



Chantarelle News

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MAY

May appears to be another critical month in the fight against covid19. Perhaps this month we'll have some guidance from our state government about relaxing the strict rules that we have to follow..

Notable days include: Cinco De Mayo on Tuesday the 5th (of course), National Nurses day on Wednesday the 6th (they deserve all our thanks). Mothers Day on Sunday the 10th, Armed Forces Day on Saturday the 16th, and Memorial Day on Monday the 25th.

Everyone take good care while sheltering in place and have a safe month.

CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF ELLEN BLACK

The Chantarelle Community extends its deepest sympathy to the family of long-time Chantarelle resident, Ellen Black, who passed away in April. Ellen was a very active and valuable member of our community before moving to Sonoma Hills a few years ago.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

"Shelter in Place" gets old in a hurry, but the alternative is far worse, so better we continue to limit our exposure to others. As we stated in the last newsletter, all HOA activities have been

suspended, even the book exchange. Our pool contractor has been in contact with the County and will let us know when the County will allow us to reopen the pool.

You may have heard that some animals have now contracted Covid-19 (Tigers and domestic cats so far) which has resulted in some pet owners wishing to have their animals adhere to "social distancing". Please make sure while out walking your dog to get permission first from others before your pet races over to greet their dog.

Mike Dietrick has decided he no longer wants to serve on the HOA Board of Directors so we invite anyone who is interested in serving to let one of the board members know of your interest. The Board thanks Mike for all his outstanding contributions to Chantarelle. At some point we will appoint a new board member.

The Board agreed to handle the annual backflow testing mandated by the State. By having a contract for all the homes it saves you almost 50% and you don't have to worry about contacting the contractor and the water district. Ignore any letters from VOMWD or backflow contractors, we will take care of the work.

We have decided to delay our Board Meeting that had been scheduled for May into the future. There is no pressing business at this time and we would rather wait to see how the rules loosen up on Social Distancing. Ron will put a short Financial report in the newsletter to keep everyone posted. ~ Steve

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer's report thru the end of March

The Covid-19 crisis and subsequent stay-at-home restrictions have caused a lot of tragedy and hardship in Sonoma and around the world. One very small positive that has resulted from this, however, has been on the HOA finances, particularly the utilities category, which is below budget due to closing of the club house. We might expect a similar impact regarding the pool, which did not open as usual in April. The new opening date remains unknown at this time since it will depend on when the shelter-in-place restrictions are relaxed by the county. As for the other budget areas, we are under budget in all but one category, that one category being General and Administrative costs. We are still over budget due to having paid our liability and bond

insurance premium for the full year. However, this category should even out as the year progresses. In summary, for total expenses, we're under budget through the end of March by about \$9,200. Also, our operating cash position was about \$74,000. After deducting current liabilities of about \$10,500, we had a liquid cash position of about \$63,500, which should be sufficient to cover any surprises in the next few months. One area of concern is delinquent dues owed by several homeowners and which will be addressed by the board and the Management company in the upcoming month.

LANDSCAPING NOTES

Hello neighbors. We are still on lockdown, so there is not much to report. The Waldron crew continues to maintain the property. Please minimize contact with them to comply with social distancing rules.

Please keep an eye on your own plants, we have a lot of aphids right now. Maybe it has to do with less human presence and pollution.

~ *Ben Jones (415-939-8955)*
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~ *Debbie Yamato. (415-696-2424)*
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SAFETY & WELFARE

For now, life in the time of COVID-19 is our new normal.

Our Chantarelle community has shown good examples supporting the "stay at home" guidelines.

Our neighbors are doing their duty by staying home, limiting shopping visits, etc.

Some of us may feel a bit lonely and alone during our isolation. For those needing a little encouragement, or just needing a "listening ear," our state and county have phone lines just for those purposes:

FRIENDSHIP LINE

1-888-670-1360

SONOMA COUNTY WARM LINE:

COVID-19 Mental Health Warm Line Call (707) 565-2652 any day of the week from 10 am to 7 pm to speak to a trained professional.

Please continue to be mindful that there are many scams targeting us regarding government assistance, Social Security, miracle cures, etc. For accurate information, please continue to visit established, dependable sites, such as socoemergency.org.

The complete county order requiring facial coverings is on the web site. Meanwhile, here is the paragraph most relevant to us:

All persons shall wear facial coverings before they enter any indoor facility besides their residence, any enclosed open space, or while outdoors when the person is unable to maintain a six-foot distance from another person at all times.

Finally, if you suspect you may have contracted the virus, contact your physician or other healthcare provider. They will take it from there.

Stay safe and stay home.
~ *Peggy Owens, Coordinator, Safety/Welfare Committee*

NEW DIRECTORY

The 2020 Directory was delivered to all residents on April 20. Please check that your information in the new directory is accurate and complete and report errors to John Dodgshon at 933-8395 or john_dodgshon@hotmail.com.

REMINDER TO OBTAIN ACC APPROVAL

Exterior changes to homes, windows, fences, garage doors, paint colors, gates or roofs must be approved by the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) BEFORE work begins. Request forms are available in the clubhouse, online at Chantarelle.org, from ACC committee members and from Strong Management. Completed forms must be submitted to the ACC at least 30 days before the start of the project to allow time for review and follow-up. When projects involve common area fences shared by both the homeowner and the HOA, additional procedures mentioned in the May 2012 "Report on Common Area Fences" must be followed, including obtaining multiple bids. An additional item has been added to the ACC approval process regarding the display of flags. The American Stars and Stripes, individual

state flags, and seasonal/holiday flags may in most cases be flown without permission. Permission to fly other flags must be requested from the ACC. Adhering to ACC rules will ensure the continued coherence and beauty of the Chantarelle community, while at the same time maintaining the quality of life and desirability of residing here.

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 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.

NEWSLETTER

Please submit items for the newsletter to John Dodgshon, 933-8395, or email him at: *John_Dodgshon@hotmail.com*. Our thanks go to Cecilia Angel and Ann Young for their continued dedication to delivering the newsletter.

CHANTARELLE WEBSITE

Our thanks to Mary Howland, who maintains our website. The website can be accessed at

www.chantarelle.org.

It contains copies of important documents, including: CC&Rs,

Rules, minutes of HOA Meetings. Please check it out.

Please submit items for the Chantarelle Website to Mary

Howland, 650-468-1119 or email her at: *char797@aol.com*

MANAGEMENT COMPANY
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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CHANTARELLE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Dominos 12:30-4pm (3 rd & 5 th Tue only) Suspended		Mah Jongg 10am-2pm Suspended	
Art Club 1 - 4pm Suspended	Flex Exercises 4:30-5:30 Suspended	Bridge 12 - 4:30pm Suspended	Flex Exercises 4:30-5:30 Suspended	

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat				
		NOTICE			1	2				
	Due to the current crisis, the clubhouse will remain closed to all club and group activities until further notice.					May Day				
3						4	5	6	7	8
10						16				
Mothers Day	9	17	23							
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30				
	Memorial Day									

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.