



Chantarelle Gazette

Chantarelle Homeowners' Association Newsletter

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WELCOME TO JULY 2023

Welcome to July 2023. On July 4th we celebrate the birth of the United States of America, Independence Day. I have a new American flag that will make its appearance on the 4th. The Club House will be celebrating with a Potluck for all to attend. The 14th is Bastille Day, celebrating the French declaring their own independence. Look for sales at Yves Delorme outlet for linens. French restaurants will have special celebratory treats too. Enjoy the summer, the blooming gardens and our beautiful sunny Sonoma weather.

--Tom Flinn

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

We have had several complaints about the condition of some of our homeowners' lawns. At our last Board Meeting it was decided that we would have an impartial survey by our Waldron crew of all the lawns in Chantarelle to identify the worst 3-5 lawns. We will then get quotes for those particular lawns and the Board will make a decision at the July Board meeting on whether there are sufficient funds to repair them. With all our plentiful rain this Winter, most of the lawns look pretty good! Although we are being encouraged to reduce all our lawns there have been no directives from the State that would force us to remove lawns in our yards. I do not see in the near term any regulation or order that will force us to comply. That being said, it is still good to have a plan in place with a good understanding of

the costs associated with transforming our lawns to plants.

We are, however, under orders from the State to discontinue the watering of decorative turf in the HOA common areas. Although there is no enforcement at this time, and there are ways to have some exceptions. We do, however, need to start planning for the removal of some lawns in the common areas and figure out how we will pay for this transition. We encourage ideas from the Community on using the current common spaces around the clubhouse and pool for alternative uses.

We are still accepting applications for residents that are interested in serving on the landscape committee. The landscape committee is an extremely important position, especially if we are confronted by more droughts that force us to change our current landscape.

--Steve Rogers

TREASURER'S REPORT

Through the end of May 2023

We had one reserve expense in May involving the shaving of concrete "bumps" in HOA walkways, but our reserves are still in good shape, amounting to about \$514,235. We were under budget in our operational expenses by about \$6454. However, we've been notified by our landscape contractor of a significant increase in the monthly maintenance fee starting this month. That, coupled with the completion of the fire prevention tree trimming project in June, as well as other inflationary increases that have occurred this year, means that we will be keeping a close watch on expenses for the remainder of the year. Our operating cash, less current liabilities, stands at about \$31,573, but this will be reduced significantly when our arborist cashes the final check on the tree trimming project. There were

two delinquent accounts during the month, and Strong Management is in contact with the homeowners or their representatives to resolve the situation.

--Ron Yamato

LANDSCAPING NOTES

Dear members of the community,

It is with a mix of gratitude, nostalgia, and excitement that I write this final message from the landscape committee. After dedicating nine years the time has come for me to bid farewell. I feel privileged to have worked in this capacity as a committed homeowner dedicated to the community's beauty and functionality.

Throughout these years I have witnessed the transformation of our surroundings, enhancing both the aesthetic appeal and efficiency of our beloved community. However, as one chapter comes to a close, another one eagerly awaits. Change is an inevitable and essential part of growth. Now, more than ever, we must welcome new ideas, fresh perspectives, and innovative approaches. As I step away from my role, I have complete confidence that our community will continue to thrive under the guidance of new, capable, and passionate successors. Thank you once again for an unforgettable nine years. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve every one of you. I look forward to witnessing the continued growth and prosperity of our community from a different vantage point.

With heartfelt regards,

--Debbie Yamato 415-696-2424

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CHANTARELLE SOCIAL ACTIVITY

Please come and join us on Tuesday July 4th for a Potluck Lunch at the Chantarelle Clubhouse. Doors will open at 12:30. We would like to ask you to bring one lunch item to share, plus your favorite beverage. We plan to dine out by the pool area, weather permitting, otherwise indoors. Hopefully you can join us!!

This luncheon will replace our usual "First Friday" gathering, so there will be NO "First Friday" July 7th.

--Lois Rogers, Social Chair

SAFETY & WELFARE

Although we haven't experienced that really warm summer weather yet, it will be arriving soon. Here are some safety tips for when the hot days arrive:

From the Council on Aging (COA.org)

Seniors have health risks that need to be monitored, especially in the heat of the summer. Below are tips to keep seniors safe and healthy in the rising temperatures of the summer months.

Stay hydrated.

Drink eight or more glasses of water and/or fruit juices every day to stay hydrated. Avoid alcoholic and caffeinated beverages such as soda, coffee and tea as they can leave you dehydrated quickly. Increase your intake if you are doing any physical activity or if the weather is particularly hot.

Stay indoors during extreme heat.

In extreme heat and high humidity, evaporation slows down and the body must work extra hard to maintain a normal temperature. Keep in mind, the sun is the most intense between 10 am and 4 pm. If you can, limit your outdoor activity to the morning and the evening.

Stay in an air-conditioned place.

Air-conditioning is important when it is hot and humid outside. If you do not have air-conditioning in your home, go somewhere that does. A movie theater, the mall, a friend or family member's home or a community senior center are all good options. You can contact your local Area Agency on Aging for help finding a local cooling center during extended periods of extreme heat.

Know the weather forecast and dress appropriately.

The best clothing to wear in the summertime is loose-fitting and lightweight clothes in natural,

breathable fabrics like cotton. Dress in light colors that will reflect the sun and heat instead of darker colors that will attract them.

Protect your skin and eyes.

Wearing sunglasses can block your eyes from harmful UV rays and protect your vision. When outdoors, protect your skin from damage by wearing hats, sunglasses and a sunscreen of SPF 30 or higher that protects against both UVA and UVB radiation.

