



# Chantarelle News

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Recently there have been promising reports of successful test results for several covid-related vaccines. Now the hard work of manufacturing and distributing the vaccines needs to occur. This is good news, but not a time to let our guard down. Keep social distancing and wearing masks.

Notable days this month include: Hanukkah (Thursday the 10th to Friday the 18th), Winter Solstice on Monday the 21st, Christmas Day on Friday the 25th, and New Year's Eve on Thursday the 31st.

Please take extra care, enjoy the holidays, and have a safe month.

## CONDOLENCES TO THE LAING FAMILY

The Chantarelle community extends its deepest sympathy to Diane Laing and her family on the passing of her husband Jim.

## PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Some of you have probably noticed the fence which is down at 170 Saint James along the path way and I want you to know that a contractor has been selected to re-do the entire fence soon.

I am encouraged by the recent news from various medical company's about progress they are making on the COVID vaccine. It is generally said that the vaccine availability will not be until late Spring or possibly Summer. We remain hopeful that many social activities will be able to resume by Summer 2021!

We can all be thankful for the gorgeous Fall weather we are having and the beautiful display of Fall colors outside. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a wonderful Holiday season.

~ Steve

## TREASURERS REPORT Through the end of October:

We are still doing very well financially this year and are under budget in most expense categories. In total we are under budget by about \$18,400 up through the end of October. Our operating cash stands at about \$93,000, which should be enough to cover any end-of-year surprises and also provide a healthy carryover to 2021.

## LANDSCAPING NOTES

Leaves, leaves, and more leaves! The trees are turning beautiful colors and leaves are beginning to fall. Our wonderful Waldron crew is working to keep our common areas clean but it is a never-ending job until the leaves have all fallen. Please be patient and know that they are working as fast as they can.

We began work on the change-over to drip irrigation in the planted areas. The first section included 26 heads replaced and 69 plants supplied with drip line. This was well within the dollar amount that we designated for the initial project and we gave authority to proceed to do another section. We will be keeping full account of the dollars spent and review future progress.

With the cool weather and moist overnights, watering has been reduced. Lawns appear in good shape and planted areas continue to do well.

We did a community walk-around with our arborist, Ryan Garrison, and completed a tree-trimming plan for the new year.

We have a complete list of work to do that residents have given us. Due to a very busy fall season, our community work will not be done until early 2021.

The update on the health of our Waldron crew is very good. Jose's uncle was hospitalized with Covid but is back home and doing well. Jose and Rogelio both tested negative before returning to work. I have talked with Luis and Jose Hernandez, Waldron's owners, and they were happy to let us know that no other employee in their crews has tested positive. We are so happy to hear that too. Just remember to avoid contact with the guys when they are here. If you have questions or concerns, just contact either Ben or me.

To all our friends and neighbors, stay healthy and safe and no matter how you are celebrating, enjoy your holiday.

~ Ben Jones (415-939-8955)

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~ Debbie Yamato. (415-696-2424)

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## SPECIAL NOTICE

If you have any problem with landscape, broken sprinklers, dead plants, etc., please do not call Waldron or our management company. Instead, please call Ben Jones or Debbie Yamato. If we don't answer leave a message; we do check.

## SAFETY & WELFARE

The Safety/Welfare Committee wishes you and your family happy and healthy holidays ahead.

As we await concrete information regarding COVID vaccines and vaccinations, please remember to keep up the good work of facial coverings, social distancing and hand hygiene.

Here are some tips from AARP regarding holiday planning:

- Evaluate your risk tolerance around contracting COVID-19.
- Try a virtual holiday meal, where you connect with loved ones by video chat.
- Establish ground rules for in-person gatherings that everyone agrees to follow.
- Assess risks posed by various methods of travel.
- Be transparent with family and friends about concerns, illnesses and expectations.

## Scam Alert!

I just received a phone call purporting to be from Amazon. The caller said an expensive item was ordered, and instructed me to call back, etc. **This is a scam.** I checked this out with Amazon Customer Support, and they've received many queries like mine. Do not reply to this scam call, or

any similar emails or texts.

## Haiku for Our Times

We isolate now /  
So when we gather again /  
No one is missing

Stay safe!

