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WELCOME TO JUNE 2023

June, the sixth month in the year. We made it halfway. June 14th is flag day. June 18th is Father's Day. As many people celebrate Grandfathers too, I wish all the fathers and grandfathers a happy day. The 19th is Juneteenth, a federal holiday in America. June 21st is the first day of summer.

--Tom Flinn

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Last month I talked about our wonderful volunteers and this month I want to talk about our Board members who spend considerable time keeping our HOA functioning. These dedicated individuals are the backbone of the HOA and without them there would be chaos. Each of the Board Members must attend all of our meetings and become educated on the items we deliberate and vote on.

Tom Flinn is our Vice President and also serves as our Newsletter Editor. Tom was instrumental in getting the pool temperature corrected last year.

Cindy Adamson is our Secretary and keeps the Bulletin Board up to date and keeps minutes when the Property Manager cannot attend meetings. She also keeps a watchful eye out for needed work in our common areas.

Pat Chace is a Director and is invaluable as our resident historian and to remind us when we stray too far from our mission.

Ron Yamato is our Treasurer who develops our Annual Budget, keeps tabs on all of our expenditures, and writes the monthly financial report. Through Ron's and the Board's leadership we continue to operate within our budgets and have not raised dues for over 6 years! Ron is on our maintenance committee and does a lot of the small jobs himself instead of hiring tradesmen.

I enjoy being on the Board and serving with these talented and committed individuals and for the most part it is a positive experience. However, I don't want to do this job forever and I expect that other Board members feel the same way. What we need and want is other residents who share our values and are willing to step up and serve as Board members in the future. Please let us know if you are willing to serve in the future.

--Steve Rogers

TREASURER'S REPORT

Through the end of April 2023

We had two reserve expenses in April, both involving the landscape, but our reserves are still in good shape, amounting to about \$514,352. We also were under budget in our operational expenses by about \$2,354. Our operating cash, less current liabilities, stands at about \$28,980. There were two delinquent accounts during the month, and Strong Management was in contact with the homeowners involved.

--Ron Yamato

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY CECILIA

Our dear neighbor and friend, Cecilia Angel, turned 101 in May. Congratulations Cecilia! Let us know your secret to finding the Fountain of Youth.

--Linda Jackson

LANDSCAPING NOTES

Hello neighbors, it's great to see the sunshine and enjoy the warm weather. The community looks great and our Waldron crew is working hard to keep our neighborhood beautiful. Their work is definitely appreciated.

The final section of the fire prevention tree trimming project is scheduled to begin on May 31st. This will complete the extensive project that included all of the common area trees.

This necessary project has stressed our landscape budget for the remainder of this year. As a result, only the most pressing work will be considered by the board for approval. Routine yearly tree work will be planned for the 2024 budget year.

Enjoy our beautiful days and the summer ahead.

--Debbie Yamato 415-696-2424

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CHANTARELLE SOCIAL ACTIVITY

Our next "First Friday" is planned for June 2nd from 5:30-7:30 p.m. We are hoping to have beautiful weather so we can sit outside by the pool. (Please remember, however, that glass wine, beer, soda bottles, etc. are not allowed by the pool area.) We will have tables set up outside also to accommodate the appetizers. Hope to see you there!

Forgotten crock pot? Someone left a black ceramic crock pot bowl with a clear lid following our Cinco de Mayo gathering in April. If this is yours it is washed, and I left it sitting next to the microwave in the kitchen.

--Lois Rogers, Social Chair

JUNE 24TH CHANTARELLE GARAGE SALE

Recalling the old adage, "One person's junk is another person's treasure", on June 24th from 9:00-3:00 we are having our 'almost' annual Chantarelle Garage Sale.

This is your opportunity to clean out your closets, your cupboards, and your garage to make way for your, "new treasures". The HOA

will run an ad in the Sonoma Index Tribune as well as posts on Nextdoor and Craigslist. We welcome everyone to participate or purchase your neighbor's unwanted treasures.

--Linda Jackson

SAFETY & WELFARE

**Consumer advice from the FTC:
(CONSUMER.FTC.GOV)**

Read reviews with a critical eye

Expert reviews from trusted websites are a good place to get information about what to buy and who to hire. Focus on sites you trust that offer impartial reviews from real experts.

Read customer reviews about a company or product from a wide variety of review and retailer sites, search engines, app stores, and social media platforms. Check several sources and consider where a review is posted, who wrote the review, and the reviewer's history. And don't rely on star ratings alone because some reviews and ratings are fake or misleading. Fake reviews can be positive or negative. Not all fake positive reviews are five stars. Some dishonest competitors place fake negative reviews. Also, it's not always clear if a reviewer got something, like a free product, in exchange for writing a review. Some – but not all – websites will place a label or badge next to the review when they know that the reviewer got an incentive.

Comparison Shopping

To comparison shop for a product, make notes of the item's manufacturer or model number, plus details like size, color, or shipping fees. Use the information to check comparison shopping sites that list retail stores and online sellers that have the item. Some sites let you sign up to get price alerts when prices change.

