



# Chantarelle Gazette

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## WELCOME TO FEBRUARY 2023

**Welcome to February 2023! I can't wait to see what February holds.** We had lots of rain in January. Too much, too quickly, so here's hoping February is kinder to us.

February is the shortest month of the year. From what I've seen in late January, there may be an early spring, with warmer weather and some sunny days. At least I choose to see it that way. Every day it's daylight longer and longer, making dog walking easier.

First up, February 2<sup>nd</sup> is Groundhog Day. There are television lights when the groundhog comes out so of course he sees his shadow. Valentine's Day is the 14<sup>th</sup>. I've included a recipe for a heart shaped dessert, good for a romantic evening or just a get together with friends.

February 20<sup>th</sup> is Presidents' Day, celebrating Abraham Lincoln February 12 and George Washington February 22. Cherry Pie to celebrate is traditional but any pie is a good pie.

## **CHANTARELLE GAZETTE UPDATE**

**Starting with the February 2023 issue of the Chantarelle Gazette, we will be distributing the newsletter as a PDF emailed from Strong Management.** You can also view and print a copy of the newsletter from the Chantarelle Website. [www.chantarelle.org](http://www.chantarelle.org). Additionally, each month we will place 10 printed copies in a folder in the clubhouse if you would like a printed copy. If you haven't

given your email address to Strong Management, please do so today. It will only be used to send out the Gazette or in an emergency to alert the community of an urgent issue. Your email will be kept private.

--Tom Flinn

## PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

**I want to extend my thanks to all of you who were able to donate toward the holiday monetary gift for the landscape crew.** We had good participation, and Rogelio and Jose were very appreciative and thank you for your generous gift.

**We have a problem with the disposal of trash in the clubhouse.** There are new rules for garbage this year from our Disposal Co. and to help comply with these rules Ron has installed three garbage receptacles inside the Clubhouse kitchen area, with wording on the outside of each can, to tell you what goes where! The three are Compost, Recycle, and Trash. Please take a moment when throwing things away to make sure you are placing the item(s) in the proper receptacle! It is a huge job to have to spend time going through each bin weekly to re-sort everything correctly. We ask you to do your part in helping out! Thank you!

**A major tree trimming project is starting in February** to remove dead branches and trim up some of the trees to reduce fire danger. The work is being done to comply with fire codes which were pointed out to us by an inspection from a fire marshal we had last year. This is something that must be carried out according to the prescribed rules. Although individuals may not want to see vegetation cut, as an association it is something we must have done in the common area to avoid possible fire spread.

**Happy Groundhog Day!** (Not yet sure if I want Mr. Groundhog to see his shadow or not).

--Steve Rogers

### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### **Through the end of December 2022**

There was one reserve expense in December in the amount of \$6,355 for the replacement of the well pump. **However, the amount in the reserve fund is still in good shape, amounting to about \$517,541 at the end of the month.** We received our first Form 1099-INT for the interest earned at Poppy Bank, where we opened new higher-earning CDs in September and November of 2022. The amount earned was about \$1,900 just for the last three months of 2022. In comparison, we earned about \$2,100 in interest for all of our reserves in 2021, so we look forward to improved returns on our money in 2023.

There is a bit of bad news on the operational expense side. For 2022, we ended the year over budget by about \$28,185. Two big projects accounted for this overage, the drip conversion project for all of the big trees in and around the community, and the unexpected cost needed to repair the well and pump. Combined, these two projects accounted for about \$33,000 in operational expenses, hence our overage. But, because we were able to carry forward comfortable cash balances during 2022, we were able to absorb the large expenses using operational rather than reserve funds. This helped in maintaining our healthy reserve funds status. This of course reduced our cash on hand to about \$31,000, which is still a comfortable amount. Lastly, as of January 17, there were no delinquent accounts.

--Ron Yamato

### LANDSCAPING NOTES

**Hello neighbors. Well, we started 2023 with a bang.** The rain has provided us with much-needed water. Let's hope that we continue to get rainfall as the winter season progresses.

Our crew is working on the trimming of our crabapples and crape myrtles. This is a big job but they are doing a great job. I met with Waldron's owners recently and discussed the trimming of the crape myrtles. A less severe trim was discussed and the crew will be following the new guidelines.

**At the HOA meeting, the board approved one of the bids for the work needed for fire prevention. Work will begin in late February** and will be done by the arborist that worked on our big street trees last fall. The work will be done in stages and as we move ahead the homeowners whose property will be affected will be notified. This is a large project and we hope to complete it before fire season begins.

Again this year we will be doing another "hard prune" on large shrubs around the community. This is necessary to aid in the health and longevity of our permanent plantings. Things will look harsh in the beginning but as last year, healthy new growth will fill in and the beauty of the community will return.

May we all enjoy the sunny days ahead and look forward to more rain that will provide a bountiful Spring resurgence of new growth.

