



Chantarelle News

Sonoma, California

Chantarelle
Homeowners'
Association

March 2016

MARCH

March is another busy month! Notable days include: Daylight saving begins on Sunday the 13th; St Patrick's day is on Thursday the 17th; Palm Sunday on the 20th; First Day of Spring on Sunday the 20th; Good Friday on the 25th; and Easter Sunday on the 27th. Everyone have a happy month!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS ON MARCH 13th

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2am on Sunday, March 13th. Please remember to set all of your clocks forward one hour.

PRESIDENTS REMARKS

As I write this article, the flowering pears are starting to bloom. The time change soon will have us springing ahead, baseball has spring training underway, and the NHL and NBA are now in the second half of their seasons. St. Patrick and St. Joseph feasts hold memories for many of us, and we enjoy the Irish and Italian cultures in food, parades and traditions.

We are fortunate in Chantarelle to have five candidates running for three HOA Board seats; this shows a willingness to serve the community and each other. You may have noticed that our lawn drip irrigation conversion has begun, thanks to the hard work of Debbie and Susan. We

will have a state of the art system that other communities will view and perhaps emulate. We are happy to be conserving water. The forecast over the next 45 days looks encouraging for much needed additional rain; let's hope this is the case. Our community continues to change, with some homeowners moving on to other options, and new homeowners joining us soon. We are indeed a community in flux and yet thanks to our original residents, "The Pioneers", we still have that sense of history, of what it was like when trees were small, relationships were being formed and Chantarelle was a new location on the map of northern California.

The Annual meeting is upon us. The meeting will be held on March 15th at 3 p.m. in the Clubhouse. New clubhouse keys will be distributed, as well as the 2016 Directory. Please plan to arrive early, so that we can start the HOA meeting promptly. John Dodgshon & Willy Hoekstra have worked hard to gather and update homeowner information, so thanks again for these efforts. If you find that any information needs adding or changing, please let us know.

I also want to thank Hans Steuck and Ron Yamato for updating and reinvigorating the Safety & Welfare Committee.

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On Saturday, Feb 13th, several homeowners volunteered to assist Hans and Ron with a door-to-door check, to remind our community to keep in touch in the event of a community emergency or disaster. Preparation will help us through such an event.

In keeping with the theme of helping one another, I have listed several more contacts for those who need some assistance whether it be social, financial, health, legal or nutritional. For the May HOA meeting, the HOA Board plans to have a guest speaker to discuss these needs, and point us in the right direction. Enjoy the weather, keep your umbrella close, and remember to vote for HOA Board members. Go Giants!
~ Dave Owens

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE REFERRALS:

Council on Aging, Santa Rosa 707-525-0143
councilonaging.com
Sonoma Valley Community Health Center, Sonoma 707-939-6075, svchc.org. Catholic **Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa** 707-528-8712
stcharities.org

MOVIE NIGHT

There will be no Movie Night in March.

ANNUAL MEETING

The next Board Meeting will be the annual homeowners meeting on **Tuesday, March 15th, commencing at 3pm.** The main item of business will be the election of three board members. There are five nominees: Michael Hashii, Dave Owens, Larry Stahr, Ron Yamato and Roger Jack Young. We wish to thank these five nominees for their willingness to serve on the board. Also on the meeting agenda is an **important motion to approve carrying forward excess assessments into the next fiscal year** in accordance with IRS Ruling 70-604. It is important for the Chantarelle community that this motion be passed. Homeowners should have received a package of materials from our Management Company (Strong Property Management) which includes detailed instructions.

PROSPECTIVE BOARD MEMBER MICHAEL HASHII

For the last four years Michael has served on the Board of Directors as Vice-President. Michael grew up in Southern California and served four years in the US Air Force in the 60's as an electronic technician. After the service, he studied engineering and spent 20 years working in electronics. Mike and his wife Mayumi moved to the SF bay area 17 years ago. Before retiring in 2008, he worked as an aerospace engineer at the UC Berkeley Space Sciences Lab. doing software & hardware design for research satellites. His hobbies are hiking, fishing, photography, and computers. Mike & Mayumi moved to Chantarelle in July 2011 and are very happy here.

PROSPECTIVE BOARD MEMBER DAVE OWENS

Dave has served as President of Chantarelle HOA since March 2014. In 2013 Dave, a retired school guidance counselor, and his wife Peggy moved here from New York, where he had served as President of both a large HOA and also a professional union (NYSUT). On the Board of Directors Dave has tried to expand the recreational activities on clubhouse grounds; continued to budget funds to provide sufficient reserves, while maintaining and expanding services; and encouraged the increased involvement of all residents in decisions and activities. Dave has a B.S. in Behavioral Sciences, M.S. and Diploma in School Guidance and Counseling, and M.S. in School Administration and Supervision.

