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MAY is often the last opportunity until fall to experience that rare event: Rainfall! However, the long-range forecasts suggest that we'll be denied even this opportunity. Notable days this month include: Mother's Day May 9th; Tax Day on the 17th; and Memorial Day on the 31st. Everyone enjoy the holiday weekend and the sunshine.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Welcome Spring!! The next HOA Meeting will be May the 18th at 2:00PM and will still be on Zoom. One of the items on the agenda will be a Board discussion on opening up for some activities and any rules that must be followed if we do have some activities. Last month's article about Speed Bumps garnered exactly 4 comments, 2 opposed and 2 for. Since this represents only a small number of residents I will not move forward with any more investigation or surveys. Looking forward to our next meeting. ~ Steve

TREASURERS REPORT

Through the end of March 2021
We're a quarter of the way through the year and we are still doing okay so far, as our operating expenditures are under budget by about \$5,578 for the year. Our operating cash position, less current liabilities, leaves us with a liquid cash position of about \$97,197, which should be sufficient to cover any surprise expenditures over the next few months. As for delinquent

accounts, there are three homeowners who are in arrears for a total of about \$1,733, but two of those are new owners. Strong Management is taking appropriate steps to follow up on these accounts. ~ Ron Yamato

LANDSCAPING NOTES

Hello Neighbors. As I am sure you all probably know we are heading into another summer with low water conditions. We have faced this situation in the past and have been able to survive. What this means for us and our community is that the landscape watering will be reduced. Our lawns will take the brunt of this reduction as they have in past years. The shrubs are well established in most places and will be able to handle the water reduction. Please know that as the lawns get some brown areas this is not a permanent condition and they will revive in the fall. Ben and I will be working with the Waldron crew in dealing with this current water problem. We appreciate your understanding. We will be continuing the conversion to drip irrigation as it is of greater importance now more than ever. As mentioned in past newsletters we are putting off any new planting until the fall. Our planned reduction in water usage is not conducive to new planting. To our homeowners please take note now that you have probably turned on your yard irrigation. If you see water running down the street gutters from the drain holes near your home this water is NOT from HOA irrigation. It is most

likely from the drainage lines in your yard that go to the street. These lines were put in at the time the homes were built. This is water that you are paying for from Valley of the Moon Water District. Please be mindful of this and review your irrigation for possible leaks or prolonged watering times. We all need to be careful of this precious resource. Our Waldron crew will be returning to their regular pruning schedule. We discussed with them a plan to do some extensive pruning of some shrubs that have grown excessively and need to be brought back to a more manageable size and shape. Some will look "scalped" for a while but will fill in with time. As always, we are available for any concerns or questions. Be safe and healthy and enjoy the coming warmer days and sunshine.

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2021 DIRECTORY

You should have received a copy of the new Directory in the mail. Please review the details printed for you and your home. If your listing is incomplete or incorrect, or if you did not receive your directory, please contact Strong Management at 933-9151.

SAFETY & WELFARE

Safety Handouts

From the City of Sonoma: The Sheriff's Office is giving away evacuation tags to residents living in unincorporated Sonoma County

and our contract cities, including Sonoma. Evacuation tags are a new tool to help quickly ensure that neighborhoods are evacuated during a disaster. Residents tie the tag in a location that is highly visible when they evacuate. This saves time because first responders don't have to tie their own ribbon on the property and they can immediately check the next home. We've learned that seconds can count during evacuations and we are excited to bring this new timesaving tool to our residents.

To save time, Dave Owens has arranged to pick up the tags for our Chantarelle community. They will be dropped off to our neighbors in the next week or so. Along with the tag, you will also receive a booklet on common frauds and scams. The booklet comes from the California Department of Financial Protection & Innovation (formerly the Department of Business Oversight). They kindly sent us a copy for each of you. Look for the tag and booklet on or near your front door. And, of course, we all hope we never need those tags!

Covid Vaccinations

Everyone 16 and older is now eligible. The Johnson and Johnson pause has ended. Vaccine appointments are becoming more available. If you've already "got your shot," you can help others. Here are two links that will help: www.socoemergency.org
<https://myturn.ca.gov>
Stay safe, and enjoy these beautiful Sonoma days. (If you wish to be added to the SAFETY/WELFARE email group, send me an email at the address below.)

~ *Peggy Owens, Coordinator,
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ENTERTAINMENT NOTES

Well, Sonoma County has progressed from purple to red to orange, and local venues and restaurants are becoming more accessible again, albeit wisely with new safety protocols. As you all know, we have a plethora of very good restaurants. During this past year, V and I have done a lot of take-outs (still do) to support our community and because we do not want to cook every night. Now there is entertainment available. Living in San Francisco for most of our lives, going out for live entertainment was always part of what we did. We know Sonoma is not going to be SF, but we can take advantage of what is available. Note, we spent many a New Year's Eve partying in Sonoma and staying in town (I'll let you know where if you're interested).

The Friday Sonoma-Index Tribune is a good place to find the live entertainment line-up for the weekend. Check out Kathleen Thompson Hill's column "Food & Wine."

Last week, we checked out Hopmonk Tavern on Friday night. There was a singer-guitarist playing, I think it was James Harden. He was good, albeit largely drowned out by the crowd. The 6 pm crowd is really there to eat and talk and the music is background. OK. Maybe it's different later at night. By the way, the burgers and GnTs are very good, and the beer selection is extraordinary. I intend to return for a lunch or brunch so I can sample the beers.

