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September rarely fails to please and often produces the best weather of the year. Notable days this month include: Labor Day on Monday the 3rd; the start of Rosh Hashana on Sunday the 9th; Yom Kippur on Wednesday the 19th; and the September equinox on Saturday the 22nd. Everyone enjoy the holiday weekend and have a very happy month!

TGIF PARTY

The next TGIF is at the clubhouse on Friday, September 7, starting at 5:45pm. There is no admission charge, just bring a beverage of your choice and a small item of food to share.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

We had another **great barbeque** last month and send many thanks to the Social Committee for all their hard work and delicious food. Also thanks to our group of grillers for perfectly cooked burgers. It was nice to see so many of our Chantarelle community coming out and participating in this event!

In early August Ron Yamato our Treasurer and Mike Dietrick opened the new **Chantarelle CD and bank accounts** to significantly increase our investment returns. They researched all the banks in the

valley to come up with safe, secure, and insured accounts that generate higher returns. In round numbers we are going from previously earning around \$400 to now about \$4,000 annually. Great Job!

I still need 2 more members for our **ACC (Architectural Control Committee)**. This does not take a lot of time and is very important to maintaining the appearance of our neighborhood. Let me know if you are interested or wish to have more information.

On a personal note, I have put my name on the ballot to run for the Director of the Valley of the Moon Water District. I hope most of you will register to vote this November and consider voting for me on November 6th.

TGIF: We look forward to seeing you all at our first Friday in the Clubhouse on the 7th of September. We especially encourage our newest neighbors to come as well as those who have not been for a while, this is a very relaxed and casual social event!

We also have our **board meeting** on September 18th at 3pm. Everyone is invited to attend at the clubhouse.

~ Steve Rogers

LANDSCAPING NOTES

Hello Neighbors and hello to September with the beginning of Fall. Maybe we will have less

of the drying, windy, heat.

* In spite of some problems, the irrigation system kept our landscaping green and healthy.

* Ryan of Art and Science Tree Service completed the tree work that Debbie and I requested. The trees, the major feature of our landscaping, continue to be healthy and to look good. If you think we missed something, please let Debbie or me know.

* Our next project is the fall planting. We are checking the shrubs to see which ones need work or replacement. You can thank our dogs, Max and Augie for some of our diligence in patrolling the neighborhood while we walk them. You could help by letting us know if you have a plant that needs help in your front yard.

* Just a reminder: If you have water coming out of the drain in the gutter in front of your house, it is **YOUR WATER** not the HOA irrigation water. You might have a leak in your irrigation or a dripping outside faucet. Fixing it could help reduce your water bill and save a valuable resource.

As always Debbie and I are available by phone or email:

~ Ben Jones (415-939-8955)

benjaminjnes1@verizon.net

~ Debbie Yamato. (415-696-2424)

javagirl0547@yahoo.cpm

SAFETY AND WELFARE

We are fortunate to be able to host a SCOPE presentation in our Chantarelle Clubhouse on Friday, November 9th, from 2-4pm.

The SCOPE program includes information about emergency response, community preparedness, utility safety, and fire prevention.

The scheduled speaker, Capt. Joe Morrison, is the Disaster Preparedness officer from the Sonoma Valley Fire and Rescue Authority.

Information is also available on the Fire and Rescue website (svra.org/disaster-preparedness.html), as well as our own Chantarelle website (chantarelle.org) in the News section.

You will receive a flyer in your mail tube ahead of this presentation. Although the program is free, we will be asking for a response so that we can plan handouts and refreshments.

If you have any questions before the program, you can contact me at 707-343-7087 or powens2@juno.com.

We hope everyone will "save the date" and attend this valuable presentation!

~ *Peggy Owens, Safety/Welfare coordinator*

IMPORTANT THINGS TO DO RIGHT AFTER AN EARTHQUAKE

1) Turn off the electrical main circuit breaker. If you do not know, there are usually two of them, one inside your house and one outside near the natural gas meter.

2) Have a wrench, (I use a grip-

lock), fastened on the valve of the gas meter. To shut off gas, turn the valve from the vertical to the horizontal. You should have this valve checked by PG&E. Our valve was unmovable, so I had PG&E replace it at no charge. PG&E's Customer Service # is 877-660-6789.

3) Have the right tool to remove the concrete cover from your water valve/meter and turn the water off. Call Valley of the Moon Water District for the correct tool, their Customer Service number is 707-996-1037 or email customersrvice@vomwd.com. Pray that we never have to do this. But it is incumbent on us to be informed.

