



# Chantarelle Gazette

Chantarelle Homeowners' Association Newsletter

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## APRIL MUSINGS

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Being born on April Fool's Day is no walk in the park. Sure, everybody remembers your birthday, but the pranks and jokes can sometimes be unbearable...especially when you're a kid in elementary school. The boys in my class made it their mission to pull pranks on me on my birthday. I was so naïve and gullible. I believed everything they told me like, "Valerie, we have no school tomorrow." Of course, we did. They hid my lunch, my books and made me the butt of their jokes...all day long!

I remember on my 10<sup>th</sup> birthday when I'd been treated to a bevy of shenanigans by the boys, I went home for lunch (I lived only a few blocks away) and cried to my mother that I didn't want to go back to school after lunch. She told me to ignore them. Mom said, "They all really like you, that's why they tease you." Hmm, I wasn't so sure about that. I went back to class and Mrs. Feld, my teacher, was waiting for me outside the classroom. "Uh oh! What did I do?!" I panicked as she had never done this before. She started asking me what I was going to do for my birthday and other questions. Then she looked at her watch and said, "Time to go in". All my classmates were in a huddle and when I walked in, they spread out to reveal a lit birthday cake! It was a surprise party! I definitely was surprised, and my teacher was in on it! They had all chipped in for the cake and a gift. The gift was the game, Sorry. I guess it

was their way of telling me they were sorry for all the pranks they had pulled on me since first grade. Now, in retrospect I can see that they really did like me and wanted to apologize. The jokes and pranks subsided in 6<sup>th</sup> grade, thank goodness! But then when I went home my brother and my cousin Billy continued with the stupid pranks. Oh well....

I was surprised to learn that April Fools' Day is celebrated all over the world, not just in Brooklyn. The day has been celebrated for several centuries by different cultures, though its exact origins remain a mystery. April Fools' Day traditions include playing hoaxes or practical jokes on others, often yelling "April Fools!" at the end to clue in the subject of the April Fools' Day prank. While its exact history is shrouded in mystery, the embrace of April Fools' Day jokes by the media and major brands has ensured the unofficial holiday's long life.

Here's wishing you all the wonderful holidays that occur in April! Happy Easter and Happy Passover! And of course, Happy April Fools' Day!

-- Valerie Camarda, Editor

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## PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

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We had both our Annual Homeowners Meeting and our regular Board Meeting on Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup>. At the Annual Meeting the results of the Board of Directors Election were announced, and Pat Chace and Cindy Adamson were reelected to two-year terms.

Traffic speeds on South Temelec Circle were brought up and we will agendaize this for next meeting with the hope that a committee can be formed to develop suggested remedies for slowing down the cars.

We awarded this year's Resident of the Year to Linda Jackson. Linda has served as the coordinator and scheduler for the clubhouse for years and also works on proof reading for our newsletter. We congratulate Linda on her exemplary service to our community.

At our regular meeting we approved a tree list if residents want to remove their current tree and replace the tree in front of their home at their expense. We will publish the list on our website.

We updated our project list and approved getting quotes to refinish the clubhouse floor. We have noticed a lot of black marks around where games are played and ask that after the floors are refinished, we pay particular attention to the floor after our game so the shoes that are causing the black marks can be identified. We may consider banning black soled shoes.

--Steve Rogers, President

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### **TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2025**

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#### **Reserve Accounts**

There was one reserve expense in February for a deposit on landscaper plans for the pool area, at a cost of \$2,817. The reserve fund remains in good shape at \$580,379.85 at the end of the month.

#### **Operating Expenses**

As of the end of February we were under budget by about \$12,288 in our operating expenses, which is not unusual given it's still early in the year. Our operating cash stands at about \$5,233, which is cutting it close, but we have ready reserves in the amount of \$52,000 which can be readily drawn upon if needed, without incurring any penalties.

#### **Delinquent Accounts**

The number of homeowners who are more than one month behind in payments decreased from 7 at the end of January to 5 at the end of February, but the amount in arrears increased from \$4,854.50 to \$7,452.33 in the same period. The main reason for the increase was

that \$2,643 was assessed against the estate of one of our homeowners for the repair of a common fence. The board voted to fix the fence in a timely fashion rather than waiting for the estate to take care of it. Also, the amount in arrears for two homeowners who are notably behind in their payments have increased since the last report, so possible disciplinary measures will be discussed at a future meeting.

REMINDER: The filing deadline for our IRS tax returns, April 15, is fast approaching. Also, the deadline to pay your 2<sup>nd</sup> installment of your property tax, without incurring the 10% penalty, is April 10.

