



# Chantarelle News

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## FEBRUARY

February usually provides us with a mixture of rain and sunshine as the year continues its march into spring. Notable days include: Super Bowl Sunday on the 2nd, Valentine's Day on Friday the 14th, Presidents Day on Monday the 17th, Mardi Gras on the 25th & Ash Wednesday the 26th. Everyone have a happy month.

## PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Hard to believe that we are already coming up to February, and before we know it spring will be here with flowers blooming and sunny skies. Much as we dog walkers don't like doing the duty in rain, we do still need more, so hopefully that will happen in the coming weeks.

With the gloomy weather we have been having, I began actively working on going through the many boxes of old HOA papers in the storage shed. Many of these sorted papers will make their way to a shredder. One of the file cabinets has been emptied out and is no longer needed. If anyone is interested in having it please email or call me and let me know.

The results came back from our library survey showing that a fair number of residents do use the library, but they also felt that

one large bookcase was enough. With this in mind, what I would like to see happen is someone to volunteer to be the librarian, to keep the books in order, and also find out if there is any interest in the community for things like audio books or large print books. We do have room in the storage shed to keep additional books which would allow the librarian to periodically rotate books. Please let me know if you would like to volunteer to take on this position.

The elections are coming up for nominating new Board Members. If you are interested in running you need to have your information to Paul Strong by February 1st. Our annual meeting will be held on March 24th this year.

Finally on a more somber note we want to send our condolences to the families of both Carolyn LaFave and more recently Mary Lou Blackfield. We shall miss them both.  
~ Steve

## NEW DIRECTORY

The 2020 issue of the Chantarelle Directory is due to be printed in March. If you have moved to Chantarelle since March 2020 or if your details in our 2019 Directory are not accurate, please email

*john\_dodgshon@hotmail.com* with: name(s), address, phone number(s) and email address. If you don't have access to email, please send the information to John Dodgshon at 126 St James Drive.

## FIRST FRIDAY PARTY

The next party is at the clubhouse on Friday, February 7th, starting at 5:45pm. All residents are invited. There is no admission charge, just bring a beverage of your choice and a small item of food to share.

## BOARD MEETING

No Board Meeting is scheduled for February. The next one will be the Annual Homeowners Meeting on March 24.

## LANDSCAPING NOTES

Hello Neighbors. As this month begins, we are seeing our Waldron crew working hard to prune our crabapples and our lovely crape myrtles. We will be reducing the height of the crape myrtles to keep them within the 15 foot height limit requested by Waldron. If they are any higher their insurance does not allow the crew to work on them.

Additionally, Art and Science is completing the second half of their work on the large trees around the community. All this is being done to prepare for a lovely spring blooming and

leafing out.

The planting project for the late fall was completed in January and 10 homes received a refreshment of their front landscaping. We will be looking at a late spring review of homes so now is the time to let us know if you would like to meet with us and discuss your ideas for an update.

With all the rain and cold many of the existing plants and shrubs are look a little the worse for wear. As we get closer to spring the crew will be cleaning out dead and poor looking areas and make them ready for the warmer weather and new growing season. Please be patient; things will look better.

As always, please feel free to contact either of us with any concerns or questions. Stay warm and dry.

~ Ben Jones (415-939-8955)

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~ Debbie Yamato. (415-696-2424)

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## **SAFETY & WELFARE**

### **Credit Card Scam**

This latest scam especially targets owners of newer "chip" cards. The FTC is warning that con artists are impersonating card issuers and sending emails requesting personal and financial information, or asking that you click on a malware-laced link before being issued a new card. The fraudsters are sending emails — purporting to be from companies such as American Express — that convincingly use the company's

logo and color scheme, and even have footer links such as "View Our Privacy Policy" and "Contact Us."

No credit card company will email or call you to verify personal info it already has on file before mailing a new card. (At most, you'll get a letter in the mail saying it will arrive soon.) If you're ever unsure, simply call the number on the back of your card (not the one supplied by the email) and ask the company if it's trying to contact you.

