



Chantarelle News

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JULY

July is the first full month of our summer. July often brings some of our hottest days of the year. It also brings our most historic holiday, Independence Day, on Tuesday, July 4. And don't forget the annual Chantarelle Poolside Barbeque on Saturday, July 29. Everyone enjoy the festivities and have a very happy month!

HOA MEETING

The next HOA meeting will be held in the clubhouse on Tuesday, July 18, commencing at 3pm. All members are encouraged to attend and participate in the open forum, which allows members to voice concerns and bring matters to the board's attention.

POOLSIDE PICNIC

Our annual poolside barbecue will be on Saturday, July 29, starting at 5pm. A flyer/reservation-form giving further details will be placed in your mail tube in mid-July.

Pool Safety

During a recent very hot (therefore, very busy) weekend at our Chantarelle pool, a drain cover was removed from the pool floor. This action left the drain unprotected, and a child's arm or leg could easily have been injured as a result. The breakage of the drain cover may not have been malicious, but it was certainly not accidental. In addition, the pool gate was propped open, a direct violation of Chantarelle pool rules.

The pool rules are for everyone's safety and security. Most are simply common sense: gate

locked at all times, no glass in pool area, no jumping or diving, e.g. Flotation devices are limited to kick boards, water wings, and "noodles."

Larger devices like air mattresses and inflatable boats are prohibited. By limiting by size the items allowed in the pool, parents can more clearly see their children, for example.

From the Rules and Regs (see chantarelle.org for the complete list):

"Chantarelle Residents have a shared responsibility for common areas including the clubhouse and the swimming pool. We also share responsibility for the security and comfort of our neighbors."

"A homeowner's guests may use the pool without the homeowner being present, provided the guests obey all the pool area rules. Residents are responsible for the conduct of their guests and must see that rules are obeyed." All residents agreed in writing to these terms when they moved into their homes.

Please, for the good of all, abide by the rules and remind your guests to do the same. Let us all have an enjoyable and SAFE summer.

TGIF PARTY

The next TGIF is on Friday, July 7, starting at 5:45pm. All residents are invited and we look forward to seeing you there. There is no admission charge, just bring a

beverage of your choice and a small item of food to share.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

This July brings us the opportunity to celebrate our hard-fought freedoms and voice our opinion in the United States of America. The Fourth of July marks our birth as a Nation and we are still considered the leader of the free world.

Discourse in these times resembles in many ways the boisterous discussions conducted by our forefathers as they worked toward declaring independence and continued to work to establish a new nation. Not all agreed on every point but kept moving forward, as we all need to keep progressing as a country.

It has also been said that it sometimes takes a village to get things done. Two recent examples in Chantarelle concern the pool and streetlights. In the case of the pool, one of our early morning swimmers discovered the pool drain cover floating in the pool on Monday morning. She then called Paul Strong and me. Paul called a scuba diver who repairs this kind of thing, and the problem was taken care of in a timely manner. Ron Yamato and I closed the pool in the interim, for fear of an accident, and we were able to reopen by the next day. When a drain cover is not in place, the suction of the drain can be quite dangerous. The problem was fixed promptly due to the efforts of five people.

In another instance the only streetlight on St. Matthew Court had been out, and a resident

informed me. We then completed the online form for streetlight repair, so we are in the queue to get it fixed. That repair will then improve security for the eight homes on St. Matthew's. If a streetlight is out in your neck of the woods, you can also call 707-565-5100 (Road Maintenance County of Sonoma) to report it.

We have all heard "If you see something, say something." This action is not always popular and can cause conflict, but if nothing is said we have to live with the consequences of complacency.

The backflow project is getting closer to starting, with the VOM Water District deadline the 31st of this month for submitting your \$300 deposit check. Attached are the proposals from VOM and Plumbing Service Company for you to review to make your decision of what company you would like to us. You will be contracting directly with the company you choose.

Our Annual BBQ, long a summer highlight in Chantarelle, is scheduled for Saturday July 29th. Look for a flyer in your tube around July 14th. We can see old friends and meet our new neighbors who are increasing in numbers.

This past Friday, the Town of Sonoma was named the "Number 1 Best Small Town to visit in the U.S.A." by *U.S. News & World Report*. No news to those of us who live here, though.

