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NEW YEAR MESSAGE

UNTIL EVERYONE IS VACCINATED, PLEASE STAY SAFE BY CONTINUING TO SOCIAL DISTANCE AT LEAST SIX FEET, WASH YOUR HANDS AND WEAR A MASK TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR NEIGHBORS.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

I am happy to celebrate the end of 2020 like many of you with real hope for 2021 to be a year of healing and return to normalcy. I am hopeful with the successful rollout of 2 Vaccines, and several more in the pipeline, we will be receiving our vaccines sometime spring or summer.

The only good thing about the shutdown has been the impact on the HOA finances which Ron is reporting in this newsletter. Ron and the Board have been excellent stewards of your funds with a healthy surplus this year.

From time to time I send out occasional emails to the Chantarelle community. If you would like to be on my list to receive these emails, please let me know by emailing me at steverogers10@sbcglobal.net.

Best wishes to each of you for a wonderful happy and healthy year ahead.

~ Steve

TREASURERS REPORT

Through the end of November:

We are still doing very well financially this year and are under

budget in most expense categories. In total we are under budget by about \$22,400 up through the end of November. Subtracting about \$11,000 in checks that have yet to clear, and barring any surprises, we still should finish the year about \$11,400 under budget. Our operating cash less current liabilities stands at about \$79,000, which will be a nice cushion to carry over into the new year.

NEW RESIDENTS

We are pleased to welcome the following new residents to our community:

Amary Rodelleo

177 South Temelec

Terri Barnett

205 South Temelec

Martha Mazza and Zolla Diaz

213 South Temelec

Martha Vujovich, James Gibbs,

Jonathan Gibbs

137 South Temelec

LANDSCAPING NOTES

Happy New Year to All. May 2021 bring us all health, safety and happiness.

Leaves are down and gone and our next project is tree trimming. Ryan Garrison, our arborist, is scheduled to be here in early January to trim all of our large trees. He is dedicated to keeping our large trees in the best shape possible to help ensure their continued good health and

longevity. We appreciate his hard work. Our Waldron crew will begin to trim the smaller trees and prepare them for their spring budding and growth.

The birch trees that are located around the community have again been infected with birch bore disease and at the end of December we had them treated. The treatment involves boring into the ground around the drip line and injecting treatment to be taken up into the tree. This will probably need to be a yearly treatment as this disease is a continuous problem.

The conversion project to change the spray shrub irrigation to drip has progressed better than expected. The first two sections completed are as follows: Houses-100-104 S Temelec Cir. and 110-114 St James Dr This included 69 Plants, 26 sprinklers heads and 7 Beds. The second section included 118,122, 126,130, 138 St James Dr. This included 85 Plants, 39 sprinkler heads and 12 Beds. The work came in under the \$3500. Max that we allocated. This information will be shared with the Board and additional work will be discussed. We will keep everyone informed about the progress of this project.

As we are hoping for continued rain, the irrigation is currently turned off but we will keep an eye on the status of our lawns and plants and decide on a weekly basis our water needs. Let us pray for more rain. The whole area needs it!

As always if you have questions or

concerns please contact either of us.

Best wishes for the New Year.

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SAFETY & WELFARE

GIVING WISELY

In difficult times like these, those who are more fortunate often increase their charity donations. Make sure you are donating to a legitimate organization. Fraudsters often tip their hand by asking for unusual payment methods, pushing hard for a donation, or putting you on a timer to donate. Always ask yourself if these are things a legitimate charity would do. You can vet charities through a number of sites:

- Charity Navigator
- Charity Watch
- Guide Star
- BBB Wise Giving Alliance

COVID TESTING

Sonoma County has added a testing site at St. Leo's Church, Mondays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Schedule an appointment at Curative.com.

A FRESH START FOR THE NEW YEAR

Some organizing tips from Hayden Homes.com to give you a fresh start for the new year:

1- De-clutter:

You might have heard the saying "get one, toss two." It's easy to become overwhelmed by a lot of stuff if you save everything you ever get. One easy way to keep the clutter at a minimum is to adopt this principle. Look around your home and find things you have not used in the last 6-12 months. Do you really need that item? If the answer is no, donate it to Goodwill or simply throw it away. There is freedom and

liberation when you de-clutter. If there are holiday items you dislike or never use, it's time to get rid of them.

2- Basket and box like items:

It is really hard to find anything when there is no order. Storing similar items together is a great way to organize. For instance, box all the Christmas tree ornaments, outdoor holiday lights and Christmas living room decor in their own separate bins. Better yet, label these bins so you can find them easier next year! An expert tip: Try this same organizing tactic all over your home and you will find it can make life easier.

3- Add shelving:

With all these bins helping you stay organized, finding a place for these containers is the next step. Putting shelving in your garage is a better idea than in prime storage areas like frequently used closets. It keeps them out of the way until you need them next year.

