

Chantarelle News - August 2014

TGIF PARTY

The next TGIF is at the clubhouse on Friday, August 1st, starting at 5:45pm. All residents are invited and we look forward to seeing you there. Newcomers to the community are especially encouraged to come along to 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.

ANNUAL BARBEQUE

The Annual Poolside Barbeque will be on Saturday, August 16th. The party will begin at 5pm and dinner will be served at 5:45. A reservation form will be delivered to your tube. Completed forms must be returned by Monday, August 11th.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

1- As a reminder please remember to use the garage for your cars, it has been noted that some residents continue to park in the driveway and not in the garage. This was not the intent of the CCR'S when they were instituted.

2-The pool is looking great, thanks to our pool committee who make sure that we all have the best looking pool available. The rules and regulations are on the signs that are all posted in the same area. Even though there are signs stating "No Diving or Jumping" and "No children with diapers in the pool", these rules are not always being observed. We remind residents that children should be supervised by a Chantarelle resident who is responsible for their guests using the pool.

3-The area around the pool is also to be respected as our property, the tables, chairs, umbrellas are to be used and not left in disaray as was recently the case.

4-Please remember that Movie Night is on the third Wednesday of the month and all are welcome. This month The Monuments Men will be shown, hope to see you there.

5-We will be meeting with Waldron Landscaping and Art/Science Tree Service to review contracts and seek guidance as to what needs to be done in order that Chantarelle remains a beautiful and great place to live. A full report will be given to residents at the September meeting. Dave Owens, President CHOA

BOARD MEETING

There is no Board Meeting in August. The next Board Meeting will be held in the Clubhouse at 3pm on Tuesday, September 16th.

MOVIE NIGHT

Our next movie night will be on Wed., August 20th at 7 p.m. The featured film will be Monuments Men, based on the true story of seven art histor-ians and museum curators who went behind enemy lines during World War II on a mission to recover some of the world's greatest works of art.

CHANTARELLE's 25th ANNIVERSARY PARTY

For the 25th Anniversary party on October 5th, we have changed the entertainment format. Instead of a formal concert, we will have musical interludes throughout the party. We are still interested in having Chantarelle residents entertain at the party. If you would like to participate in this way, please contact

Peggy Owens.

LANDSCAPING UPDATE

Hello friends here in Chantarelle! Here is your monthly update on what's happening with the landscaping around our neighborhood.

Irrigation Challenges We had two unexpected challenges with our irrigation system in July. Actually, at the very end of June, a water pipe burst near our well and a huge fountain of water was gushing toward Arnold Drive until the water was turned off. It took several days for that pipe to be repaired, during which time our lawns missed their much-needed water. Things were looking rather crispy out there. So when it was fixed, we increased the amount of watering temporarily to help make up for lost days. Three weeks later, our second challenge arose. The pump for our well abruptly came to the end of its life and needed to be replaced. Once again, our lawns and shrubs had to wait patiently until a new pump could be installed, causing yet another week of dry, browning conditions. Again, we have increased the lawn watering to make up for the loss. For at least a few weeks, the lawn irrigation will run for six nights a week, and then we will gradually cut back to a drought-appropriate schedule. Thank you for your patience as we work out the details of keeping our lawns as beautiful as possible.

Irrigation Improvements In order to maximize the efficiency of our existing watering system, Debbie and I will walk the entire community in August with Rafael Casillas, the head of our Waldron Landscaping crew, in order to determine which sprinklers are not functioning properly. Several areas of brown grass clearly indicate that some parts of our lawns are not receiving adequate water, even when we are watering regularly. This needs to be addressed. In addition, there are broken sprinkler heads and other issues that we need to identify and fix as soon as possible. Our longer-term vision for the areas planted with shrubs is to replace the sprinkler system with drip irrigation, which is more effective and efficient with water.

New Plants Coming Several of you have informed us that you have plants in your front landscaping that need to be replaced. We are keeping a log of these requests and are putting together a plan to choose replacements, which will be planted in the autumn. This hot, dry weather is not conducive for young plants to take root and thrive, but fall is an excellent time to plant.

Tree Removal and Replacement Some of you may have noticed that we have recently removed three unhappy-looking trees from the landscape. One ornamental pear was removed on St James Drive that was unwell and not going to revive. Also on St James Drive, in the small redwood park area adjacent to the pool area, a dead birch was removed. Lastly, a Chinese pistache on S. Temelec Circle was removed. Again, it is not ideal to replant in the heat of the summer, so two of the three will be replaced when the fall allows for better planting weather (the birch doesn't need to be replaced). Meanwhile, we are considering what trees would be ideal choices for replacement, ones that have a better chance of surviving. To that end, and beyond, Debbie, Dave Owens, and I have an appointment with our tree service expert, Ryan Garrison, of Art and Science Tree Service, to review all the trees in our neighborhood. We will come up with a plan for pruning, replacing, and improving the gorgeous trees in our community.

Landscape Alteration Request Form One last item before I sign off for this month's newsletter entry... Whenever you wish to request a change in your front landscaping, please utilize the Landscape Alteration Request form. Either Debbie or I would be happy to furnish you with one, or you can find copies in the Clubhouse where such forms are kept. This form helps us by giving us a way to track all the changes that are requested and completed. Thank you so much for helping us to help you and thanks so much for reading this column. We wish you a lovely month of August. See you in the neighborhood! Susan Moreschi

IMPORTANT NOTICES

- 1) For safety reasons, which should be obvious to all, **glass objects of any kind are not allowed in the pool area.** Please remind your guests.
- 2) Thefts from backyard areas have been reported in the area so we should all be extra vigilant.

DOMINOES

We will be playing Mexican Train Dominoes in the clubhouse on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Game begins at 12:30 p.m. If you are interested in joining the game, or need more information, contact Peggy Owens.

FIRE SAFETY

The following practices for reducing fire risk from dead vegetation are recommended by fire safety experts:

Standing Dead Trees Remove all standing dead trees from within your property.

Downed Dead Trees Remove all down dead trees within the defensible area if they are not yet embedded into the ground. Downed trees that are embedded into soil and which cannot be removed without soil disturbance should be left in place but remove all exposed branches.

Dead Shrubs Remove all dead shrubs from within your property.

Dried Grasses & Wildflowers Once grasses and wildflowers have dried out or "cured", mow to 3 inches within your property.

Dead Needles, Leaves, Cones, Branches (On The Ground) Reduce thick layers of pine needles to a depth of 2 inches. Do not remove all needles. Take care not to disturb the "duff" layer (dark area at the ground surface where needles are decomposing) if present. Remove dead leaves, twigs, cones, and branches.

Dead Needles, Leaves, Twigs, and Branches (Other Than On The Ground) Remove all dead leaves, twigs branches, & needles still attached to living trees and shrubs to a height of 15 ft. above ground. Remove all debris that accumulates on the roof and in rain gutters on a routine basis (or at least once annually).

Firewood and Other Combustible Debris Locate firewood and other combustible debris (wood scraps, grass clippings, leaf piles, etc.) at least 30ft. uphill from the house.

CHANTARELLE WEBSITE

Our new website is almost ready for publication. It will available on a limited test basis the first week in August and full details will be published in the next newsletter. Anyone having suggestions for our website should contact John Dodgshon.