Be sure to visit our best small town to experience the five new sculptures by Albert Paley. The works are on display in the Plaza, Depot Park and the Sonoma Valley Museum of Art.

We in Chantarelle may be outside the city limits, but our lifeline is the Town of Sonoma, so we will see even more tourists who want to

see where we live and enjoy the place that we call home. I have heard many say they wish they could live here. How lucky are we that this is our reality?

LANDSCAPING NOTES

Hello there, Chanterelle folks! Hope you are enjoying a marvelous summer season so far. Things are going pretty smoothly in the Chanterelle Landscape arena, so our messages to you will be rather brief this month.

Here is what we'd like to update you on for July ...

Irrigation and Tending Are Our Summer Priorities

As you may already realize, keeping our beautiful Chanterelle landscape as well-watered and tended as possible are the top landscape focuses for this time of year.

Rojelio Sanchez, the head of our Waldron team, has commented recently that he thinks the lawns are looking particularly good this year because we are running the irrigation once per night for six nights a week, as opposed to two times a night only three nights a week as we did last year. It is good to know that more frequent but smaller quantity of watering is making a positive difference. Even though we are out of the "official drought", we still are conserving water as much as possible.

We do like to refresh you on our request that if you happen to notice anything unusual with regard to how the irrigation is functioning at or near your home, please let us know so we can get our team to repair the problem

right away. We so appreciate your help in this regard.

If you happen to see a mysterious stream of water running down the street in front of your house, please realize that most likely, this doesn't come from our Chanterelle irrigation system. Each home has an underground drain from the garden behind the fence that funnels extra water out to the street. So if water is flowing out of that drain to the street, it comes from the private homeowner's irrigation system, not the community irrigation. If you notice this occurring in front of your own home, then first place to check is with your own watering system to ensure that it isn't over-watering. Or if you have a gardener, your gardener can do the checking.

Next round of fresh planting

We offer you a friendly reminder:

now that summer is here, we won't be doing any new planting until the heat of the season has passed, which usually doesn't arrive until late October. If you wish to make planting changes in front of your home, by all means, do let us know at your convenience via email or phone call or if you happen to see us out in the neighborhood. And now is a good time to start envisioning the specific changes you might like to make. If you want some inspiration, you can always check the **Chanterelle Plant List** we've left in the Clubhouse or request that either Debbie or I drop off a copy at your home for you to peruse at your leisure. But please remember that any plans for plant changes will be implemented once cool weather sets in.

Happy celebration of the 4th of July! ~Debbie and Susan

SAFETY & WELFARE NOTES

In accordance with section 8.2 of the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&R's) which govern our Homeowners Association, we will conduct a census of Chantarelle in the next few months. This summer, you will receive a census form in your mail tube.

Please complete the form and return it to Peggy Owens, coordinator of the Safety and Welfare committee.

Forms may be returned by mail to 104 S Temelec Circle, or placed in the mail tube at that address. You may also scan and return your form via email to powens2@juno.com.

During our disaster drill in October, any resident who has not returned a completed census form will be contacted in person.

Further reminders will appear in future newsletters

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

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

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.

CHANTARELLE WEBSITE

Please submit items for the Chantarelle Website to Mary Howland, 650-468-1119 or email her at: char797@aol.com.

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.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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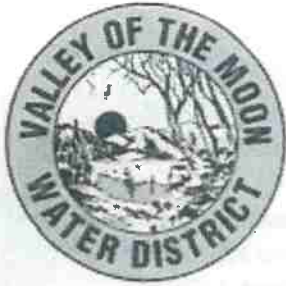
CHANTARELLE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Yoga 10am			Mah Jongg 10am	
Water Aerobics 11:30am	Water Aerobics 11:30am	Water Aerobics 11:30am	Water Aerobics 11:30am	Water Aerobics 11:30am
Art Club 1pm		Bridge 12:30pm		

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7 TGIF 5:45pm	8
9	10	11 MexicanTrain Dominoes 12:30-4pm	12	13	14 Clubhouse Reserved	15
16	17	18 HOA Meeting	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 MexicanTrain Dominoes 12:30-4pm	26	27	28	29 Annual Poolside Barbeque
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Waldron Landscaping is now here on Monday & Tuesday 1-4pm and Thursday & Friday 8am until 1pm.
Garbage, recycling and garden trash pickup is every Monday.



