



Chantarelle News

Sonoma, California

Chantarelle
Homeowners'
Association

October 2017

OCTOBER

October is the first full month of fall. October also brings the pool season to a close on the 31st. Thanks to the Pool Committee for their hard work keeping the pool in great condition. Notable days this month include: Columbus Day on Monday the 9th and Halloween on the 31st. Everyone have a very happy month!

TGIF PARTY

The next TGIF is on Friday, October 1, 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.

HOA MEETING

There is no HOA Meeting in October. The next HOA Meeting will be in the clubhouse on Tuesday, November 21st.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Hi All.
I have just returned from today's VOM Water District meeting where we were given an update on the backflows. 101 Chantarelle homeowners have signed contracts with VOM to do the backflow installation. This number represents 83% of our community. The total for Creekside, Temelec and Chantarelle represents approximately 95% of the total homeowners in our three communities (771). The VOM will work from north to south, beginning with Temelec and ending with Chantarelle. The Temelec segment of the project is

slated to begin this month. We are sure we have made the right decision to purchase the faux boulder backflow covers. The dimensions were given to VOM a few weeks ago to insure a nice finished look. Decisions regarding boulder color choices will be made in the future, as we have plenty of time before the installations begin. If you missed the September HOA meeting, during which we displayed boulder samples, you can view the samples in front of my home at 104 S Temelec. New water meters will be installed as well as an expansion tank on the backflow when installed. VOM will contact USA Utility Alerts when the construction of our backflows is to take place. A standard lock will also be provided for security and inspections.

Redwood Trees

The HOA has received a very detailed report from an independent arborist regarding the redwood trees in back of the clubhouse. I read the letter in its entirety at the September Board meeting, and I have given copies to two homeowners who voiced specific concerns. The Board will review the findings and go from there.

Entry Signs

The HOA Board also voted to accept a bid on entry signs from Well Design, a company in Napa. There will be three new signs (raised above the existing walls) with 12-inch aluminum letters, two at the entrance on Arnold Drive and one at the rear entrance on the corner of Watmaugh and Hermosa Parkway. Our

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Community now will have very pleasing entrances. A special thanks to Steve Rogers for his efforts in bringing this needed project to completion.

Committees

At the September meeting, the HOA Board decided to assign each Board member to a Committee or group of Committees. The hope is that this reorganization will help streamline decision-making.

Common Areas

A group of Board members completed a walk around the common areas of Chantarelle with an eye to future improvements. For example, it was noted that certain HOA and homeowner fences will need to be updated in the near future; a letter will sent to each involved homeowner, apprising them of this future need and giving them a year of two to plan for this improvement and its anticipated expense.

Enjoy the fall weather and all of the fall activities in Sonoma, the #1 small town in the U.S. Please remember the victims of weather and storms in our country and its territories. These people have suffered terrible losses, and it will be a long time before their lives get back to normal. Donate when you can. ~ Dave Owens

SAVE THE DATE

Chantarelle's Christmas Party will be in the clubhouse on Friday, December 1st from 5 to 7:30pm.

LANDSCAPING NOTES

Greetings to you, friends and neighbors in Chantarelle!

Welcome to the lovely fall month of October, in which we will be enjoying cooler weather and no doubt, an occasional "Indian Summer" period, which will enable us to bid farewell to the summer weather of 2017.

Our October landscape update for you is a little different than our typical monthly article. Read on to see why ...

A Landscape Committee Change Is in Motion

Here is a "hot off the press" change with regard to our Chantarelle Landscape Committee. This change involves me, Susan. My dear husband, John, and I have been dreaming of owning a home at the gorgeous Sonoma coastal community of The Sea Ranch for years.

Miraculously, an opportunity to purchase a Sea Ranch home that is ideal for us presented itself in September. So we leaped on the opportunity, and in order to facilitate this happening, we made the unexpected choice to sell our beautiful, beloved home on St. James Drive. This enables us to fulfill our dream of purchasing a Sea Ranch home. And because John still works full time near Sonoma, we also are purchasing a much smaller home at Seven Flags, so that we can spend time between Sea Ranch and Sonoma each month. However, since we will no longer be members of the Chantarelle HOA, I will be saying a sad, fond farewell to my landscape committee partner, Debbie, as well as farewell to being a fellow homeowner with you folks here in Chantarelle. Fortunately, we will still be "neighbors", since we will be in our Seven Flags home at least two weeks per month. But I will miss my landscape partnership with Debbie, and John and I will both miss being members of this lovely community here in Chantarelle. That's my personal

news to you.

Fall Planting Projects

Even with this big change currently unfolding, Debbie and I are committed to implementing landscaping improvements we've been planning to make during the cooler fall weather. This is the time of year that we can remove old, unhealthy plants and replace them with new, thriving ones. Several homeowners have already submitted requests for front-of-home changes, and those are already on our fall planting plan. If you have been thinking of requesting a change in your home front landscaping to improve or replace existing plants, now is the ideal time to inform us of your ideas. Feel free to do so via a phone call, email, or simply speak to us when happen to see us. Or simply complete a "Landscape Alteration Form" and place it in either Debbie's mail tube (at 200 S. Temelec Circle) or my mail tube (159 St James Dr).

That's the latest news from your Landscaping Team for October. May you enjoy the trees turning beautiful fall colors in our neighborhood as well as all around Sonoma. ~ *Debbie and Susan*

SAFETY & WELFARE NOTES

Just a reminder that our Great Shakeout disaster drill will take place on Thursday, October 19th. You will receive specific instructions in your mail tube prior to that date.

If you are still in need of census forms or orange "I'm OK" signs, leave me a message at 343-7087 or powens2@juno.com, and I'll get those materials to you.

The committee could still use a few more volunteers to make the rounds on that day.

Thanks for your anticipated cooperation. ~ *Peggy Owens*

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 phone number is 996-0661.

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.

CHANTARELLE WEBSITE

Our website can be found at **www.chantarelle.org**. Please submit items for the Chantarelle Website to Mary Howland, 650-468-1119 or email her at: *char797@aol.com*.

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CHANTARELLE WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Bunco 1-4pm	4	5	6 TGIF 5:45pm	7
8	9 Columbus Day	10 Mexican Train Dominoes 12:30-4pm	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Clubhouse Reserved	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 Halloween				

Waldron Landscaping is now here on Monday & Tuesday 1-4pm and Thursday & Friday 8am until 1pm.
Garbage, recycling and garden trash pickup is every Monday.