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JANUARY

Happy New Year everyone! Let us welcome 2018 and hope our year is filled with health & happiness and free of strife & stress. Notable days this month include: New Year's Day on the 1st; Martin Luther King Day on the 15th.

HOA MEETING

The next HOA Meeting will be in the clubhouse on Tuesday, January 16th, commencing at 3pm. All members are encouraged to attend and participate in the open forum, which allows members to voice concerns and bring matters to the board's attention.

NEW HOA MONTHLY DUES

Don't forget that as of the New Year the HOA monthly dues are now \$165 per month. If you are enrolled in the automatic deduction procedure, you do not have to do anything as our CPA will be making the change through Bank of Marin. Those who still send checks every month please remember to write the correct amount. As Dave Owens said in the last newsletter, this is the first increase since 2006 and is necessary to cover anticipated future cost increases.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

For free Christmas tree pickup Sonoma Garbage will be collecting Christmas Trees at the curb on Monday, January 8th 2018. Please remove stands and place trees at the curb the night before. No flocking, tinsel, decorations or stands allowed.

HOA BOARD ELECTION

The HOA Board election is coming up this March. The Board needs three new members to fill three vacancies. If you are interested in volunteering for this important position, please contact a member of the nominations committee by February 10th. The committee comprises: Pat Chace (935-7301), Roger Young (938-2582), and Cindy Adamson (343-7276). We hope residents who care about our community will offer to be involved in contributing to managing and enhancing Chantarelle.
~ Pat Chace, member of the Board, and Dave Owens, president.

TGIF PARTY

The next TGIF is at the clubhouse on Friday, January 5, starting at 5:45pm. All residents are invited and we look forward to seeing you there. Newcomers to our 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

We now turn the calendar over to January 2018. Where does the time go? Man's best friend is said to be the dog and that is the Chinese New Year sign for 2018. We all need a best friend to talk to, to vent, to laugh, to share our experiences with. We have come through the fires of October 2017 and we in Chantarelle are okay, unlike so many who lost so much. If you can

continue to help in any way, please do. Even a small gesture or donation can mean so much to those in need. Maybe that is the message of 2018.

So what is going on here in Chantarelle? We continue to gather estimates for the necessary pool resurfacing, which will then be supplemented with new lights in the pool area of the clubhouse. We will also be welcoming new neighbors, as the Wilsons and the Moreschis move on to other communities. We send our good wishes to all families involved.

It is so nice to see so many lights of the holiday season displayed in Chantarelle. These lights are another way to help us remember the joys of past holidays.

Let us share these past and present prosperities with those less fortunate as we make our way through 2018.

On behalf of the HOA Board, we wish you and your families a happy and healthy new year!

~ Dave Owens

LANDSCAPING NOTES

Happy New Year to all Chantarelle neighbors. As we are heading further into winter, rain seems to be eluding California. To keep our landscape in good condition and thriving we have turned our irrigation back on. With cool nights and sunny days with occasional wind, things begin to dry out and plants need water. So don't be surprised if you see or hear the irrigation running. As before, it should only be on after dark. Also, if you see any usual water running or pooling please let either Ben or

myself know as we are always on the lookout for broken irrigation pipes. The Waldron crew is very good at spotting possible problems and getting right on the needed repairs.

Our Waldron crew has begun the yearly task of trimming back the flowering crabapples and crepe myrtles. In addition they are attending to the remaining leaves that continue to fall. As part of our fall/winter planting project we have redone the fronts of several homes and have added rock hardscape to the area in front of the clubhouse and in several other locations in the community. These additions will be long lasting and reduce our need for repeated mulching in those areas.

Art and Science Tree Service will be starting our biannual major tree trimming in January. Many of the flowering Pear and the Chinese Pistache will be getting trimmed back and thinned out. Last year's rain provided support for much new growth that now needs to be shaped and trimmed to continue to support the health of these trees. Work will start in early January and last a couple of days.

As always, both Ben and I are available to talk with anyone who has a landscape problem or concern. We look forward to 2018 and helping to maintain the beauty and health of all our Chantarelle landscape. Happy New Year.

~ Ben Jones (415-939-8955)

~ Debbie Yamato. (415-696-2424)

HOA RULES REVISION

Ron Yamato will be heading up the committee to revisit HOA rules and regulations that affect all Chantarelle residents. The main goal is to identify and codify rules that were inadvertently overlooked by last year's committee work. If you are interested in participating,

please attend the first meeting at the clubhouse on Friday, January 12, at 10am. For more information, contact Ron by phone, email or in writing.

CLUBHOUSE RESERVATIONS

To reserve the clubhouse for an event, please call Linda Jackson at 415-987-0021.

SAFETY AND WELFARE NOTES

Thinking about New Year's resolutions? Here are a few suggestions from the Sunset blog:

- Exercise for 10 minutes every day.
- Explore new volunteer opportunities.
- Revive an old friendship.
- Spend more time with the grandkids.
- Make healthier dessert decisions.
- Revisit an old pastime.
- Challenge your brain regularly.
- Be conscious about your overall health.

These are all good and simple ideas. Wishing you all the happiest and healthiest New Year ahead.

~ Peggy Owens, Coordinator

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE NOTES

The Architectural Control Committee members extend best wishes for a wonderful and healthy 2018. Our committee will continue to assist residents with ACC questions and applications for property improvements. We think our community is in great shape, and will continue to be. *Best wishes, Pat Chace, ACC Chair, Russelle Johnson and Linda Jackson.*

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

If you know of anyone at Chantarelle who is sick or if you have new neighbors, please let Willy Hoekstra know so that she

can contact them. Willy's phone number is 996-0661.

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

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CHANTARELLE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			Mah Jongg 10am	
Art Club 1pm	Flex Exercise 4:30-5:30pm	Bridge 12:30pm	Flex Exercise 4:30-5:30pm	

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Year's Day	2 Bunco 1-4pm	3	4	5 TGIF 5:45pm	6
7	8	9 Mexican Train Dominoes 12:30-4pm	10	11	12	13
14	15 Martin Luther King Day	16 HOA Meeting 3pm	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Mexican Train Dominoes 12:30-4pm	24	25	26	27 Clubhouse Reserved All day
28	29	30	31			

Waldron Landscaping is now here on Monday & Tuesday 1-4pm and Thursday & Friday 8am until 1pm. Garbage, recycling & garden trash pickup is on Mondays (except for New Year's Day, when pickup will be on Tuesday).