This past weekend we checked out a comedy show at The Reel and Brand, an establishment that has been in Sonoma for 100 years (so I am told). The comedy tag team of Matt O'Brien and Julia Hladkowsz were VERY funny. V & I were regulars at the clubs in SF,

The Punch Line and Cobbs Comedy, and we really appreciate this level of talent up here (albeit these two are Canadian). The burgers were also good and I think there is a veggie-burger if you are so inclined.

So get out there and have some fun. Maybe we'll run into you. Maybe I'll have more to report next month, or maybe YOU can share.

~ *Joel Camarda*

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WELCOME COMMITTEE

If you know of anyone at Chantarelle who is sick or if you have new neighbors, please inform either Roger Young (938-2582) or Russelle Johnson (935-8658), so that they can contact them.

POOL EXERCISE

Please note: the Pool Exercise Group is now meeting at 11:30am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

CHANTARELLE WEBSITE

Our thanks to Mary Howland, who maintains our website at www.chantarelle.org. Mary can be contacted at 650-468-1119 or char797@aol.com.

EDITOR'S NOTES

A little sad this month. Some gloomy weather and some very dear neighbors have moved. The best thing that happened is we are now fully vaccinated! And Watmaugh strawberries is open and the berries are great. So it's time to make strawberry shortcake. Since I still have Meyer lemons on the tree, with lemon curd. So my plan is to enjoy the berries and welcome the new neighbors. Until June. Tom

TOM'S RECIPE



CLASSIC STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE

Prep Time: 25 min

Cook Time: 25 min

Difficulty: Easy

Servings: Yield: 6 servings

Source: FoodNetwork.com

Ingredients:

2 cups all-purpose flour

3 tablespoons sugar, plus extra for sprinkling

1 tablespoon baking powder

1/2 teaspoon plus a pinch fine salt

4 tablespoons cold unsalted

butter, cut into small pieces

1 1/3 cups heavy cream, plus a bit extra for brushing

1 large egg

1/4 cup honey

1 16-ounce container strawberries, trimmed and chopped (about 3 cups)

Some sugar or honey to taste to sweeten berries if needed

Lemon Curd (see next recipe)

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F and line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, 2 tablespoons sugar, the baking powder and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Add the butter and work into the flour, using your fingers or a pastry cutter, until the butter pieces are the size of small peas.

In a small bowl, whisk together 1/3 cup cream with the egg and 1/3 cup water. Add to the dry mixture and stir with a wooden spoon until a stiff batter is formed. Drop 6 mounds onto the prepared baking sheet, leaving about 2 inches between each biscuit. Brush with a bit of cream and sprinkle with sugar. Bake until golden brown, about 25 minutes. Cool on the baking sheet.

While the biscuits bake and cool, combine sliced berries with a little sugar or honey if needed. Set aside for at least 30 minutes to allow the strawberries to release their juices.

To assemble, whip the remaining 1 cup cream with 1 tablespoon sugar to soft peaks. Split each biscuit and place the bottom half on a plate. On the bottom half of the biscuit, spread lemon curd,

you can be generous. Top evenly with the berries and accumulated juices and then the whipped cream. Place the top of the biscuit on the shortcake and garnish with the fresh mint.

INA'S LEMON CURD RECIPE

Make the lemon curd and allow to cool before making the strawberry shortcake or make and refrigerate.

Cook Time: 30 min

Source: Ina Garten

Ingredients:

3 lemons

1 1/2 cups sugar

1/4 pound unsalted butter, room temperature

4 extra-large eggs

1/2 cup lemon juice (3 to 4 lemons)

1/8 teaspoon kosher salt

Directions:

Using a carrot peeler, remove the zest of 3 lemons, being careful to avoid the white pith. Put the zest in a food processor fitted with the steel blade. Add the sugar and pulse until the zest is very finely minced into the sugar.

In a mixer or food processor, Cream the butter and beat in the sugar and lemon mixture. Add the eggs, 1 at a time, and then add the lemon juice and salt. Mix until combined.

Pour the mixture into a 2 quart saucepan and cook over low heat until thickened (about 10 minutes), stirring constantly. The lemon curd will thicken at about 170 degrees F, or just below simmer. Remove from the heat and cool or refrigerate.

NOTICE

Due to the current crisis, the clubhouse will remain closed to all club and group activities until further notice. However, the Lending Library will be open with the following restrictions: only one person (or two if from the same household) in the clubhouse at one time and use disposable gloves when handling the books.

MAY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Mother's Day	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Tax Day	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day					

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.



Chantarelle Homeowners Association

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS'

MEETING AGENDA

May 18, 2021

Zoom Meeting at 2:00

New Homeowner Introductions

Open Forum for Members or Homeowner Correspondence (Homeowners: please state your name before speaking and limit your speaking time to **5 minutes**).

Topic: Chantarelle Meeting

Time: May 18, 2021 02:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84159613002>

Meeting ID: 841 5961 3002

Dial by your location

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- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Previous Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
- III. Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee –
Approve Financial Statement
- IV. Committee Reports
 - A. ACC: Terri
 - B. Pool: Dale
 - C. Clubhouse: Linda Jackson
 - D. Landscape: Debbie/Ben
 - E. Safety/Welfare: Peggy Owens
 - F. Social: Lois/
 - G. Sunshine: Ann Young
 - H. Welcoming – Roger
- V. Old Business
 - A. Additional Funds to continue Drip Conversion

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- VI. New Business:
 - A. Reroof Storage Shed - Review/vote
 - B. Backflow Testing - Review/vote
 - C. Insurance Renewal – Ratify
 - D. Open the Clubhouse to Activities – review/vote
 - E. Art in the Clubhouse – review/vote
 - F. Art show August – review/vote
 - G. Car show in September – review/vote
 - H. Ping-Pong Table/Bocce Court – review/vote

- VII. Adjournment