



Chantarelle News

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Chantarelle
Homeowners'
Association

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MARCH brings the first official days of spring. Although recently we have been treated to spring-like days interspersed with a few rainy days. Not enough to stave off the dreaded drought, however. Notable days this March include: Start of daylight savings time on Sunday the 14th; St. Patrick's Day on Wednesday the 17th; Spring Equinox on Saturday the 20th; Start of Passover on Saturday the 27th (ends on Sunday, April 4th).

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

COVID shots have been underway now for many weeks for Seniors and I am hoping that most of you have taken advantage to get signed up for your shot. If you are having trouble finding some place to make your reservation for a shot, I would suggest you contact your Primary Care Doctor to ask for location assistance.

We have several reports of people walking their dogs in the gated Common Area inside our Clubhouse grounds. I would like to remind everyone that dogs are not allowed inside this area. This has been a long-standing rule and although many people are responsible folks picking up after their dogs, we have some who are not. In the interest of keeping the Common Area clean for everyone's enjoyment we restrict dogs from this area. We thank you for observing and following these rules.

Last month I listed a number of volunteers that keep the HOA humming, and I left out someone who has continued to make a contribution throughout the Covid period. I would like to thank Kristin Young for keeping up the maintenance of our Library in the Clubhouse!

We have two people in Chantarelle who have just this past month celebrated their 100th birthday!! Our very best wishes go out to Jane Berry and to Jim Sturgeon, Happy Birthday!!

The ballots for Board Directors have been mailed to all homeowners and we would like a large participation, so please return your ballots to Paul Strong in the enclosed envelope ASAP. Only one vote per household. There are new laws regarding HOA elections and we now have to have an Inspector of Elections that counts and reports the findings. Lois Rogers has agreed to be the Inspector and will report the results at the annual meeting.

We need at least two more members to serve on the ACC. The job does not require a lot of time but is very important to the HOA. The committee reviews submission about house color or any changes to the front of the homes. Please let Steve know if you are interested.

The Agenda for our Annual Meeting is attached to this newsletter. The meeting is virtual

and the Zoom link is printed below. Hope to see you all at the meeting.

Daylight savings time begins Sunday, March 14th, don't forget to set your clocks one hour ahead.

Happy Saint Patrick's Day!
~ Steve

TREASURERS REPORT Through the end of January 2021

Two HOA Certificates of Deposit matured in the month of January. Most of the money from these accounts were used to open two new CDs at Redwood Credit Union. Interest rates are in the cellar nowadays, so we will be taking a hit on interest income over the next few years until interest rates start going back up. On the other side of ledger, our expenses for the first month of 2021 were lower in all categories, and in total we under budget by about \$4200 for the year. We also carried over a nice cushion of cash from last year, which will come in handy to help cover the cost of planned projects this year. We have three delinquent resident accounts for a total of about \$1087, which the management company is in the process of addressing. In summary, we are starting off 2021 in very good financial shape.

~ Ron Yamato

LANDSCAPING NOTES

Spring is just around the corner and all our landscape is getting ready to "bud-out" and begin to

bloom. Let's hope we are lucky enough to get some additional rain.

At the February HOA Board meeting the proposed lawn revitalization project was approved and Waldron was notified. The work will be scheduled.

Fertilization of the lawn and shrubs has already been completed. A quarterly schedule will be worked out and Waldron will provide the committee with this information. Work on the irrigation conversion was also approved with a cost cap of \$5000 for this segment. This work has also begun and time and material costs will be monitored.

The current location of this work is on St James Dr. So far, this project is progressing well.

Our Waldron crew continues with spring trimming and lawn care. Currently our irrigation is turned off but is monitored weekly for need in relation to rain.

For any questions or concerns please feel free to contact either of us. Stay safe and healthy.

~ Ben Jones (415-939-8955)

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~ Debbie Yamato. (415-696-2424)

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SAFETY & WELFARE

SPRING FORWARD

Daylight Saving time begins on Sunday, March 14th at 2 a.m. Before you turn in on Saturday night, remember to move your clocks ahead one hour. This is also a good time to check batteries in smoke alarms, carbon monoxide monitors, etc.

GIFT CARD SCAM

If you receive an email from a friend asking you to buy a gift card to help someone else, your friend's email account has likely been hacked. To be safe, contact the friend by phone or text to see if they really sent the message. This is also a good time to remind you not to click on links that purport to

be from your credit card company, bank, etc. Go directly to their official web site, or call them to check on the information in the email.

