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There are no holidays or special days to report this month but our lovely pool is open and a great place to cool off during this hot weather. Everyone have a very happy month!

BOARD MEETING

There is no Board Meeting in August. The next Board Meeting will be in the clubhouse on Tuesday, September 20th commencing at 3pm.

TGIF PARTY

The next TGIF is on Friday, August 5th, 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.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

The end of July and the beginning of August can get very hot, so stay hydrated.

Backflow Issues: At the last HOA meeting on July 19th the backflow issues, concerns and requirements were discussed (loudly at times) and numerous questions, suggestions and clarification were presented. We do have to move ahead, so during the next few months, we'll begin to address the logistics of the backflow project. The number of homeowners (80) attending this meeting made it evident that passions are running high and we may not always like the outcomes. The one key point that I hope was conveyed is that the HOA is working for all of Chantarelle's 122 homeowners

and trying to do our best for all of you. It seems impossible at times and not everyone will be on the same page, but we continue to try each and every day.

I appreciate the emails, cards and good wishes that were conveyed to the HOA Board on July 19th and thereafter. Feeling your support makes our work, and my job as President, that much easier.

When I take a step back and look at the whole picture, it is gratifying to see what we have accomplished in our community.

Rules Review Committee:

Six years have passed since the last review committee looked at the CC&R's for the purpose of updating the Rules and Regulations. In 2010 12 homeowners served on this committee. We are looking for 12 homeowners to serve in this capacity in the near future. The pool rules, clubhouse rules and architectural control guidelines will be up for review. Please let any HOA Board member know if you are willing to serve on the 2016 rules review committee. Your wish to serve is the only requirement; diversity in background and experience would comprise the ideal group. We're hoping to start this endeavor as soon as feasible.

Volunteers: We have chosen this location and time in our lives to live in the Chantarelle community. The recent BBQ/Picnic was an example of more than 80 residents gathering to celebrate summer and our neighborhood. We are at a crossroads now that will determine what the future looks like in Chantarelle, so let's take control of

our destiny and get involved. Volunteers are welcome any time. Special thanks to the social and pool committees for enhancing our summer enjoyment. New activities will bring us closer together as a community, so if you have any ideas for activities, contact the Social Committee or HOA Board so we can expand and grow.

Stompers Game: Apropos of neighborhood spirit, Carol Colglazier (343-1510) is organizing a trip to the Sonoma Stompers game on Sunday, August 21st at 5pm. Please see her article below for full details.

Roadwork on Watmaugh:

We have found out that the roadwork that will be done on Watmaugh will entail the following: The County states that it is "full depth reclamation," which means a pavement rehabilitation technique in which the full flexible pavement section and a predetermined portion of the underlying materials are uniformly pulverized and blended together to produce a homogeneous stabilized base course (SBC). Be aware of delays starting soon on that road; an alternative route may be in order.

To recap: Please volunteer to be on the rules review committee, join us at the Stompers game and keep the faith that strengthens us as the community named Chantarelle. The pool looks great so enjoy! ~ Dave Owens

COME TO A SONOMA STOMPERS GAME!

Sunday, August 21, join your neighbors from Chantarelle for a

Stompers Game at 5pm. They play at the People's Home Equity Ballpark (Field of Dreams at Arnold Field) and the tickets will be between \$18.00 and \$16.00 depending on how many attend and will be in the Front Row Premium Reserved section that features Stadium Seats with backs. Please contact Carol Colglazier at 343-1510 by **MONDAY, AUGUST 8**, if you are interested.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

You are invited to attend ongoing Health and Wellness programs at 7 Flags Mobile Home Park Clubhouse at 300 International Blvd. On **Thursday, August 25, from 2:00 to 3:30pm** "Healing at Home" - Skilled Home Healthcare" will provide a nurse to do free blood pressure checks in the clubhouse library. No need to sign up, just stop by. On **October 13 at 2:00pm**, Allison Evanson, MS, RD, Registered Dietitian from Sonoma Valley Hospital, will discuss how food choices impact physical and cognitive health. Allison will outline the foundations of a healthy diet and discuss practical ways to improve nutrient intake. RSVP appreciated. Maggie Bedord (707) 939-0379 or email 7flagssocial@gmail.com. by **MONDAY, AUGUST 8**, if you are interested.

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE

Reminder to our residents: When filling an application with the Architectural Committee, please read the form from front to back and fill in all of the form, i.e.: contractor's name, address, phone number and license number. If you are hiring a handyman, we do need name, address, phone number. If cost is to be shared with the HOA, the cost of the project is to be included with attached drawings of the project,

if needed. Check with me if you have any questions. Always willing to be of assistance, Thank you, Pat Chace

LANDSCAPING NOTES

Hello, Chanterelle friends and neighbors. Here is your mid-summer landscape update from your faithful team, Debbie and Susan.

Loving our Lawns: We are pleased to say that the lawns are doing quite well considering the hot summer weather we all are encountering. The key to the success of the green lawns is that we have upped the watering cycles to six nights a week. The cycles run twice a night for 25 minutes each cycle. You may be wondering why is that, considering the fact that we are still in a water shortage, if not a full-on drought?

The answer is that our new sprinkler heads put out much less water than the old ones did. So by running the sprinklers more often, distributing less water during each watering session, the lawns are faring much better than they have in recent summers. While it is true that some lawns have bald spots and some lawns are browner than others, overall, the lawns are green enough to retain their loveliness. We intend to address the problematic lawn areas with our Waldron team in the fall when the summer heat has passed. But for now, we are celebrating the benefit that we are experiencing as a community with the new, more efficient and effective sprinkler heads for our lawns.