PROSPECTIVE BOARD MEMBER LARRY STAHR

Larry was born in Southern California and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii. He attended University High School in Honolulu and, upon graduation, moved to Santa Barbara where he worked in a recording studio. This provided a background for his talents in electronics and, later, his extensive knowledge of computers. Larry served in the United States Army, doing two tours of duty in Vietnam, serving as an advisor to the Vietnamese. Returning to the U.S. he was assigned as an instructor of R.O.T.C. in the East Bay School District. After the Army, Larry worked as a service manager in the Bay Area for thirty years. Hobbies include photography, woodworking, hiking and bike riding. Larry and his wife have four children and four grandchildren. They have lived in Sonoma for 28

years and in Chantarelle since October 2012.

PROSPECTIVE BOARD MEMBER RON YAMATO

Ron was born in Utah and grew up in Los Angeles. He served in the US Army both stateside and in Vietnam and, upon returning home, attended California State University at Los Angeles, where he obtained a BS in business while also working for the US Postal Service. He later became a Postal Inspector, performing criminal investigations and forensic audits. After serving a brief (but cold) stint in Detroit, he moved to the Bay Area in 1979. He retired from the Inspection Service in 2000 and started a second career managing a co-op building in San Francisco. Ron met his lovely partner in crime, Debbie, during this time and in 2014 they both pulled the plug and retired to beautiful Sonoma. Ron likes to travel and (surprise) work on the house.

PROSPECTIVE BOARD MEMBER ROGER JACK YOUNG

A native son of California, Roger was born in Berkeley and grew up in Walnut Creek. After serving 12 years in the military, he worked in Los Angeles County and Silicon Valley for 20 years as an R&D Electronic Technician for various electronic companies. This included working on the Saturn IVB, the third stage of the Saturn V moon rocket. Roger has been a mentor for Stand By Me and CASA and now drives for FISH and soon for Vintage House. His hobbies are cooking and organic vegetable gardening. Roger and his wife, Ann, have been happily married since their wedding in 2000 and have lived in Chantarelle since 2013.

TGIF PARTY

The TGIF this month will be on Friday, March 4th, 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.

LANDSCAPE NOTES

Hello, friends and neighbors here in Chantarelle! Let's celebrate the lovely rainy days we've had so far this year. May the rains continue well into the spring, enhancing the beauty of each of our home gardens and all of our Chantarelle landscape, as well as all of Sonoma Valley and all of California.

Irrigation Upgrade Project Is Happening! At this very moment, the lawn sprinkler conversion is well under way. It is likely you have seen the Nyberg Landscaping team at work, perhaps even in your own front yard. These guys are working hard, as there are many roots and other obstructions that they are often encountering as they dig. But the results are already fantastic. Having just witnessed a few test runs, the water coverage over the lawns is excellent. We have high hopes that, once completed, this conversion will have a fantastic impact on keeping our lawns green throughout the summer months and beyond with minimal water usage. Debbie and I are so grateful and happy that the Board has approved this project, and with the support of many of you residents. Thank you!

Winter Tree Pruning: This year, we have focused the majority of our mid-winter pruning on removal of the lovely but invasive and destructive parasite, Mistletoe. This flowering plant, lovely though it may be to look at, can ultimately kill its host, the tree upon which it attaches itself. So before the problem gets any worse in our neighborhood, we have had every one of these removed by Art & Science Tree Service. A few other trees have been pruned at our request, and soon we will be removing a Redwood that has sadly died near the pump house along Arnold Drive.

Spring Planting: Our first priority for planting during the spring season will be to replace the plants that didn't make it in the months following last spring's planting. And we have plans for a few new shrubs to be installed here and there around the neighborhood. But before any planting can take place, we need to finish the irrigation upgrade project. We need to be sure that the plants can get plenty of water even if we don't have consistent rain as the spring season unfolds. Little by little, we continue to strive to bring more beauty to our already lovely neighborhood. That's it for now. Do have a delightful March, in which winter turns to spring. ~ *Debbie and Susan.*

