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WELCOME TO DECEMBER 2022

Welcome to December 2022. Many many days to celebrate. December 10 is Nobel Prize Day, December 23 is Festivus, prepare for Airing of Grievances! (See Seinfeld). December 24, Feast of the Seven Fishes. December 25, Christmas Day for the young and young at heart. Surprise someone with a gift just because. December 28 is National Card Playing Day - Phyllis is the Bridge Group ready? Two holidays span a week: December 18 to 26 is Hanukkah and December 26 to January 1st is Kwanzaa. December 31st is the last day of 2022. Welcome to 2023, a new year filled with hope and promise. Happy Holidays to all my Chantarelle neighbors.

–Tom Flinn

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Please email me with any feedback or if you would like to write something for the newsletter. We can always have more voices in the newsletter.

The Chantarelle Board would like to send out the Newsletter as a PDF email, please provide your email address to Strong Management as soon as possible. They did a mailing to everyone this fall.

We can save printing costs and have more freedom to use color and more information as it's nearly free to add pages. Any help you can give me moving to an online newsletter is greatly appreciated

–Tom Flinn

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

The Halloween party was great fun and we had a number of unique costumes. The winning costume was again won by Dave Owens!

I would like to thank everyone who voted in our recent elections, and especially those who voted for me so that I can continue my work and serve another 4 years on the Valley of the Moon Water District Board of Directors.

In the spirit of the upcoming Holiday Season we are once again asking for donations from any of you that would like to give a Year End Bonus to our Landscape Crew. The two gentlemen, Rogelio and Jose, work very hard to keep the grounds looking sharp, and we would like to show special appreciation. If you would like to make a donation please put it in an envelope and leave it in my locked mailbox at 186 Saint James before December 15th.

I hope you can join us at our upcoming Holiday party at the Clubhouse on December 16th. If I don't see you, I would like to wish each of you a very happy Holiday Season.

---Steve Rogers

TREASURER'S REPORT

Through the end of October 2022

We had one tree trimming reserve expense in October for a total of \$10,000, but the amount in the reserve fund is still in good shape, amounting to about \$518,107 at the end of the month.

As for operating expenses, we are still doing well, as we are under budget by about \$8,347 through the end of October. However, we will be incurring some additional landscape and tree removal costs before the end of the year that will affect this surplus somewhat. Our operating cash stands at about \$84,385. Subtracting the current liabilities leaves us with ready cash of about \$67,418, which will help cover the aforementioned additional landscape

expenses, as well as any surprises until the end of the year. We had two delinquencies from last month, and Strong Management has been in contact with them.

–Ron Yamato

LANDSCAPING NOTES

Hello Neighbors - Things are quiet this month as we head into winter. As most of you know, we have had some significant issues with our well and pump. When repairs were begun on the pump it was discovered that additional work on the well itself was needed. The Board approved the extra work and expense. Parts need to be ordered before work can commence, so as of this writing we still do not have well irrigation for the landscape. Fortunately, with the past rain, the planting and lawns will survive. In spring we will assess the condition of the landscape and make needed improvements.

Over the past month, we have done a walk-around of the entire community, both within and outside of our fence line to determine what tree work needs to be accomplished to mitigate future fire danger. We are obtaining 2 bids for this work and at the next HOA meeting, this will be discussed.

Wishes for an enjoyable holiday season, and keep your fingers crossed for a rainy winter.

–Debbie Yamato 415-696-2424

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SAFETY & WELFARE

Facts about Flu

From the CDC:

Take everyday preventive actions that are recommended to reduce the spread of flu.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- If you are sick, limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them.

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with viruses that cause flu.

CDC recommends that people stay home for at least 24 hours after their fever is gone except to get medical care or other necessities. Fever should be gone without the need to use a fever-reducing medicine.

Most people will recover from flu by resting at home, but for more serious cases, here are some **emergency warning signs** of flu that call for immediate medical attention:

- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath.
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen.
- Persistent dizziness, confusion, inability to arouse.
- Seizures.
- Not urinating.
- Severe muscle pain.
- Severe weakness or unsteadiness.
- Fever or cough that improve but then return or worsen.
- Worsening of chronic medical conditions.

The SAFETY/WELFARE Committee wishes you an uneventful flu season.

We hope you have happy, healthy holidays ahead.

–Peggy Owens, Coordinator

–SAFETY/WELFARE Committee

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FREE CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

Sonoma Garbage will once again be picking up Christmas trees this year - for free. Date is Monday, January 9, 2023. Please remove stands and place them at the curb the night

before. No flocking, tinsel, decorations or stands allowed.

CONTRACTOR RECOMMENDATIONS

Check Chantarelle.org under Resources for recommendations from your neighbors.

