



# Chantarelle News

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## **FEBRUARY**

February always seems to be unpredictable. It may bring continued rain to swell our ground water or sunny days that promise a hint of the spring to come. In addition to the notable February days included in Steve Roger's report, you might also be interested in the Super Bowl on Sunday the 3rd and The Academy Awards on Sunday 23th. Everyone have a happy month.

## **NEW DIRECTORY**

The 2019 issue of the Chantarelle Directory is due to be printed in March. If you have moved to Chantarelle since March 2018 or if your details in our 2018 Directory are not accurate, please email [john\\_dodgshon@hotmail.com](mailto:john_dodgshon@hotmail.com) with: name(s), address, phone number(s) and email address. If you don't have access to email, please send the information to John Dodgshon at 126 St James Drive, Sonoma, CA 95476.

## **TGIF PARTY**

The next TGIF is at the clubhouse on Friday, February 1st, 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**

February is about here with many notable things to celebrate from Groundhog Day to Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day and Presidents Day! Happy Winter days!

**The Chantarelle Board** has made several changes that will reduce our expenses:

**The first change** is that we have discontinued the TV and Internet services in the clubhouse. We discussed and reviewed the costs and after evaluating the usage we did not see a need to continue these services for the time being, so we have discontinued both. If we find a need for TV or Internet in the clubhouse in the future we will bring it up for review then. Discontinuing the services will save us around \$1500/year.

**The second change** we are making beginning March 1st is to move our accounting and financial work to Paul Strong, our property manager. This change will save the association around \$4000/year. It will require changes to the mailing address for members that write checks, and there will be a new form to fill out for those of you that have

automatic bill pay. Paul Strong Management will be sending out detailed letters and the required forms to all homeowners soon.

**The third change** that has been decided on is to include the agenda for upcoming Board meetings in the monthly newsletter rather than mailing it. This means that we will have to prepare the agenda a week earlier but it will save postage and the cost of preparing the letters. Our Board is, as always, continuing to keep a close eye on our expenditures from the funds you provide.

**The annual Board Meeting** is in March and we will be electing two Board members this year for a two-year term. If you are interested in running for a Board position, contact Ron Yamato 415-305-1400 by February 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **Lights in the common areas:**

In the January newsletter I asked for opinions about these lights staying on all night. Many respondents replied that they want the lights left on all night. We have converted all the lights to LED to reduce costs, so for now we will leave them on.

**Gas Leaks:** There have been two gas leaks recently on South Temelec, one on night of Saturday the 19th and then another on Friday the 25th. PG&E crew did not feel that these were big leaks nor

anything to be alarmed about but they did respond quickly and repaired them at night. We should be vigilant about immediately reporting any gas smell around our houses and notify PG&E even if in doubt. We will talk to PG&E next week to see if we can get an audit done of the neighborhood.

*I hope to see many of you at our first Friday get-together in the clubhouse this coming Friday, February 1st!*

~ Steve

### **CONDOLENCES TO THE ROMANI FAMILY**

The Chantarelle Community extends its deepest sympathy to the family of Gloria Romani, who passed away in January.

### **BOARD MEETING**

There is no HOA Meeting in February. The next scheduled meeting is the Annual Board Meeting on Tuesday, March 19th.

### **LANDSCAPING NOTES**

Hello Neighbors, we hope you are enjoying the dry spell as we wait for our next rain. Pruning of our flowering crabapples is almost complete and the next to be done are the crape myrtles. Our Waldron crew has been working hard to get this done between the heavy rains.

**Ben and I will be meeting with our arborist, Ryan Garrison**, in the coming week and doing a walk around of the community to decide on the tree work that needs to be done during this winter season. If you have any requests or concerns about trees in your area please contact either Ben or me so that

we can address them. Once we have made a decision on the work that needs to be done any delayed requests will need to be added to the fall list. So please let us know if you have requests. I have a list of previous requests and these will be addressed this winter.

**We have been in contact with the main Waldron office** and we are planning to mulch needed areas starting around the end of March. It has been three years since the last mulching and many areas are in need. This will be in time for the spring and summer and help with moisture control during the hot months.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please contact either Ben or me so that we can work out a solution.

Enjoy the coming month and let's all be thankful for the rain.

