state that owners are to use their garages for parking. This is the most secure method of protecting your vehicles.

Following up on the garbage collection information, for the safety of our neighborhood walkers, please put your cans to the curb as late as possible on Sunday, and please put them away as soon as possible on

Monday.

If anyone is interested in serving on the emergency response team, for the earthquake drill in particular, please let me know. Thank you in advance for your interest.

Wishing you a happy and healthy February.

~ Peggy Owens, Coordinator,
Safety/Welfare Committee
707-343-7087
powens2@juno.com

UPCOMING POOL REPAIR

A contract has been signed with Blackard Pool Company to replaster and repair the pool. In addition to this work, the company will also remove the single rail at the south east corner of the pool and replace it with two rails. This will provide improved support and safety for folks entering and exiting the pool at that location. We wanted to change the dimensions of the steps per requests from some residents, but found out the existing step dimensions are code requirements, so those will remain the same. Additionally, some folks wanted the current ladder at the deep end to be replaced with something easier to use. Unfortunately, the pool company said that the current ladder is standard and that installing another type might prove problematic. So, we will be keeping the current ladder. The pool project should be completed in time for the pool opening this spring.

SEEKING POOL VOLUNTEERS

The pool committee is looking for additional volunteers to help maintain the pool and environs. The job includes checking and adding chemicals to the pool, cleaning tables and chairs if needed, and policing the pool deck for debris. The job requires a commitment of about 15 to 30

minutes once a week during pool season. Those of you who are interested can call Ron at 415-305-1400 or email him at walk1103@yahoo.com.

CLUBHOUSE RESERVATIONS

To reserve the clubhouse for an event, please call Linda Jackson at 415-987-0021.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

If you know of anyone at Chantarelle who is sick or if you have new neighbors, please let Willy Hoekstra know so that she can contact them. Willy's phone number is 996-0661.

NEWSLETTER

Please submit items for the newsletter to John Dodgshon, 933-8395, or email him at: *John_Dodgshon@hotmail.com*. Our thanks to Cecilia Angel for her continued dedication to delivering the newsletter.

CHANTARELLE WEBSITE

Please submit items for the Chantarelle Website to Mary Howland, 650-468-1119 or email her at: *char797@aol.com*. Just a reminder that the **News page** of our website, *www.chantarelle.org*, contains important information about preparing for an emergency. We should all familiarize ourselves with this advice.

MANAGEMENT COMPANY

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dave Owens, President
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Ron Yamato, Treasurer
415-305-1400

Pat Chace, Director
935-7301

Roger Young, Director
938-2582

Mike Dietrick, Director
757-375-8793

CHANTARELLE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			Mah Jongg 10am	
Art Club 1pm	Flex Exercise 4:30-5:30	Bridge 12:30pm	Flex Exercise 4:30-5:30	

FEBRUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
					TGIF 5:45pm	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Super Bowl		Bunco 1-4pm				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		<u>Mardi Gras</u> Mexican Train Dominoes 12:30-4pm	Ash <u>Wednesday</u> Valentine's Day		Chinese New Year	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Presidents Day					
25	26	27	28			
		Mexican Train Dominoes 12:30-4pm				

Waldron Landscaping is now here on Monday & Tuesday 1-4pm and Thursday & Friday 8am until 1pm.
Garbage, recycling & garden trash pickup is on Mondays.