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WELCOME TO NOVEMBER 2022

Soon it will be Turkey Day!. Anyone who'd like my turkey recipe, please email me. I created this from scratch and trial and error and for many years, no one else did it. And it's great!

But first, November 1st, All Saints Day, followed by All Souls Day on the 2nd. There will be NO first Friday, still remembering the Halloween Party that replaced it. The 6th, Day Light Savings ends, we get an extra hour of sleep! November 8th is Election Day. The 11th is Veterans Day, thank you all for your service. On the 15th HOA meeting 10am in the Club house. The 17th is the Great America Smoke Out, a good day to quit smoking. The 24th is Thanksgiving, a day for the Macy's Parade, the National Dog Show, friends and relatives and turkey! The next day is Black Friday, shop in person and help a local retailer. The 27th Advent begins, do you have your advent calendar yet? Costco has a liquor one and a chocolate one, get both. The 28th is Cyber Monday, online shopping's day. The 29th is giving Tuesday, remember your favorite charities with a donation. A lot to celebrate and remember in November.

–Tom Flinn

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Please email me with any feedback or if you would like to write something for the newsletter. We can always have more voices in the newsletter.

–Tom Flinn

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Fall has arrived and the pool is now no longer heated. It seemed like we had a very mild summer and our pool did not appear to get as much use as it has in the past. **I would like to thank all the members of the pool committee Dale Lucas, Hewitt Jackson, Don Sjolund, Peggy Owens and Ron Yamato for all the work they put in maintaining the pool for us this season.** If you see them around the neighborhood, please be sure to offer your thanks to them.

A friendly reminder. If you do any work on the front of your house (painting, replacing garage doors, new fencing, etc.) or any landscaping, you must first submit the proper paperwork to get approval from the ACC or Landscape Committee. Actually anything that can be seen from the front of the house needs to be approved. The committees try to be prompt with approvals, but our regulations request from you a 30 day notice. If you want any changes to plants out front, you need to contact Debbie to put in a Landscape request. Forms are available at the Chantarelle Web Site, www.chantarelle.org. and behind the left closet door as you enter the club house.

Mark your calendars for these following dates: There will be NO First Friday's on either Nov. 4th or December 2nd. Please DO mark your December calendar for our annual HOA Holiday Party on Friday evening December 16. Flyers will be out 2 weeks prior.

My best wishes to each of you for a very Happy Thanksgiving!

---Steve Rogers

TREASURER'S REPORT

Through the end of September 2022

We had two reserve expenses in September for a total of \$11,194, but the amount in the reserve fund is still in good shape, amounting

to about \$525,771 at the end of the month. As mentioned in last month's article, we closed a matured CD paying 0.4% and transferred the funds into one paying 4%, which alone will generate about \$5760 more in interest over the next 12 months. We plan to do the same with three other CDs maturing over the next 10 months, all of which are currently paying 0.4% or less. The higher interest rates, though hard on our expenses, will at least bode well for our reserve funds.

As for operating expenses, we are still doing well, as we are under budget by about \$10,395 through the end of September. However, we will be incurring some end-of-the-year tree trimming and removal costs in the next month or two that will cut into this surplus somewhat. Our operating cash stands at about \$87,556. Subtracting the current liabilities leaves us with ready cash of about \$70,541, which should be enough to cover any surprises until the end of the year. Last but not least, there were no delinquent accounts at the end of September.

--Ron Yamato

LANDSCAPING NOTES

Hello Neighbors - The major tree trimming for the community has been completed. Additional irrigation lines for the large trees throughout the entire community have been installed. The only project still on the books is the removal of the 5 dead birches in front of the clubhouse. As soon as the Board approves the low bid they will be scheduled to be removed. As a result of the large additional expenditures that were incurred this year, no additional landscape projects are planned for the remainder of the year. Depending on our water situation, careful consideration will be taken before any planting is done in 2023. I am not sure if you received Peggy Owens's email regarding the problems with the pump at our well. It stopped working on October 10th. Contacts were made with repair companies and the Board made a decision on the most reasonable bid. However, the company is unable to schedule work at this time any

sooner than November 9th. Alternative measures are being explored, but at this time we are still without irrigation water. Waldron owners have assured me that the lawns will come back but that the shrubs and plants might suffer. With that information, I have asked homeowners to give their front yard plants some water if needed. This would be very much appreciated at this stressful time. Have a wonderful Fall.

--Debbie Yamato 415-696-2424

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LANDSCAPING WATER USE COMMITTEE

How are we going to use less water in our landscaping, especially after years and years of drought? That's the task of the HOA committee that I chair. We are documenting landscaping options and recommendations from tested global experts and a list of options that we could use in Chantarelle. The committee includes Pat Chace, Terri Barnet, Debby Bonamassa and David Wildmon. We decided after our first meeting to seek the help of a landscaping expert. I am in the process of compiling the expert's information and recommendations that I have gathered and should have more information next month. Thank you to the team and everyone's hard work in this important task.

