



Chantarelle Gazette

Chantarelle Homeowners' Association Newsletter

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A LOOK AT THE PAST

For those of you who are fairly new to the Chantarelle community, you may not know its history of origin. I've done a little research and here's what I found.

There are 120 homes in our community. The homes were built between 1988 -1990. The original plan was to have a golf course built within the community, thus the addition of a garage extension that was supposed to house a golf cart. (I'm actually sitting where the golf cart would have gone. I've made it into a small office for myself right off the kitchen. It was a nice surprise when my husband and I bought the house. I had never heard of Chantarelle and thought its name came from the shape of the community looking a bit like a mushroom.)



One of the early Chantarelle homes

Photo by Carl Hofman

Chantarelle is part of the Temelec community which consists of four different communities that include Creekside Village, Country Meadows, Chantarelle and Temelec. The name Temelec comes from the Miwok natives who originally resided in Sonoma.

I found a website that gave a little more history about Temelec. (www.temelec.org) Here's what I found:

"The community of Temelec sits on land that was originally part of the Temelec estate, consisting of Temelec Hall, its coach-house and surrounding acreage.

The gracious mansion that is now the center of the Temelec community was constructed by frontiersman and Bear Flag revolutionary Granville Swift in 1858. He was born in 1821, his great-uncle was the legendary Daniel Boone. Having played a key role in the Bear Flag rebellion, Swift made his fortune in the Gold Rush of 1849, amassing enough wealth to build the grand "Southern" mansion using local stone and Native American labor.



Temelec Hall passed through several hands before being purchased by the Coblenz family in 1915, who

lovingly restored the dilapidated structure. In 1961, the family sold the mansion and surrounding land to the developers of the Temelec retirement community with the proviso that the Hall be maintained as the centerpiece of the community.

In 1936, Temelec Hall was declared California Historical Landmark #237. In 2006, Temelec Hall was added to the National Register of Historic Places. It now serves as the community center for meetings and activities, in addition to the location of the pool, picnic area, library, fitness room, community gardens, RV parking and administrative offices. The old access way to the coach-house is now a delightful walking path lined with walnut trees and bordered by vineyards.

In the eighties and nineties, the community of Temelec sold off land that was intended to be a golf course for more homes for retirees. The three communities that resulted, Creekside, Country Meadows and Chanterelle, are all

within the Temelec census tract but have their own independent HOAs.”

If you have any other interesting factoids about our community please send them to me and I will include them in the newsletter.

Happy Autumn!

--Valerie Camarda

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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

We had a good HOA meeting Tuesday Sept. 18th and I would like to report on some of the decisions. First of all our Finances are still in good shape and we authorized a number of landscape items that can be completed this year. We also have asked Tom (landscape committee) to work up some improvements to the front of the clubhouse that we can discuss at the next meeting in November.

The Board also made a final approval of the new Tree Removal Policy. This will now enable a resident to request permission to take out a tree at their expense. Please remember that you must replace the tree you are removing with another tree that meets the approval of the landscape committee. If you have a tree that is causing some issue in your front yard that is not currently on the list for the HOA to remove, you can ask the board for permission to have the tree taken out. The new policy and procedure will be on the website.

We have tried to be as accommodating as possible when painting a new color to your home but please remember you must submit to the ACC (Architectural Control Committee) for approval before starting work. We had an instance last month where the resident did not submit the required forms prior to painting the house. Luckily, the color was not objectionable, so they did not have to repaint the house.

There was also a good discussion about when the pool closure date should be. Most pools are closed the end of September, as past that time the weather at night gets colder and not as much sunlight during the day. The cost of

then heating the pool requires more energy which then leads to much higher heating bills. We have tried to leave the pool open at least part of October and will again this year with a tentative date of closing October 15. That revolves around whether the pool is still being well used at that time, and if the weather is hot enough to warrant leaving the heating running for the last weeks of October.

