



Chantarelle Gazette

Chantarelle Homeowners' Association Newsletter

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WELCOME TO SEPTEMBER

September is back to school time and a great time to take a vacation when the weather is warm and the crowds have diminished? Where are you going to go? Get your booster shot, take your masks and take a drive, even for a weekend away.

Special days in September: September 6 is Labor Day, September 11 is Patriot Day, September 12 is Grandparents Day and September 16 is Stepfamily Day. If you are born in September you are either a Virgo if you are born in the early part of the month and later in the month, Libra.

Send me your birthday date and the whole neighborhood can celebrate your special day. HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all our friends this September.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

The last month has been bittersweet as we open up more activities but see an increase in Covid infections in the broader community. Hopefully we can continue to have our activities and our clubhouse open.

We are purchasing an air scrubber and hand sanitizer stations for the clubhouse which will help lessen any exposure to viruses.

Our First Friday events have been successful outside so we will continue to have them out poolside until weather does not permit. We especially encourage our newest neighbors to come join us for this very relaxed casual event. Bring your beverage of choice and a small appetizer to share. We will be looking forward to seeing everyone on September 3rd for the next First Friday!

We have developed a chart with all of the Chantarelle activities along with the sponsor

and the phone number. If you are new to our community this is a great way to meet your neighbors. The information will be on the back of the newsletter and on the bulletin board outside the Clubhouse.

Mary Howland has started a list of recommended contractors in the resource section of the Chantarelle Web Site, www.chantarelle.org. Look it over and feel free to add contractors you know and trust.

Steve Rogers

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report through the end of July 2021. Our financial position is still very strong so far this year. The amount of reserve funds exceeds that which is required by law, and our operating expenses continue to run under budget. The only operating category we are over budget in is in pool expenses, which is not unusual for this time of year with the pool in full operation. All in all, we are under budget by about \$5,755 for the year thus far. Our operating cash on hand, less current liabilities, is about \$88,000, which is a very comfortable amount to have at this point in the year. The number of delinquent accounts were reduced from seven in June to three in July, for a total of \$2,030.50. Strong Management has notified those owners appropriately and will continue following up on those late accounts.

LANDSCAPING NOTES

Hello neighbors. Not much to report this month. The irrigation conversion project is at least halfway finished. It changes the irrigation for the shrubs from spray to drip. Each shrub gets its own drip line, water is not sprayed indiscriminately on the ground and the side of your house, saving water.

Debbie and I will be walking the neighborhood

with Waldron representatives to see if any shrubs need replacement this fall. If you have anything you want us to look at, please let one of us know. We will also be checking the trees with our arborist.

For any landscape problems please let one of us know. Ben

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SAFETY & WELFARE

WHAT IS REAL ID?

A REAL ID is a driver's license or identification card that is also a federally accepted form of identification. REAL ID cards are marked with a gold bear and a star.

The federal REAL ID Act places new rules on which forms of identification may be used to board flights within the United States (U.S.)

and enter secure federal facilities, such as military bases, federal courthouses, and other federal facilities. A California issued REAL ID driver's license or identification card meets these new requirements and is marked with a gold bear and star. The deadline for having a REAL ID in California has been moved several times during the pandemic. The latest deadline is May 3, 2023.

For more information, go to dmv.ca.gov

RECALL ELECTION

Voting in person will take place September 14th. Most of us are permanent vote-by-mail voters, so we can mail our ballot, or drop it at any polling place or drop box.

If you are voting in person on that day (not just dropping off your ballot), check your ballot for your polling place. It will most likely be Faith Lutheran Church. In the past, we've voted here at the Chantarelle Clubhouse, but the **Clubhouse is NOT being used for this election.** For dropping off ballots, here are the nearest spots:

Polling places:

- Faith Lutheran Church of Sonoma, 19355 Arnold Dr, Sonoma
- Flowery School, 17600 Sonoma Hwy, Sonoma
- Sonoma County Corporation Yard, 19722 8th St E, Sonoma
- Sonoma Veterans Memorial Building, 126 1st St W, Sonoma
- St Andrew Presbyterian Church, 16290 Arnold Dr, Sonoma

Drop box (Available beginning August 17th):

- Sonoma Valley Regional Library, 755 W Napa St, Sonoma

For more information, read your ballot closely when it arrives and go to

<https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/CRA/Registrar-of-Voters/>

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WELCOME COMMITTEE

If you have new neighbors, please inform Roger Young (707-938-2582) so that he can give them their official Chantarelle welcome mug.

CLUBHOUSE NOTES

The clubhouse is now humming with weekly activities. All Chanterelle HOA members are welcome to join in the fun. If you have an interest in joining a clubhouse activity, please contact the club sponsors for the following activities:

Bridge

Phyllis Manning - 707 935 7301

Water Aerobics

Russelle Johnson - 707 935 8658

Bunco Babes

Russelle Johnson - 707 935 8658

Flex Exercise

Peggy Owens - 707 343 7087

Mexican Train Dominos

Peggy Owens - 707 343 7087

Mah Jong

Peggy Owens - 707 343 7087

Art Club

Shelley Lawrence - 951-202-0459

Poker Night

Ron Yamato – (415) 305-1400

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 Linda Jackson 415-987-0021 for more details.

