



Chantarelle News

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MAY

May is a delightful month, capped off with the Memorial Day Weekend. Notable days this month are: Cinco de Mayo on Tuesday, May 5; Mothers day on Sunday, May 10; and Memorial Day on Monday, May 25. Everyone have a great Memorial Day Weekend and have a very happy month!

BOARD MEETING

The next Board Meeting will be the homeowners meeting on Tuesday, May 19th, starting at 7pm. All homeowners are encouraged to attend. The meeting starts with Open Forum which affords all attendees a three-minute opportunity to express ideas on any subject relating to the Association.

TGIF PARTY

The next TGIF is at the clubhouse on Friday, May 1st, 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.

ART SHOW

The annual Chantarelle Art Show is set for the weekend of May 30-31. Residents who wish to display artwork that they have created should contact Charlie Berry 935-7562.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Community Service Day was a success. Due to the much-needed rain, we had to put off painting the three benches in our community. This task should be completed on May 2nd. We did, however, erect a signpost in front of the Clubhouse and are awaiting the new Chantarelle sign. The clubhouse drawers were also cleaned and food was donated to those in need in our Sonoma community. Thank you one and all for your willingness to serve our community.

The next HOA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 19th at 7pm. Please note the time change. We're hoping that an evening meeting may increase turnout, reaching out to those homeowners who cannot attend the usual daytime meeting.

The Landscape Committee, as usual, is hard at work. The entrances on Arnold Drive and Avenida Sebastiani have gained some much-needed plants and looks very inviting. Thank you Susan and Debbie. The committee has also purchased replacement plants for some homes, and as of this past Friday April 24th the new additions are being planted. By the end of May our yearly mulching will be completed-ahead of schedule.

Tree Root Responsibilities:

We are awaiting the legal opinion in writing from our attorney regarding the tree root responsibilities of the HOA. Once we have received this document, a plan will be made regarding the problem.

Chantarelle Pool:

The pool looks great! Thank you Pool Committee; pool users are grateful for your work.

Community yard sale:

Please keep an eye out for a flyer announcing our day in June. We will also try to rent a dumpster for homeowners to discard unwanted items after the sale. Check the June newsletter and flyer for details. We continue to grow even stronger as a community because of our residents' willingness to help each other, Chantarelle and the Sonoma community at large. Play ball! Go Giants and A's!
Dave Owens

MOVIE NIGHT

The movie for May will be *The Hundred Foot Journey* starring Helen Mirren.

Plot summary: The Kadam family leaves India for France where they open a restaurant directly across the road from Madame Mallory's Michelin-starred eatery. The movie will start at 7pm on Wednesday, May 20th in the Clubhouse.

LANDSCAPE NOTES

Hello Chantarelle friends!
Here's the latest from your Landscape Committee.

Delighting in Beautification

The two of us are having a wonderful time planning and selecting plants to enhance the beauty of the Chantarelle entrance at Arnold Drive, and also for a few home fronts that have been badly in need of a change. The Waldron crew has done a fine job of installing our new plants, particularly Rafael. You may have noticed these new plants at our Chantarelle entrance. At this point they are still rather small. But as the growing season progresses, we hope these friends from the plant-kingdom will delight you as you pass by, with all the various colors and shapes of foliage and flowers emerging as they grow. As always, we base our choices on drought-tolerant, low-maintenance plants that provide habitat for neighborhood birds and insects as well as beauty for our eyes to behold. For those homeowners for whom we have placed new plants in your front areas, we ask that you keep an eye on them. Please let us know if you notice they need any extra attention, especially water. We'd sure appreciate that. Next to come: mulching in some of the barest areas, which will enhance our landscape as well as help to preserve every drop of irrigation.

Speaking of Water (or to be more accurate, writing of water) it has come to our attention that some of our residents are perhaps doing a little over-watering in their private

gardens. There have been reports of excess water running down the street in the evenings as a result of irrigation leaks. We want to refresh your memory that the Valley of the Moon Water District will fine residents for over-watering lawns and gardens. Plus we just hate to see that precious resource of water running down the street and into storm drains! So it's a good reminder for all of us to conduct an annual check on our private irrigation systems to see if there are broken sprinkler heads that need to be replaced, or other leakages that could be prevented. Let's enter into this rapidly approaching dry season with well-honed irrigation systems. Also keep in mind that the ideal time for watering our gardens is between sunset and sunrise. This helps the earth and the plants maximize the retention of the water.

A Celebration to Share

The two of us are coming up on our one-year anniversary of serving on the Chantarelle Landscape Committee. It is our pleasure and our honor to be in this position as stewards of the plants and trees in our neighborhood, which no doubt bring pleasure and joy to each and every one of us. May the year ahead be one of even more budget-wise and drought-wise enhancement of the splendid landscape we all have inherited from those who launched this community twenty-five years ago. Happy May to everyone! *Debbie & Susan*

SAFETY & WELFARE

The Safety & Welfare Committee needs volunteers. Interested residents should call Hans Steuck at 939-1103.

CLUBHOUSE RESERVATIONS

To reserve the clubhouse for an event, please call Liz Wardimon at 343-1132.

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.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Please refer to your 2015 Directory for a list of our Board of Directors and Committee Members.

NEWSLETTER & WEBSITE

Please submit items for the newsletter and the Chantarelle Website 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.

Advertisement

All Walks of Life: Need a little help around the house for you or a loved one? Personal Assistance and Elder Care available. Certified & Bonded. References available. I live here in Chantarelle. Flyers and Cards are in the Club House.

Dona Kinkead 415-425-3110

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CHANTARELLE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Art Club 1pm		Mah Jongg 9:30 Bridge 12 noon	Rummikub 1:30	Mah Jongg 9am
Water Aerobics 1-2pm	Water Aerobics 1-2pm	Water Aerobics 1-2pm	Water Aerobics 1-2pm	Water Aerobics 1-2pm

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

Waldron Landscaping is now here on Thursday and Friday 8am until 4pm.
Garbage, recycling and garden trash pickup is every Monday.