4- Take notes for next year:

Inventory what you have as you pack it away so you don't accidentally buy a duplicate item. It's easy to forget what you have since you only see it once a year. If you like sending Christmas cards, save all the cards you received in a container with the corresponding addresses attached to make sending cards next year that much easier.

5- Organize wrapping supplies:

This one is very important as the rolls of wrapping paper, gift bags and bows can grow each year. Find long, narrow wrapping paper containers to keep the paper safe and nice. Another container for bows, gift bags and ribbon is a great idea too.

Start off the new year with an organized home, because it is proven that the more order your life has, the happier you will be.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Safety/Welfare Committee

wishes you and your family good health and happiness in 2021! Stay safe.

~ Peggy Owens, Coordinator,

Safety/Welfare Committee

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NEW DIRECTORY

The 2021 issue of the Chantarelle Directory is due to be printed in March. If you have moved to Chantarelle since March 2020 or if your details in our 2020 Directory are not accurate, please email 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.

OUR NEWSLETTER

If you have ideas or articles that you would like to see in the newsletter, please email Tom at thomasflinn@me.com or John Dodgshon at john_dodgshon@hotmail.com

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

If you know of anyone at Chantarelle who is sick or if you have new neighbors, please let either 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 WEBSITE

Our thanks to Mary Howland, who maintains our website. The website can be accessed at www.chantarelle.org. It contains copies of important documents, including: CC&Rs, Rules, HOA Meeting minutes. Please check it out. Please submit items for the Chantarelle Website to Mary Howland, 650-468-1119 or email her at: char797@aol.com

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING
DUE TO COVID-19, THE GIRL
SCOUTS WILL NOT BE
COLLECTING CHRISTMAS
TREES THIS YEAR

You can bring your unflocked Christmas tree to the Sonoma Transfer Station at 4376 Stage Gulch Rd for FREE from December 26th 2020 until January 15th 2021.

For more information call (707) 996-6597

For Sonoma Garbage to collect unflocked Christmas trees, trees must be cut up and placed in your yard waste cans. No stands and No decorations

GOING ELECTRIC AND SOLAR
by Leighton and Lynda Richardson

Introduction: Energy conservation and greenhouse gas reduction are the future. Electric cars and solar energy are the means to get there. After being first day reservation holders and waiting about two years, we took delivery of our Deep Blue Metallic Tesla Model 3 in September of 2018. We had waited for the Performance version and purchased all available options, including dual motor all-wheel drive, enhanced autopilot and full self-driving. The performance model has about 450+ HP, 470+ ft-lbs torque, does 0-60 MPH in 3.2 secs, has a top speed of 160+ MPH and 310 mile range when fully charged. Over the past two years we have logged about 22,000 miles, making multiple long-distance trips to Bend, Anacortes, Port Townsend, the Olympic Peninsula, down the west coast on Hwy 101, Sedona, the Grand Canyon and Joshua Tree. The Tesla Supercharger network is not only extensive, the chargers are well placed for any road trip. There are also chargers available through

other networks, such as ChargePoint Electrify America.

Having owned Mercedes, BMW, Volvo, Ford and Citroen, the Tesla is hands down the best car we've ever owned. We love the quiet ride, the 15" touchscreen, the fabulous onboard maps and navigation system, the minimalistic interior, the advanced self-driving technology (forward radar, 12 ultrasonic sensor and 8 cameras) as well as the security system which tracks events both underway and while parked. So far, we have had zero maintenance costs and we thoroughly enjoy the car. By the way, not only does it handle like a sports car, it's a lightning FAST!

To reduce our carbon footprint, further embrace green technology and have a back-up for the PG&E euphemism "Public Safety Power Shutoffs" (PSPS), we have also installed a 5.04 kW solar array with a Powerwall battery backup. The installation was done in two phases, first with a 2.52 kW solar array and then a second phase which increased the solar array to 5.04 kW and added the Powerwall. Once the permitting and paperwork were completed, the actual installations were quite efficient. We are now energy self-sufficient on most days with solar energy to run our home, power our needs during a PSPS, and charge the Tesla from a 220V dryer outlet.

CINDY ADAMSON'S RECIPE FOR BISCOTTI

Ingredients

- Two sticks of butter
- 1 3/4 cups sugar
- four eggs
- 2 teaspoons of almond extract
- 4 cups of flour
- 3 teaspoons of baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons anise seeds
- 1 cup of chopped nuts

Directions

Cream the butter well. Add sugar and beat with sugar. Add eggs one at a time. Mix flour, baking powder, salt, anise seeds and chopped nuts. Mix well. Refrigerate overnight. Roll into four or five oval logs. Bake in 350 oven for 20 minutes or until brown. Cut into 1/2 inch slices, turn cut side up and re-bake in oven for 15 minutes until brown.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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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.

JANUARY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Year's Day	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King's Day	19	20 Inauguration Day	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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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.