JOIN THE BUNCO BABES

The Bunco Babes are up and shaking. Dice that is. It's a phenomenon and crazy game. "What is Bunco?" you ask. Bunco is a dice game, no skill required, generally played with 12 players divided into groups of four, trying to score points while taking turns rolling three dice. We play the first Tuesday of each month in the clubhouse from 1pm to 4pm. Each member takes a turn to be the hostess bringing dessert and nibbles for the afternoon. At the moment we have 12 regular players and would love to put you on our sub list. Most every month we need a sub. If there is enough interest we could add tables or start another group. Learning the game takes about one minute. We would love to meet new people and enlarge The Bunco Babes group. If you are interested and want to be put on the sub list call Russelle Johnson, 707-935-8658 or [email rxrjohnson@icloud.com](mailto:rxrjohnson@icloud.com).

POKER ANYONE?

Would anyone like to play poker? Say a \$5.00 buy in. We could play day or night time in the Chantarelle Clubhouse. We will need poker chips. Call me and we can discuss it.
Ron Yamato – 415-305-1400

CALLING ALL BRIDGE PLAYERS!

Bridge players wanted. We play every Wednesday from noon until 4:30 at the clubhouse. We need full time and substitutes. Call Phyllis Manning at (707-935-7301). Hope to hear from you soon.

CONTRACTOR RECOMMENDATIONS

Something new for Chantarelle. We now have a section under **Resources** on the Chantarelle web site that gives contractor recommendations. Mary Howland will post the recommendation and the name of the person who makes the recommendation. No other personal information will be added. If a person disagrees with a recommendation, they should contact the person who made it and discuss it with them.

DO YOU HAVE A GREEN THUMB? OR JUST LIKE GARDENS?

Chantarelle News needs you! I'd like to have a newsletter column called "How does your garden grow?" Pick a garden, even your own, talk about highlights of the garden, how you did it, things you're most proud of etc.

FOR THE BIRDS

Want to write an article about how to watch and attract birds around Chantarelle? We want to publish your article in the Chantarelle News! Please contact me at thomasflinn@gmail.com. Please do not put birdseed out on your front lawn. We have reports of skunks coming to your front lawn and eating it.

TOM'S SEPTEMBER RECIPE BETTE'S DINER DUTCH BABY

If you haven't been in person, you should go to Berkeley, during the week, because **Bette's is a busy, legendary Breakfast/Lunch spot.** Excellent pancakes, but it's their Dutch Baby that we make over and over at home. Feel free to butter it while hot, lemon juice, lemon zest, powdered sugar and fruit are all good

additions. Delicious Cal Red peaches are my favorite this month. This recipe is as simple as it's delicious



INGREDIENTS:

- 3/4 c flour
- 3/4 c milk
- 3 eggs
- 1 t or more vanilla
- 4 T melted butter

METHOD:

Heat butter in skillet, put all ingredients in blender for 2 minutes, pour into buttered non stick skillet, put hot skillet into hot oven. Bake at 425 degrees for 10 minutes til brown and tall. This serves two. Enjoy!

TOM'S RESTAURANT REVIEW
DINE AROUND TOWN



Who doesn't like fried chicken? **Lou's Luncheonette, on Hwy12 and Fremont Dr, is a fine chicken fryer.**

It is open Wednesday thru Sunday 11 to 7. They have picnic tables in the back or you can do take out.

Hot fried chicken, country fried chicken plate, shrimp basket. BBQ brisket, pulled pork, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, pimento cheese, deviled eggs, biscuits, shrimp po boy, hush puppies, just to mention a few. Delicious fries, onion rings, so yummy, Mac and cheese are just a few of the sides.

Drinks. Draft beer, draft cider, local wine, Scribe, Schramberg, in addition to heavenly milk shakes and for dessert, banana pudding and sometimes chocolate cake. This is sophisticated Southern Comfort Food at its best. Try it, you'll like it.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Our clubhouse storage shed has a nice new roof to protect the contents better from the rain that is hopefully coming soon.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**FOR THOSE OF YOU IN CHANTARELLE WHO WERE NOT OUTSIDE
OR LOOKING OUTSIDE LAST SATURDAY AT 7AM.
THIS IS WHAT YOU MISSED**

. A CLOSE ENCOUNTER OF A HOT AIR BALLOON KIND

Pics by Tom Flinn



NOTICE

The Clubhouse and Pool have been opened for normal activities. The only restriction is that everyone must wear a mask indoors. Also, they must wear a mask outdoors if social distancing cannot be maintained. If you are going to the 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
Water Aerobics 11:30am		Water Aerobics 11:30am		Water Aerobics 11:30am
		Bridge 12:00-4:30		

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	31	1	2	3 First Friday Get- Together Clubhouse Party 5:00-7:00	4
5	6	7 Bunco 1:00-4:00	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Mexican Train Dominos 12:30-4:00	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Mexican Train Dominos 12:30-4:00	29	30	11	2

Waldron Landscaping is now here on Monday 8am-1pm, Tuesday 8am-4pm, Thursday 1-4pm and Friday 8am-1pm.

Garbage, recycling & garden trash pickup is on Monday.