Hope to see you at First Friday on Oct. 4th!
Have a great Halloween!

--Steve Rogers

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF AUGUST 31, 2024

There were no reserve expenses in August, and the reserve fund was still in good shape at \$581,352 at the end of the month.

Operating expenses through the end of August were still mostly under budget (by about \$4,705). The only two categories in which we were over budget were utilities and pool expenses, which is not unexpected at this time of year.

Our operating cash at the end of August stood at about \$27,268. Subtracting current liabilities of \$20,399 from this amount left us with ready cash of about \$6,869, which is tight, but we do have ready reserves that can handle emergencies over the next couple of months.

We were still dealing with a number of homeowners who are behind in payments for one reason or another, and the delinquent total increased from \$4,955 at the end of July to \$5,296 at the end of August. There are three homeowners who make up the majority of the delinquencies, and I have asked Strong Management to personally contact these homeowners.

--Ron Yamato



CHANTARELLE SOCIAL NEWS

Our recent BBQ was another wonderful success. We had lovely weather, not too hot or too cold, for our group of more than 50 people.



I want to say right off how absolutely thrilled I was to have SO many volunteers sign up, and show up, to help with the many jobs to get ready for this event! It makes my work so much easier and I appreciate ALL of you!



In particular I would like to acknowledge my core group of volunteer men helpers who worked both Friday and Saturday. Hats off to Ron Yamato, Steve Rogers and Ivan Rozek for setting up all the tables and chairs on the patio, cleaning up the BBQ, etc. And then helping at the end of the party with putting much of it away. On behalf of all of us, (really) I also wish to thank Steve and Ron Y. for standing over the BBQ for such a long time, cooking all of our burgers and sausage dogs!



There is also my core group of ladies who are so great about coming to my aid to help at

these events! They too came both Friday and Saturday to do various jobs, including food preparation before, and then clean up in the kitchen at the end of the BBQ. A huge thank you to Nancy Ferretti, Cindy Adamson and Debbie Yamato. I am so thankful for your help!

Last, I truly want to thank ALL of you (you know who you are, and I know who you are!) that came through volunteering to make us the most delicious salads, sauerkraut! (popular for sure!) and fantastic cookies to enjoy. There were so many marvelous choices for both the salad bar, and for dessert with the great cookie selection! Huge thanks from all of us.

I cannot end without giving a well-deserved thanks to Gail Dodgshon for her help creating a spread sheet showing party attendance, meat orders, and fees paid. This is important information that goes to our HOA treasurer, Ron, at the end of the event. Thank you, Gail!

Our next event will be coming up shortly, "First Friday" is set for Friday, October 4th. For our new neighbors, this is a great opportunity for you to meet people in our community. We each bring an appetizer to share and whatever drink you prefer. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

My final reminder is to pencil in now the "Holiday Party" on your calendars, which is set for Friday, December 13th from 6-8:30 p.m. in the Clubhouse.

--Lois Rogers, Social Chair

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE REPORT

Where has Summer gone? By the time this is published, I will have planted my first tree in Chantarelle. A gorgeous Acer Palmatum Bloodgood Japanese Maple! I hope it's the first of many trees. They are beautiful, they clean the air and they help you sell your home. I also removed 5 Liquid Amber Trees that were endangering the fence behind the clubhouse. But I also pruned a tree that was hanging on a fence on Avenida Sebastiani, saving the tree and the fence. And I put in some shrubs to replace dead ones. More planting to come.

When I had the fire inspector out a few years ago, he pointed to gutters and roofs with leaves, debris and moss that can burn in a wildfire. It can set the roof on fire inside your house before it is visible outside. Please hire



someone to clean your gutters and remove leaves from the roof too. Sweep, vacuum or blow them off. A roof fire is devastating and can spread to neighbors. As part of fire prevention, I had Waldron sweep and remove all the debris on the cut through. A

truck full of pine needles and trash that could burn too.