~ Peggy Owens, Coordinator,  
Safety/Welfare Committee  
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## DON'T FORGET TO OBTAIN ACC APPROVAL

Just a reminder that any change or alteration to the exterior of homes, windows, fences, garage doors, paint colors, gates or roofs must be approved by the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) BEFORE work begins. The full list of ACC guidelines and the application forms are available in the clubhouse, online at [Chantarelle.org](http://Chantarelle.org), from ACC committee members, and from Strong Management.  
~ Marty Greenman

## OUR NEWSLETTER

If you have ideas or articles that you would like to see in the newsletter, please email Tom at [thomasflinn@me.com](mailto:thomasflinn@me.com) or John Dodgshon at [john\\_dodgshon@hotmail.com](mailto:john_dodgshon@hotmail.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.

## CHANTARELLE WEBSITE

Our thanks to Mary Howland, who maintains our website. The website can be accessed at [www.chantarelle.org](http://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](mailto:char797@aol.com)

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## FROM THE NEWSLETTER STAFF:

My first year in Chantarelle has been wonderful, despite covid. We've found new friends and a truly great place to live. We've done a lot of work on our home and I've learned a great deal about maintenance. I'm going to share what I've learned about solar, attic fans, basement wrapping, landscaping, insulation, electricity and outdoor lights. I also consulted the handyman guide on our website and used a lot of information from the guide that was very helpful in improving our home.

I know it may be controversial but I like fruit cake! These cookies are based on Ina Garten's recipe that she got from a New York City caterer. However, these delicious fruitcake cookies are not controversial. Easy to make, just mix up, roll into a log, plastic wrap, freezer or fridge, slice, bake. Just like Pillsbury! Feel free to add what you like, you can keep a roll in the freezer for last minute guests or can bake just a few if you want. It's a very easy and forgiving cookie. A KitchenAid mixer makes it simple. I don't get a commission, but for \$200 on sale, a bargain.

Happy holidays to all my friends and neighbors. To those I haven't met, I hope to meet everyone in 2021. Keep baking! (Julia Child wrote that in a book signing, I only steal from the best).

~ Tom

## TOM'S RECIPE FOR FRUITCAKE COOKIES



**Prep** 30 m

**Inactive** 14 h

**Cook** 15 to 20 m

**Makes** 5 dozen small cookies

**Difficulty** Intermediate

**Source** Foodnetwork.com

### Ingredients

- 1/2 pound dried figs
- 1/4 pound raisins
- 2 ounces candied cherries, coarsely chopped
- 2 ounces dried apricots, coarsely chopped
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 2 tablespoons dry sherry
- 1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 6 ounces chopped pecans
- Kosher salt
- 1/2 pound (2 sticks) unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/2 cup superfine sugar
- 1/3 cup light brown sugar, firmly packed
- 1 extra-large egg
- 2 2/3 cups all-purpose flour

### Directions

Snip off the hard stems of the figs with scissors or a small knife and coarsely chop the figs. In a medium bowl, combine the figs,

raisins, cherries, apricots, honey, sherry, lemon juice, pecans, and a pinch of salt. Cover with plastic wrap and allow to sit overnight at room temperature.

In the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, cream the butter, cloves, superfine sugar, and brown sugar on medium speed until smooth, about 3 minutes. With the mixer on low speed, add the egg and mix until incorporated. With the mixer still on low, slowly add the flour and 1/4 teaspoon salt just until combined. Don't over mix! Add the fruits and nuts, including any liquid in the bowl.

Divide the dough in half and place each half on the long edge of a 12 by 18-inch piece of parchment or waxed paper. Roll each half into a log, 1 1/2 to 1 3/4-inch thick, making an 18-inch-long roll. Refrigerate the dough for several hours, or until firm.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

With a small, sharp knife, cut the logs into 1/2-inch-thick slices. Place the slices 1/2-inch apart on ungreased sheet pans and bake for 15 to 20 minutes, until lightly golden.

Per cookie (60); Calories: 101; Total Fat: 5 grams; Saturated Fat: 2 grams; Protein: 1 gram; Total carbohydrates: 13 grams; Sugar: 7 grams; Fiber: 1 gram; Cholesterol: 12 milligrams; Sodium: 7 milligrams

## 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.

## DECEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Hannukkah (Start)	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Hannukkah (End)	19
20	21 Start of Winter (Winter Solstice)	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		

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.