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June's annual gift to us is the Summer Solstice on Friday, June 21, which heralds the official start of Summer in this country. Other notable days include: Flag Day on Friday, June 14 and Father's Day on Sunday, June 16. Everyone enjoy the Summer weather and have a happy month!

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Let's hope the rain is finally gone and we can enjoy some summer like weather. It is nice to have an abundance of water but I, like most of you, am really tired of rain.

Web Site: I am always grateful for all of the volunteers who make this a special place to live. Some people are in the background and we don't see the contribution so today I would like to recognize Mary Howland for her continuing management of www.chantarelle.org, our community web site. There is a lot of information on the site along with some beautiful pictures of the neighborhood and the clubhouse. There is also a monthly schedule, forms and copies of our CC&R's and rules on our site. If you get a chance take a look and make any recommendations to make the site even more useful. Thanks Mary for all your good work!

A **community-wide garage sale** will be held on June 15th for Temelec, Creekside, Chantarelle and 7 Flags. Advertising will be published in both the Press Democrat and the Index Tribune so we should see a lot of activity. If you have things to sell now is a good time to start sorting so that you will be ready for this event. You will be able to set up tables in front of your garage area between the hours of 9:00am to 3:00pm. **Our recent social event, the Cinco de Mayo celebration,** was a huge success and we thank Gail Dodgshon and the Social Committee for a job well done. We had some really good dishes and the dessert table was over the top. I look forward to our next big event, the Summer Barbeque on August 17th, so be sure to mark your calendar. Hopefully the weather will be lovely and we can sit by the pool for the upcoming TGIF on June 7th. ~ Steve

LANDSCAPING NOTES

Watering: Summer has arrived and with the warmer days we have increased the watering of our lawns and shrubs. The lawns are being watered each evening and the shrubs on a three day a week schedule. With the increased need for water we are having some broken lines and the Waldron crew has been busy dealing with these problems. We

appreciate the continued assistance of all the homeowners in letting us know if they see potential problems with the irrigation system. We will continue to do our best to keep our lawns green over the summer but as always our water is precious and we are trying to use only what we need to maintain our landscape. As the days get warmer we may see some brown areas but we will keep a close eye on the community.

Shrubs: Our Waldron crew is working hard to make sure that all the shrubs are getting a good trim. They have a set schedule for trimming and work around the community accordingly. If you have any requests please contact us know and we will let the guys know.

Planting Plans: We are not planning any further new planting over the summer but if you have a request for a change at your home let either Ben or me know and we will meet with you and discuss plans and add you to our work list for the fall.

We hope you all enjoy these beautiful days ahead.

~ Ben Jones (415-939-8955)
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CHANTARELLE ART SHOW

The 7th Annual Chantarelle Art Show will take place in the clubhouse on Saturday, June 22nd, from 10am to 3pm.

The show is organized by the Chantarelle Art Club, which was founded and led by Charlie Berry almost 30 years ago. As residents moved out and newcomers arrived, the art club membership changed but Charlie continued to give anyone in our community a chance to learn and enjoy making art.

In 2013 Charlie restarted the Annual Art Show. The show is not just for Art Club members but also for other artists in our community. Since then we have held six art exhibits to show the progress we've made with his teaching.

In 2018 when Charlie was one hundred and one years old, he announced his retirement from the art club but he kindly offered to help members of the Art Club at his home. All the members help each other and bring in information about the local art community.

This is the 7th Chantarelle Art Show since 2013. We are continuing this historical art club to honor Charlie.



Photo of Charlie Berry by Ann Young

REMINDER TO OBTAIN ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE 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 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.

SAFETY & WELFARE

Speaking to our neighbor Dan Wardimon the other day about fire safety, I was reminded of several news stories recently on this same topic.

Because of our very wet winter, we have a resurgence of growth, especially ground covers. When this gets dry again, it will be potential tinder for fires. One result may be extension of our fire season. It behooves us as homeowners to do what we can to create "defensible space." On the web site of our Fire and Rescue team in Sonoma, several pamphlets address fire prevention. These pamphlets will be available soon on our Chantarelle web site. Check out the site at Chantarelle.org, and then go to the news section, which contains a Safety & Welfare section. Meanwhile, here are some highlights from the pamphlets, actions you can take to reduce the chance of fire in your own backyard:

The objective of defensible space is to reduce the wildfire threat to a home by changing the characteristics of the adjacent vegetation. Defensible space practices include:

- Increasing the moisture content of vegetation.
- Decreasing the amount of flammable vegetation.
- Shortening plant height.
- Altering the arrangement of plants.

This is accomplished through the "Three R's of Defensible Space." Removal, reduction, replacement.

This technique involves the elimination of entire plants, particularly trees and shrubs, from the site. Examples of removal are cutting down a dead tree or cutting out a flammable shrub.

The removal of plant parts, such as branches or leaves,

constitutes reduction. Examples of reduction are pruning deadwood from a shrub, removing low tree branches, and mowing dried grass. Replacement is substituting less flammable plants for more hazardous vegetation. Removal of a dense stand of flammable shrubs and planting an irrigated, well maintained flowerbed is an example of replacement.

Take a tour of your own side yards and backyards to determine potential changes you (and perhaps your gardener) can make.

~ Peggy Owens,
Safety/Welfare coordinator

HOA MEETING

No HOA meeting is scheduled for June. The next HOA Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 16th, in the clubhouse at 3pm.

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.

CLUBHOUSE RESERVATIONS

To reserve the clubhouse for an event, please call Linda Jackson at 415-987-0021.

NEWSLETTER

Please submit items for the newsletter to John Dodgshon, 933-8395, or email him at: John_Dodgshon@hotmail.com. Our thanks to Cecilia Angel for her continued dedication to delivering the newsletter.



Photo of Cecilia by Heather Dahlberg

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CHANTARELLE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pool Exercises 11:30am		Pool Exercises 11:30am	Mah Jongg 10am	Pool Exercises 11:30am
Art Club 1:30pm		Bridge 12 noon		

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Bunco 1-4pm	5	6	7 TGIF 5:45pm	8 Clubhouse Reserved
9	10	11 Mexican Train Dominos 12:30-4pm	12	13	14 Flag Day	15
16 Father's Day	17	18	19	20	21 Summer Solstice	22 Art Show 10am-3pm
23	24	25 Mexican Train Dominos 12:30-4pm	26	27	28	29
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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.