June 2nd, 2017

VALLEY OF THE MOON WATER DISTRICT

A Public Agency Established in 1962

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El Verano, CA 95433-0280

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customerservice@vomwd.com

DAVID OWENS
104 S. TEMELEC CIR.
SONOMA, CA 95476

RE: State mandated installation of backflow devices at 104 S. TEMELEC CIR.

As you know, in order to comply with the State Water Resource Control Board Compliance Order, Valley of the Moon Water District (VOMWD) must require the installation of a backflow prevention device (also known as an RP device) in front of each home in your development (and adjacent HOAs). Through meetings and communications with your HOA and individual residents, we are aware of the complexities involved in meeting this mandate and the financial hardship it may cause some homeowners. The District empathizes with our customers who are struggling to move forward with the installation of their devices. We also recognize the financial burden associated with their installations.

To this end, VOMWD has received approval from our Board of Directors to offer a program that we hope will help. Through the "Water District Backflow Installation Program" (WDBIP), the District is offering to install the RP device for each homeowner for a total cost of \$1,200 per home. While installation of a backflow preventer is State mandated, choosing whether to participate in this one-time offer to have VOMWD install your backflow preventer is voluntary.

The advantages to this program are:

- The total cost for each homeowners is fixed at \$1200 (25% down payment required) and includes the backflow device, expansion tank, HOA approved frost bag and lock, other materials as needed, concrete pad, all labor, initial certification, permits and inspections, and one-year warranty*.
- Financing is also being offered that allows qualified homeowners to spread the cost of the installation on their water bill over a two-year period at 1% interest*.
- Helps VOMWD ensure compliance with the installation timeframe mandated by the State Water Resource Control Board for mandatory compliance.

*See enclosed agreement for details

Directors:
Officers:

Bruce Adams · Jon Foreman · Mark Heneveld · Ed Kenny · Ron Prushko
Daniel Muelrath, General Manager · Robert B. Maddow, Esq., District Counsel

VOMWD Compliance Timeframe with the State Compliance Order:

The State Water Resources Control Board has directed the District, through Compliance Order #02_18_17R_001 dated February 17, 2017, to adhere to the following backflow-compliance deadlines in order to avoid potential penalties or fines. These percentages apply to a combination of all three neighborhoods, Creekside, Temelec and Chantarelle.

- A minimum of 25% of all homes must have BFP devices installed by October 31, 2017. ✓
- A minimum of 50% of all homes must have BFP devices installed by June 30, 2018. ✓
- A minimum of 75% of all homes must have BFP devices installed by March 1, 2019. ✓
- All 100% of all homes must have BFP devices installed by October 31, 2019 ✓

In order for VOMWD to be able to offer this price we need to perform bulk purchases and installations so we have a **final signup deadline of this July 31, 2017**. Down payments will be collected between August and September 2017 and installations will begin this October so VOMWD can meet the deadlines identified above. If you wish to use a private contractor, it is your responsibility to be sure all District installation specifications are met. If you have any questions please call the VOMWD office at (707) 996-1037.

Please return the enclosed agreement indicating whether you are going to participate in the Water District's Program or will be using a private contractor. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Daniel Muelrath
General Manager

For backflow installation details and additional reference information please visit our website at:
www.vomwd.com/hoabackflow.php

Plumbing Service Company

6400 Elvas Ave, Ste. A
 Sacramento, CA 95819
 Contractors Lic. 532458

Estimate

Date	Estimate #
6/23/2017	10419

Customer Name/Address	Job Address
Chantarelle HOA C/O Paul Strong 165 Saint James Dr Sonoma, CA 95476	

Description	Qty	Cost	Total
<p>Provide and install new, Lead Free 3/4" RP type backflow prevention assembly at meter, as required by VOMWD. Installation as directed by VOMWD specification. Includes freeze protection cover, concrete pad, expansion tank on outlet riser, and County of Sonoma permit.</p> <p>Labor and Materials per installation, pricing dependant on a minimum of 50 participants.</p> <p>Notes: All work to be completed Mon - Fri, 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Assumes piping in good condition to allow code approved connection.</p>		1,100.00	1,100.00

Thank you for your business.			Total	\$1,100.00
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