



# Chantarelle News

Sonoma, California

Chantarelle  
Homeowners'  
Association

January 2019

## JANUARY

Happy New Year everyone!  
The new year is a good time to thank all our volunteers who helped us during the past year. Notable days this month include: New Year's Day on Tuesday the 1st; and Martin Luther King day on Monday the 21st.

## BOARD MEETING

The next HOA Meeting will be on Tuesday January 15th, in the clubhouse, commencing at 3pm. All members are encouraged to attend and participate in the open forum, which allows members to voice concerns and bring matters to the board's attention.

## TGIF PARTY

The next TGIF is at the clubhouse on Friday, January 4th, starting at 5:45pm. All residents are invited and we look forward to seeing you there. Newcomers to our community are especially encouraged to come along, meet their neighbors, and make new friends. There is no admission charge, just bring a beverage of your choice and a small item of food to share.

## PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

I hope your Christmas was an enjoyable day, we certainly had beautiful weather! Now we can get ready to celebrate a brand

new year! I would like to thank our Social Committee for putting on a wonderful Holiday party at the Clubhouse with lovely decorations and some delicious appetizers provided by Lombardi's in Petaluma.

**At the last Board meeting** we discussed the lights in the common area and the need to have them on all night. I am suggesting that they be turned off around 11:00PM to conserve energy and save money but would like to hear if you are for or against the proposal. There was a suggestion that we put in motion detectors to turn on the lights if a person was in the common area late at night, but I believe that this would cost more to install than the savings. Email me at [steverogers10@sbcglobal.net](mailto:steverogers10@sbcglobal.net) or drop a note in my secure mail box at 186 Saint James if you would like to weigh in on this matter.

**Our landscape crew** works hard to make our neighborhood look good. In appreciation I would like to give them a small gift and would like to take donations from any of you that wish to donate a small amount. If you would like to participate you can drop your donation in my mailbox (it is a locking box so you just slide your envelope through the slot inside the box) prior to January 15th.

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**From time to time** I send out occasional emails. If you would like to be on my list please email me at [steverogers10@sbcglobal.net](mailto:steverogers10@sbcglobal.net).  
**A last request.** It has been noted by many residents in Chantarelle that a few (?) of our local dog walkers are allowing their dogs to defecate on our lawns and sidewalks and not bothering to clean up after them. If you see such a case happening please intervene and say something to the offending dog walker. If you do not wish to confront them in person please let me know who you see doing this and what breed of dog it is. Our landscape crew does not enjoy walking in such a mess while working, and I am sure many of you are not pleased about this in front of your homes either. Thank you in advance.  
Best wishes to each of you for a wonderful year ahead! ~ Steve

## CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

Sonoma Garbage Collectors advises us: For free Christmas tree pickup we will be collecting Christmas Trees at the curb on Monday, January 7th 2019. Please remove stands and place at the curb the night before. No flocking, tinsel, decorations or stands allowed.

## LANDSCAPING NOTES

Happy New Year 2019 to all neighbors. It seems that all the leaves have dropped and been picked up by the Waldron crew in daily truckloads.

We have seen fewer irrigation problems, probably because the system is shut off and the rain is doing its job so far.

This is a slow season for the Landscape Committee, although we should be starting to plan how to cover up the newly installed backflow preventers soon. It looks to be an interesting and challenging project.

A reminder: Christmas trees can be picked up on Monday, Jan 7 by the garbage.

~ Ben Jones (415-939-8955)

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~ Debbie Yamato. (415-696-2424)

javagirl0547@yahoo.cpm

## SAFETY & WELFARE

Sometimes the weeks after the winter holidays can be a bit of a letdown. It's important for our health not to let ourselves get too "down."

So I took a tour of the World Wide Web and found some sound and fun suggestions for lifting our spirits in January.

Here are a few:

**Stay busy!** This is why so many magazines feature cleaning, organizing, and purging tips. You can't work in your garden, so clean out the linen closet or re-paint your laundry room.

