



Chantarelle News

Sonoma, California

Chantarelle
Homeowners'
Association

August 2017

Volume 27 #8

AUGUST

As has been noted previously, August is the only month without a major national holiday. However, there is a full moon to look forward to on Monday, August 7th and a new moon two weeks later on the 21st. Everyone stay cool and have a very happy month!

TGIF PARTY

The next TGIF is on Friday, August 4, 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.

HOA MEETING

There is no HOA meeting in August. The next HOA meeting will be held in the clubhouse on Tuesday, September 19.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Well here it is, August. The summer so far has been a very hot one. The blooms and fruit are growing and being enjoyed. Many people are enjoying the pool, and the new rails are coming in handy.

Backflow Update...

As you know, the HOA Board approved purchasing faux boulders to cover the backflow devices. Check out the larger rock at 104 South Temelec Circle to get an idea of what they'll look like. The boulders come in three different colors. The sample at 104 is called sandstone tan. The other two choices are riverbed brown and fieldstone gray. VOM has assured us these boulders will cover the installed backflow

devices. If you have decided to have this work done by VOM, your signed contract is now due. If you've decided to go with **Randy** at **Plumbing Service Company**, you'll need to send a check to them at **6400 Elvas Ave. Ste. A. Sacramento, CA 95819** in the amount of **\$550** by **August 10th**. Randy needs 50 Chantarelle homeowners to contract with him to start the project.

Creekside and Temelec HOA...

I have been in contact with Creekside & Temelec HOA Boards to discuss common concerns and topics and in our September Newsletter I will report back to you on those discussions.

Signage Update

Now that the rail project has been completed, we'll be concentrating our efforts on signage at the entrances to Chantarelle. Steve Rogers is assisting us in this next endeavor.

We want to thank Phyllis

Manning for her years of service to the ACC Committee and welcome **Linda Jackson** as our newly appointed member of this Committee. The Chantarelle Community continues to change and evolve, with new homeowners joining our community all the time.

Wheelchair Ramps

Please be aware that we have another wheelchair ramp that was donated by Bonnie Taylor to our HOA. Thank you, Bonnie. This sharing of resources makes us a stronger community. Our original donated ramp is now being used for the fifth time in just a few years.

Maintenance Review Committee

Speaking of needing assistance, one additional volunteer is needed to join Ron Yamato, Mike Dietrick and Paul Strong in our newly established Maintenance Review Committee. The group's main function will be to take notes and make recommendations concerning needed improvements throughout the neighborhood. You can assist us in keeping Chantarelle a premier community in looks and functionality. Let us know if you can help. No experience is needed, just the desire to be a part of our great community. Give me a call at 343-7087 if interested.

Car Parking

We were reminded at the last HOA Board meeting that cars are still being parked in driveways and not in the garage. The CCR'S state that "owners are to use their garages for parking of their vehicles . . ." Section 7.4 addresses what the garages can and cannot be used for. Each garage is expected to house two cars. It is not easy at times, but for the overall look of the community this would greatly help. Thanks in advance for your anticipated cooperation.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and all that is offered here in Sonoma.
~ Dave Owens

LANDSCAPING NOTES

Welcome to your August landscape update, friends and neighbors in Chantarelle! Hope you are staying as cool as possible on these warm summer days. Fortunately, all is going well

in the landscape arena here in our community. Here is the “hot off the press” news for you ...

Details About Our Chantarelle Trees

In July the two of us had the great pleasure of working with a marvelous tree consultant who has worked in the Valley of the Moon for many years. His name is John Meserve and his tree consultancy is based in Glen Ellen.

His first comment to us was about how pleased he was to observe the excellent condition of our trees. He offered the perspective that thanks to the quantity and great health of our community trees, each and every homeowner derives the benefit of increased home and property value, because well-tended mature trees add greatly to the overall beauty and desirability of a community of homes. Great news to hear from such an experienced tree consultant.

John was particularly impressed with how healthy our redwoods look. His comments regarding the redwoods also strengthened our understanding that redwoods live as a community. These native trees link roots and support each other, so that each individual tree lives in balance and has the strength it needs to thrive. That's why it is very damaging to remove an individual redwood from a grove of trees. It does increase the chances of other tree failure if we remove one.

We also learned that fortunately, trees do not need to be fertilized the way lawns and shrubs do. They draw enough nutrients, particularly nitrogen, from the soil and water to exist for their entire lifetime without supplemental fertilization, so that is really good news!

Thanks to John's recommendation, we will continue to treat our community's birch

trees on a yearly basis for the Birch Borer pest. That will ensure the longevity of these beautiful trees that create such a lovely park-like environment in front of our Clubhouse.

