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AUGUST MUSINGS

What I Did On My Summer Vacation

Remember the first homework assignment we usually got when we returned from summer break in elementary school? It was usually what we did while on our break. I thought I'd do that here and bring back those happy memories of summer vacation.

This year I went to Portugal and England. I've never been to Portugal and have been to England several times. My nephew Jason and I took a cruise down the Duoro River in Portugal on Viking. Our first two days were spent in a lovely hotel in Lisboa. One of the most distinctive aspects of Portuguese architecture is the use of blue and white tiles on the exterior of their buildings. Some of the tiles are absolutely exquisite!



Typical
housing
in
Porto,
Portugal

The Portuguese people are very proud of their exploration history. It's amazing to think that a country the size of New Jersey could have conquered so much of the world! Do you know which country has the largest population of Portuguese speaking people? *

We found that many of the people spoke English. Americans were warmly welcomed. The country is beautiful! The food was good and the wine and port were delicious! We heard many stories about Americans moving to Portugal. Much of Portugal, especially their vineyard areas will remind you of Sonoma. I would go back and spend more time in Lisboa and Porto. Both are beautiful cities.



The Palace
that
Mateus
rose wine
built

We went to London after Portugal. My nephew had never been to London so I figured why not since we're on this side of the Atlantic. We flew KLM from Porto to London and somehow the airline managed to lose the entire flight's luggage. What a hassle! We did get it delivered the next evening, but it was still a major inconvenience. I missed an entire day of sightseeing. Oh well, I have been there many times before. My nephew managed to clock 25,000 steps in one day while exploring London. Impressive!

We did visit several of the museums, my nephew went on the Eye, the Ferris wheel where you can see some incredible views of London. I had tea at Harrod's and saw two plays in the West End. We did a lot considering we were there only 5 days.

Our flight home was the best of all the flights we took during this trip. We flew Virgin Atlantic. Lots of good food and drinks were served, plenty of room in Coach and very pleasant staff.

As always, it's a pleasure to come back home to Sonoma. We are so fortunate to live in such a beautiful place.

**After Brazil, the largest Portuguese speaking country is Angola with 18 million speakers and then Mozambique with 13 million speakers.*

– Valerie Camarda, Editor

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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

August is "Happiness Happens Month"

I am happy to be your new board president and to follow in Steve Rogers' footsteps, grateful for all he did to have our HOA be so healthy and prosperous on every level. His dedication to Chantarelle and serving this HOA with deep integrity is an inspiration. I hope I can live up to his legacy.

MANY THANKS: to Cindy Adamson for all of her years of service as a board member. You have been a gift to us all Cindy, to Debby Bonamassa for stepping in as Vice President and to David Wildmon as Secretary, to Lois Rogers for all her work as Social Chairperson and to Debby Bonamassa and Marybeth Jacobsen for stepping in to take her place, to Tom Flinn for his work on Landscape and to Art Ferretti for bringing all his years of expertise as new Chairperson of Landscape. And last but by no means least, I want to thank Ron Yamato for his help and guidance in making this transition. Your kind and generous support has been invaluable. We are fortunate

to have such a giving community in service to our beautiful neighborhood. I am filled with gratitude.

Outcome from the board meeting: Out of the discussion of the viability of the Bocce Court, we felt like a survey was needed to see what you all would like to have available for recreation. David Wildmon will be sending out a survey via email. Please complete the survey so your interests can be considered. Sue Carson, has volunteered to chair a new committee to address the speeding cars on South Temelec. She and her committee, already hard at work gathering information, are calling it the Traffic Calming committee. Thank you Sue and Committee.

Beautification and comfort will include cushions for the benches under the pergola at the pool and new cushions around the fireplace in the clubhouse.


The newly refinished floor in the clubhouse is beautiful. Let's do all we can to help keep it free of scuffs.

The lawns are looking better and weeds are disappearing. Thank you Art. He will have more in his report.

Ron, thank you! We are under budget! Always good news.

Christine Benson, local real estate agent, has offered the following as a gift to Chantarelle, Creekside and Temelec residents as a thank you for all the trust placed in she and her son with selling their homes.

 **Date:** Saturday, September 20, 2025

 **Time:** 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM (Temelec and Chantarelle residents)

 **Location:** Temelec Hall Parking Lot

 Light refreshments will be provided

We've hired Integrity Shred for the event. **They will be serving Creekside from 9:00 to 10:30 AM, followed by Temelec and Chantarelle from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM.**

To ensure everyone can participate, we kindly ask each household to limit shredding to one

standard file box (approximately 12" x 18" x 12", or one cubic foot). **Papers may include staples and paperclips**—no need to remove them.

