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WELCOME TO MAY 2022

Beautiful weather, sun, some rain, not enough but I like every drop. May 1st is May Day. Is there a May Pole in Sonoma Plaza? May 5th is Cinco de Mayo, celebrating Mexico's defeat of the French in 1862. May 7th is the Kentucky Derby. Mint Juleps included. May 8th is Mother's Day. For all the mothers in Chantarelle, Happy Mother's Day! Memorial Day is May 30th - enjoy a picnic, cook out, eat potato salad and have fun in the Chantarelle pool. May is one of my favorite months with fresh, new and pleasant temperatures. Get out and enjoy the view.

--Tom Flinn

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

April showers...Just a little bit of rain made our yards look really nice, but did little to help the drought situation. Our local reservoirs are at all-time lows so we all need to continue to hold the line and use as little water as possible, which your local water board thanks you for. Please remember to periodically check the drains that come from your back yard to the street to make sure you are not overwatering. We are fortunate to have very little crime in our neighborhood but the other night we had a number of cars broken into on South Temelec and Saint James Dr. They went through cars that were unlocked and in one case stole a wallet. Please do lock your cars when you leave them outside, particularly at night, and remember to not leave any valuables (especially visible) in the car. It is also a good

practice to not leave the garage door open when you are not around.

The pool is openthe water is warm.... and the showers are also warm !!

Looking forward to seeing you at our next First Friday on May 6th at 5:30PM.

--Steve Rogers

TREASURER'S REPORT

Through the end of April 2022

So far this year we are doing well. Our major expense in March was for the community-wide mulching that occurred over a two-day period. It was expensive, but the mulch was of a heavier quality than we normally get, so hopefully it will last longer than the 3 years we've experienced in the past. Also, we were able to purchase 40 yards (about 25%) more than we did the last time this was done, in 2019, for about the same price, so we're happy with that. As for the rest of our finances, our reserve fund is still in good shape, total expenses are under budget by about \$7339, and there is only one delinquent account amounting to about \$463.

--Ron Yamato

LANDSCAPING NOTES MAY 2022

Hello neighbors and welcome Spring. **With our projects finished for the time being, we will just be watching our water usage and how our plant material is doing in the coming months.** Some of our trees appear to have suffered from the late-season frosts and the new growth appears to be delayed. As with most things we will give them time and hope that they all will leaf out completely in the next months.

Our contract with Waldron Landscape came due in early April. In preparation for this, we contacted two other landscape companies

and, after meeting with them and discussing our community needs, they provided us with their bids. These were presented to the Board and after discussion, a decision to renew our Waldron contract was reached. We are happy to continue our relationship with Waldron and we look forward to having our regular crew, Rogelio and Jose, working in the community. For landscape requests, there are forms available online or in the clubhouse. It has been decided to initiate the use of these forms so that we can keep track of requests and not miss any in the future. As always, for immediate problems or questions, you can contact either of us by phone or email. Have a wonderful Spring and enjoy the coming warm weather.

--Ben Jones 415-939-8955

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--Debbie Yamato 415-696-2424

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BENCH COMMITTEE MEMBERS WANTED

Last year two new benches were purchased and installed in our community. That spurred several HOA members to donate more money to purchase and install one more bench, with the HOA slated to make up the difference in the purchase and installation cost. A new committee is needed to hash out the details to figure out where this third bench will be installed. However, despite several requests for volunteers over the past year, no one has stepped up to the plate. Has the desire for a third bench waned? Perhaps, but let's give it one last try. If you are interested in volunteering to be a member of or head up a committee to purchase and install a new bench, please contact Steve Rogers via email, by phone or text. If not enough interest is generated this time around, then the project will be closed and the money returned to the generous residents who were kind enough to donate it.

__Ron Yamato

SAFETY & WELFARE

Don't Fall for It!

Common ways fraudsters draw you in include fake texts, emails and phone calls that may look and sound legitimate. Phone calls may look like they are coming directly from your bank, Social Security, a utility like PG&E or a vendor like Amazon. Emails have the look of authenticity.

Most of the time, these are fake. They'll usually tell you your account's been locked, or something similar. They'll direct you to click on a link to solve the "problem." It is best to ignore texts, emails and phone calls if you are not sure about their authenticity. It is best to call your bank, for example, or go directly to your account on Amazon's web site, etc. This way, you can see for yourself if there is actually a problem you need to address. Don't fall for phrases like "act now" or "inside information." Better to miss an unlikely chance than to be scammed by fraudsters.

Give Wisely

In times of local and world distress, many of us are looking for ways to help and donate. Unfortunately, scammers are looking for ways to take advantage of your good intentions. One way to give wisely is to check the relief effort you intend to help by going to one of these watchdog agencies:

BBB Wise Giving Alliance (give.org)

Charity Navigator (charitynavigator.org)

Charity Watch (charitywatch.org)

Important Dates this Month

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 8th.

Memorial Day will be celebrated on May 30th this year. Take a moment to remember and honor the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military.

--Peggy Owens, Coordinator

--SAFETY/WELFARE Committee

--powens2@juno.com

SOLAR NEWS OF IMPORTANCE TO US

Has anyone noticed all the Solar Cells appearing all over Chantarelle? If you are considering a solar installation on your roof contact me at thomasflinn@gmail.com. I'd be happy to share my experience with you and to answer questions you might have.

