



# Chantarelle News

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Chantarelle  
Homeowners'  
Association

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## **MAY**

May is a big sports month, bracketed by the Kentucky Derby and the Indy 500 and with lots of basketball, baseball & hockey in between! Notable days include: Cinco de Mayo on Thursday the 5th; Mother's Day on Sunday the 8th; and Memorial Day on the 30th. Enjoy Memorial Day weekend and have a very happy month!

## **TGIF PARTY**

We're hoping to celebrate TGIF this month with a *Cinco de Mayo* theme. We encourage you to join in the spirit of things by bringing a food item with Mexican flair. Margaritas will be provided or you can bring your own beverage. The party starts at 5:45pm on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

Hello Chantarelle Homeowners! May is here and so is spring. Some rains have come, as well as some heat, and lawns and flowers are flourishing. What a nice time of the year. The pool is now open. The old pool filters have been replaced, which should improve swimming conditions. The small windows in the clubhouse were replaced since they were fogged up for the past few years, new locks are now in place, and the parking spaces in front of the clubhouse will be resurfaced by the time you read this. The Clubhouse is all ready for spring and beyond.

The Nyberg Crew has completed installation of new lawn sprinkler heads, so greener times are ahead. Conservation is the water buzzword. I am still using rain barrel water that I collected from recent rains, so I'm trying to do my part. Homes continue to be sold, and our lucky new neighbors will see first-hand what Chantarelle is all about. The Board and Landscape committee recently met with a Sacramento contractor regarding backflow installations. He recently completed backflow installations at Sonoma Greens, so he has experience and knowledge about this issue. Backflow installations are to be completed by November 2017 to be in compliance with state law. This contractor would also be our technical advisor with the Valley of the Moon Water District, which needs to sign off on this requirement. We would encourage you, if you have friends in Sonoma Greens, to get their take on this project. We will also be contacting the managers of Sonoma Greens and Creekside for further information. Just over 17 months ago, we met with representatives of the six neighboring communities (which total approximately 1200 homeowners) to get the specifics. Following that meeting, we had our own

Chantarelle meeting with VOM reps. If you remember, we had standing room only when the VOM made their presentation to us in our Clubhouse. Your elected HOA Board members continue to try to get the best possible outcome for you in terms of cost, efficient installation and aesthetics. Time will tell what the outcome will be. At the May 17th HOA meeting, we will discuss Chantarelle's status regarding this state requirement. The HOA Board wishes all Moms a very Happy Mother's Day and we hope you and your families will enjoy the day and count your blessings. We are trying once again to get needed volunteers for the Pool committee and the Health & Safety committee. The only requirements are your willingness to help your fellow homeowners and your community and a few hours of your time. No prior knowledge or skill is needed. We are all volunteers on the Board and the various committees, and we need and welcome your help as we strive constantly to improve the quality of life here in beautiful Chantarelle. The rewards will be worth your efforts. Enjoy this blossoming spring in our lovely community. How lucky are we?  
~ Dave Owens

## **BOARD MEETING**

The next Board Meeting will be in the clubhouse on Tuesday, May 17th, starting at 3pm. All homeowners are encouraged to attend. The meeting includes Open Forum which affords all attendees a three-minute opportunity to express ideas on any subject relating to the Association.

## **LANDSCAPE NOTES**

Hello Chantarelle friends and neighbors! Isn't this spring just getting more and more beautiful as the weeks unfold? Thank you, thank you, winter rains! We are so blessed. The blooming beauty brings us all such joy. Here's your hot-off-the-press Landscape update.

### **New sprinklers are in!**

Yes, indeed, the Nyberg Landscaping crew completed the installation of our new and highly water-efficient lawn sprinkler heads in early April, and we are already experiencing the benefit of their water efficiency. Because the rainy season is tapering off and the days are becoming warmer, the irrigation is now on and the sprinkler heads are gracefully sweeping their way over our lawns every time they come on.

### **Current irrigation schedule**

All irrigation is occurring during the night. Lawns are currently being watered three nights a week. The shrubs in front of our homes are being watered two nights a week. If you happen to notice anything at all that looks amiss with the irrigation: broken sprinkler heads, water where it shouldn't be, standing water, etc., please let one of us know at your earliest convenience.

Together we can continue to be excellent conservers of our precious resource of water.

### **New planting**

Now that the irrigation is back on, we have purchased the plants to replace those that didn't make it after last year's spring planting. Most of you who are having a plant replaced should see the results in your front yard already!

### **Tree update**

There are several trees in our neighborhood that are in need of removal. There are three dead Redwood trees along Arnold drive and a dead Birch in front of the clubhouse. Debbie and I are in the process of taking bids for the removal of these trees, so soon these eyesores and potentially dangerous trees will be gone from the neighborhood. Included in the bid will also be the significant pruning of most of the Liquid Amber trees in the neighborhood. These trees aren't diseased or dying, but pruning them will help to greatly reduce the number of small round spiky balls that are a product of the Liquid Ambers' yearly growth cycle. No doubt many of you will be pleased with this improvement in our tree situation.

