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MARCH

We still need more rain to ward off another drought and hope that March will come to the rescue. Notable days this month include: Daylight Savings Time begins on the 11th; St Patrick's Day on the 17th; the First Day of Spring on the 20th; Good Friday and the start of Passover on the 30th. Everyone have a very happy month.

ST PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

Everyone is invited to Eat, Drink and Be Irish at a pot luck dinner in the clubhouse on Friday, March 16th, starting at 5:45. A flyer with details and a reservation form will be distributed. Please return your reservation form to Lois Rogers at 186 St. James Drive by Monday, March 9th.

HOA MEETING

The next HOA Meeting will be the Annual Homeowners Meeting, held in the clubhouse on **Tuesday, March 13th**, commencing at 3pm. All homeowners are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

HOA BOARD ELECTION

The HOA Board election is coming up this month. There are three vacancies and the Selection Committee has recruited three volunteers, whose resumes are shown below:

PROSPECTIVE BOARD MEMBER RON YAMATO

Ron was born in Utah and grew up in Los Angeles. He served in the US Army both stateside and in Vietnam and, upon returning home, attended California State

University at Los Angeles, where he obtained a BS in business while also working for the US Postal Service. He later became a Postal Inspector, performing criminal investigations and forensic audits. After serving a brief (but cold) stint in Detroit, he moved to the Bay Area in 1979. He retired from the Inspection Service in 2000 and started a second career managing a co-op building in San Francisco. Ron met his lovely partner in crime, Debbie, during this time and in 2014 they both pulled the plug and retired to beautiful Sonoma. Ron likes to travel and (surprise) work on the house.

PROSPECTIVE BOARD MEMBER MIKE DIETRICK

Mike was born in Philadelphia, PA, and grew up in Richmond, VA where he attended Benedictine High School and went on to graduate from the Virginia Military Institute in 1976 with a B.A. in English (he also holds an M.A. degree in International Relations from the Catholic University of America). He entered active duty in the U.S. Army initially as an Infantry officer and later transferred to Special Forces serving for twenty-seven years, retiring from active duty in 2003, after serving as the Garrison Commander at the Presidio of Monterey. Following his Army retirement, he worked as a contractor for the Department of Homeland Security with the U.S. Coast Guard's Atlantic Command. He then went to work for the U.S. Army in various capacities focused on facility and services

management (police, fire, safety, construction, maintenance, master planning, human resources, information technology and logistics) for Army installations in both Europe and the United States. Mike has been serving as a director on the HOA board filling in for a position vacated last year by Mike Hashii. He is also a member of the finance committee and has been involved in HOA support activities to include: pathway light replacement, maintenance planning, club decoration, pool area maintenance and participating in the development of our entrance sign replacement plan. He and his wife Laura moved to Chantarelle in 2014.

PROSPECTIVE BOARD MEMBER STEPHEN ROGERS

I was born in San Diego, CA and raised in the small town of Santa Paula, CA amid the citrus orchards. I graduated from a Catholic H.S. and then joined the Navy and served on a submarine on the East Coast. After my service to the Navy I went to college graduating from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. My main occupation was in Product Management in the Telecom Industry. My wife Lois and I have two daughters and 4 grandchildren ranging in age from 5-13 years. I am currently retired, keeping busy with home projects, taking road trips in our RV and living by the slogan, "Life is Good"!

TGIF PARTY

The next TGIF is at the clubhouse on Friday, March 2, starting at 5:45pm. All residents are invited and we look forward to seeing you there. Newcomers to our community are especially encouraged to come along, meet their neighbors, and make new friends. There is no admission charge, just bring a beverage of your choice and a small item of food to share.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Spring is just around the corner. As we march farther down the road, we see St. Patrick's Day ahead. (Don't miss out on our upcoming party!) In March we'll also see Daylight Saving Time return, as well as Palm Sunday and the beginning of Passover. The seasons are changing, and so will our HOA Board at the Annual meeting on March 13th. *(Please note the change to the second Tuesday of March this year.)* The last four years have gone very quickly for me as HOA President. We came through an earthquake and the recent October fires. Support from homeowners made it possible to strive to complete needed projects. Positive verbal and written comments from residents have reinforced what the HOA Board is trying to do for all of us. Board members are neighbors, too, and have more than a vested interest in the well being of Chantarelle.

This spring we will also have the pool resurfaced and the clubhouse and pool area lights updated. The lack of rain will probably mean that some water conservation will be needed and Debbie and Ben are looking out for the good of our beautiful scenic community, especially in this regard. In the meantime, Waldron stays on top of our landscape needs and makes us look the best that we can be. Those backflows had a life of their

own and still do. The present schedule sees our community beginning installation in the later summer into the fall of this year. This project did make it possible for our Board members to meet representatives of the surrounding communities to discuss this topic as well as other issues. Just recently, Ron Yamato and I met with Board members from Creekside, Temelec and Country Meadows to compare notes on projects and progress. This sharing strengthens our sense of community. This was especially true during the October fires. Five communities were looking out for one another during this time of crisis.

It is also nice to see so many homeowners at TGIF, the BBQ and the Holiday Party. New homeowners are very happy to be here in Chantarelle and that makes us as a Community a much better place. Looking back, there were certainly highs and lows, but each day brought a new start and another opportunity to do more for Chantarelle. As was mentioned in last month's newsletter, we encourage new homeowners to get involved and help Chantarelle to stay current and welcoming. I close with good wishes to all, and may we continue to progress as a vibrant Chantarelle.

