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This month promises us lots of sunshine, with temperatures in the 80's and 90's. In normal times our lovely pool would allow us some relief from the heat. But, of course, these are not normal times, so everyone please take good care and have a safe month.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

First off, I would like to introduce Tom Flinn as our new Board member to fill the vacated position. We had a number of strong candidates for the seat so it was a hard choice but we know Tom will be a great addition to the Board.

Prior to Covid, the Board had selected the, "Resident of the Year" to honor at our next meeting. Unfortunately, the meeting was put on hold for COVID shelter in place, we thought this would pass shortly, and agreed to wait on the announcement. Since we now know that it will be a long time, I would like to announce our resident of the year: Mary Howland. Mary is one of our unsung hero's working in the background but filling a much-needed role. Mary takes care of our Web site that is both beautiful and informative. Take a look at www.chantarelle.org to find all kinds of useful information about our

community. Congratulations and Thank You to Mary from all of us!! ~ Steve

TREASURER'S REPORT

We are still doing well financially through the end of June. We are under budget in all expense categories except for General and Administrative costs, where we are still over budget mainly due to having paid our liability and bond insurance premium for the full year. However, the overage has been going down as the year progresses. Overall, we are under budget by about \$18,309.00. Our operating cash, minus current liabilities, is still in the \$68,000 range, so we are in good shape in that area as well. I'm expecting continued cost savings for the rest of the year, but not quite as much as that in the first half, as our summer and fall months usually generate more expenses, particularly in the landscaping category.

~ Ron Yamato

LANDSCAPING NOTES

Hello neighbors. As the summer progresses, we hope that you and your families are staying healthy and doing well. This is a difficult and uncertain time for all of us. Things are going well with all of our landscape and problems have been at a minimum. The

lawns have been having some issues and we are working with the Waldron office crew to try and find out the possible cause. Please know that we are working on the problem. Just a couple of reminders. If you are having any contact with the Waldron crew please remember to social distance and if needed wear your mask. As mentioned before, we will be putting together our fall planting program this month so if you have not already contacted either myself or Ben and you would like to have your front area refreshed please email or call either one of us. We would love to meet with you and discuss new ideas. This also goes for any community trees near your home that will need trimming in the late fall plan. Stay safe and healthy and enjoy the remainder of the summer.

~ Ben Jones (415-939-8955)
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~ Debbie Yamato. (415-696-2424)

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A THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you so much for the condolences my neighbors and friends sent to me regarding the passing of my daughter. Your kind words and concern have meant so much. Hugs to all of you, ~ Pat Chace

BACKFLOW INSPECTIONS, COURTESY OF THE HOA

As most of you have probably noticed, all of the backflow devices in Chantarelle underwent the required annual inspections this past May. As mentioned in previous newsletters, the HOA board of directors had voted to arrange and pay for these inspections as a group event rather than burden the individual homeowners with setting up the inspections on their own. Not only did this save Chantarelle homeowners time and trouble, it also saved each homeowner money. Having the inspections done as a one-time group event cost the HOA \$25 per device, or about \$2.10 per homeowner per month. On the other hand, had it been left up to each homeowner to arrange and pay for the inspections on their own, the cost could have ranged anywhere from \$50 on up. The board believes we can absorb this extra cost this year due to the extraordinary events that have led to lower expenses so far this year. Owing to the minimal cost per homeowner, the board will try to absorb this cost on a year-by-year basis. However, be aware that this extra expense, in conjunction with other increases due to normal inflationary factors, will eventually have to be passed on to homeowners in the form of a dues increase.

~ Ron Yamato

SAFETY & WELFARE

There are so many aspects of the coronavirus pandemic over which we have no control. There are, however, measures

that we all can continue to take to ameliorate the situation for ourselves, our families, and our friends and neighbors. Here is some advice from AARP.ORG:

- Continue to practice social distancing. Staying at least six feet away from others is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick, such as older adults.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick, even inside your home. · If you must go out in public, wear a mask.

- Avoid crowds, particularly in confined and indoor spaces.

- Wash your hands often, for at least 20 seconds — or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol — especially after you've been in a public place or sneezing, coughing or blowing your nose.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily, including tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets and sinks.

- Monitor your health. Be alert for symptoms such as fever, cough, shortness of breath and other signs the CDC has identified. If symptoms develop, take your temperature and follow CDC guidance.

A statement from the World Health Organization reminding us of our individual responsibility regarding COVID-19: "We're asking everyone to treat the decisions about where they go, what they do and whom they meet with as life-and-death decisions — because they are. It may not be your life, but your choices could be the difference between life and death for someone you love, or for a complete stranger. We all have a part to play in protecting ourselves and one another from COVID-19."

Please do your utmost to stay safe and healthy. There will be better days ahead.

~ Peggy Owens, Coordinator,
Safety/Welfare Committee

CARS, CARS, CARS ...

Dear Car Enthusiasts of Chantarelle-Temelec-Creekside, My wife Valerie and I are quite happy to have joined this lovely community as of March 5 of this year. As I run or jog around the neighborhood, an added benefit has been observing the collections of interesting automobiles. My observances so far include: a 1967 Alfa Romeo Spider; some late model BMW 3 Series; BMW Z4's; a 1999 Mercedes SL500 and (little brother) 2005 350SLK; a 1972 Corvette; 1968 and 1973 VW Squarebacks; a 1965 Cadillac; a 1985 Chevy El Camino; two Jaguar S-Types and an XK8 (in the same house); a 90's vintage (I think) Chevy Monte Carlo Daytona Edition, complete with checkered flag paint job; a

Porsche 968 race car; a new Jag electric SUV; a 90's Ferrari F355; a sprinkling of Tesla's, Audi's, more Porsches, and more MB's; and some primo condition less "exotics" (but still your babies) like Toyota Prius'es (Priusi?) and Honda Accords (which are starting to look BMW-ish). Frankly, everyone is a car enthusiast, no matter what you own.

There's certainly potential for a pretty good community car show once this pandemic subsides. I know neighbors Steve and Len were working on this but had to abort. In the meantime, I would like to write a series of columns in the Chantarelle News about our cars, i.e. YOUR cars. If there are separate newsletters for Creekside and Temelec, I am confident this can be shared. I am soliciting your participation. Could you write a paragraph about your automobile(s)? Include the basics: makes & models; years; mileage; how long have you owned? Add any special stories, as you like. I shall use only your first names, and no addresses. This is about the cars, not us. What do you think?

You can send me an email, call me, drop a note in my mail box, whatever is easiest for you. I am also hand delivering this letter to some mailboxes who may not receive the Chantarelle News. Happy motoring, ~ Joel

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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.

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

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CHANTARELLE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Dominos 12:30-4pm (2 nd & 4 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
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9	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.					15
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23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29

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.