--Susan Carlisle, President



Photo: Valerie Camarda

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF JUNE 30, 2025

RESERVE ACCOUNTS

There was one reserve expense in June in the amount of \$6,050 for refinishing the clubhouse floor. The reserve fund remains in good shape \$597,912.85 at the end of the month.

OPERATING EXPENSES

As of the end of June we were still under budget at \$26,774 in our operating expenses, which is pretty good given that we are halfway through the year. Our operating cash stands at about \$19,212. This amount less our liabilities leaves us with about \$2,274 in cash. This may seem low, but we have ready cash available in our reserves from which we can withdraw funds should the need arise, without penalty.

DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS

The number of homeowners who are more than one month behind in payments remained the same at 3 as last month, but the amount in arrears decreased from \$4,010.62 to \$2,369.16 in the same period. Thanks again to Strong Management for continuing to follow up on these accounts.

--Ron Yamato, Treasurer

CHANTARELLE SOCIAL NEWS

Socializing with neighbors, that we now call friends, has been an important part of our Chantarelle Community. We want to recognize and thank Lois Rogers for all the work she has done for the past several years in bringing us together for First Fridays, the fall barbeque, and the Christmas party.

We are now in the process of putting together a committee so that we may continue to provide the activities that everyone has so enjoyed. Unfortunately, we will not be organized in time to have the First Friday get together on August 1st. However, we do encourage anyone who would like to socialize that day to call a neighbor or two, bring a dish and a drink, and gather at 5:30 that day for an informal "First Friday" at our lovely pool area. Just be sure to clean up after yourself and put umbrellas down before leaving. And don't forget, dress appropriately, as it does get cold once the sun goes down.

--Marybeth Jacobsen & Debby Bonamassa,
Social Chairs



LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE REPORT

Hello neighbors. My name is Art Ferretti and I'm on the landscape committee. I live at 141 Saint James Drive with my wife Nancy.

My focus will be maintaining our landscaping and keeping our community looking as good as we can.

I've had several meetings with our landscape contractor Waldron's. They have been very responsive to the changes I've suggested – weed control and lawn fertilizing, filling in circles in lawns where trees were removed. You will see greener lawns and plants.

I'm also getting proposals for tree trimming and reducing and shaping of several trees.

Enjoy summer weather, just need the wind to stop!

Thank you.

--Art Ferretti

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Tolay Park off Lakeville Hwy. Photo: Tom McKean

WELCOME COMMITTEE

We are so happy to welcome several new neighbors since our June Newsletter. We also have some corrections for the directory and of course the new additions.

NEW NEIGHBORS:

159 Saint James Drive

Michelle Morin-Machi and Mario Machi

415-307-2577

stellamorin@gmail.com

148 South Temelec Circle

Carol Peterson

650-483-6046

Email to follow

CORRECTION TO JUNE NEWSLETTER:

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Patti and Scott Baily

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CORRECTIONS TO DIRECTORY:

Page 4 - Susan's email,
susanwellscarson@gmail.com

Page 14 - Carson for Carlson

Page 5 -- The correct spelling of Art and Nancy's last name is Ferretti.

We are still working on 175 Saint James and 31, 133, and 229 S. Temelec Circle. If you are interested in helping with this Chantarelle Welcome Committee, please contact Russelle Johnson - 707-935-8658 or rxrjohnson@yahoo.com. Thank you.

--Russelle Johnson - 707-935-8658

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--Peggy Owens - 707-343-7087

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--Shelley Lawrence - 951-202-0459

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SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

If you know of a neighbor who is feeling under the weather or needs a little cheering up, please let us know. We would like to show that our lovely community cares.

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

BOOK CLUB NEWS

We will meet in the Clubhouse on August 14, at 2:00, to discuss *The Lobster Chronicles* by Linda Greenlaw. It sounds like an interesting read about the joys and challenges of lobstering and living on a sparsely populated island in Maine.

We welcome any new members or, if you prefer, just read the books for your own pleasure. If you have any questions, please call or text Marybeth (940-290-4757) or Barbara (415-377-8712).