### **Generator for Clubhouse?**

The HOA has given the "go ahead" for us to look into getting a generator for the Clubhouse in the event of an outage. The idea came from our neighbor Sharon Barncord, who gave a very convincing presentation at the last HOA meeting. If you have any information, ideas or opinions about the topic, please contact me at [powens2@juno.com](mailto:powens2@juno.com). Also, if you wish to be added to our emergency email group, send me a message at the same address.

~ Peggy Owens, Coordinator,  
Safety/Welfare Committee

## **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CLASSES**

Are you ready for Sonoma County's next disaster? Learn what you need in your emergency kit, create a solid evacuation plan and establish your sources of information and community support system by attending classes at your local library. The Sonoma County Library is hosting the Emergency Preparedness:

Sonoma Ready Series to spread the message of emergency preparedness to members of the community. The series is a collaboration with the Sonoma County Department of Emergency Management and Listos (a grass-roots disaster preparedness program) and will be held at our local Sonoma Valley Regional Library & at other branches, giving residents the chance to learn what to do to be sure they can stay safe and keep their families safe during the next power outage, fire, earthquake or whatever comes our way. Each branch will host three separate classes on topics relating to emergency preparedness:

\* *Emergency Kits and Go Bags*

\* *Emergency Planning for families & pets... and*

\* *Sources of Information and Community Support.*

Sonoma Ready Series events are free and open to all. The series is made possible by the Measure Y sales tax, the community's investment in free public libraries.

Upcoming Events:

\* Emergency Preparedness: Emergency Planning for families & pets 6:30 - 8:00pm on these dates: 2/5/20 & 2/26/20

\* Emergency Preparedness: Sources of information and community support 6:30 - 8:00pm on these dates: 2/12/20 & 3/4/20

\* Emergency Preparedness: Emergency Kits and Go Bags 6:30 - 8:00pm on these dates: 2/19/20 & 3/9/20.

~ Peggy Owens, Coordinator,  
Safety/Welfare Committee

## **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](http://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 March 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.

## **CALLING ALL POKER PLAYERS!**

There has been some interest expressed in starting a regular poker game at the clubhouse. The initial thought is it would be held once a month at the clubhouse. All the other details will be decided when we have enough interested parties. Then we can meet and work out details like what day and time, what games to play, etc. If interested, call Ron Yamato at 415-305-1400 or send him an email at [walk1103@yahoo.com](mailto:walk1103@yahoo.com).

## **NEIGHBORHOOD BOOK CLUB**

Bonny Taylor is organizing a neighborhood fiction-only book club, where members would take turns hosting the meetings in their home. It would be the 2nd Wednesday of the month, at 4pm. If you're interested, please call or text Bonnie at (707) 217-6140.

## **MANAGEMENT COMPANY**

Strong Property Management  
PO Box 1368, Sonoma, 95476  
Paul Strong 933-9151  
Email: [paul@strongmgt.com](mailto:paul@strongmgt.com)  
24 hour Emergency Number:  
1-800-359-2362.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Steve Rogers, President  
771-9290  
Mike Dietrick, Vice-President  
757-375-8793  
Ron Yamato, Treasurer  
415-305-1400  
Roger Young, Secretary  
938-2582  
Pat Chace, Director  
935-7301

## CHANTARELLE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<b>Dominos</b> <b>12:30-4pm</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tue only) ctct: Peggy Owens		<b>Mah Jongg</b> <b>10am-2pm</b> contact: Peggy Owens	
<b>Art Club 1 - 4pm</b> Contact Shelley Lawrence	<b>Flex</b> <b>Exercises</b> <b>4:30-5:30</b> ctct Peggy Owens	<b>Bridge 12 -</b> <b>4:30pm</b> Contacts: Phyllis Manning/Terrie Zall	<b>Flex</b> <b>Exercises</b> <b>4:30-5:30</b> ctct Peggy Owens	

## FEBRUARY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <b>Super Bowl Groundhog Day</b>	3	4 <b>Bunco</b> <b>1-4pm</b> ctct Russelle Johnson	5	6	7 <b>First Friday</b> <b>5:45pm</b>	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 <b>Valentine's Day</b>	15
16	17 <b>Presidents Day</b>	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 <b>Mardi Gras</b>	26 <b>Ash Wednesday</b>	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.