We also met with Fire Captain Gary Johnson who is responsible for implementing the new landscaping rules designed to make landscaping safer given the wildfires. Captain Johnson walked the clubhouse and the cut through and one thing was clear, we all have to clean our gutters and the roofs, no leaves, no needles, no debris of any kind. They burn and can set your house on fire.

New regulations require non-combustible safe zone around your house and around your plants. Vents in your foundation and roof can be made safer by covering with fine mesh screen or Vulcan Vents that melt to close, keeping sparks out of your home. Blowing embers are a leading cause of fire spread during a wildfire. For more information, follow

this link to the Sonoma County Fire Department. It explains how to landscape in a safer manner. These will become law in 2024 for residential dwellings.

<https://www.sonomavalleyfire.org/ember-resistant-zone-within-5-feet-of-structure-and-attached-decks-0-5-ft>

--Tom Flinn

CHANTARELLE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

No news to report.

--Lois Rogers, Social Chair

SAFETY & WELFARE

FALL BACK!

On Sunday, November 6th, at 2 a.m., we return to Standard Time, and Daylight Saving Time will end. Don't forget to set your clocks BACK one hour before you retire Saturday night. This is also a good time to check batteries on smoke alarms, etc.

ELECTIONS AHEAD!

Most of us vote by mail, so all you have to do after completing your ballot is to drop it in a mailbox or drop box. The closest drop box to our neighborhood is located at the Sonoma Valley Regional Library (755 W. Napa Street). If you're voting in person, or want to drop your ballot off at a vote center, the closest vote centers to us are the Library and La Luz (17560 Greger St.).

The Library is a 4 day vote center:

The Library will be open for four straight days from Saturday, November 5, to Election Day (Tuesday, November 8). Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., **except** Election Day (November 8) itself, when the hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

La Luz is a 4-day vote center, open for four straight days from Saturday, November 5, to Election Day (Tuesday, November 8). Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., **except** Election Day (November 8) itself, when the hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

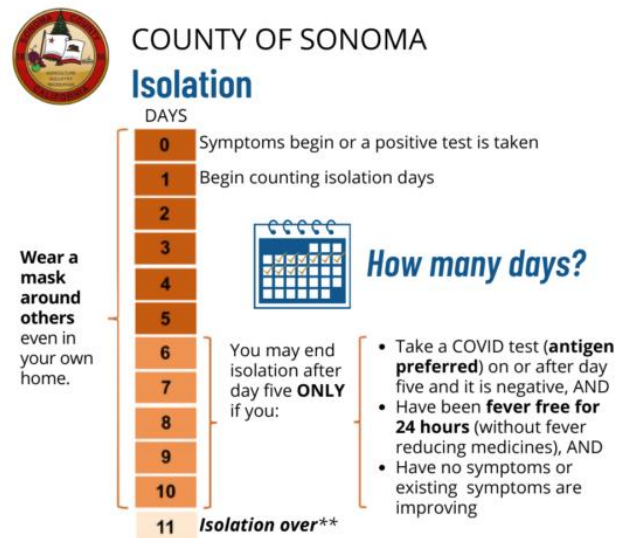
COVID IS STILL WITH US

The best way to protect yourself is to be vaccinated and boosted, according to all public health organizations. Thankfully, these measures have kept many from getting seriously ill or being hospitalized. However, anyone can still contract the virus and transmit it to others. If you suspect you have contracted COVID, it's recommended that you have a test done. If positive, it's necessary to isolate for at least five days. Contact your physician regarding therapies. The accompanying graphic from CA Dept. of Public Health has more details on isolation recommendations. If you think you have been exposed to COVID, testing is key, as well. In general, masking is still recommended, even if not required, when you are in a crowded space, especially indoors.

Protect yourself and others by following basic, common sense measures.

FLU SEASON, TOO!

You can walk in to most local pharmacies to get your flu shot. Dave and I received the bivalent booster for COVID and our flu shot at the same time with no side effects.



*If you end isolation after day five, it is strongly recommended you wear a mask through day 10.

**If you still have a fever or your other COVID-19 symptoms are not improving, stay home in isolation and talk with your doctor. If you are immune-compromised or had severe COVID-19, you may need to isolate for longer. Talk with your doctor about when you can be around others.

The CDC recently approved monovalent boosters, especially for those who might have

a problem with mRNA vaccines or bivalent boosters. Check with your physician about these options for protecting yourself from serious illness due to COVID.

GIVING THANKS

Thanks to the men and women who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. We honor them on Veterans Day, November 11th.