Not all comparison-shopping sites are the same. Some may be set up by a manufacturer to promote its own products. Some may be run by companies that only list or rank products if sellers pay them. Focus on comparison shopping sites that are well known as trustworthy.

Collect information from product ads.

- Learn the total cost of the product, including shipping, handling, delivery, taxes, or other fees.
- Read the terms of the advertised "deal". For example, will you have to buy unwanted products to get the advertised "low price?"
- Read the entire product description, including the fine print. Words like "refurbished," "vintage," or "close-out" could mean a product is in less-than perfect condition. If expensive brand-name items are offered for bargain prices, they could be counterfeit or stolen.
- See if a seller has a price-matching policy that guarantees it will match competitors' prices and match its own in-store price to its online prices. Contact a seller if you want to request a match. Some sellers match or even go lower than their own online prices or a competitor's prices.
- Find out if you can get a credit or refund if the item you buy today goes on sale next week. What records or receipts will you need?

Have a fun and safe month of June.

--Peggy Owens, Coordinator

SAFETY/WELFARE Committee

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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

We are so happy to welcome our new neighbors, Ally and Dino Minatta and their son Dario at 135 Saint James. They have really reconstructed the interior to accommodate their son. It is just wonderful. Ally's phone and

email are 707-481-8704 and champagnetaste@comcast.net. Dino's phone is 707-481-3109. Art and Nancy Ferretti are so pleased renting 20 South Temelec in Chantarelle that they bought 141 St. James. They have lots of reconstruction plans and should be moving in by June 1st. Please be sure to update your directories with the above changes/additions.

We were sorry to hear Natalia Garcia has moved, but is close by at Cogir on Napa Road, across from Friedman's. She was an original owner. I'm sure she would like to hear from some of her neighbors. I'm sure we will have more new neighbors very soon. Call us if you hear of anyone moving in so that our committee can call on them with all our goodies.

--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

ART CLUB - JUNE EXHIBITION

I am happy to say that Peggy Lindstrom, a new resident, will be our featured artist in June. Her highly professional and beautiful mosaics will be on display in the Clubhouse.

--Shelley Lawrence - Art Club Steward

CHANGE IN POKER NIGHT AT CHANTARELLE

The first-Wednesday-of-the-month poker night has been changed to the **THIRD** Wednesday of the month for the foreseeable future. So, the next one coming up will be held at the Clubhouse on June 21 starting at 6:30 PM. Call Ron Yamato at 415-305-1400 to RSVP or if you have any questions.

--Ron Yamato

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 groups with scheduled activities:

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

Poker Night

Ron Yamato – 415-305-1400

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.

JUNE RECIPE

Old-Fashioned Lemon Sugar Cookies



Servings: About 20

Source: marthastewart.com

INTRODUCTION

Sometimes, ok, all the time, when we have coffee at 4 pm, this is simple and

straightforwardly delicious. Lemony, slightly sweet. Eat a half a cookie if you can or 2 cookies if you must. You'll thank me later. Enjoy! Tom

INGREDIENTS

3 cups all-purpose flour

1 teaspoon baking soda

1/4 teaspoon salt

1 3/4 cups granulated sugar

1/4 cup packed light-brown sugar

1 tablespoon finely grated lemon zest, plus 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

1 cup unsalted butter (2 sticks), softened

2 large eggs

Sanding sugar, for sprinkling

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Sift flour, baking soda, and salt into a bowl; set aside.

Put sugars and lemon zest in the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment. Mix on medium speed 30 seconds. Add butter; mix until pale and fluffy, about 1 minute. Mix in eggs, 1 at a time, and then the lemon juice. Reduce speed; gradually add flour mixture and mix until just combined.

Scoop dough using a 2-inch ice cream scoop; space cookies 2 inches apart on parchment-lined baking sheets. Flatten cookies slightly with a spatula. Sprinkle tops with sanding sugar, then lightly brush with a wet pastry brush and sprinkle with more sanding sugar.

Bake cookies until golden, about 15 minutes. Let cool on sheets on wire racks for 5 minutes. Transfer cookies to racks using a spatula; let cool completely. Cookies can be stored in an airtight container at room temperature up to 3 days.

FUTURE NEWSLETTER FEATURED RECIPES

We are looking for other great recipes from our master Chantarelle cooks. Send them to Tom Flinn at thomasflinn@gmail.com

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

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Strong Property Management

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POOL OPEN

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
Pool Aerobics 11:30		Pool Aerobics 11:30		Pool Aerobics 11:30

JUNE 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 First Friday 5:30-7:30	3
4	5	6 Bunco 1:00-4:00	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Mexican Train Dominoes 12:30-4:00	14 Flag Day	15	16	17
18 Father's Day	19	20	21 Poker 6:30 1 st Day of Summer	22	23	24 Chantarelle Garage Sale 9:00-3:00
25	26	27 Mexican Train Dominoes 12:30-4:00	28	29	30	

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.