Know the side effects of your prescriptions.

Some medications can cause increased sensitivity to the sun. Look over your medications and talk with your doctor about any concerns or questions you have.

Know the early signs of heat-related illnesses such as dehydration, heat stroke, heat exhaustion, hyperthermia, etc.

Signs to look for may include disorientation, dry skin, excessive tiredness, headache, lethargy, nausea, a flushed face, high body temperature, rapid pulse, dizziness and confusion. Take immediate action if you feel any symptoms coming on.

Maintain communication with friends, family, caregivers and emergency contacts.

Prepare a list of emergency phone numbers and place them in an easy-to-access area in case needed.

Have a happy and safe July 4th!

--Peggy Owens, Coordinator
SAFETY/WELFARE Committee
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JOB POSTING FOR

CREEKSIDE HOA GENERAL MANAGER

The Management Trust is currently seeking a qualified General Manager to work out of the Creekside Village HOA office. The position is for a full-time, onsite General Manager.

This position will require strong leadership and communication skills, as well as experience in managing operations. This individual will report directly to the Board of Directors.

The job listing is below for your review.

https://www.appone.com/MainInfoReq.asp?R_ID=5515143

If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please submit a resume and cover letter to Kristy.hoover@managementtrust.com or apply directly at the link above.

Byline??

CONTRACTOR RECOMMENDATIONS

Check Chantarelle.org under Resources for recommendations from your neighbors - or contact Mary Howland, our Website Manager, via email for more information.

--Mary Howland
Char797@aol.com

WELCOME COMMITTEE

No new neighbors to report.

Please call one of the Welcome Committee members listed below if you hear of a new neighbor so we can greet them with our "Goodie Bags". Thank you.

--Russelle Johnson - 707-935-8658

rxrjohnson@yahoo.com

--Peggy Owens - 707-343-7087

powens2@juno.com

--Shelley Lawrence - 951-202-0459

pashelaw@gmail.com

--Debby Bonamassa - 315-725-8047

debbonamassa@yahoo.com

ART CLUB – JULY EXHIBITION

July is a celebration of Chantarelle artists. We are featuring "Ocean Scenes", by residents John Dodgshon, Mike and May Hashii, Heather Dahlberg, and Shelley Lawrence.

--Shelley Lawrence – Art Club Steward

CLUBHOUSE NOTES

All Chantarelle HOA members are welcome to join in fun activities with your neighbors. If you have an interest in joining a Clubhouse activity,

please contact the club coordinators for the groups with scheduled activities:

Water Aerobics/Flex Exercise

Peggy Owens – 707-343-7087

Bunco Babes

Russelle Johnson – 707-935-8658

Mexican Train Dominoes

Peggy Owens – 707-343-7087

Art Club

Shelley Lawrence - 951-202-0459

Poker Night

Ron Yamato – 415-305-1400

The days and times for those groups with scheduled activities are located on the calendar at the back of this newsletter.

If you are interested in knowing more about starting a new club activity or renting the Clubhouse facility for your next family and friends' event, please contact Linda Jackson 415-987-0021 for more details.

JULY RECIPE

BLACKBERRY COBLER



Source: twopeasandtheirpod.com

Prep time: 15 min. Cook time 50 min.

Servings: 12

INGREDIENTS

For the filling:

6 cups blackberries

1/3 cup granulated sugar

2 tablespoons cornstarch

Zest of one lemon

1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice

For the topping:

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

3/4 cup granulated sugar

2 teaspoons baking powder

3/4 teaspoon kosher salt

1 1/2 cups whole milk, at room temperature

3/4 cup unsalted butter, melted and slightly cooled

1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

3 tablespoons turbinado sugar or granulated sugar, for sprinkling

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease a 9×13-inch pan or 12-inch cast iron skillet and set aside.

In a large bowl, add the blackberries, sugar, cornstarch, lemon zest, and lemon juice. Gently stir to combine. Set aside.

In medium bowl, whisk together the flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt.

In a small bowl, whisk together the milk, melted butter, and vanilla.

Pour the liquid ingredients over the dry ingredients and stir until combined and smooth. The batter will be thin.

Add the blackberry filling to the prepared pan, making sure the blackberries are in an even layer. Pour the topping mixture over the berries. Sprinkle with turbinado sugar or granulated sugar.

Bake for 50 to 60 minutes or until bubbly and topping is set. Remove from the oven and let cool for 30 to 60 minutes before serving.

FUTURE NEWSLETTER FEATURED RECIPES

We are looking for other great recipes from our master Chantarelle cooks. Send them to Tom Flinn at thomasflinn@gmail.com.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Paul Strong 707-933-9151

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1-800-359-2362

POOL OPEN

If you are at the Clubhouse/pool and have children who are minors using the bathroom, please supervise them so that the bathroom remains clean.

CHANTARELLE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pool Aerobics 11:30		Pool Aerobics 11:30		Pool Aerobics 11:30

JULY 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4 4 th of JULY HOA Luncheon 12:30	5	6	7 NO First Friday	8
9	10	11 Bunco 1:00-4:00	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Board Meeting 2:00	19 Poker 6:30	20 Art Club 1:00-3:30	21	22
23	24	25 Mexican Train Dominoes 12:30-4:00	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Waldron Landscaping is now here on Monday 9:00am-3:45pm, Tuesday 9:00am-3:45pm, and Friday 10:00am-3:45pm.

Garbage, recycling & garden trash pickup is on Monday.