SOLAR INSTALLATIONS

Recently I received a request for information regarding a solar installation. The only rules that apply are The State of California requirements. I do

know that there are six new laws regarding Solar installation and advantages to doing so. I suggest that those interested in installing solar on their houses contact the State of California; also a solar contractor who should be knowledgeable regarding the state laws. I understand that these new laws are quite advantageous to those who go solar. Anything that is good for our environment is always a plus. *Pat Chace, ACC Chair & HOA Board member*

SOCIAL & ACTIVITIES

Daytripping, Inc. (707-577-8894) offers numerous day trips to explore different aspects of Bay Area culture and interesting attractions. The trips leave from Santa Rosa but have pickups in Petaluma. For your information we have listed two of their upcoming trips that might interest you:

Fri. May 20, RIDE THE RAILS - Board the Amtrak train in Martinez and travel through the Central Valley, CA. Then travel by bus to the CA State Railroad Museum in Sacramento, and take the train back to Martinez. (Lunch included). Cost: \$112. Seats are limited.

Sat. May 21, THE DIAMONDS (from the fifties) - classic rock and roll, one of their hits was Little Darlin'. Cost: \$115, (includes lunch at La Veranda Ristorante Italiano). Limited seats.

SAFETY & WELFARE

The Chantarelle Safety and Welfare Committee conducted its annual Emergency Preparedness Exercise on Saturday, February 12. Twelve

members of the Assessment Team and the CHA Board participated in this task. The assignment was to check on each of the 122 units and look for the following:

* Has the resident displayed the **I'M OK / Need Help** sign prominently in the garage window

* If not, a door check was conducted to inquire as to:

* what extent assistance was needed

* whether the sign had been received

* whether the Chantarelle Emergency Response Census Form was returned

* or any other matter.

Preliminary results are: 55 units (45%) had displayed the OK Sign; 66 units (55%) had no sign displayed, and 79 (65%) door checks were made.

Below are recommendations from residents that are under consideration:

1/ ID badges are highly recommended

2/ Pass out reminders a couple of days before the actual exercise (hopefully via E-mail)

3/ Exchange more information with your immediate neighbors

4/ hold another Fire Department briefing and fire fighting demonstration

5/ Collect background data from residents, e.g. law enforcement, fire fighting, medical experience

6/ Create a group email address for all Chantarelle residents for emergency notifications

Having served in this capacity for more than thirteen years I would like to pass the 'gavel' to another volunteer resident at

the Annual Chantarelle Home-owners Meeting in March. Hopefully there will be a number of 'takers'.

Hans Steuck, Chairperson , Safety and Welfare Committee

SAFETY & WELFARE (cont.)

As the Tax Season gathers pace, we are reminded not to leave envelopes containing checks in our mailboxes for pickup by the mailman. It is safer to drop them in the mailboxes on the sidewalk or at the Post Office.

Another warning worth repeating concerns emails, supposedly from your bank, that ask you to verify your account details. Do not open these emails or respond to them! They may be an attempt at identity theft. If you think they may be legitimate then contact your bank directly and make enquiries.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

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.

CLUBHOUSE NOTES

To reserve the clubhouse for an event, please call Michael Hashii at 996-4817.

MANAGEMENT COMPANY
Strong Property Management
PO Box 1368,
Sonoma, CA 95476
Paul Strong 933-9151
Email: paul@strongmgt.com

NEWSLETTER & WEBSITE

Our thanks to Cecilia Angel for her continued dedication to delivering the newsletter. Please submit newsletter items to John Dodgshon, 933-8395 or email him at: John_Dodgshon@hotmail.com. Please submit suggestions for the Chantarelle Website to John Dodgshon, 933-8395 or Mary Howland at 650-468-1119 or email John_Dodgshon@hotmail.com or char797@aol.com.

CHANTARELLE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Yoga 10am	Mah Jongg 10am	Bridge 12:30pm	Rummikub 1:30 Last Thursday only	
Art Club 1pm	Flex Exercise Class 4:30pm		Flex Exercise Class 4:30pm	

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Bunco 1-4pm	2	3	4 TGIF 5:45pm	5
6	7	8 MexicanTrain Dominoes 12:30-4pm	9	10	11	12
13 Daylight Saving Begins	14	15 Annual Homeowners Meeting 3pm	16	17 St Patrick's Day	18	19
20 <u>Palm Sunday</u> Spring Begins	21	22 MexicanTrain Dominoes 12:30-4pm	23	24	25 Good Friday	26
27 Easter Sunday	28	29	30	31		

Waldron Landscaping is now here on: Monday 8am-12 noon, Tuesday 8am-4pm and Thursday & Friday 1-4pm.

Garbage, recycling and garden trash pickup is every Monday.