~ *Roger Jack Young
HOA board member*

BACKFLOW DEVICES AND NEW LANDSCAPING

The Valley of the Moon Water District is finishing the installation of backflow devices in Creekside, and we're next. We anticipate that they will start our installations sometime in September. Last year the board had voted on purchasing fake rocks to cover the devices, but in keeping with our intent to keep Chantarelle lovely and inviting, the board will discuss and vote in September's meeting to install new landscaping instead of fake rocks around the devices. This was based on the recommendation of the Backflow Cover Committee, which held its meeting in August. Committee members believed that camouflaging the devices with landscaping, such

as ornamental grasses and drought tolerant plants, would present a "look" consistent with the existing landscaping of our community. Fake rocks, on the other hand, may not blend in as well.

So, once all of the backflow devices are installed, the landscape and backflow cover committees will develop a plan to "hide" the devices with plantings appropriate for the individual sites. The main objective will be to camouflage the devices with beautiful landscaping that will also be relatively easy and inexpensive to install and maintain. Once the landscaping is installed, residents will have to be patient for it will take a year or two before the full benefit of the coverage is realized. The committees will oversee the entire project from start to finish, and will monitor the new landscaping once the project is complete. Hopefully, the new landscaping will thrive and add to the beauty of the common areas in addition to hiding the devices that have been foisted upon our community.

~ *Ron Yamato, HOA Treasurer*

SNAKE ALERT!

At the beginning of summer, many of us who hike have seen or read warnings to be on alert for snakes while out on the trails. Lately, however, there have been reported sightings of snakes in our neighborhood, specifically on St. James Drive. This is not unusual since we are bordered by open fields and vineyards. So, a word to the wise, keep alert for snakes when walking in our

neighborhood and while out in your backyard.

Here are some tips:

* When walking, stay on the sidewalk, and be especially alert when walking your dog

* When in your yard, wear gloves when gardening

* Use a garden tool to rustle plants before reaching into someplace you can't see

* If you see a snake, keep your distance and don't try to pick it up

* If you or your pet are bitten, seek immediate medical attention

POOL NOTES

I trust that everyone is enjoying the summer, our clubhouse and pool. I want to thank the other pool committee members (Don, Peggy, Hewitt and Ron) for helping me to keep the pool and grounds clean and in good working order. The addition of our new table & chairs and loungers has added some very nice additional seating and sunning comfort.

I would like to remind all our neighbors who use the pool and bathroom that, when finished, they ensure that the floors are not left wet. Since we don't have a regular fulltime attendant we need everyone's help to keep the floors dry so that others don't slip. If you are wet from the pool, towel off and put on a towel when going to either restroom. Do not let young children be left unattended in the restrooms. Please let me know if you have any questions or see anything out of order regarding the pool and surrounding area. Have a

great rest of Summer.
~ Dale Lucas

SAVE THE DATE

Chantarelle will be celebrating Halloween on Wednesday, October 31st with a casual dinner in the clubhouse. All are welcome; details will be provided later. Halloween Costumes are optional.

BRIDGE PLAYERS

Want to play bridge? Join the women's bridge group. We play on Wednesdays at the clubhouse, starting at Noon and serve refreshments and coffee or tea. We would like to add substitutes or full time players. Call Phyllis Manning 935-7301, or Terrie Zall 343-1027.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

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

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.

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

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Steve Rogers, President
771-9290

Mike Dietrick, Vice-President
757-375-8793

Ron Yamato, Treasurer
415-305-1400

Roger Young, Secretary
938-2582

Pat Chace, Director
935-7301

CHANTARELLE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pool Exercises 11 am		Pool Exercises 11 am	Mah Jongg 10am	Pool Exercises 11 am
Art Club 1pm		Bridge 12 noon		

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Labor Day Holiday	4 Bunco 1-4pm	5	6	7 TGIF 5:45pm	8
9 Rosh Hashana Starts	10	11 Mexican Train Dominos 12:30-4pm	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 HOA Meeting 3pm	19 Yom Kippur	20	21	22 Fall Begins
23	24	25 Mexican Train Dominos 12:30-4pm	26	27 Rummikub 1:30pm	28	29
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Waldron Landscaping is now here on Monday & Tuesday 1-4pm and Thursday & Friday 8am until 1pm.
Garbage, recycling & garden trash pickup is on Mondays.