--Barbara White - (415-377-8712)



Tolay Park off Lakeville Hwy. Photo: Tom McKean

CLUBHOUSE NOTES

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 our new Clubhouse coordinator, Marianne Sullivan, at msullivan101010@gmail.com or 530-575-9386

--Marianne Sullivan, Coordinator



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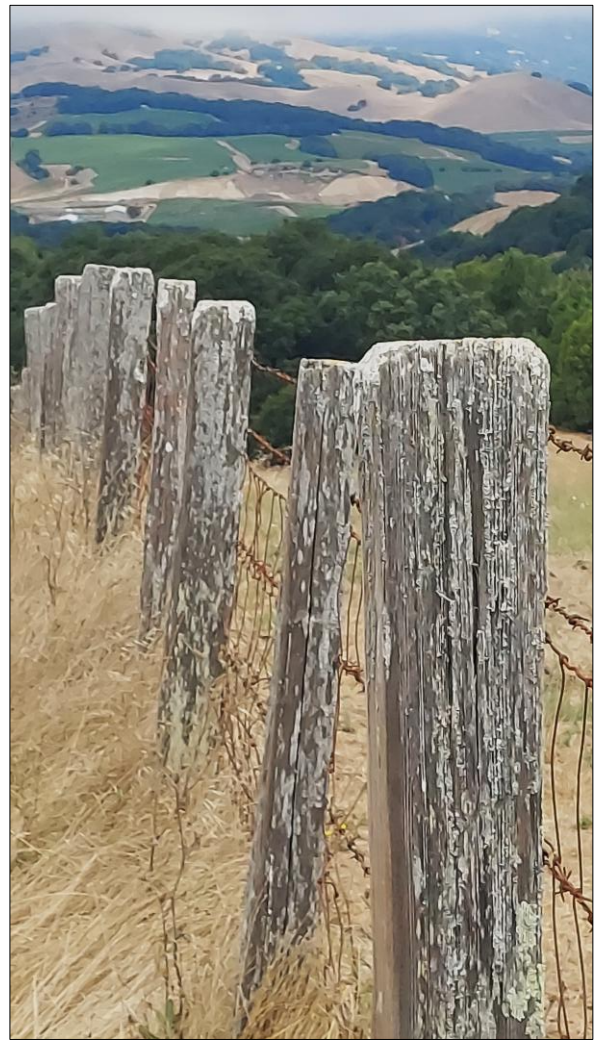
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SAFETY AND WELFARE

I've been asked to use my column this month to reiterate the pool rules.

Now that summer is in full swing, and we have been joined by a number of new neighbors, it's a good time to review the pool rules. You can view all rules and regs on our website as well:

www.chantarelle.org. Please especially note hours for children. Holidays follow weekend rules, noon to 6. In general, be thoughtful and respectful to pool users, and stay safe.

POOL RULES

1. Persons using the pool and pool area assume all liability for such use and agree to hold harmless the Chantarelle Homeowners' Association, its members, directors, officers and employees in case of accident, injury, theft or loss of personal property, or other calamities. As mentioned in the Clubhouse Rules, homeowners who rent or lease their lot lose their right to use and enjoy the common areas, including the clubhouse and pool.
2. Pool hours are 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. The pool is generally heated May 1st through October 31st, but the exact dates are designated yearly by the Board.
3. There is no lifeguard on duty at any time.
4. For purposes of maintaining pool hygiene, all persons must use the clubhouse shower before entering the pool.
5. Diving and jumping into the pool and running or pushing in the pool area is prohibited.
6. No glass of any kind is allowed in the clubhouse common area, which includes the pool itself, the concrete area around the pool, and the rest of the common area within the gates.
7. Flotation devices shall be limited to kick boards, water wings, and "noodles." Larger devices like air mattresses, inflatable boats, etc. are prohibited.
8. To avoid littering, trash cans must be used.
9. Neither smoking nor pets are allowed in the pool area, which includes all of the common area within the gates around the pool.
10. Unnecessary noise is not allowed at any time.
11. Before leaving the pool area, please remove debris, clean the tables, and tie the umbrellas closed.
12. Children in the pool area who are less than 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.
13. A homeowner's/renter's guest may use the pool without the homeowner/renter being present, provided the guests obey all the pool area rules. Homeowners/renters are responsible for the conduct of their guests and must see that rules are obeyed.
14. Children using the pool must be at least three (3) years old, potty trained, and may not be in diapers.
15. Lap swimming hours are from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on weekdays.
16. Hours for guests under 18 years of age: Weekdays – noon to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Weekends – Noon to 6 p.m.

-- Peggy Owens, Coordinator
Safety/Welfare Committee
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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 Casual 1st Friday Poolside	2
3	4	5 Bunco 1:00-4:00	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Mexican Train Dominos 12:30-4:00	13	14 Book Club 2:00-3:30	15	16
17	18	19	20 Poker 6:30	21	22	23
24	25	26 Mexican Train Dominos 12:30-4:00	27	28	29	30
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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.