

Chantarelle News - October 2014

BOARD MEETING

There is no Board Meeting in October. The next Board meeting will be on Tuesday, November 18th.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

The past two and a half months have been busy in Chantarelle since our last HOA meeting.

* Homes have been sold and others listed for sale. Our community is a desirable place to live. As one of our renters commented, "We are moving to Temelec because the yard is bigger, but we did not want to be too far from this great neighborhood." Other renters have commented that they hope one day to buy in Chantarelle, since this is the place to be. Despite an earthquake and the drought, blue skies are evident each day with that cool breeze that Mother Nature provides.

* The pool will close at the end of October and that will not be good news for our daily swimmers who take a short walk to Club Chantarelle; however, improvements continue. Hans suggested at the last HOA meeting that the fire zone at the curb needed painting and that was done. Jon suggested that we get a rechargeable blower to keep the pool area pristine, and that was purchased. Carl is busy as usual, currently working on refurbishing our storage shed.

* Debbie, Susan and I have met on two occasions with Ryan from Art and Science to view trees that needed to be sprayed and trimmed, and the majority of that work is now completed. Debbie coordinated Waldron's completion of the mulch project. 47 homes were completed for the same budget as last year, when 40 frontages were mulched. The Landscape Committee also worked with Raphael of Waldron Landscaping to improve irrigation. To date, 13 sprinkler heads have been replaced in this ongoing project.

* One of the major issues that Valley Of The Moon Water District brought to our attention is the need to have each homeowner purchase a backflow device and have it installed and inspected as per California State law. Paul Strong and I have spent a number of hours meeting with VOM reps and representatives from Creekside, Temelec, Country Meadows, Sonoma Greens and La Mancha to try and understand what is expected of us here in Chantarelle and what options we, as homeowners, may have. This issue has brought the six communities into a cooperative group dedicated to finding the best options for the 1000 homeowners that we represent. We have had an informational meeting with a contractor, and will now try to reach out to other contractors and to our County/ State representatives for guidance. At the Sept. 30th HOA meeting you will have the opportunity to hear the VOM presentation. Many residents in these six communities are working to benefit not only their own homeowners but all of us. Much work is ahead of us and each month the Newsletter will have updates.

* **Our Chantarelle 25th Anniversary Celebration will be in the clubhouse from 3-6pm on Sunday, Oct. 5th.** The party will include many Chantarelle residents, past and present, and will allow us to meet each other and share memories, mementoes and photos of this wonderful community. We'll have

refreshments and enjoy music by our very own Chantarelle residents. Chantarelle has become a fine community as a result of the dedicated efforts of those who gave of their time, talents and love for the place that we call home. We can say "Thank you" on Oct.5th and especially honor our "Our Original Homeowners," the pioneers of 1989 who had hopes and dreams of what could be. In 2014, we continue to benefit from the hard work of our volunteers, past and present.

* Chantarelle has a volunteer corps, small at times, but accomplishing much, and always striving to make each day better. Special thanks to the Social Committee for the BBQ and Anniversary Party. We look forward to the Holiday Party coming in December. *Dave Owens*

GET WELL WISHES

The Chantarelle Community sends healing wishes to Russ Johnson of 128 S Temelec Circle, who has been in hospital. We also send best wishes to Valerie Radic of 135 St James Drive, who is recovering from a fall.

TGIF PARTY

There will be no TGIF Party in October.

MOVIE NIGHT

Movie night will be held on Wednesday, October 15th, at 7 p.m. in the Clubhouse. Our feature will be *The Butler* starring Forest Whitaker and Oprah Winfrey. Summary: The story of a White House butler who served under eight presidents. The movie is set against the backdrop of American historical events, including the civil rights movement and the Viet Nam war.

SAFETY & WELFARE NOTES

Hans Steuck reminds us that earthquake preparedness is an ongoing requirement for our community. Residents who would like a copy of useful tips and guidelines please contact John Dodgshon via email at John_Dodgshon@hotmail.com.

LANDSCAPE NOTES

Hello again, everyone! Debbie and Susan here with your monthly Landscape Committee Report. As we go to press, the Autumn Equinox is here and hints of Fall are certainly in the air. May this season bring us much welcomed early rains! *First, let's bring you up to date on recent landscape activity ...*

Earthquake Impact in Chantarelle

We all felt the earthquake that occurred in the early hours of Sunday, August 24th! Well, our irrigation system felt it, too. We had not one, but two major breaks of irrigation pipes that our landscape crew attributes to effects of the earthquake. One occurred in the common area, not far from the pool. The other happened on S. Temelec Circle, near St. James Drive. Very fortunately, our Waldron Landscape Crew worked hard to remedy these breaks and now all is well again.

Sprinkler Solutions

We welcome Juvenile, our dedicated irrigation specialist from Waldron Landscaping. He has been out here twice now, checking our irrigation system section by section, and fixing problems that he discovers. We will continue to have him come on a regular basis to proactively test our irrigation system. We

hope to not only fix existing irrigation issues with Juvenile's expertise, but also to avoid potential new problems.

Mulch City

You may have noticed that new mulch has been placed in several areas along S. Temelec Circle and part of St. James Drive. It certainly helps to give a more finished look to our landscaping as well as serving the all-important function of preserving water. We will continue to mulch the neighborhood in sections in coming months.

And now, some updates on what's to come in the near future ...

Autumn Planting

While we are pleased to acknowledge that much of the landscaping in our neighborhood looks quite lovely, there are also some areas where shrubs are old and in need of replacing. The two of us are canvassing to determine which shrubs are particularly feeble, woody, or sparse, and will be making plans to purchase and install replacements during October and November.

Winter Tree Pruning

Several of you have come to us with concerns about unhealthy or imbalanced trees, and we thank you for that. Once winter arrives and the leaves are off the trees, we will be doing our annual pruning project with Ryan Garrison and his Art and Science Tree Service. We hope to address as many of the concerns as possible, as well as continue to shape and care for these sylvan treasures that help to beautify our homes and common areas.

Guide to Who to Contact

When you have a concern or want to submit a Landscape Alteration Form, here's how to know which one of us to contact:

Debbie is in charge of all the homes on the **east side of S. Temelec Circle** and **Hermosa Parkway** as well as **St. Matthew** and **St. Patrick Courts**.

Susan is in charge of all the homes on the **west side of S. Temelec Circle** as well as **St. James Drive**.

Please don't hesitate to contact us directly if you have a question, comment, concern (or even a compliment!), and do remember that now you can also utilize our Chantarelle website to submit landscape requests, questions, and comments.

Do enjoy a beautiful October, and no doubt, we'll be seeing you around Chantarelle on one of our landscape walks.