--Debbie Yamato 415-696-2424

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### SAFETY & WELFARE

**SCOPE (Sonoma Citizens Organized to Prepare for Emergencies) is a service offered by the Sonoma Valley Fire District.**

**They recommend that we:**

- **Update census information for new residents in your neighborhood**
- **Review census every four months for changes in residents, their needs and capabilities**
- **Review your planned meeting place**

For a fuller understanding of SCOPE, you can find more information on the Fire District's website ([www.sonomavalleyfire.org](http://www.sonomavalleyfire.org)) and in the

Resource section of our own website  
([www.chantarelle.org](http://www.chantarelle.org)).

Because of the pandemic and other factors, we have not done a fulsome update of our own emergency contact/census forms in the last few years, although the Welcome Committee has distributed the forms to recent residents.

**To assist in this effort, you will find a form to complete included in this newsletter.** If you have not submitted an updated form in the last two years, please do so now. After completing the form, please return to Peggy Owens, coordinator of the SAFETY/WELFARE Committee in one of the following suggested ways:

- Mail (or place in mail tube) to 104 S Temelec Circle
- Leave at front door (same address)
- Scan and send via email to [powens2@juno.com](mailto:powens2@juno.com)

If you are unable to deliver the completed form yourself, please call Peggy at 707-343-7087, and I'll make arrangements with you to pick it up.

All information is strictly confidential, and only to be used in an emergency. The information was especially useful when we were contacting neighbors during the fires of 2017, to make sure everyone had a plan or safe place in the event of evacuation (which, fortunately, did not occur).

A year after those fires, we had a SCOPE presentation/training session in the Clubhouse. That took place on November 9, 2018.

We are planning to have another SCOPE presentation this fall, as well as an earthquake drill.

Thank you for your anticipated help and cooperation.

In the meantime, stay warm and dry and have a happy Valentine's Day and President's Day.

–Peggy Owens, Coordinator

SAFETY/WELFARE Committee

...[powens2@juno.com](mailto:powens2@juno.com)

**CHANTARELLE EMERGENCY RESPONSE CENSUS FORM**

1/1/2023

Please contact Peggy Owens (powens2@juno.com), SAFETY/WELFARE Committee, with any questions.

*The information will be used for HOA purposes only, and all reasonable efforts will be made to maintain the privacy of said information.*

**HOME INFORMATION:**

Street Address:		HOA Use Bik #:
Home Ph. No.:	Cell Ph. No.	
Add'l Cell Ph. No.:	Email address	

**PLEASE LIST ALL PERSONS LIVING AT THIS ADDRESS:**

Name (s)	Ambulatory?	Critical Needs (oxygen, insulin, dialysis, heart or blood pressure medications, wheelchair, walker, other)
	yes / no / with assistance	
	yes / no / with assistance	
	yes / no / with assistance	

**PETS:** Dogs (how many): \_\_\_\_\_ Cats (how many): \_\_\_\_\_

<b>EMERGENCY CONTACT(S):</b> name(s) and phone number(s).	1. _____
	2. _____
	3. _____

**PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN**  
(name & phone number): \_\_\_\_\_

<b>SHUTOFF LOCATIONS FOR:</b>	Water: _____
	Electricity: _____
	Gas: _____
	Is there a shutoff wrench at the gas meter? <span style="float:right">yes / no</span>

**ANY SPECIFIC FIRE DANGERS** (wood shingle roof, toxic/flammable substances stored in home or garage, etc.)?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS OR EQUIPMENT:**

Do you have knowledge and skills that would help in an emergency (medical, communications, trades, etc.)?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any equipment that would be useful in an emergency (generators, 2-way radios, chain saw, etc.)?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

### 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

**Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!**

We are so happy to welcome 4 new neighbors. Coincidentally, we have two of our new neighbors that have the same names as their neighbors across the street, Peggy and Dave. So I had Peggy and Dave Owens call on Peggy and Dave Lindstrom. They had lots to share and enjoyed making our new neighbors feel very welcome. Nancy and Art Ferretti are our other couple to move into Chantarelle. They are renting but looking for a new home in Chantarelle or near by neighborhoods. Please join us for some or all of our social events. So happy to have you all in Chantarelle. Here is our new neighbor's information to add to your directory.

#### **20 South Temelec Circle –**

##### **Art and Nancy Ferretti**

anferretti@comcast.net - 707-939-7921

Art - 707-338-2087 Nancy 707-815-4366

#### **109 South Temelec Circle –**

##### **Peggy and Dave Lindstrom**

edlpal@comcast.net 415-785-8713

We love calling on our new neighbors, so if you notice any changes in your neighborhood please let us know. 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

### CHANTARELLE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

We will have our first of the New Year "First Friday" gathering at the Clubhouse on Friday February 3rd from 5:30 to 7:30. If you are new to our Community we have a casual social gathering for our residents on the first Friday of each month (unless noted otherwise for conflicts). Please bring a small plate of appetizers to share and whichever beverage you enjoy!

