



# Chantarelle News

Sonoma, California

Chantarelle  
Homeowners'  
Association

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### SEPTEMBER

September brings us the last days of summer, the autumn equinox, and the first few days of fall.

Notable days this month include: Labor Day on Monday, the 5th; Grandparents Day on the 11th; and the Autumn Equinox (first day of Fall) on the 22nd. While we're celebrating on Monday, let's raise a toast to those in the community who are still employed and keeping the economy running! Everyone have a very happy Labor Day weekend and a happy month!

### BOARD MEETING

The next Board Meeting will be in the clubhouse on Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> commencing at 3pm.

### TGIF PARTY

The next TGIF is on Friday, September 2nd, starting at 5:45pm. All residents are invited and we look forward to seeing you there. There is no admission charge, just bring a beverage of your choice and a small item of food to share.

### PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

During September we enter fall and leave summer behind. Change can be good and in that spirit we are making some changes in Chantarelle. If it is true that it "takes a village," we are making changes as a village. Currently under review by the **Rules Review Committee** are various categories, including architectural control, clubhouse and pool. This committee consists

of 12 volunteers (members will be listed in the next newsletter), and we are making good progress. The purpose of this review is to clarify the intent of each rule and recommend changes, while maintaining the integrity of Chantarelle as a 55+ community. We intend to meet once more to review our recommendations and proposed changes. Then at the Sept. 20th HOA meeting, the committee will recommend these changes/clarifications to the HOA Board for a vote. It has been six years since this review has occurred and the community has changed over that period of time.

Ten of the twelve members of the Rules Review Committee were not living here in Chantarelle when this review was last undertaken, so you can see the evolution of our ever-changing community.

**A number of homes have sold** recently, so please welcome our new neighbors when you see them and encourage them to get involved in Chantarelle committees and activities.

We continue to research the **backflow issues** and recently met with Creekside and Temelec to compare notes and look at all possible options. This effort is a good example of the three communities sharing ideas and working together. Although this issue has been contentious and at times divisive, it presented an opportunity for the surrounding communities to meet and work together for the common good. Recently 13 Chantarelle homeowners went as a group to the **Sonoma Stompers** game and

enjoyed a victorious game. Thanks to Carol Colglazier for organizing this activity.

On Sept. 5th we will as a nation celebrate **Labor Day** and remember those who by their actions and sacrifices worked to ensure Americans safe working conditions and fair wages. Their efforts have put us on the map as the number 1 nation of worker productivity. Our country is indeed a greater place in which to live by the work of those who have gone before us and showed us the way in which to take pride in our work and feel that our efforts are worthwhile.

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers those affected by the **Lake County fires**, especially residents who lost their homes and belongings to wildfires; they certainly need our help again this year. Here is a link to information about helping:

<http://www.lakecountyrecover.com/donations.html>.

Of course, the Red Cross and the Salvation Army always welcome donations, as well. Helping each other in times of need reflects our American spirit. Thanks for your efforts.

~ Dave Owens

### LANDSCAPING NOTES

Wow, friends and neighbors here in Chantarelle, here we are in September already! Oh goodness, this year is flying by! (And don't they all?) We hope you will sit back and enjoy this brief update from your Landscape Committee.

### Rock Garden at the Clubhouse

If you've been by the front of the

Clubhouse recently, you may have noticed a small change taking place. Debbie and I are creating a small planting area where the old Birch tree used to be. In the ring filled with mulch where the Birch was, we have started our new garden area by planting a lovely small conifer commonly called an "Atlas Cedar" (*Cedrus atlantica*). We then added three large Mexican onyx stones to shape the basic structure of our garden, and continued by adding several quartz stones that Debbie has unearthed from her own home garden. Lastly, we have each planted some succulent starts that each of us clipped from our own home gardens. We hope that over time, this will become a lovely little garden area that is pleasing to the eye and welcomes residents and guests alike when they visit the Clubhouse. And it should be a very low-water and easy maintenance garden as well. We hope you will enjoy it!

### **Fall Tree Pruning**

By the time your eyes are reading this newsletter entry, we will have scheduled our annual fall tree pruning with Ryan Garrison of Art and Science Tree Service. We hope to continue to shape and cultivate the beauty of the trees that we as a community have inherited from the earliest landscape folks here in Chantarelle those many years ago (27 by now!) as well as the more recently planted ones. Many trees do require artistic maintenance to enhance the beauty of our neighborhood. More details on this will be forthcoming.

### **Watering Schedule**

Earlier in the summer, our lawns were not looking so great. We were very much in the mode of water conservation, even though Sonoma is not in as severe of a drought situation as we were this time a year ago. Because we

currently have a little more flexibility with water use, and also are still becoming accustomed to the water distribution coming from our new lawn sprinkler system, we increased the watering schedule to six nights a week for a period of about a month to six weeks. Well, we now have mostly very splendid looking lawns, and even a few mushrooms growing here and there. The appearance of the mushrooms told us it is time to now cut back our water schedule, so we are currently watering only three nights a week, one cycle per night. Hopefully this schedule will carry us through the fall and right into the rainy season. We are seeking to land on that "sweet spot" between watering enough to maintain our lawns well and being very conscientious of ongoing water conservation.

