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September gives us the first days of fall and the last official days of summer; although in California we are fortunate that summer weather often extends into October. Notable days this month include: Labor Day on Monday the 4th; the start of Rosh Hashanah on the 20th; Autumn Equinox (first day of fall) on the 22nd; and Yom Kippur on the 29th & 30th. Everyone enjoy the holiday and have a very happy month!

TGIF PARTY

The next TGIF is on Friday, September 1, 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.

HOA MEETING

The next HOA Meeting will be in the clubhouse on Tuesday, September 19th, 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.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Hi All!
September is the month to celebrate Labor Day and remember the benefits that were hard fought and won to make American workers safer and provide a livable wage. Whether you are still working or have retired, your efforts and the work that you do each day can help all

of us to live better. We have 20 plus volunteers here in Chantarelle who also work for us but are not paid and occasionally receive some grief and comments not in a positive nature. The positive comments far outnumber the negative and that keeps us all going. September is a month of changing seasons from summer to fall and that brings activities that befit this time of year.

Backflow Issues

I hope you have all seen the backflow rock covers. Currently, the three samples are in front of our home at 104 S Temelec. The three boulders, in different colors, will be on display at our Sept. 19th HOA meeting.

I was in contact with Randy's (Plumbing Service) office in Sacramento. So far, only 7 Chantarelle homeowners have contracted with him. We will see soon what develops. VOM reps have told me 90 plus homeowners have signed up. There will be an opportunity to discuss this further at the next meeting.

Creekside & Temelec

I met with the Presidents of the Creekside and Temelec HOA Boards a few weeks ago. We compared notes on Landscape supplies, equipment and contracts, managing agents, backflow devices and schedules, and availability of volunteers for committees. We agreed to meet quarterly and also invite Country Meadows (I have spoken to their new President this past week). We are 28 years old as a community, Creekside 35 years and Temelec 40 plus years, so the

age of the community does dictate what needs to be done in terms of replacement, repair, remodeling.

Common Area Maintenance

We are in good shape here in Chantarelle. Just this past week Ron Yamato, Mike Dietrick, Steve Rogers and I spent a few hours walking the community to look at common area conditions. We have a list of possible improvements, and these will also be discussed at the September HOA meeting. The longevity study helped us to gauge the condition and to schedule some needed work. There is always work to be done and some homeowners want certain work to be done now and others do not see it the same way. A balance is needed and that is a difficult task at times; still we persevere. For the homeowners celebrating Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, all our best wishes. We look forward to seeing all homeowners at the next HOA meeting. In the meantime, enjoy what remains of our beautiful summer weather.
~ Dave Owens

LANDSCAPING NOTES

Hello there, friends and neighbors in Chantarelle! We hope you are doing well as we make the passage from summer to fall in this month of September. Here is our September landscape update for you ...

Abundance of Yellow Jackets and Wasps

Yes, in this late summer season, yellow jackets and wasps are showing up in droves in many of our yards and gardens. The very rainy, wet winter has a lot to do

with the amazing number of them this year. Especially if you happen to enjoy some of your meals outside, no doubt you have encountered a few.

Of course, a simple solution is to purchase a yellow jacket trap and hang it near your eating area. But if you are having a significant problem with an infestation of yellow jackets and/or wasps, it is possible that there is an underground nest near you.

I had the good fortune to interact with one of our residents who has dealt with this problem during the month of August. She graciously informed me that the Marin/Sonoma Vector Control District (our local organization that handles problematic winged insects such as these) is very responsive if you make a request for them to come to your property to eradicate a nest, and they do this at no charge. You can contact them at this website: <http://msmosquito.com>.

Hopefully the yellow jackets and wasps are not that serious of a problem for you, but just in case they are, this will be a helpful resource for you.

Irrigation Update

We continue to be quite pleased with the success of the new sprinkling system that was installed in early 2016 to water our lawns efficiently and effectively. For the most part, it is working quite well. But because the original underground irrigation piping was installed close to thirty years ago, we continue to encounter pipe breakage as they age. We thank all of you who have informed us of any irrigation problem that you've happened to see. We also thank our Waldron Team for being quite on top of the breakages this summer. They have been quite excellent at identifying and fixing problematic pipes all summer long. Currently everything seems to be

in good working order, but if you happen to notice any new problems as the autumn season unfolds, we would be so grateful for you to inform us.

That's it from your Landscaping Team for this month. May you have a delightful Labor Day holiday weekend and a lovely month of September.

~ *Debbie and Susan*

SAFETY & WELFARE NOTES

The phone scams continue

The latest one purports to come from our own Sheriff's Dept. If you receive a call from any agency or supposed government department, do not give any information to the caller. Instead, hang up and call the agency directly (credit cards have a number to call on the back of the card; government agencies and other official entities have contact numbers in telephone directories, etc.) to verify the validity of the call.

Thanks to those who have submitted their census forms.

If you have not done so, please submit the form at your earliest convenience. These census forms provide us with emergency information that may be needed.

Any information you submit is treated with the utmost confidentiality. The forms are also reminders to you to be informed about utility shutoffs, etc., in case of an emergency.

Chantarelle Website

If you have not already done so, check out our website at www.chantarelle.org for general information about our community. John Dodgshon and Mary Howland have done a wonderful job of setting up and maintaining the site. See the News section for information from your Safety/Welfare committee regarding emergency planning and suggested supplies.

Great Shakeout

We will be participating in the "Great Shakeout" on October 19th. This is a national program for disaster planning. The website for this program is www.shakeout.org. In our neighborhood, our Safety Committee goes door-to-door checking to see how many homeowners are participating by having placed an orange "I'm OK" sign in a window visible from the street. More information and advice will follow in the October Newsletter. If you have not received, or have mislaid your census form or your orange "I'm OK" sign, please contact Peggy Owens at 343-7087 or emailpowens2@juno.com.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Marianne Mabin is recovering from a successful hip replacement surgery on August 23rd. Her friends can call Gene Dougherty at 938-7515 for an update on her progress.

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.

NEW NEIGHBORS

Please welcome our new neighbor:

Candace Craven

148 South Temelec Circle
Phone: 415-819-8573

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*.

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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
					1 TGIF 5:45pm	2
3	4 Labor Day	5 Bunco 1-4pm	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Mexican Train Dominoes 12:30-4pm	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 HOA Meeting 3pm	20 Rosh Hashana (starts at sundown)	21	22 First Day of Fall	23
24	25	26 Mexican Train Dominoes 12:30-4pm	27	28	29 Yom Kippur (starts at sundown)	30 Yom Kippur (ends at sundown)

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.