The SAFETY/WELFARE Committee would also like to wish you and yours and safe and happy Thanksgiving Day.

--Peggy Owens, Coordinator

--SAFETY/WELFARE Committee

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CONTRACTOR RECOMMENDATIONS

Need a contractor? We have a section under **Resources** on the Chantarelle web site that gives contractor recommendations. Mary Howland will post the recommendation and the name of the person who makes the recommendation. No other personal information will be added. If a person disagrees with a recommendation, they should contact the person who made it and discuss it with them.

WELCOME COMMITTEE

Welcome ! Welcome ! Welcome !

We are so happy to welcome to our beautiful Chantarelle Community our new November neighbors.

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Brian Zielinski - mr.bz@comcast.net

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Cristina Casino - criscb2@yahoo.com

805-234-7294

161 South Temelec Circle

Denise and Caitlin Lester

Additions or corrections to your directory:

100 South Temelec Circle

Blum's residence

blum.linda@gmail.com, 707-210-2209

248 South Temelec Circle

Betchel's residence - michelleemail.com

22 St. Mathews Court

Mill's and Warnick's residence

mymollie@comcast.net

Please call one of the welcome committee members if you hear of a new neighbor so we can greet them with our "Goodie Bags". Thank You.

Russelle Johnson - 707-935-8658

Peggy Owens - 707-343-7087

Shelley Lawrence - 951-202-0459

Debby Bonamassa - 315-725-8047

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 following activities:

Bridge

Phyllis Manning – 707-935-7301

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

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.

ART CLUB – OCTOBER EXHIBITION

Russelle Johnson is our featured artist. She has installed her kiln in her garage and got out her paint brushes. She will share her beautiful hand painted china plates. Only one more art installation for 2022.

--Shelley Lawrence – Art Club Stewar

TOM'S NOVEMBER RECIPE

Austrian Plum Cake (Zwetschkuchen)



Servings: 8

servings **Source:** 177milkstreet.com

INTRO

This Austria Plum Cake is delicious, just as when my mother made it. Feel free to use any stone fruit. Simple, easy to make in a spring form pan. It looks like you spent all day making it, just don't tell anyone you didn't!

INGREDIENTS

130 GRAMS (1 CUP) ALL-PURPOSE FLOUR,
PLUS MORE FOR PAN

107 GRAMS (½ CUP) WHITE SUGAR, PLUS 2 TABLESPOONS FOR SPRINKLING

¾ TEASPOON BAKING POWDER

¼ TEASPOON TABLE SALT

8 TABLESPOONS (1 STICK) SALTED BUTTER, CUT INTO 1-TABLESPOON PIECES, ROOM TEMPERATURE

1 LARGE EGG, PLUS 1 LARGE EGG YOLK

1½ TEASPOONS VANILLA EXTRACT

1¼ POUNDS RIPE BUT FIRM MEDIUM PLUMS, QUARTERED AND PITTED

POWDERED SUGAR, TO SERVE

DIRECTIONS

01 - Heat the oven to 325°F with a rack in the middle position. Mist the bottom and sides of a 9-inch springform pan with cooking spray, then dust evenly with flour; tap out the excess.

02 - In a stand mixer with the paddle attachment, mix the flour, 107 grams (½ cup) of the sugar, the baking powder and salt on low until combined, about 5 seconds. With the mixer running, add the butter 1 piece at a time and continue mixing just until the mixture resembles moist sand, 2 to 3 minutes. Add the egg, egg yolk and vanilla. Increase to medium-high and beat until pale and fluffy, about 1 minute, scraping down the bowl as needed.

03 - Transfer the batter to the prepared pan and spread in an even layer. Arrange the plum quarters on top of the batter in 2 concentric circles, placing the pieces on their cut sides.

04 - Sprinkle with the remaining 2 tablespoons sugar. Bake until golden brown and a skewer inserted at the center comes out clean, 1 to 1¼ hours.

05 - Let cool in the pan on a wire rack for 30 minutes, then remove the pan sides. Serve warm or at room temperature, dusted with powdered sugar.

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Strong Property Management

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POOL IS CLOSED – SEE YOU IN SPRING 2023!

To enter the clubhouse you either need to be vaccinated or you must wear a mask.
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
	Flex Exercise 4:30-5:30		Flex Exercise 4:30-5:30	
		Bridge 12:00-4:30		

NOVEMBER 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30 2pm Setup Halloween Party	31 6pm Halloween Party	1 Bunco 1:00-4:00	2	3	4 No First Friday	5
6	7	8 Mexican Train Dominoes 12:30-4:00	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 10am HOA Meeting	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Mexican Train Dominoes 12:30-4:00	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2 No First Friday	3
4 2pm Decorate Clubhouse	5	6	7	8	9	10

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.