Well, that's all we have to share with you at the moment. Thank you for your continued support of the two of us as we do our part to help Chantarelle be ever-more beautiful for all of us. Have a terrific month of May!  
~ *Debbie and Susan.*

## **NEW NEIGHBORS**

Please welcome our new neighbors:

**Richard Leon & Victoria Hunt**

25 South Temelec Circle

**Diane Ghilotti**

175 St. James Drive

Phone: 935-1160 (c)815-0079

## **ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE NOTES**

Steve Callagy has done a great job replacing Terri Zall's common area fence which was blown down by the heavy winds we had this winter. Many thanks to Steve for the good workmanship, but especially so for passing along his contractor's discount on the price of the fencing materials, and also for not charging our residents and the HOA for the staining of the fences. Much appreciation from Pat Chace, ACC Chair and committee members Phyllis Manning and Russelle Johnson.

## **A NOTE FROM PAT CHACE**

Many thanks to my friends and residents of Chantarelle for their get well cards and offers of help on my convalescence upon returning home from several days in the hospital. You are all wonderful and greatly appreciated. Each day is better because of you.

*Pat Chace*

## **VINTAGE HOUSE SINGERS**

Songs from the "Fabulous Forties" will be brought back to life by Sonoma's Vintage House Singers at its Spring concert on Friday, May 6th, 2-4 p.m., at Stone Hall in Vintage House. No charge for admission but donations are accepted.

## MOVIE NIGHT

The movie for May is *Bridge of Spies*, starring Oscar winners Tom Hanks and Mark Rylance, to be shown in the Clubhouse at 7pm on Wednesday, May 18. Plot summary: During the Cold War, an American lawyer is recruited to defend a Soviet spy in court, and then help the CIA facilitate an exchange of the spy for the captured American U2 spy plane pilot, Francis Gary Powers.

## A NEW OFFERING FOR THE CHANTARELLE COMMUNITY Come explore a Storytelling Adventure!

Hello, it's Susan again. You know me from our Landscape Committee, and yes, I love plants and the beauty of nature in all its miraculous expressions in our world. What you may not know is that I also love storytelling, especially the stories of our lives. We humans are engaged in storytelling all the time, both inside our own minds and in the world we share with others. Having been a life coach for over two decades, I've learned how to help folks shape their personal stories in ways that give more meaning and mattering to the living of life. It is a very fun and creative process! So I'm starting a Storytelling Adventure here in our Chantarelle community. It will be a monthly gathering at the Clubhouse. Each get-together will focus on a different topic, offering the opportunity for each one who joins us to explore their own life stories through different lenses and learn more about the art of

storytelling. First Storytelling Adventure will be on Thursday, May 19th from 10 to 11 am. Please RSVP if you plan to join us by either calling me at 415.515.7330 or emailing me at [susanmoreschi@me.com](mailto:susanmoreschi@me.com). I would love to have you join us!

## TRANSCENDENCE THEATER

The Transcendence Theater Company begins its summer season in June. If anyone is interested in attending as a group, please call Carol Colglazier at 343-1510.

## 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 number is 996-0661.

## SAFETY & WELFARE

The Association is still looking for a volunteer to replace Hans Steuck as head of the Safety & Welfare Committee. Please contact Dave Owens if you are interested in this important position.

And now a warning from the National Council on Aging about a telephone scam that is circulating: **The grandparent scam**. This scam is so simple and so devious because it uses one of older adults' most reliable assets, their hearts. Scammers will place a call to an older person and when the person answers, the scammer will say something along the lines of: "Hi Grandma, do you know who this is?" When the unsuspecting grandparent guesses the name of the

grandchild the scammer most sounds like, the scammer has established a fake identity without having done a lick of background research. Once "in," the fake grandchild will usually ask for money to solve some unexpected financial problem (overdue rent, payment for car repairs, etc.), to be paid via Western Union or MoneyGram, which don't always require identification to collect. At the same time, the scam artist will beg the grandparent "please don't tell my parents, they would kill me." While the sums from such a scam are likely to be in the hundreds, the very fact that no research is needed makes this a scam that can be perpetrated over and over at very little cost to the scammer.

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## CHANTARELLE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Yoga 10am	Mah Jongg 10am	Bridge 12:30pm		
Art Club 1pm	Flex Exercise Class 4:30pm		Flex Exercise Class 4:30pm	
Water Aerobics 1pm	Water Aerobics 1pm	Water Aerobics 1pm	Water Aerobics 1pm	Water Aerobics 1pm

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Bunco 1-4pm	4	5	6 TGIF 5:45pm	7
8 Mother's Day	9	10 Mexican Train Dominoes 12:30-4pm	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Board Meeting 3pm	18 Movie Night 7pm	19	20	21
22	23	24 Mexican Train Dominoes 12:30-4pm	25	26 Rummikub 1:30pm	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day	31				

Waldron Landscaping is now here on: Monday 8am-12 noon, Tuesday 8am-4pm and Thursday & Friday 1-4pm.

Garbage, recycling and garden trash pickup is every Monday.