--Ron Yamato, Treasurer

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### **CHANTARELLE SOCIAL NEWS**

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The theme for this month's "First Friday" will be all things beautiful in Spring, which includes the blooming of lovely flowers, Easter, and a couple days later celebrating Earth Day! Our get-together will take place on **Friday April 4th** at 5:30 p.m. in the Clubhouse. Since we have had several new residents move into our neighborhood lately, let me explain to you what this gathering is. Everyone in our Chantarelle Community is invited to come, it is very informal and laid back, and a great opportunity for you to meet some of your new neighbors! Each household brings any type of appetizer you wish to put on our "share" table, or if you would rather, we also love any dessert brought to share. You also bring whatever your favorite evening beverage is. I hope to see many of you there!

--Lois Rogers, Social Chair

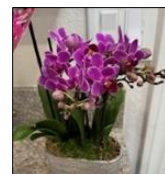
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### **LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE REPORT**

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#### **April Gardening Guide for Northern California**

Personal Note: I had a great time helping Denise Lester make a new front yard garden. She planted a new tree, shrubs, irrigation and lawn. I just received a lovely orchid from her with a note that



graciously thanked me for helping her plan out her landscaping project.

I asked ChatGPT to give me some help in my garden. "I Live in Sonoma CA. I want to plant a sunny window box. What would be the best Mediterranean plants to put in my window box?"

That sounds beautiful! Sonoma's Mediterranean climate is perfect for a sunny window box full of drought-tolerant, fragrant, and colorful plants. Here are some of the best Mediterranean plants that will thrive in a sunny window box and give you that classic, vibrant look:

Herbs (both beautiful and useful):

- Thyme (creeping or upright) – Tiny flowers and fragrant foliage.
- Oregano – Hardy, aromatic, and soft cascading habit.
- Marjoram – Similar to oregano but with a sweeter scent.
- Rosemary (compact varieties) – Piney fragrance and upright structure.
- Lavender (dwarf varieties like 'Hidcote' or 'Munstead') – Classic Mediterranean look and fragrance.

Flowers & Foliage:

- Pelargonium (Scented Geraniums) – Lovely flowers and scented leaves.
- Euphorbia 'Diamond Frost' or 'Glitz' – Airy white blooms that fill gaps beautifully.
- Helichrysum italicum (Curry plant) – Silvery foliage with a spicy scent.
- Erigeron karvinskianus (Santa Barbara Daisy) – Light, delicate daisies that cascade.

Trailing plants:

- Trailing Rosemary – Spills over the box beautifully.
- Ivy-leaved Geranium – Bright flowers and trailing habit.
- Lotus berthelotii (Parrot's Beak) – Striking silver foliage and bright flowers.

Bonus tip:

Use a high-quality, fast-draining potting mix, and consider terracotta or natural-tone containers to enhance the Mediterranean feel.

Next month I'll include more tips for your Mediterranean window box. Happy gardening!

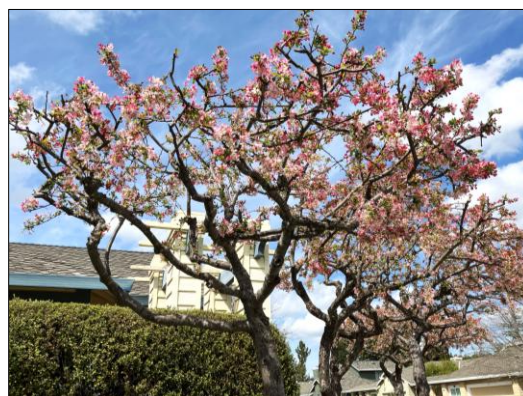
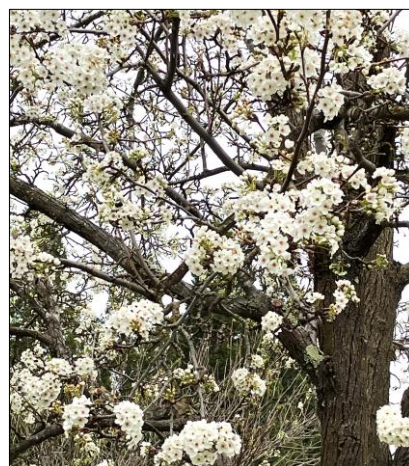
--Tom Flinn, Landscape Chairman

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## SPRING IN CHANTARELLE

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## WELCOME COMMITTEE

Happy Spring, Easter and Income Tax due date to all our Chantarelle Neighbors. As of this printing we do not have any new neighbors to report on. Hopefully, with the following houses on the market we will have new neighbors very soon.