CHANTARELLE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Our HOA Holiday Party is set for Friday December 16th from 6:00 to 8:30pm at the Clubhouse. Lombardi's is catering this event, and I am hoping to have some Chantarelle volunteers to donate cookies/desserts. Cost for the party is \$20 per person. Please let me know if you did not receive a flyer to reserve your space, or if you can help provide dessert. Space is limited to 60 people so reply quicky if you want to join us. RSVP to Lois Rogers, 707-591-1909.

–Lois Rogers, Social Chair

THE ADVENTURES OF TINTIN . . . CONTINUED

The Adventures of Tintin is a series of 24 books, comics, and serials created by Belgian cartoonist Georges Remi, who wrote under the pen name Hergé. The series was one of the most popular European comics of the 20th century. Tintin and his author were controversial, as well as charming.

Did you know you passed by Tintin every day while walking or driving past Micheal (Scotty) Scott's mailbox at 20 South Temelec Circle?



Scotty, our favorite controversial "boy next door", recently passed away and Tintin was without his companion.

Scotty's daughter Joan was kind enough to 'share' Tintin with us. Tintin now lives at 24 South Temelec Circle. We are pleased to have this endearing character on our mailbox. Please smile warmly when you pass by his new residence.

–Linda Jackson

ART CLUB – DECEMBER EXHIBITION

Charlie Berry is our featured artist this month. Charlie and Jane Berry were among the first residents at Chantarelle, back in 1989.

Charlie earned his living as a professional painter who was very successful in the field of commercial art.

At Chantarelle, he soon formed a weekly art group, mentoring and coaching all levels of artists in our community. He also gave specific lessons on various technical issues.

The art club as you know is still in existence and will be displaying some of his artwork during December, as a memorial to his skills. Since many of our new residents will not have known Charlie, this will be an opportunity for them to admire his work. You should not miss this exhibit.

–Shelley Lawrence – Art Club Steward

WELCOME COMMITTEE

No new November neighbors to report.

Please call one of the welcome committee members if you hear of a new neighbor this month 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 – 707-343-7087

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.

TOM'S DECEMBER RECIPE

Homemade Hot Cocoa Mix



Prep Time: 10 minutes **Cook Time:** 10 minutes

Servings: Servings 48 **Source:** Tom Flinn

INGREDIENTS

1-2 cups confectioners sugar to taste

1 cup Dutch Processed Cocoa

1 teaspoon kosher salt

whipped cream or heavy cream

1 teaspoon vanilla

DESCRIPTION

Make it for yourself or for a gift, just make it!

No one tells me this is too hard to make, all you have to do is measure and stir. 😊

DIRECTIONS

Sift sugar, cocoa and salt removing any lumps. Stir until cocoa and sugar are completely combined.

Store the hot cocoa mix in an airtight container. I used a Mason Jar. Shake jar before each use in case the ingredients have settled.

Be sure to shake before using, each and every time you use it. Mark the top of the lid, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of milk and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of the powdered mix.

Warm milk in a pan, whisk in the powder quickly to combine. Bring close to boil, on medium high heat. Keep stirring so it doesn't scorch the pan. Turn off heat, add 1 teaspoon vanilla and some heavy cream, up to $\frac{1}{4}$ cup. Add a large bunch of mini marshmallows to your favorite cocoa mug and pour in the hot chocolate. Makes approximately 16 ounces of mix, double if you want to fill a quart jar. Makes a great gift. Happy Holidays, Tom.

NUTRITION

Calories: 24kcal | Carbohydrates: 6g | Protein:

1g | Fat: 1g | Saturated Fat: 1g |

Polyunsaturated Fat: 1g | Monounsaturated

Fat: 1g | Sodium: 49mg | Potassium: 27mg |

Fiber: 1g | Sugar: 5g | Calcium: 2mg | Iron: 1mg

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POOL IS CLOSED – SEE YOU IN SPRING 2023!

To enter the clubhouse you either need to be vaccinated or you must wear a mask.
If you are at the clubhouse/pool and have children who are minors using the bathroom,
please supervise them so that the bathroom remains clean.

CHANTARELLE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Flex Exercise 4:30-5:30		Flex Exercise 4:30-5:30	
		Bridge 12:00-4:30		

DECEMBER 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	1	2 No First Friday	3
4	5	6 Bunco 1:00-4:00	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Mexican Train Dominoes 12:30-4:00	14	15	16 Holiday Party See Article	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Mexican Train Dominoes 12:30-4:00	28	29	30	31
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Waldron Landscaping is now here on Monday 9:00am-3:45pm, Tuesday 9:00am-3:45pm, and Friday 10:00am-3:45pm.

Garbage, recycling & garden trash pickup is on Monday.