I'm working on a landscape project that isn't ready to talk about. I'm hoping it will be great and add some color to the neighborhood.

Be well and enjoy our beautiful Sonoma Fall.

--Tom Flinn

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OUR NEW CHANTARELLE NEIGHBORS

WELCOME! WELCOME! WELCOME!

We are so happy to welcome our newest resident to Chantarelle - Marianne Sullivan. Marianne lives at 181 Saint James. Her phone number is 530.575.9386.

Please let the Welcome Committee know if you notice new neighbors moving in so that we can call upon them....

--Russelle Johnson - 707-935-8658

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--Shelley Lawrence - 951-202-0459

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--Debby Bonamassa - 315-725-8047

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LIBRARY UPDATE

For those of you who are looking for a new, free read, our Chantarelle Library has been cleaned up and alphabetized by author. Please stop by, peruse our collection and pick up a new book for your enjoyment.

When adding or returning your books, please do the following:

Enter the date in the front inside cover

Place the book on shelf in alpha order, by author

If you don't have time or can't squeeze them in where they belong, please place them in the 'Sort Basket' to the left of the bookcases.

We have many additional books in our storage shed, so I will rotate new ones in, by popularity, on a quarterly basis. If you have any questions, feel free to call or text me at (949) 290-4757.

--Marybeth Jacobsen

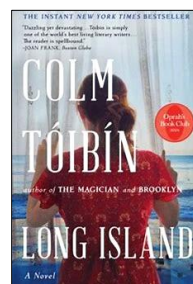
SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

If you know a neighbor who is in need of cheering up, please let me know. I'll be happy to give them a call or send them a card to brighten their day.

--Jackie O'Neill - 707-292-0261

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Last month we read **Brooklyn by Colm Toibin**. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the story and many have also seen and loved the movie. It was beautifully written and allowed the reader to have a real visual of life in New York in the 1950s.



For October, our host has selected the sequel to **Brooklyn, Long Island**. With more twists and turns than **Brooklyn**, an LA Times review sums it up best: "The suspense is amplified by the way Tóibín deftly balances the

story between the forces of secrecy and revelation". Can't wait to see what happens!

We will meet at the Clubhouse on October 15, from 4-5:30. Please join us, or, if you prefer, just read the book for your own pleasure.

If you have any questions, please call or text Marybeth (940-290-4757) or Barbara (415-377-8712).

--Marybeth Jacobsen

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OUT AND ABOUT

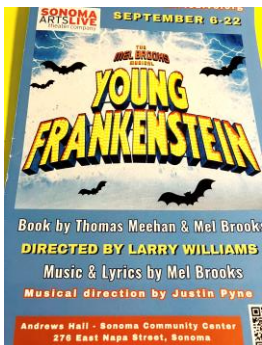
Thursday Night Market Concert in the Plaza



Chantarelle residents Pauline Robert, Valerie Camarda and Terri Barnett enjoyed the final Sonoma

Valley Jazz Society's concert for the summer in the Plaza.

Local Theater



Sonoma Arts Live's production of *Young Frankenstein* was so entertaining! Laura Dietrick, Debbie Bonamassa, Terri Barnett, Jackie O'Neill and Valerie Camarda thoroughly enjoyed the performance! Next up by the theater group will be *Little Women*.

Broadway in Sonoma

Missed performances by Transcendence? Not to worry. The Sonoma City Council voted to have them back again next year. I highly recommend your catching one of their performances when they're back next summer. You'll love it!

--Valerie Camarda

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

Mike Hashii – 415-686-5512

Poker Night

Ron Yamato – 415-305-1400

Book Club

Marybeth Jacobsen - 949-290-4757

Barbara White - 415-377-8712.

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.

--Linda Jackson

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ART CLUB – JULY EXHIBITS AND FUTURE EXHIBIT THEMES

SEPTEMBER ART EXHIBITION showed 5 paintings at the Clubhouse and the paintings in home windows.