209 South Temelec Circle

169 South Temelec Circle

150 Saint James Drive

With this beautiful weather we are looking forward to welcoming our new Chantarelle neighbors. Let one of us know if you see any action concerning any of these houses.

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## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

We want to congratulate Sue and Charlie Carson on their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Warm wishes from all of us here in Chantarelle!

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.

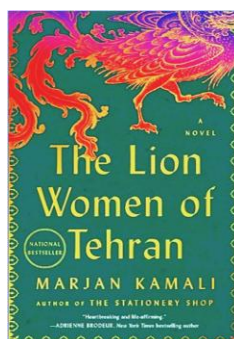
--Jackie O'Neill - 707-292-0261

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## BOOK CLUB NEWS & LIBRARY UPDATE

### Book Club

Last month we read *An Old Man's Game* by Andy Weinberger. The author lives in Temelec and owns our local bookstore, Readers' Books. He was kind enough to come to our meeting and discuss his writings. It was a real treat!



(415-377-8712).

### Library Update

Our little library has been enjoyed by many over the last six months, and we have a great selection of genres. I have rotated in some popular options from storage, so there are some fresh choices for your perusal.

We had a suggestion from one of our frequent readers that I have underlined below.

When adding or returning books, please do the following:

-Enter the date on the front inside cover

-Rate the book with 1 to 5 stars

-Place the book on shelf in alphabetical order, by author's last name

-If you don't have time or can't squeeze them in where they belong, please place them in the 'Sort Basket' on the floor, to the left of the bookcases.

--Marybeth Jacobsen

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## GUESS WHO . . .

In an effort to get to know our neighbors better, we started a new column in January called *Guess Who?*

No one correctly guessed March's *Guess Who* resident. It is Cindy Adamson.



Cindy Adamson

Now, take a look at this resident's picture taken when they were a bit younger and see if you can guess who it is.

--Valerie Camarda



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### 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](mailto:msullivan101010@gmail.com) or 530-575-9386

--Marianne Sullivan, new coordinator

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## THINGS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

### ALL CHANTARELLE HOMES HAVE A SAFETY DEVICE THAT MIGHT HAVE AN ISSUE

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We have a Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) issue in our homes. This device can help prevent electrical shocks, burns and electrocution.

#### Here's how it works:

A GFCI compares the amount of current going to and returning from equipment along a circuit. If there's a ground fault, meaning there's an accidental connection between an electric conductor and something grounded, the GFCI will shut off power within 1/40 of a second.

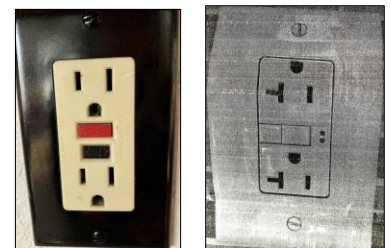
#### Where they're used

GFCIs are especially in areas where water and electricity are likely to come into contact, such as kitchens, bathrooms and laundry rooms. They can also be used outdoors or in garages where power tools are used.

Shortly after we moved to Chantarelle a few years ago, when we had contractors working on our deck in the backyard, I noticed we did not have any power in our bathroom. Since I have an electrical background, this was no more than a minor nuisance to me, and I began looking for the circuit breaker or GFCI that most likely had tripped. The electrical showed all circuit breakers were in the "ON" position, that none of them had been tripped, so I started looking for the GFCI that protected our bathroom. Interestingly enough, I couldn't find one, so I started searching, in a logical order, for where in the house it might be. I couldn't find one, so I got out my voltmeter, and proceeded to measure the voltage in all of the outlets. I discovered that the second bathroom had no power, as well. Then our contractor informed me that they had no power on the outside of the house, so they couldn't run their power tools. I couldn't find any GFCIs on the outside of the house as well. The problem had turned from a minor nuisance into quite a quandary, trying to figure the situation out. The only places that I had not checked for GFCIs were the kitchen and the garage. A preliminary check of the kitchen assured me that all power was good, so out to the garage I went. There are two outlets in our garage. The first one I checked was on the other side of our spare bedroom, and it had no power. The other one is located in the nook that they designed for use by a golf cart. When I inspected it, I discovered it was a GFCI. Not only that, it was tripped. I reset it and then started testing the outlets for power. They all worked, including the ones outside.

I'm sharing this story because, since that time, I have helped a number of people in Chantarelle with the same issue that I had. I personally believe that whoever wired the houses in Chantarelle should never have put the outside plugs, two bathrooms, and the garage on one GFCI. It, to me, is overloading the circuit. A 20 amp circuit has a maximum peak capacity of 2400 watts, but, according to the National Electrical Code, you should never run over 80% of its capacity, which brings it down to 1920 watts. When you add up all the potential sources of power usage, i.e. hair dryers, vacuum cleaner, portable heaters and power tools being used outside or in the garage, you will go well past the safety limits.