The ornamental pear trees that suffered a very bad infestation of fire blight two years ago still bear some dead branches from that ordeal. As John recommends, we are going to allocate enough funds from our tree-pruning budget to eliminate all the dead branches that still exist. There are so many that it has seemed beyond the scope of what we could afford, but ultimately, eliminating every one of these fire-blighted branches will help to ensure the longevity of our pear trees which bloom so beautifully in the spring and turn such gorgeous colors in the autumn.

John also confirmed our preference to allow the crepe myrtle to grow as actual trees, rather than be pruned way back to look like ice cream cones. We have already been moving our Waldron team in this direction with regard to the pruning of these lovely blooming trees, but now we have more guidance as to how to allow these trees to branch naturally into true trees in the coming years.

Moving Toward Organic Weed Management

As you may or may not already know, our Waldron team (like so many landscaping companies) has been utilizing Roundup for years to kill weeds. We have been working since the beginning of our service on the Landscape Committee to eliminate the use of this harsh chemical product in our neighborhood, but it has taken awhile to come up with a reasonable solution that keeps the weeding workload reasonable and at the same time is healthy for the ground and water.

This year we tried a white vinegar solution at the standard dilution of 5%, and so far it hasn't been entirely successful, so we are continuing to explore alternatives that are within budget and also entirely earth-friendly. Our first new alternative will be to up the amount of white vinegar to 15%, as we have heard that this concentration works more effectively. We'll see how it goes. If that doesn't work, then there are other organic weed-killing solutions, but these are more expensive.

Well, a longer than usual report from your landscape team, but hopefully this will be valuable and helpful information for us all to know.

May you have a beautiful month of August! ~ *Debbie and Susan*

SAFETY & WELFARE NOTES

* Thanks to the Board and especially the Ramp and Rails Committee for their work. The rails in the pool area look great and have already made people's lives easier and safer.

* Census forms have been distributed. Inadvertently, Hans Steuck's name was left on the form as contact person. However, the attachment clearly gives my name and contact information. We encourage everyone to submit their completed form ASAP.

During our October shakeout drill, we will be knocking on doors to remind those who have not sent in their form.

* We are still in need of more volunteers for our committee, especially to help during the shakeout drill.

* Be sure to check out the Chantarelle website (www.chantarelle.org) for two emergency preparedness brochures in the Safety and Welfare section on the Notice Board.

* Several of our residents have been on the receiving end of fake IRS calls. The IRS will never contact you via phone if there is a problem. You will always be notified by mail. See www.irs.gov for further information and warnings.

From the **FDIC Consumer News** via Hans Steuck:

This is an excerpt from the article "10 Scams Targeting Bank Customers":

Government "imposter" frauds:

These schemes often start with a phone call, a letter, an email, a text message or a fax supposedly from a government agency, requiring an upfront payment or personal financial information, such as Social Security or bank account numbers. "They might tell you that you owe taxes or fines or that you have an unpaid debt. They might even threaten you with a lawsuit or arrest if you don't pay," said Michael Benardo, manager of the FDIC's Cyber Fraud and Financial Crimes Section. "Remember that if you provide personal information it can be used to commit fraud or be sold to identity thieves. Also, federal government agencies won't ask you to send money for prizes or unpaid loans, and they won't ask you to wire money to pay for anything."

You may subscribe for free to the FDIC Consumer News at www.fdic.gov/consumernews.
~ Peggy Owens, coordinator,
Safety/Welfare Committee 343-7087 powens2@juno.com

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE NOTES

The ACC is welcoming Linda Jackson to its committee. Linda, who has a degree in Interior Design, will be assisting with creating an updated color chart for the ACC. Phyllis Manning, who has been on the committee for

several years, and spent many hours considering our residents' requests, has stepped aside. For twenty seven (27) years Phyllis has been a resident of Chantarelle and contributed in many ways to the concerns of our community, she served on landscaping, CC&Rs revising Rules and Regulations committees and ACC. Thank you for being an active, caring and contributing member of Chantarelle. ~ Pat Chace, ACC Chair

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 phone number is 996-0661.

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

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

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.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dave Owens, President
343-7087
Ron Yamato, Treasurer
415-305-1400
Pat Chace, Director
935-7301
Roger Young, Director
938-2582
Mike Dietrick, Director
757-375-8793

POOLSIDE BARBEQUE PICNIC

About 70 members & guests enjoyed the food last Saturday on a perfect summer evening beside the pool. Our thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the preparations, the cooking and the cleaning up.



Photos by Benny Lee

CHANTARELLE WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

AUGUST 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Bunco 1-4pm	2	3	4 TGIF 5:45pm	5 Clubhouse Reserved
6	7	8 Mexican Train Dominoes 12:30-4pm	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Clubhouse Reserved	21	22 Mexican Train Dominoes 12:30-4pm	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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