~ Ben Jones (415-939-8955)

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~ Debbie Yamato. (415-696-2424)

javagirl0547@yahoo.cpm

### **SAFETY & WELFARE**

Especially for those dreary days, here are a few ways that more light in your life can improve your days:

**Open the curtains.** If it's too cold for a walk, sit closer to the window when reading or having your morning coffee.

\* Natural light boosts your body's vitamin D storage.

\* Natural light improves your mood.

#### **From Care2 Healthy Living:**

\* Exposure to sunlight, especially early in the morning for at least half an hour, increases your chances of a good night's sleep.

\* Sunlight helps the body produce the "happy" hormone serotonin, which combats a type of depression called Seasonal Affective Disorder.

\* Rooms with ample sunlight have been shown to help hospital patients heal faster after surgical procedures.

#### **A few suggestions for using artificial light to brighten your day:**

\* Swap out some of your incandescent bulbs for LED bulbs. LEDs give you a higher light output for the amount of energy they consume, so you can be more energy efficient at the same time

\* Add a mirror in a dark room, and it will reflect light, making it feel brighter—and bigger.

\* Add a small lamp as a task light or reading light.

#### **Reasons to increase the light in your home**

\* Reduce eyestrain - Whether you're reading, watching TV, playing video games or knitting, if you're working in a dark area, you're causing strain and deterioration of your eyes.

\* Avoid headaches - A common reported problem among those who spend a lot of time in poorly lit areas.

\* Prevent accidents - The human eye cannot properly estimate the shape, proximity and the depth of spaces and objects without proper lighting.

#### **A Word about Plants**

Many of you love to garden. When it's too cold for outdoor planting, consider indoor plants:

\* As living organisms, plants are constantly pulling toxins out of the air and creating humidity as plants process water.

\* In the winter, humidity indoors

is essential to keep our skin and sinuses healthy and hydrated.

\* Studies have shown that plants and humidity can help decrease the likelihood of colds and dry coughs.

I hope these hints help to brighten your days!

~ *Peggy Owens, Safety/Welfare coordinator*

### **RULES & REGULATIONS**

This is a friendly reminder regarding certain HOA Rules and Regulations:

Just a reminder that all holiday decorations and lights should have been removed by the 15th of January. Also, flags (other than American and State of California flags) are subject to ACC approval and must conform to community standards. Decorative items in your front yard common areas should be removed if they will interfere with the HOA maintenance of the landscape. Please refer to the CC&Rs and Rules and Regulations for further information. Both can be found online at Chantarelle.org if you do not have hard copies. The latest version of the Rules and Regulations is dated November 30, 2018.

### **SUNSHINE COMMITTEE**

If you know of anyone at Chantarelle who is sick or if you have new neighbors, please let Willy Hoekstra or Ann Young know so that she can contact them. Willy's phone number is 996-0661. Ann's number is 938-2582.

### **CHANTARELLE ART CLUB**

Our Chantarelle Art Club invites you to attend an art demonstration given by Laura Dietrick.

She will be demonstrating the use of WATER SOLUBLE OILS and discussing her process.

Laura will also discuss the basic facts behind color, composition etc.

You are invited to join us on Monday, February 11th at 1:30pm in the Clubhouse.

~ *Ann Young*

### **POSSUM ALERT**

There is a possum that has been walking along the top of the fence in my backyard by Watmaugh Road. The possum appears sick so do not approach. Please do not leave cat or dog food outside. Calling animal control does not work, for by the time they get here the animal is gone!

~ *Roger Young*

### **MANAGEMENT COMPANY**

Strong Property Management  
PO Box 1368, Sonoma, 95476  
Paul Strong 933-9151  
Email: paul@strongmgt.com  
24 hour Emergency Number:  
1-800-359-2362.

### **CLUBHOUSE RESERVATIONS**

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

### **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.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Steve Rogers, President  
771-9290

Mike Dietrick, Vice-President  
757-375-8793

Ron Yamato, Treasurer  
415-305-1400

Roger Young, Secretary  
938-2582

Pat Chace, Director  
935-7301

## CHANTARELLE WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

## FEBRUARY 2019

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

Waldron Landscaping is now here on Monday 8am-1pm, Tuesday 8am-4pm, Thursday 1-4pm and Friday 8am-1pm.

Garbage, recycling & garden trash pickup is on Mondays.