Cheers, Soft pastel on pastel paper (HEATHER DAHLBERG),



Atlantic Puffin, acrylic (JOHN DODGSHON)



Morning Pond, soft pastel on sanded paper (JUNE DEBUSK)



Cape Cod Sunrise, watercolor (MIKE HASHII)



Sunrise, acrylic on canvas (SHELLEY LAWRENCE), and



Untitled, acrylic (SHELLEY LAWRENCE, 121 S Temelec)



Quiet Sea, watercolor (MAY HASHII, 141 S Temelec)



Future exhibit themes: PS Lawrence Solo Exhibition (October), Autumn and more (November), Winter and more (December)

More Art welcomed! If you're interested in showing your art piece for future exhibit(s), please contact Mike Hashii (mhashii@gmail.com).

SAFETY AND WELFARE

An early reminder regarding Daylight Saving Time:

DST ends on Sunday, November 3rd, at 2 a.m.

Remember to “fall back.” Set your clocks one hour earlier on Saturday evening before you retire. This is also a good time to check the working order of smoke detectors, etc., especially if they are battery-operated.

Emergency contact forms:

It’s time to review, renew, and submit your emergency contact form to the Safety/Welfare Committee. While a number of you have done this within the last year or so, many of the forms we have on file are outdated. Fire and Rescue (through SCOPE) recommends that we update our records annually. We’ve requested that a form be included at the end of this newsletter. You can also contact me, Peggy Owens (powens2@juno.com) for a form, or with any questions.

A completed form should be submitted to me via mail, email, or by dropping it off in the mail tube at 104 S Temelec.

For those of you unfamiliar with SCOPE, please see the entire brochure on the Chantarelle web site (www.chantarelle.org) in the Resources section.

Thanks for your anticipated assistance in this endeavor.

Enjoy the lovely autumn weather ahead.

CHANTARELLE EMERGENCY RESPONSE CENSUS FORM

1/1/2024

Please contact Peggy Owens (powens2@juno.com), SAFETY/WELFARE Committee, with any questions.

*The information will be used for HOA purposes only, and all reasonable efforts will be made to maintain the privacy of said information.***HOME INFORMATION:**

Street Address:		HOA Use - Blk #:
Home Ph. No.:	Cell Ph. No.	
Add'l Cell Ph. No.:	Email address	

PLEASE LIST ALL PERSONS LIVING AT THIS ADDRESS:

Name (s)	Ambulatory?	Critical Needs (oxygen, insulin, dialysis, heart or blood pressure medications, wheelchair, walker, other)
	yes / no / with assistance	
	yes / no / with assistance	
	yes / no / with assistance	

PETS: Dogs (how many): _____ Cats (how many): _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT(S): name(s) and phone number(s).	1.	
	2.	
	3.	

PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN (name & phone number):	
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SHUTOFF LOCATIONS FOR:	Water:	
	Electricity:	
	Gas:	
	Is there a shutoff wrench at the gas meter? yes / no	

ANY SPECIFIC FIRE DANGERS (wood shingle roof, toxic/flammable substances stored in home or garage, etc.)?

SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS OR EQUIPMENT:

Do you have knowledge and skills that would help in an emergency (medical, communications, trades, etc.)?

Do you have any equipment that would be useful in an emergency (generators, 2-way radios, chain saw, etc.)?

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

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

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Bunco 1:00-4:00	2	3	4 1st Friday 5:30	5
6	7	8 Mexican Train Dominos 12:30-4:00	9	10	11	12
13	14 Indigenous Peoples Day	15 Book Club 4:00-5:30	16 Poker Night 6:30	17	18	19
20	21	22 Mexican Train Dominos 12:30-4:00	23	24 Art Club 1:00-3:30	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Halloween		

Waldron Landscaping is now here on Monday 8:00-4:00 and Tuesday 8:00-4:00.
Garbage, recycling & garden trash pickup is on Monday.