Here are two examples of GFCIs that are currently in use today. The left one is a 15 amp model, with the Test and Reset buttons in the center of the outlet. If you push the test button, it should remove power from the circuit. If you push the reset button, it should restore the power. The second GFCI is a 20 amp version, with the test and reset buttons side-by-side in the center of the outlet.



Make sure you know where your GFCIs are in your home. Any questions, just give me a call.

--Dave Lindstrom , 415-785-8713

### Some spring tips from Vista Gardens:

#### 1. Get Moving with Outdoor Activities

The warmer weather and longer days provide the perfect opportunity to get outside and get moving. Take a daily walk around your neighborhood or local park, try gardening or join a local senior exercise class. Not only will you get some much-needed physical activity, but spending time outdoors can also boost your mood and mental health.

#### 2. Stay Hydrated

As temperatures rise, it's important to stay hydrated. Seniors are at a higher risk of dehydration, so make sure to drink plenty of water throughout the day. If you're not a fan of plain water, try adding some fruit or herbal tea for added flavor.

#### 3. Keep Your Skin Protected

While it's important to get some sunlight for vitamin D, it's equally important to protect your skin from the sun's harmful rays. Wear sunscreen with at least SPF 30 and protective clothing, such as a hat and long-sleeved shirt, when spending time outdoors.

#### 4. Spring Clean Your Living Space

Spring cleaning isn't just good for your living space, it's good for your health too. Get rid of clutter and dust, which can worsen allergies and respiratory issues. Cleaning your living space can also improve your mental health and provide a sense of accomplishment.

#### 5. Stay Connected with Loved Ones

Spring is a great time to reconnect with family and friends. Whether it's a phone call, video chat, or in-person visit, staying connected can improve your mood and overall well-being.

#### 6. Incorporate Healthy Eating Habits

Spring is the perfect time to incorporate more fresh fruits and vegetables into your diet. Look for local farmers' markets or start a small garden to grow your own produce. Eating a healthy, balanced diet can improve energy levels, boost immunity and lower the risk of chronic diseases.

#### 7. Prioritize Sleep

Getting enough sleep is crucial for overall health and well-being. Make sure to establish a regular sleep routine and create a comfortable sleeping environment. If you're having trouble sleeping, talk to your doctor about possible solutions.

#### 8. Stay Up-to-Date on Health Screenings and Vaccinations

Spring is a good time to schedule any necessary health screenings or vaccinations. This can include an annual physical, vision, and hearing tests, and vaccinations for the flu and pneumonia.

#### 9. Stay Active Mentally

Keeping your mind active is just as important as staying physically active. Try reading a new book, playing brain games, or taking a class to learn a new skill.

#### 10. Practice Mindfulness and Relaxation

Spring can be a busy and stressful time, so it's important to take time to relax and practice mindfulness. This can include meditation, yoga, deep breathing or simply spending time in nature.

### 11. Take Advantage of Senior Discounts and Activities

Many businesses and organizations offer special discounts and activities for seniors during the spring season. Take advantage of these opportunities to save money and engage in fun activities.

### 12. Plan Safe and Enjoyable Travel

Spring is a popular time for travel, but seniors should take extra precautions to ensure their safety and comfort. Consider traveling with a companion, packing any necessary medication and documents, and researching accommodations that cater to senior needs.

### 13. Check Your Medications

Spring is a good time to check your medications and ensure that they are still effective and necessary. If you have any concerns or questions, talk to your doctor or pharmacist.

### 14. Embrace Nature

Spring is the perfect time to embrace nature and all it has to offer. Take a nature walk, go birdwatching, or simply sit outside and enjoy the beauty of the season.

### 15. Volunteer or Give Back

Volunteering or giving back to the community can be a fulfilling and rewarding experience for seniors. Consider volunteering at a local charity, organizing a community event, or simply helping out a neighbor in need.

Enjoy the lovely spring weather ahead.

– Peggy Owens, Coordinator

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## POOL CLOSED

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
Flex 4:00		Flex 4:00		Flex 4:00

### APRIL 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Bunco 1:00-4:00	2	3	4 First Friday 5:30	5
6	7	8 Mexican Train Dominos 12:30-4:00	9	10 Book Club 2:00-3:30	11	12 Passover Begins
13	14	15	16 Poker Night Cancelled (Resumes in May)	17	18	19
20 Easter Sunday	21	22 Mexican Train Dominos 12:30-4:00	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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.