**Try some new recipes.**

Experiment with some new and colorful ingredients.

(Remember to stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling or broiling food. Use a

timer to remind you that you're cooking.)

**Put a bright spring runner** (or tablecloth) on the table. Fill a pitcher or vase with real or faux flowers.

**Have some friends over** for lunch (or just coffee or tea).

**Take a nice hot soak** and throw in some lavender Epsom salts. Or just soak your feet. That works too.

**Find a new ironing board cover** at one of the January white sales, in the stores or online. Then you can more readily enjoy ironing those items you haven't gotten to.

**Bundle up and go for a walk** with a friend. Then enjoy a hot cup of tea or cocoa together when you return home.

~ Peggy Owens, Safety/Welfare coordinator

## RULES & REGULATIONS

The Chantarelle Rules Committee met as directed by the board to look at our Rules and perhaps clarify some questions about our neighborhood. We referenced as our guidelines the CC&Rs and Rules and Regulations, both of which can be found at Chantarelle.org. These documents clearly speak about a number of topics that will, when adhered to, continue to keep our community attractive and our home values competitive.

**In general**, it is clear that all homes need to be clean and free of dirt, mildew and debris and the paint in good condition. This includes any items that are on display on the front of our houses. These items should be in good working order and not

rusty, dirty, worn, broken, frayed, faded or in otherwise poor condition. Pots, planters, figurines, and other decorative objects should not look neglected or inappropriate. If there are any questions that you are unsure of or that you would like to have considered for review, the ACC (Architectural Control Committee) should be consulted and the proper paperwork and application should be filled out by the occupant of the home and submitted for review. It is important that the records of your request be kept on file. Please note that just because you may see particular variances on another home, it DOES NOT AUTOMATICALLY mean that your request will be approved for your home. Approval by the ACC is not guaranteed and many factors go into the approval process.

**Seasonal items** such as wreaths, decorative flags, and such should comply with the Rules and not be put up more than 30 days in advance and should be taken down no later than 15 days after the holiday. The community standard (CC&Rs 7.7) for banners is 15 square feet, or 3x5 feet in the case of a flag, and only one flag at a time can be flown. American and California State flags must meet size requirements but do not otherwise require HOA approval.

**All items that could possibly obstruct** or interfere with mowing, trimming, watering, fertilizing or any other landscaping duties should be

removed from the front yards and flower beds. Please note that the fronts of our homes are maintained by the HOA landscapers and must be kept clear of any and all objects that could cause problems for the landscapers or other work persons.

**In conclusion**, the Rules Committee found that almost all residents living in Chantarelle are in compliance and have not abused the spirit of the CC&Rs and Rules and Regulations. Our homes are attractive, not overtly decorated on the exterior and have tasteful and pleasant decorations. We hope that by working to keep things beautiful in our neighborhood, all of us can look forward to continuing rising property values and good relationships with our neighbors.

#### **SUNSHINE COMMITTEE**

If you know of anyone at Chantarelle who is sick or if you have new neighbors, please let 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.

#### **MANAGEMENT COMPANY**

Strong Property Management  
PO Box 1368, Sonoma, 95476  
Paul Strong 933-9151  
Email: paul@strongmgt.com  
24 hour Emergency Number:  
1-800-359-2362.

#### **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.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Steve Rogers, President  
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757-375-8793  
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415-305-1400  
Roger Young, Secretary  
938-2582  
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## CHANTARELLE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			Mah Jongg 10am	
Art Club 1pm	Flex Exercise 4:30	Bridge 12 noon	Flex Exercise 4:30	

## JANUARY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1  New Year's Day	2	3	4  TGIF 5:45pm	5
6	7	8  Bunco 1-4pm	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 <i>Waldron Luncheon 12 to 1:30</i> HOA Meeting 3pm	16	17	18	19
20	21  Martin Luther King Jr Day	22  Mexican Train Dominos 12:30-4pm	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31  Rummikub 1:30pm		

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.