Coming Attractions: We will be doing some new planting in the autumn in front of a few homes and in some of our common areas. And there are a couple of redwood trees along Watmaugh Road that are not doing well. We are working with Atlas Tree Surgery from

Santa Rosa to address that problem.

This is our update for you for now. Take care and enjoy a beautiful August. ~ *Debbie & Susan*

STORYTELLING

Yes, the Adventure continues! On Wednesday, August 24th from 10 to 11 am. It's a drop in group. We are a lighthearted, easy-going, small gathering of folks. Each month we are creating an interesting way to share your own life experiences or experiences that have mattered to you over the years. And it's a way to enjoy experiencing the life journeys of your fellow Chantarelle friends and neighbors. Come explore with us if you are so inclined.

SAFETY & WELFARE NOTES

ATM Skimming Warning

Automated teller machine fraud has increased as crooks have turned their attention to ATMs now that security at retail stores is being bolstered by chip-enabled credit and debit cards, which are hard to counterfeit. The rise is caused by the proliferation and sophistication of inexpensive skimming technology. The crooks take an average \$650 from each card skimmed. The law limits your liability—but only if you report the crime quickly. Skimming is a crime in which criminals install illegal card-reading devices on ATMs, as well as gas pumps and other public-area machines that process debit cards. You put your card in, and the device "skims" your information from the card's magnetic strip. A nearby hidden camera records the PIN that you enter. The criminals then make duplicate cards to drain cash from your accounts, or they sell your card number and PIN on the black market. Stealthier and more

advanced skimmers include "shimmers," which wedge inside ATM slots to read data from chip-enabled cards.

Your defense: **Go to the**

bank: Although not immune to skimming, ATMs at banks are typically more secure—with their own 24/7 camera surveillance—and better maintained. Machines at convenience stores and other non-bank locations account for the majority of ATM compromises.

Inspect before using: Beware of ATMs whose card slots are a different color than the rest of the machine; have unusual equipment on the slot, keypad or sides, or overhead (which could hide a camera); or don't accept your card smoothly. If the slot is not securely attached, walk away. Newer ATMs have a flashing or steady light at the card slot. If it's obscured, suspect tampering.

Hide it: When entering a PIN, cover your hand as you press the numbers to protect personal information.

Keep close tabs on all payment cards: Most banks offer real-time alerts via text message or email on debit & credit card transactions.

Create a separate account: Open a smaller account, separate from your primary checking account, and use it exclusively for debit card transactions. If the account is skimmed, the lower balance would limit your losses.

Lower your daily limit. Banks generally set a daily limit for ATM withdrawals, but you can request to have the amount of the limit reduced—say \$100 or less per day—to prevent scammers from making successive withdrawals within minutes.

(Based on AARP Bulletin articles.)

ROAD SAFETY WARNING

(Submitted by Ann Young)

Law enforcement authorities in other states are concerned that

gangs and thieves are now plotting different ways to get a person (mostly women) to stop their vehicle and get out of the car.

One method: placing a child's car seat by the road and waiting for someone to stop and check it out. Note that the location is usually beside a wooded or grassy area. **DO NOT STOP FOR ANY REASON! DIAL 9-1-1 AND REPORT WHAT YOU SAW, BUT DON'T EVEN SLOW DOWN.** *Another tactic:* throwing EGGS at your windshields. If this happens, **DO NOT STOP TO CHECK YOUR CAR, DO NOT OPERATE THE WIPERS and DO NOT SPRAY ANY WATER** because eggs mixed with water become milky, and and block your vision up to 92.5%. You are then forced to stop and become a victim of these criminals.

RELAY FOR LIFE

The Sonoma Valley Relay for Life fundraiser for American Cancer Society will be held from 1pm Aug 27 to 10am Aug 28 at The Presentation School, 20872 Broadway, Sonoma. Live music, children's activities & entertainment will be featured, along with a silent auction and various craft items for sale. Food trucks will be available for dinner. There is no fee; donations are accepted. For further information contact Golly McGinty at 707-321-3290 or email c21golly@aol.com.

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MOVIE NIGHT

There will be no Movie Night in August.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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996-4817

Ron Yamato, Treasurer
415-305-1400

Pat Chace, Director
935-7301

Roger Young, Director
938-2582

CLUBHOUSE RESERVATIONS

To reserve the clubhouse for an event, please call Linda Jackson at 415-987-0021.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

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 number is 996-0661.

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 the Chantarelle Website to Mary Howland, 650-468-1119 or email her at: char797@aol.com.

CHANTARELLE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Yoga 10am		Bridge 12:30pm	Mah Jongg 10am	
Art Club 1pm				
Water Aerobics 11:30am	Water Aerobics 11:30am	Water Aerobics 11:30am	Water Aerobics 11:30am	Water Aerobics 11:30am

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Bunco 1-4pm	3	4	5 TGIF 5:45pm	6
7	8	9 MexicanTrain Dominoes 12:30-4pm	10	11	12	13
14 MexicanTrain Dominoes 12-4pm	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Sonoma Stompers Outing 5pm	22	23 MexicanTrain Dominoes 12:30-4pm	24 Storytelling <u>Adventure 10am</u>	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Waldron Landscaping is now here on Thursday and Friday 8am until 4pm.
Garbage, recycling and garden trash pickup is every Monday.