--Tom Flinn

SECURITY

A note from Tom Flinn. As you all know, we have had some trunks broken into and items stolen. I checked on our webcams but couldn't see anyone. Are there other people with cameras? We could pool our information if needed. We are happy to share footage from our cameras. We had a robbery in our garage in 2019. Just wanted to let everyone know, the burglar was caught, plead guilty and spent 10 months in jail. Sonoma Sheriffs were great, and it was worth helping them. We also had a plate welded onto our Prius' catalytic converters. That and the web cam hopefully keep the bad guys away.

CONTRACTOR RECOMMENDATIONS

Need a contractor? We have a section under **Resources** on the Chantarelle web site that gives contractor recommendations. Mary Howland will post the recommendation and the name of the person who makes the recommendation. No other personal information will be added. If a person disagrees with a recommendation, they should contact the person who made it and discuss it with them.

WELCOME COMMITTEE

No new neighbors to welcome this month.

Please call one of the welcome committee if you hear of a new neighbor so we can greet them with our "Goodie Bags". Thank You.

Russelle Johnson - 707-935-8658

Peggy Owens - 707-343-7087

Shelley Lawrence - 951-202-0459

Debby Bonamassa - 315-725-8047

CLUBHOUSE NOTES

All Chantarelle HOA members are welcome to join in fun activities with your neighbors. If you have an interest in joining a Clubhouse activity, please contact the club coordinators for the following activities:

Bridge

Phyllis Manning – 707-935-7301

Water Aerobics/Flex Exercise

Peggy Owens – 707-935-8658

Bunco Babes

Russelle Johnson – 707-935-8658

Mexican Train Dominoes

Peggy Owens – 707-343-7087

Art Club

Shelley Lawrence - 951-202-0459

The days and times for those groups with scheduled activities are located on the calendar at the back of this newsletter.

If you are interested in knowing more about starting a new club activity or renting the Clubhouse facility for your next family and friends' event, please contact Linda Jackson 415-987-0021 for more details.

ART CLUB - MAY EXHIBITION

Is a picture worth a thousand words? Yes! I'm inviting everyone to visit the Clubhouse to see the featured Artist each month. Our local artists are very different in style, colors and themes.

May's Artists are – Mike and May Hashi.

--Shelley Lawrence – Art Club Steward

SONOMA'S VINTAGE HOUSE WANTS YOU TO GET INVOLVED

We have posted the Vintage House class schedule on the bulletin board. You can also pick one up at Vintage House or go online to vintagehouse.org/classes to print one. Look at their two-sided flier at the end of this newsletter in the online version to see the wide range of services, classes and volunteer

opportunities that Vintage House offers.
Become a member.

TOM'S MAY RECIPE

TOM'S UPSIDE DOWN VINEGARETTE



Description: More flavor, less oil.

Ingredients:

I'd start with these basic ingredients:

Juice and zest of one lemon
Juice and zest of one orange
3 T McEvoy Oleo Nuevo olive oil
2 t Dijon mustard (Maille or Pommery brands)
1 t whole grain mustard
1 t Kosher salt (prefer Diamond brand)
½ t freshly ground black pepper
1 T Champagne or white wine vinegar
½ t garlic granules, not garlic salt or one clove
of mashed, chopped garlic. I cook my garlic,
raw gives me heart burn.

The following ingredients are completely optional:

You should always taste before adding
anything. It's about what YOU like.
Chiffonade of Basil (Rolled up like a cigar and
finely sliced into strings)
Chopped flat parsley

Finely diced shallot
Teaspoon of honey
Teaspoon of homemade apricot jam

Directions:

Combine all basic ingredients in a two-cup
mason jar. Shake till everything is combined.
Taste on a piece of lettuce. Adjust seasoning
and ingredients until you love your dressing.
Add more oil last. Dressing should be thin, big
on taste, small on calories.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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NOTICE

Vaccinations are required to enter the clubhouse. Masks are optional.

POOL IS OPEN

CHANTARELLE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Water Aerobics 11:30		Water Aerobics 11:30		Water Aerobics 11:30
		Bridge 12:00-4:30		

MAY 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 May Day	2	3 Bunco 1:00-4:00	4	5 Cinco De Mayo	6 First Friday Party 5:30-7:30	7 Kentucky Derby
8 Mother's Day	9	10 Mexican Train Dominoes 12:30-4:00	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Mexican Train Dominoes 12:30-4:00	25	26	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day	31	1	2	3	4

*Contact Linda Jackson at 415-987-0021 for more info.

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

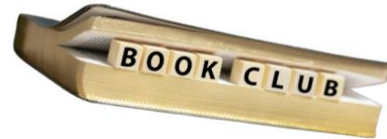
Garbage, recycling & garden trash pickup is on Monday.



VINTAGE HOUSE

CONNECT. EXPLORE. BELONG.

Try something new this year!



pick up a Vintage House Activity Schedule at the Chanterelle Club House
or visit vintagehouse.org/classes for complete information



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Programs & Services:

myRIDE



- Free Rides, Grocery Shopping & Pharmacy Pick-Ups
 - Soup's On! Every Friday - free!
 - Vision Support Group
 - Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy
 - Grief Support
 - Volunteer Opportunities
 - Service Referrals
 - Legal Aid
 - Fall Prevention Classes
 - Tech Assistance
- ... and more!

Chanterelle Residents - we can't wait to see you!

**Please stop in for a tour
or call for more information**

(707) 996-1328

www.vintagehouse.org