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JUNE

June combines the final days of spring and the first days of summer in a beautiful bouquet. Notable days this month are: Election Day on Tuesday, June 7; Fathers Day on Sunday, June 19; and the Summer Solstice on Monday, June 20. Everyone have a very happy month!

BOARD MEETING

There is no Board Meeting in June. The next Board Meeting will be in the clubhouse on Tuesday, July 19th.

TGIF PARTY

The next TGIF is on Friday, June 3rd, 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.

ART SHOW

The annual Chantarelle Art Show is set for Sunday, June 5 from 10am-4pm. The show features paintings & photography from residents in our community.

BACKFLOW INSTALLATIONS

By now, all homeowners should have received a green flyer in your mail tube giving specific information on the backflow installations that will have to take place (as per California law) by the fall of 2017. Your HOA Board continues to work for you, giving vital information and trying to locate the best prices for this work. We will be

digging around a few water meters so that the contractor can assess the job and give us a realistic estimate for installation. Several homeowners have volunteered to have their water meters used in this test. Mike Hashii and I attended the Sonoma Supervisors Forum a few weeks ago and spoke to both Susan Gorin and Gina Cuclis about the backflow installations. As you are aware, we are trying to see if any financial assistance can be obtained, since the current communities being targeted locally regarding enforcement of the code addressing the backflow devices are mostly retirement communities. Please be reminded that these backflow devices are required in our situation by California law. Your HOA Board is trying to keep you informed and look for optimum pricing. I have made contact with Creekside and met with one of their Board members who is on their Water Committee and has been costing out a possible option to the backflow installation using another method. His findings are not complete but the results are worth looking at. He will share the findings with us. The Board is also attempting to contact Rep. Levine and Dodd as well for financial assistance. One of

our Board members is also looking at other contractors who might also be able to complete the backflows when necessary. I also contacted VOM Water Dept. today trying to set up a date for them and Randy (the contractor who met with our Board recently) to come to the Clubhouse and discuss where we are at, the middle of June is our target date. Another flyer will be distributed in mail tubes when a date is finalized. As you can see we are busy on many fronts trying to look at all possible contacts and options.
~ Dave Owens

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

At the HOA Board meeting in May, we highlighted *Benny Lee's* years of service to our community as a Board member. Benny has served this Board and community for two terms, adding up to 8 years of service. Benny has been a voice of reason and commitment to Chantarelle. Thank you, Benny! The Board has appointed *Roger Young* to serve the remainder of Benny's term. Welcome aboard, Roger! We look forward to working with you on the Board. Also at the May meeting, several community members volunteered to assist with committee work. *Linda Jackson* will now help with the running of the clubhouse and act as contact person for reserving the clubhouse. Linda's telephone number is 415-987-0021. *Hewitt Jackson* has joined the Pool Committee, which will benefit all of us. *Peggy Owens* will now be the

chairperson for the Health/Safety Committee. *Hans Steuck* has headed that committee for many years. Thank you, Hans, for your valuable service to Chantarelle. The Board also voted to raise the rental fees for the clubhouse. The new rates are as follows: 25 attendees \$60, 40 attendees \$80, and 60 attendees \$100. The deposit fee will now be \$150. This represents the first increase in fees for many years. It is still a great bargain to use our beautiful clubhouse.

Creekside is having their annual garage/yard sale on Saturday, June 18th. While we are not planning a community-wide event at Chantarelle on that day, individual home-owners here are welcome to display their own "goods" for sale on that day. The Landscape committee is now working hard to remove some diseased and dead trees in our community, so the saws will be heard soon to complete this needed work. We are always in a new phase of projects. For example, the arbor behind the clubhouse is being examined for repair/replacement following discovery of dry rot in some sections.

At the May meeting, the on-going "curb your dog" discussion continued. Homeowners are finding "evidence" of dogs being allowed to defecate on lawns and common areas, with the pet owners neglecting to pick up after their pets. We ask all of you to help out. If you see something, say something to the pet owner. Pet owner: make sure you have a bag with you and clean it up!

As a community, we are bound by the CC&R's, and we are affected when residents do not comply with these guidelines.

All owners signed off on these rules when they bought their homes, and renters are bound as

well. You have a printed copy of the CC&R's in your home, and you may also access rules and bylaws and other important information by visiting the Chantarelle website at www.chantarelle.org. This site is now updated by Mary Howland, and we appreciate her diligence. Currently, the Board has requested that a copy of the lease be provided to our Managing Agent for each rental property in Chantarelle. The Board wants to make sure that each home being rented has an appropriate number of individuals, and that the rentals are in line with the rules as stated in the CC&R's. These rules are clear as to the use of garages, for example. Each garage is designed to hold two cars, and that is the intended purpose of a garage, not primarily as a storage facility. Your garage and, if necessary, your driveway, should be enough space for your car(s). Street parking should not be necessary. Following on this point, the spaces in front of the clubhouse are intended for residents using the clubhouse, not for overflow parking for individual homes. We need to know that the CCR'S are being followed with regard to the use of garages for cars and storage. In some instances, many cars are present at some addresses. All homeowners received a copy and signed off that they were aware and would abide by the CCR'S when they purchased their homes. In the almost 27 years since our community was established, perhaps the point of the CC&R's has been lost to some. Lack of compliance is a problem for all of us. The Board has discussed these issues and the time to act is now. The HOA Board must remain vigilant to protect all of our 122 homes and our quality of life. On a lighter note, the Giants have had a great season! Also, we wish

all fathers a Happy Father's Day. There is a lot going on in our beautiful community. Enjoy each day.