This is a great way for new residents to meet some of your new neighbors! Hope to see you there.

--Lois Rogers, Social Chair

### ART CLUB – JANUARY EXHIBITION

I will be the featured artist in February. Come see my acrylic artwork! (Editor note – they are beautiful)

--Shelley Lawrence – Art Club Steward

### CHANTARELLE SEWING CLUB

Our new sewing Group meets again on February 13th from 1:30-3:30pm. Bring your hand work and enjoy a couple of hours chatting with your neighbors and working on your favorite project.

--Nancy Mitchell

### ANYBODY UP FOR POKER?

A poker group will meet at the clubhouse on February 1 at 6:30 pm, for a friendly game of penny ante poker. All are welcomed, just let Ron Yamato know if you're coming. The poker chips, table and cards will be provided, just bring your own drinks and snacks. We know this is short notice, but we envision this

becoming a regular monthly event on the first Wednesday of every month, so if you can't make it this time, save the date for future games.

--Ron Yamato

### **EUCHRE ANYONE?**

My husband and I really enjoy playing the card game Euchre and are wondering if anyone else would be interested in a monthly game night? If you haven't played in a while, we are happy to refresh your memory. All for fun and an opportunity to connect with friendly neighbors. Please give me a call or email me if you are interested.

Bower up!

--Marybeth & Gary Jacobsen

949-290-4757

Jacobsenmarybeth@gmail.com

### **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 following activities:

Bridge

Phyllis Manning – 707-935-7301

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

Sewing Club

Nancy Mitchell – 916-995-3625

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.

### **TOM'S FEBRUARY RECIPE**

#### **Coeur a La Creme with Raspberries**



**Servings:** Serves 6 to 8

**Source:** barefootcontessa.com

#### **PREFACE**

**Nothing could be more romantic than a heart shaped Coeur a La Creme. If you don't have a heart shaped mold, a ramekin is fine.**

#### **INGREDIENTS**

**12 ounces cream cheese, at room temperature**

**1-1/4 cups confectioners' sugar**

**2-1/2 cups cold heavy cream**

**2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract**

**1/4 teaspoon grated lemon zest**

**Seeds scraped from 1 vanilla bean**

#### **Raspberry Sauce (Makes 2 Cups)**

**1/2 pint fresh raspberries**

**1/2 cup sugar**

1 cup (12 ounces) seedless raspberry jam

1 tablespoon framboise liqueur

### **DIRECTIONS**

**Cream mixture** - Place the cream cheese and confectioners' sugar in the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment and beat on high speed for 2 minutes. Scrape down the beater and bowl with a rubber spatula and change the beater for the whisk attachment. With the mixer on low speed, add the heavy cream, vanilla, lemon zest, and vanilla seeds and beat on high speed until the mixture is very thick, like whipped cream.

Line a heart-shaped mold with cheesecloth so the ends drape over the sides and place it on a plate, making sure that there is space between the bottom of the mold and the plate for the liquid to drain. Pour the cream mixture into the cheesecloth, fold the ends over the top, and refrigerate overnight.

To serve, discard the liquid, unmold the cream onto a plate, and drizzle raspberry sauce around the base. Serve with raspberries and extra sauce.

**Raspberry sauce** - Place the raspberries, sugar, and 1/4 cup water in a small saucepan. Bring to a boil, lower the heat, and simmer for 4 minutes. Pour the cooked raspberries, the jam, and framboise into the bowl of a food processor fitted with the steel blade and process until smooth. Chill.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Steve Rogers, President

707-771-9290

Tom Flinn, Vice-President

415-621-7572

Ron Yamato, Treasurer

415-305-1400

Cindy Adamson, Secretary

707-931-8832

Pat Chace, Director

707-935-7301

### **MANAGEMENT COMPANY**

Strong Property Management

PO Box 1368, Sonoma, 95476

Paul Strong 707-933-9151

Email: paul@strongmgt.com

24 hour Emergency Number:

1-800-359-2362

## POOL IS CLOSED – SEE YOU IN SPRING 2023!

To enter the clubhouse you either need to be vaccinated or you must wear a mask.  
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
	<b>Flex Exercise 4:00-5:00</b>		<b>Flex Exercise 4:00-5:00</b>	
		<b>Bridge 12:00-4:00</b>		

### FEBRUARY 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			<b>1 Poker 6:30-9:00</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3 First Friday 5:30-7:30</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7 Bunco 1:00-4:00</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13 Sewing Club 1:30-3:30</b>	<b>14 Mexican Train Dominoes 12:30-4:00</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28 Mexican Train Dominoes 12:30-4:00</b>				

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.