

## **FEBRUARY**

I must admit that February is not my favorite month. Probably because of the relentless cold rain that I remember from my youth in England. How we could use some of that rain here, where February often brings the first hints of spring days to come! Notable days this month include: the Super Bowl on Sunday, February 1; Valentine's Day on Saturday, February 14; Presidents Day on Monday, February 16; Ash Wednesday on February 18 and Chinese New Year on Thursday, February 19. Have a happy month!

## **BOARD MEETING**

There is no board meeting in February. The next board meeting is in the clubhouse on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **TGIF PARTY**

The next TGIF is at the clubhouse on Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 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, 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.

## **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

February is the month we celebrate Valentine's Day and, quite early this month, the **Super Bowl**. Why not join your neighbors in the clubhouse on Sunday Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> at 3pm to watch the Big Game on the big screen T.V.?

**Mardi Gras Party:** We will also be treated to wonderful jazz music featuring John Dodgshon and his group on Sunday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>. They'll make you feel that it is indeed Mardi Gras time. Watch your mail tube for this special flyer.

## **A preview of the next HOA Board meeting agenda:**

The Board will review the following items:

- \* Opening the pool prior to May 1<sup>st</sup> to extend the season,
- \* Tree guidelines to define what policies, if any, need to be changed
- \* Holding evening HOA meetings in May and July,
- \* Seeking candidates for the Board
- \* Adding new members to the following committees:
  1. Finance Committee (thank you to Ron Yamato for joining this committee)
  2. Web Site Committee
  3. Clubhouse Committee
  4. Health&Safety Committee

All of these committees could use new and additional members. Experience is not a requirement to join, only the willingness to continue to make Chantarelle the great community that it is.

## **Car Parking:**

It has come to our attention that cars are still not being parked in garages and are, in fact, left on the street. Spring is almost here and it may be time to clean out the garage and make more room. Please consider your neighbors and make an effort to park cars in your garage. The CC&R's specifically address the parking concerns in Article VII. Signs: This same article also addresses the types of signs (commercial, e. g.) that should not be displayed in front of homes. If any homeowner needs a copy of the CC&R's or a copy of the Chantarelle Handyman, please contact me, and I will be glad to provide you with your own copy. John Dodgshon has also done a fine job of including various documents on our web site, [www.chantarelle.org](http://www.chantarelle.org).

**Our Annual Meeting** will be held on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Our community finances are in good shape. In 2014 landscape maintenance items have been addressed aggressively and should now provide us with many years of new installations that will continue to enhance the beauty of Chantarelle. Mother Nature has provided us with 25 years of growth. The HOA Board and the Landscape Committee, in particular, are working to strike a balance between continuity and paring down-- not an easy task. The new Activities Committee was discussed at the recent HOA meeting and I am a little disappointed that this worthwhile activity that would benefit all of us is not attracting volunteers to spearhead the many possibilities. Our proposed Community Service Day could include such tasks as painting benches (we only have a few), planting colorful flowers at the Chantarelle entrances, and an ongoing collection of food and clothes for FISH or other worthwhile local organizations. Watch the March Newsletter for specific dates and we will see what we can accomplish as a community. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Jazz fest and Annual Meeting. *Dave Owens*

## **MOVIE NIGHT**

February's movie will be shown at the Clubhouse at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 18th.

The feature is ***And So It Goes*** starring Michael Douglas and Diane Keaton. Plot summary: A self-absorbed realtor enlists the help of his neighbor when he's suddenly left in charge of the granddaughter he never knew existed until his estranged son drops her off at his home.

## **LANDSCAPE NOTES**

Hello again, friends and neighbors here in our beautiful Chantarelle. Debbie and Susan here once again to give you the landscaping update of the month.

### **New hours for Waldron Crew**

You may have noticed by now that we don't see the Waldron landscaping crew trucks so often in the neighborhood these days. And you are probably wondering why you don't hear the leaf blowers and mowing machines as often. Well, here's the scoop. Due to the fact that the Waldron crew no longer also works in the Creekside community, they have shifted their hours of work here in Chantarelle to Thursdays and Fridays. They are still adjusting their hours, but we should see them from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm on those two days of the week. Same service, fewer days.

### **Tree trimming to commence**

We launch into this new year with a major winter tree-trimming project while the deciduous trees are still without their leaves. This makes it easier for Ryan and his crew with Art and Science Tree Service to prune and shape the trees. We have toured the neighborhood with Ryan and have determined specific trees that are overgrown and out of balance or are diseased in any way, and those will receive the priority in trimming. The dates the crew will be here are Wed., Feb. 11 and Thurs., Feb. 12.

### **Pruning elves in action**

A few of you may have noticed your shrubs in the front of your house are a little smaller. That's because the two of us had a pruning session on Wednesday, Jan. 28. Our intent is to help the shrubs to flower more abundantly, particularly shrubs that have been planted recently. Hand-pruning is too costly and time-consuming for the Waldron crew to do, so we are supplementing their work by doing this ourselves.

We covered part of S. Temelec Circle as well as St. James Drive. We will get to the other areas soon. There are some shrubs which are currently in need of hand-pruning

but we are holding off until they complete their bloom cycles. This applies to those of you who have ceanothus, rhodo-dendron, or azalea in your front.

That's the landscape story for this month. Hope you enjoy a delightful February and may we all get out our raincoats and umbrellas for the rain that is expected to come our way this month. *Debbie & Susan*

### **DIRECTORY UPDATES**

Our 2015 Directory will be printed in March, in time for the Annual Meeting. If you are a new owner or resident, or if your details have changed, please advise John Dodgshon at 933-8395 or email him at

John\_Dodgshon@hotmail.com.

The required details for the directory are: Name(s), address, phone number(s) and email address(es).

### **GET WELL WISHES**

The Chantarelle Community sends healing wishes to Betty Schwartz , who is recovering from a fall and will be home shortly.

### **SAFETY & WELFARE NOTES**

Hans Steuck has provided this timely advice from AARP...

#### **Your Data up for Grabs**

For \$33, columnist Sid Kirch-heimer purchased an on-line dossier on himself, as anyone with a credit card can do. This included birth date, past employers, & addresses that could be used to apply for fraudulent credit. It included relatives' names & ages (useful for the so-called grandparents scam, in which fraudsters pretend to be grandchildren in distress) plus emails, phone numbers and other personal nuggets that he'd prefer scammers not know. This data is publically available legally on people-search websites such as: Spokeo, Instant Checkmate, Pipl, Intelius, BeenVerified, PeekYou, PeopleFinders, PeopleSmart and more than a dozen others. Anyone with internet access can buy data nuggets on virtually every consumer. It's all collected and sold by some 200 data broker firms, with no laws to protect you. So what can you do?

**Be proactive.** Some search sites do let you opt out. Get step-by-step instructions at [abine.com/optouts.php](http://abine.com/optouts.php). But prepare yourself: Some (like Intelius) require a photocopy of your drivers license and other hoop-jumping. And if you're removed from the site (which doesn't always happen) data may be reposted, so you should regularly recheck. For a fee, companies like Abine, Safe Shepherd and AVG PrivactFix will do the legwork for you.

**Check all your possibilities.** Data on you may be filed under your first and last name. But it may also be listed with middle name or initial, or with name misspellings.

**Don't help them.** You can't control some details about yourself (such as those pooled from public records) but you can withhold others by taking precautions, such as making sure you don't complete product-warranty cards (you still have the warranty regardless), take part in surveys, or enter contests. Some data may be taken from social networks, so guard what you post on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn etc.