DMV EXTENSIONS AND RENEWAL OPTIONS

To minimize contact during COVID, the California DMV has extended the expiration date of licenses by one year. Seniors can also renew online. Visit www.dmv.ca.gov for more information.

Catholic Charities "I'm Home Alone" Program 710-528-8712, ext. 185

provides daily, brief, weekday telephone calls for people who live alone and are elderly, housebound, disabled or at-risk. Available to all persons living in Sonoma County. If you wish to register a relative, friend, patient or yourself for this service, call to obtain a confidential registration form.

BE PREPARED

The recent extreme weather across the country, and especially the hardships in Texas, remind us to be prepared for emergencies.

There are useful documents re emergency prep in the Resources section of the Chantarelle Website (www.chantarelle.org), generously administered by Mary Howland.

THANK YOU

Thanks to Roger Young and the welcoming committee for keeping us up to date on new arrivals and their emergency contacts.

Enjoy this lovely weather, wear a mask, socially distance, and wash your hands frequently. Let's do our part to stem the tide of COVID while the vaccinations ramp up.

~ Peggy Owens, Coordinator,
Safety/Welfare Committee

BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES

Pat Chase

I have been a homeowner/resident in Chantarelle since 1989. During this time, I have been a volunteer on various committees for our community. I was on the landscaping committee, and the ACC when Adolph Makaruk was the chairman. I also contributed suggestions to the revised CC&Rs and then on the committee to update the Rules and Regulations in 2018, which were voted on and passed. I was also a certified member of the NERTS (Neighborhood Emergency Response Team) trained by the Sonoma Fire Department and First Aid Certification. This was the first emergency training program in the North Bay sponsored by a government grant. After Adolph's passing, I was approved by the HOA board as his replacement, which I was chair of for several years. During Benny Lee's presidency, I was nominated to serve on the HOA board and was voted in as a director. Since then, I've served under John Dodgshon, Dave Owen and Steve Rogers (former and current president of our HOA). I was a student at Dunbar Elementary, a graduate of Sonoma Valley High School and earned my Bachelor of Science from San Jose State University. I've owned and operated various businesses and for several years was an active member and investor in Medical Laboratories. A financial officer for one corporation and managed 13 patient service centers from Fresno to Sonoma County. Upon retirement, I returned to my roots and settled in Chantarelle, much to my delight. I have serving on the HOA board with the best interests of Chantarelle as my

credo to continue and take my responsibilities seriously and I hope the residents of Chantarelle will want me to continue on the Board. It will be my pleasure to do so. ~ *Pat Chace*

(Personal info: mother of three, grandmother of 3 and the only woman on the Board, so far)

Manfred (Fred) Salomon has lived in Chantarelle with his wife Jill since 2013. His neighbor is his brother and sister-in-law, Ann and Gunther Solomon. Fred and Jill have six boys between them and five grandchildren.

Fred is employed by Kikkoman Foods of Japan as Senior Board Member representing the Japanese ownership in their Vitamin and Supplement businesses in the U.S. (Country Life Vitamins, Allergy Research Group, NutriCology and Optimox-Iodoral.)

Fred has 60 plus years of executive management experience in the Home-sewing & Craft industry where he managed and grew several businesses. He also founded his own company, which he sold to the McCall Pattern Company/Norton Simon Inc. He served as President of that national distribution company, NMI.

For the last 21 years he has served as President and Vice Chairman of Allergy Research Group/NutriCology and is now Senior Active Board Member.

Roger Jack Young

I moved into Chantarelle in 2013 with my wife Ann. I've been a member of the HOA board with the designation of Secretary for about 4 years. I am a member of the welcoming committee and I take care of the HOA bulletin board. I would like to continue in that capacity.

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

NEW RESIDENT

We are pleased to welcome to our community:

Montgomery (Montie) Toscano

170 Saint James Drive
(707) 953-3002
montie.toscano@gmail.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.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Steve Rogers, President
771-9290

Tom Flinn, Vice-President
415-621-7572

Ron Yamato, Treasurer
415-305-1400

Roger Young, Secretary
938-2582

Pat Chace, Director
935-7301

MANAGEMENT COMPANY

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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

EDITOR'S NOTES

Next in my house journey. Our attic was unbearably hot. Spray and foam insulation solved that problem, it's amazing how much insulation works. Then we installed an exhaust attic fan in each attic. They go on when it's 80 degrees and then off automatically. Genius. There's one big fan company that everyone uses. Home Depot sells out in Summer. Buy now if you want one.