~ Dave Owens

LANDSCAPING NOTES

Hello Neighbors. Well we are "Marching" through the winter with very little rain necessitating the use of our irrigation system for both the shrubs and the lawns. Since turning the system back on we have had several broken heads and unfortunately some issues with leaking and broken main lines. We are very lucky that our regular Waldron team can repair

many of the minor problems and the irrigation team has been able to come and repair the major problems. Please let either Ben or me know if you think you see a water problem near your home. The sooner we know about any potential problem, the sooner we can get it repaired and stop wasting our precious water. The entire trimming of the crab apples and crape myrtles has been completed and we are looking forward to a beautiful spring and summer bloom season. As you have noticed the crab apples have already started to bud out. As always, both Ben and I are available for any concerns that you might have regarding landscape issues. Please feel free to contact either of us.

There are no major projects planned for the next couple of months but we will keep you informed. Enjoy the sunny days and lets hope we have a wet Spring.

~ Ben Jones (415-939-8955)

~ Debbie Yamato. (415-696-2424)

AGE CERTIFICATION FORM

On page 5 you will find the AGE CERTIFICATION FORM. Please complete this form and return it to Strong Property Management, whose address is on the form.

SAFETY AND WELFARE NOTES

On Tuesday, April 17th, at 10 a.m., we will conduct an **earthquake drill** in Chantarelle. We had postponed our annual drill, usually held in October, as a result of the fires at that time. You will be given more information in the next newsletter, and a flyer with instructions will be sent out a week ahead of the drill. If you do not already have an orange "I'm OK" sign in your home, let me know and I'll give you one ahead of the drill.

We can still use more volunteers

for the drill, as well as for the Safety/Welfare committee in general.

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 11th. In addition to remembering to "spring ahead" with watches and clocks, this is a good time to check batteries in smoke alarms and CO alarms.

To minimize disruption to sleep patters during this transition, here are a few tips from sleep lady.com:

- Go to bed 15 minutes earlier than usual on the Thursday before DST begins.
- On Friday go to bed 30 minutes earlier than usual.
- On Saturday try to go to bed 45 minutes earlier than your usual bedtime.
- Eliminate all caffeine after 1:30 p.m. this week in order to make it easier to go to bed earlier.
- If possible, also avoid alcohol this weekend, which negatively affects sleep.

CLUBHOUSE REMINDER

Recently, food and drink have been left out in the clubhouse. We have had an "ant problem" in the past, and we do not wish to repeat that experience. So, please, if you use the clubhouse, discard or store leftovers and make sure counters are clean when you leave. Thank you for your help.

~ Peggy Owens,
Coordinator of Safety/Welfare
powens2@juno.com

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 new neighbors, please let Willy Hoekstra know so that she can contact them. Willy's phone 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 Chantarelle Website to Mary Howland, 650-468-1119 or email her at: char797@aol.com. Just a reminder that the **News page** of our website, www.chantarelle.org, contains important information about preparing for an emergency. We should all familiarize ourselves with this advice.

MANAGEMENT COMPANY

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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935-7301
Roger Young, Director
938-2582
Mike Dietrick, Director
757-375-8793

CHANTARELLE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			Mah Jongg 10am	
Art Club 1pm	Flex Exercise 4:30-5:30	Bridge 12 noon	Flex Exercise 4:30-5:30	

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
					TGIF 5:45pm	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Bunco 1-4pm				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Daylight Savings Begins		HOA Meeting 3pm			St Patrick's Day Party 5:45pm	St Patrick's Day
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Spring Begins				
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Palm Sunday		Mexican Train Dominoes 12:30-4pm			Good Friday Passover Begins	

Waldron Landscaping is now here on Monday & Tuesday 1-4pm and Thursday & Friday 8am until 1pm.
Garbage, recycling & garden trash pickup is on Mondays.

Lot # _____

Chantarelle Homeowners Association Age Certification

1. The age restrictions for occupancy of a lot ("lot") at Chantarelle Homeowners Association are set forth in Article VIII of the Association's Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restricts.
2. Federal law requires the Association verify the ages of all residents and requires identification be provided to support the information on this form.
3. Any guest that stays more the 60 days in any 12 month period is considered a resident under California law and must be included in this Certification.
4. Homeowners who are renting/leasing their homes must also comply with the policy and complete this form including copies of identification for each tenant.

AGE CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify, under penalty of perjury;

Please initial the applicable statement below AND attach a copy of identification (driver's license, California ID card, passport, birth certificate, immigration card, or similar ID) for all occupants.

_____ I am at least 55 years of age and every other occupant in the dwelling is at least 45 years of age, or is my spouse, or provides my primary financial or physical support, or is my disabled child or grandchild.

_____ I am the spouse or co-habitant (living as husband or wife) of the senior citizen by the name of _____ and all other persons residing with us are either 45 years of age, or provide primary financial or physical support, or is the disabled child or grandchild of the senior stated above.

_____ I am the person providing primary physical or economical support for the senior citizen named _____ and all other persons residing with us are either 45 years of age or older, the spouse of the senior named above, or the disabled child or grandchild of the senior named above.

I HEREBY CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Date _____

Name _____ **Signature** _____

Address _____

Return this form to: Strong Management, PO Box 1368, Sonoma, CA 95476

Attach copies of identification for each person residing in the Lot.