### **Autumn Planting Plans**

Once the brunt of the heat has passed (most likely late October), we will be replacing some old, decrepit plants in front of homeowner homes, and adding plants here and there as needed around the neighborhood. If the plants in front of your home are not doing well, or you are displeased with them for other reasons, please let us know so we can meet with you and devise a plan for replacement that works well all the way around.

That's it from your team for this month. Have a lovely September, and next time you hear from us, the great calendar wheel will have turned from summer to fall. All the best to you! ~ *Debbie & Susan*

### **MOVIE NIGHT**

Movie night will be held on Wednesday, September 21st, at 7 p.m. in the Clubhouse. This month's feature will be ***When the Game Stands Tall***. Plot summary: The film is based on the real-life career of legendary

football coach Bob Ladouceur. From 1992 to 2004, he guided the De La Salle High School Spartans of Concord, California to 12 consecutive undefeated seasons, setting a national winning streak record for high school football of 151 wins.

### **SAFETY & WELFARE NOTES**

*Peggy Owens sent this reminder:* Beware of the latest "**grandparent scam**." A young person calls you claiming to be your grandson and asks for money to get out of jail. You are given an address or a routing number to send the money, usually in the thousands. The best action is to hang up, then call your actual grandchild's number. You will find your grandchild is not the person who called. Several of our Chantarelle neighbors have received this type of call, so be aware of this and other phone scams that target retirement communities. Another scam that has been mentioned in AARP publications concerns **gift vouchers**. This involves receiving an unsolicited email from McDonald's, Subway or other popular restaurant or retailer offering a free gift card if you click a link to activate it. The pitch looks legitimate but it's a phishing scam, meaning the perpetrator is either trying to install malware on your computer or gather personal information by having you complete an online questionnaire. The lesson here is: **never click a link in an unsolicited email or divulge personal information**, no matter how enticing the offer. Do a Google search (such as "gift card scam") and see if any warnings come up. In most cases they will.

## **GARBAGE PICKUP**

Reminder: there is no garbage pickup on Labor Day. Garbage will be picked up on Tuesday, September 6, instead.

## **MANAGEMENT COMPANY**

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

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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415-305-1400

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## **AMBULANCE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM (AMP)**

AMP, an official program of Sonoma Valley Fire & Rescue Authority, is a voluntary membership for paramedic services, emergency ambulance transportation, and physician-ordered ground ambulance transport. This includes transportation to the hospital, to residential care facilities, and to another hospital for advanced or continuous care. AMP, formerly known as FireMed, has been providing peace of mind to its members since 1990. AMP membership protects you and your family with complete paramedic ground ambulance service with no out-of-pocket costs for an entire year. For \$49 a year you can

protect yourself and your family from unnecessary medical expenses. You can sign up at svfra.org or call 707-996-2102.

## **CLUBHOUSE NEWS**

The outmoded TV/VCR combo will shortly be removed from the clubhouse. If it belongs to you, or you know whose it is, please contact Peggy Owens at 343-7087 and we'll deliver it to the owner. If we do not hear from anyone by September 15, the items will be appropriately discarded. Thanks for any information.

Also, please remember to date and initial any items being placed on the Clubhouse bulletin board.

## **CLUBHOUSE RESERVATIONS**

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

## **STORYTELLING**

Storytelling Adventure continues! A small group of us is having fun exploring spontaneous storytelling, building a sense of community and learning more about each other in the process. Our next Adventure is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14 at 10:00 am at the Clubhouse. It's a drop in group, so feel free to swing by if you feel so inclined. ~ Susan

## **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.

## **NEWSLETTER**

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

## **CHANTARELLE WEBSITE**

Please submit items for the the  
Chantarelle Website to Mary  
Howland, 650-468-1119 or email  
her at: *char797@aol.com*.

## CHANTARELLE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Yoga 10am		Bridge 12:30pm	Mah Jongg 10am	
Art Club 1pm				
Water Aerobics 11:30am	Water Aerobics 11:30am	Water Aerobics 11:30am	Water Aerobics 11:30am	Water Aerobics 11:30am

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
					TGIF 5:45pm	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Labor Day	Bunco 1-4pm				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Grand- Parents Day		MexicanTrain Dominoes 12:30-4pm	Storytelling <u>Adventure 10am</u>	Clubhouse closed for private event 4:00-10:30pm		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Board Meeting 3pm	Movie Night 7pm	Autumn Equinox		
25	26	27	28	29	30	
		MexicanTrain Dominoes 12:30-4pm				

Waldron Landscaping is now here on Thursday and Friday 8am until 4pm.

Garbage, recycling and garden trash pickup is every Monday (**except no pickup on Labor Day!**).