In order to vent out the front and back, you have to add grills that work. Our front vent was just a prop, didn't vent at all. I found a woodworking company in Texas who makes any size wooden vents. Paint them and they look like they've been there forever.

Last thing I'm in process with are Vulcan vents. You replace existing vents with vents that automatically close when the temperature is high enough to burn. This prevents burning embers from coming into your house in case of wild fires.

We also sealed the under the house crawlspace with heavy plastic that seals all water out and makes it much easier for the plumber and electrician to crawl in a clean space and it prevents anything from growing down there.

We put in an electronic air cleaner, garage door and opener and all new appliances: hybrid electric hot

water heater and hybrid electric dryer. They are very energy efficient.

We also fixed all the downspouts and underground drains that were broken. Finally, 6 inches of the top soil/rock in the garden was removed, new sprinkler and iPhone-controlled sprinkler timer. And that's it, I think! If you are thinking of doing any or all of what we did, we did it because something was broken or half working. For example, our dishwasher filled with water, it was 2 hours til PGE black out and then nothing. They had to wheel it out of the kitchen with water and detergent in it. That's what started all these projects. That lousy dishwasher!

~ *thomasflinn@gmail.com*.

Julia Child's French Onion Soup Recipe

Cook **90 minutes** · Makes **6** ·

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 3 lbs onions, halved and sliced thin
- 2 cloves garlic, minced very fine
- 1 teaspoon granulated sugar
- 2 cups dry white wine
- 6 cups beef stock or chicken stock (the beef will make a darker, more robust soup)
- salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 6 ovenproof soup bowls
- 12 toasted slices of French baguettes, 1/2 inch thick
- 2 cups swiss cheese, grated
- 3 teaspoons parmesan cheese, grated

- cognac

Directions

In a large saucepan over medium heat melt the butter and oil together.

Add the onions, garlic, and sugar. Saute until slightly colored, stirring occasionally (don't stir too much - you want them to brown) for 7 minutes.

Add the white wine, raise temperature to medium high, and bring to a boil.

Lower temperature back down to medium and cook for 5 minutes.

Add the stock, raise temperature to medium high and bring to a simmer.

Lower temperature to low and simmer *uncovered* for 1-1/2 hours (90 minutes).

At this point you can freeze the soup for reheating later (after thawing).

To serve at this point, continue with steps: first, preheat your broiler.

Ladle the soup into the ovenproof soup bowls (6 of them).

Place two slices of toasted baguette onto the top of each soup bowl.

Sprinkle each serving with 1/3 cup of Swiss cheese, then 1/2 teaspoon of Parmesan cheese.

Place soup bowls onto a baking sheet and place in oven under preheated broiler.

Broil until the cheese melts (watch them carefully - depending on your broiler and how far the rack is from the heat, it can take anywhere to 45 to 90 seconds or so).

Serve immediately.

ZOOM LINK TO VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING

Paul Strong is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Topic: Annual & Board Meeting
Time: Mar 16, 2021 02:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87900378803>

Meeting ID: 879 0037 8803

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Find your local number:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kcuZLeYAMs>

Chantarelle Homeowners Association

Annual Meeting Agenda

March 16, 2021

Via Zoom 2:00 p.m.

- I. Membership Forum
Speaker limited to three minutes per member
- II. Call to Order
- III. President's Remarks
 - A. President's Announcement of Election Results & IRS Ruling Vote Tabulation
- IV. Adjournment

Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Previous Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
- III. Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee –
 - A. Approve Financial Statement
- IV. Committee Reports
 - A. ACC: Marty Greenman
 - B. Pool: Dale Lucas
 - C. Clubhouse: Linda Jackson
 - D. Landscape: Debbie Yamato/Ben Jones
 - E. Safety/Welfare: Peggy Owens
 - F. Social: Lois Rogers/Suzanne Switala
 - G. Sunshine: Ann Young
 - H. Welcoming: Roger Young
- V. Old Business
 - A. New Benches – review/vote
- VI. New Business
 - A. Insurance Renewal - ratify
 - B. Election of Officers - review/vote

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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.

MARCH 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Internat'l Women's Day	9	10	11	12	13
14 Daylight Savings Begins	15	16 Board Meeting	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 Spring Equinox
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Passover Starts
28 Palm Sunday	29	30	31			

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.