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Notable days this month include: Labor Day on Monday the 7th, Rosh Hashana starting on Friday the 18th, Autumnal Equinox (first day of fall) on Tuesday the 22nd, and Yom Kippur on Sunday the 27th.

Now, we have not only the covid-19 virus but also smoke from wild fires to threaten our health. Everyone enjoy the holiday, but please take extra care and have a safe month.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

We know that Summer is drawing to a close and Fall is almost upon us by looking at our skies, or so it seems these past few years. Hopefully everyone is managing to deal with the smoke ok, it is certainly becoming a stressful time of year for us in Sonoma County. Also, like many of you I'm sure, I am missing our social gatherings at the Clubhouse, like First Friday's and our annual Barbecue!! Hopefully we will be able to resume some of these activities within a few months.

It is with sadness we announce the passing of Jackie Stadtman a couple of weeks ago. Jackie had moved to an assisted living complex in the East Bay to be closer to her children. She was one of the original owners here

in Chantarelle and had been very active in the HOA serving on both the landscape committee and then on the board. She was recognized in 1997 as Resident of the Year. She was a great neighbor here on Saint James Dr., with a good sense of humor, and always cheery smile, we shall miss her.

We also lost one of our newer neighbors recently, Raj Barathur, whom we all wish we had had more time to get to know. Our condolences go out to his wife Uma, and the rest of his family.

I forgot to mention our new bulletin board at the clubhouse last month. It really looks so much better and you can find the latest board minutes and announcements posted there. A big thanks to Ron Yamato and Mike Dietrick for spearheading this new installation. The Board Secretary, Roger Young, is responsible for the content on the board so if you have something you would like to have posted please let him know.

Signs! It is the season once again and we need to remind everyone that signs cannot be placed in front yards or anywhere on the front of homes. They can however be in

your garage (office) window or placed behind your front fence.

Have a safe Labor Day Weekend coming up, remember your mask and stay healthy by continue social distancing!

~ Steve

TREASURER'S REPORT

We are still doing well through the end of July. Total expenses are about \$16,413 under budget, the bulk of that attributable to the landscape budget item. This is not unusual, however, since we usually incur higher landscape expenses in the fall season, when tree maintenance and fall plantings occur. We are also under budget in the utilities and pool expense items, and just about on budget in the general/administrative category. We are over budget in maintenance and repairs, mainly due to having paid for the backflow inspections for the entire community (as mentioned in last month's newsletter). This was overlooked during the budget planning process last year, but will be included in future planning sessions. Our operating cash position of about \$66,000 should be sufficient to cover any surprises. Last but not least, our delinquent accounts situation has improved. As of the beginning

of August we had only one delinquent homeowner who owed more than \$500. This was quite a difference from the previous month when we had eight delinquent accounts totaling about \$8900. We have clarified delinquency procedures, and hope that improved communication between all parties will keep this problem to a minimum going forward. ~ Ron Yamato

LANDSCAPING NOTES

Hello neighbors. Debbie and I will be working with Waldron to plan this fall's refreshing of the front yards and public spaces. If you have any suggestions please let Debbie or me know. We would be glad to meet with you to assess the situation. We will meet with you in mid-September, then we will go over the work with Waldron and plant in October. Hopefully there will be some rain then for the new plantings.

In October, we will also continue with the backflow preventer plantings.

Please stay safe and healthy and have a good fall. As always Debbie and I are available by phone or email.

~ Ben Jones (415-939-8955)
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~ Debbie Yamato. (415-696-2424)
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SPECIAL NOTICE

If you have any problem with landscape, broken sprinklers, dead plants, etc., please do not call Waldron or our management company. Instead, please call Ben Jones or Debbie Yamato. If we don't answer leave a message; we do check.

SAFETY & WELFARE

According to the Sonoma County Registrar of Voters, there will be (in addition to mail-in voting) in-person voting and secure drop boxes available in the county. The proposed list currently includes ONE in-person site in our local area (the Veterans Building) and ONE drop box (at the Sonoma Valley Library).

Voters will be receiving ballots in the mail in October. If you think you will have difficulty getting to the Veterans Building or the Library, it may be advisable to mail your ballot ASAP. You can sign up to track your ballot at wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov.

For more information, visit the Sonoma County Registrar of Voters website:
sonomacounty.ca.gov/CRA/Registrar-of-Voters

Or call: General Information:
(707) 565-6800
Toll Free: (800) 750-8683

TDD for Hearing Impaired:
(707) 565-6888
~ Peggy Owens, Coordinator,
Safety/Welfare Committee

DON'T FORGET TO OBTAIN ACC APPROVAL

Just a reminder that any change or alteration to the exterior of homes, windows, fences, garage doors, paint colors, gates or roofs must be approved by the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) BEFORE work begins. The full list of ACC guidelines and the application forms are available in the clubhouse, online at Chantarelle.org, from ACC committee members, and from Strong Management.

~ Ron Yamato

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

If you know of anyone at Chantarelle who is sick or if you have new neighbors, please let either Willy Hoekstra or Ann Young know so that she can contact them. Willy's phone number is 996-0661. Ann's number is 938-2582.

CHANTARELLE WEBSITE

Our thanks to Mary Howland, who maintains our website. The website can be accessed at www.chantarelle.org.

It contains copies of important documents, including: CC&Rs, Rules, minutes of HOA Meetings. Please check it out. Please submit items for the Chantarelle Website to Mary Howland, 650-468-1119 or email her at: char797@aol.com

NEWSLETTER

Please submit items for the newsletter to John Dodgshon, 933-8395, or email him at: *John_Dodgshon@hotmail.com*. Our thanks go to Cecilia Angel and Ann Young for their continued dedication to delivering the newsletter.

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CHANTARELLE WEEKLY CALENDAR

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---|---|--|--|--------|
| | Dominos 12:30-4pm (2 nd & 4 th Tue only) Suspended | | Mah Jongg 10am-2pm Suspended | |
| Art Club 1 - 4pm Suspended | Flex Exercises 4:30-5:30 Suspended | Bridge 12 - 4:30pm Suspended | Flex Exercises 4:30-5:30 Suspended | |

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| NOTICE | | | | | | |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | Due to the current crisis, the clubhouse will remain closed to all club and group activities until further notice. However, the Lending Library will be open with the following restrictions: only one person (or two if from the same household) in the clubhouse at one time and use disposable gloves when handling the books. | | | | | 19 |
| 20 | | | | | | 26 |
| Rosh Hashana Ends | | | | | | |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | |
| Yom Kippur Starts | | | | | | |

Waldron Landscaping is now here on Monday 8am-1pm, Tuesday 8am-4pm, Thursday 1-4pm and Friday 8am-1pm.

Garbage, recycling & garden trash pickup is on Mondays.