~ *Dave Owens*

MOVIE NIGHT

The movie for June will be *Joy*, the story of Joy Mangano, American inventor, business-woman & entrepreneur, known for inventions such as *Miracle Mop*. According to one film critic, *Joy* is "the saga of a woman's entrepreneurial triumph over family dysfunction and marketplace chicanery." The film stars Jennifer Lawrence & Robert De Niro and starts at 7pm on Wednesday, June 15 in the Clubhouse.

LANDSCAPE NOTES

Hello lovely friends and neighbors here in Chantarelle. Your June landscape update will be short and sweet!

Fond Farewell to a Few Trees

Debbie has put a lot of energy into receiving bids from different tree removal companies. We have finally settled on Western Tree Removal Specialists to remove three unsightly dead Redwoods alongside Arnold Drive and the poor sad Birch tree in front of the clubhouse. One live Liquidambar tree will be removed because of its extremely close proximity to a Redwood tree in our common area near the pool, impeding the growth of both trees.

These once lovely trees have lived out their lifespan here and now we have to say good-bye to them. The Western Tree team will be here June 8 & 9.

We have selected Atlas Tree Surgery to do some selective pruning on certain Liquidambar trees and also to remove large, unsightly dead branches. The Atlas team will be here on June 1. So do be prepared for some rather loud noise in the neighborhood on

these dates.

The Greening of the Lawns

We certainly have high hopes for beautiful, water-conscious green lawns in our neighborhood that will extend well into the hot summer thanks to our new lawn irrigation system. So far so good in most cases, but there are a few select spots around the neighborhood where the lawns are just unhappy, brown and splotchy. There are several causes of this problem and most likely we are going to need to wait until the hot summer passes before we can fully address those issues. In some cases we will actually be removing some of the old soil and replacing with fresh soil and fresh grass seed or sod. Those of you who have unhappy looking lawns, please know that we are well aware of the situation and are in search of the ideal solutions to resolve each one. We both wish you all a magnificent month of June as we enter into the full, bright, warm summer season! Look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood. ~ *Debbie & Susan*

STORYTELLING

Well, three delightful Storyteller Adventurers arrived for the launching this new community exploration here in Chantarelle on May 19th. We all had a wonderful time, if I do say so myself. So the Adventure continues in June. Would love to have more of you come and play with us if this sounds intriguing! It is definitely a drop-in group, you don't need to make any kind of commitment. And, you can also come and listen, you don't have to do any storytelling if you prefer not to. You can use the group to focus on sharing personal stories of your life, or if that doesn't appeal to you, you can shape the art of storytelling around stories you've heard or read. There's lots of flexibility

around this Adventure. Several of you who are interested in coming couldn't make it on Thursdays, so I'm switching to a Wednesday morning instead. Our next Storytelling Adventure get-together will be on Wednesday, June 15, 10:00AM at the Clubhouse. No need to RSVP (unless you'd like to), just come on over and have fun! And feel free to contact me if you have any questions.
~ Susan Moreschi, 415-515-7330, susanmoreschi@me.com.

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F.D.I.C. SECURITY TIPS

For tips on computer & internet security for bank customers, watch the FDIC presentation "Don't Be an Online Victim" at www.fdic.gov/consumers/consumer/guard. Also visit www.OnGuardOnline.gov for information on how to be safe online. These tips and many more are from the Winter 2016 special edition of FDIC Consumer News which is published quarterly and

can be read or printed at www.fdic.gov/consumernews.

POOLSIDE PICNIC

Our annual barbecue and poolside picnic will be on Saturday, July 16. Please save the date.

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 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.

CHANTARELLE WEBSITE

Please submit items for the the Chantarelle Website to Mary Howland, 650-468-1119 or email her at: char797@aol.com.

CHANTARELLE WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 TGIF 5:45pm	4
5 Art Show 10am-4pm	6	7 Election Day	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 <u>Flag Day</u> MexicanTrain Dominoes 12:30-4pm	15 Storytelling <u>Adventure 10am</u> Movie Night 7pm	16	17	18
19 Fathers Day	20 Summer Solstice (first day of Summer)	21	22	23	24	25
24	25	26 MexicanTrain Dominoes 12:30-4pm	27	28	29	30

Waldron Landscaping is now here on Thursday and Friday 8am until 4pm.
Garbage, recycling and garden trash pickup is every Monday.