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Chantarelle Homeowners' Association

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Time really does fly! It doesn't seem that long since opening day but already it's time for a reminder that the last day to use our lovely pool is October 31st. Also the arrival of October means a whole year has passed since the Chantarelle 25th Anniversary Party! Notable days this month include: Columbus Day on Monday, the 12th and Halloween on Saturday, the 31st. Everyone have a very happy Halloween (no tricks, just treats) and a happy month!

BOARD MEETING

There is no Board Meeting in October. The next Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 17th.

TGIF PARTY

The TGIF this month will be on Friday, October 2nd, starting at 5:45pm. All residents are invited and we look forward to seeing you there. There is no admission charge, just bring a beverage of your choice and a small item of food to share.

MOVIE NIGHT

The feature for October Movie Night will be ***The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel.***

Plot summary: As the Best Exotic Marigold Hotel has only a single remaining vacancy - posing a rooming predicament for two fresh arrivals - Sonny pursues his expansionist dream of opening a second hotel. The movie will be shown in the Clubhouse beginning at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 21st.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

At the last HOA meeting on Sept.15th, discussion continued regarding pool entry and security in our community. The Board approved the purchase and issuing of new keys for the four gates leading into the pool, the two clubhouse doors, and the two restrooms. Each homeowner will be issued a new key that will be numbered and signed for. The key cannot be duplicated. All eight locks will be changed to match the new key. The goal is to make sure that only Chantarelle residents and their guests have direct access to the clubhouse, pool and restrooms. We will communicate the details regarding the distribution of the new keys in the Newsletter, a flyer in your mail tube and by email. This is the safest and most cost effective way to go.

Landscape: As you are aware, some of the trees in our community needed to be removed or pruned. This work will continue through October. We have also been made aware of some new and more water-efficient sprinkler heads as well as new timers, which can be controlled remotely. Debbie and Susan have done the needed research and these changes should help to optimize watering in our community in the current drought conditions. We only have four timers to replace, which will cover all of Chantarelle. Our front lawns will look a lot greener without wasting water. The research continues regarding drip irrigation and other water-saving measures.

Activities: Mark your calendar for December 7, 2015. A trip is planned through Daytripping: a *Christmas Lights Cruise & Holiday Dinner*. Daytripping describes the experience as a cruise on the beautiful Rosemarie, a 55-foot houseboat. "Discovery Bay comes alive with holiday spirit and the beauty of thousands of lights and animated displays on brightly decorated homes, docks, decks and boats." On this 2-hour cruise you will see some breathtaking sights including Discovery Bay's new lighthouse and bigger than life home decorations right down to the water's edge. Dinner at the Boardwalk Grill in the Discovery Bay Marina is included. We would like to get a group together from Chantarelle to enjoy this holiday experience. Look for a flyer in your mail

tube with reservation information.

Healthy and Safety:
At the Sept. HOA meeting, we had an initial signup to organize help in Chantarelle in the event of an emergency. Currently, our community is divided into 8 zones. We're hoping to be able to assign one or two "captains" to each zone, to coordinate emergency efforts in Chantarelle. If you're interested in assisting your neighbors in any way during an emergency, please let us know. You will also receive a flyer in your mail tube with further information and questions for you. We will keep a master list updated and each zone coordinator will have this list to refer to. I want to thank Hans Steuck for his efforts in never letting us forget that in an emergency we need to come together as a Community. The recent fires in Middletown are a good example of the need to assist your neighbors. Losses are devastating, but community support can help us through a crisis. We all have something to give and we are now asking for your assistance.

The telephone scams continue, so be on guard. One recent call promised a Mercedes, if you would accompany the "prize givers" to your bank to cover small fees. If you don't recognize the caller's name or number, don't engage them. If it seems too good to be true . . .

The fall is upon us so enjoy the many events and colors of the season. *Dave Owens*

LANDSCAPE NOTES

Hello there, Chantarelle friends! There is not a lot of sizzling landscape committee news this month, even though I happen to be writing this to you on a quite sizzling day.

The latest and greatest on our irrigation: Debbie and I recently met with a local landscape contractor, Scott Anderson, who specializes in irrigation systems for communities such as ours. We have learned a lot from him and have subsequently reorganized many of our irrigation priorities now that we have new information to work with.

The first exciting thing to tell you is that there have been numerous innovations in the world of landscaping irrigation. We are now committed to upgrading our system in the most timely and cost-effective way possible so that we can bring our 26 year-old irrigation system into the modern world. Irrigation system timers are much more sophisticated these days, as are the spray heads, particularly for lawn watering. As we upgrade, we can expect to make much more efficient use of our precious resource of water, which as you know is a major goal for the two of us as the stewards of our Chantarelle landscape.

Once we receive Board approval for the upgrades we seek to make, we need to meet again with Scott in order to schedule the implementation of upgrades during the winter. So you can count on hearing more updates in coming months as we progress with our plans for these changes that will carry our community's landscape water efficiency far into the future.

Tending our home-front gardens: As you know, it is the responsibility of the Chantarelle HOA to plant and maintain the front gardens and lawns of each home in our community. However, there are some among us who prefer to tend their own front gardens. You may be one of these people, whether it's because you simply love gardening, or perhaps you have particular ideas about how you would like your garden to look. Whatever the case may be, if you prefer to be the one to prune and shape the plants in your own front garden, please let us know. We will inform our Waldron team and they will be sure to leave your garden to you! A phone call or email to one of us at your convenience will work just fine for this.

October tree removal: Our Art & Science Tree Service guys will be returning on October 20 for the final round of tree removal for this year. At the time of this writing, there is only one more tree slated for removal, and that is the dead pine in the common area that faces Watmaugh, behind the homes on the south side of S. Temelec Circle. So folks who live near that area can expect a bit of noise that day.

We will commence with our annual tree pruning later in the year, and early in 2016.

That's it for now from your Landscape Committee.
~Debbie and Susan.

YES TO YOGA?
On a non-landscaping note, I wanted to let you know that I've recently started a "yoga gathering" on Monday mornings at 10 am at the Chantarelle Clubhouse. I've practiced yoga since I was a teenager and love to share it with people who also enjoy doing yoga. While I'm not a trained and certified yoga teacher, I do "guide" the class so that each of us can get the most out of each of the poses. It's a drop in class and of course, no charge, so come check it out sometime, if you like. Just wear loose, comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat along. ~Susan

NEW NEIGHBORS
Please welcome our new neighbors:
Benjamin & Goya Jones
190 St. James Drive

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE
We wish a speedy recovery to the following friends and neighbors:
Hugo Romani of 124 S. Temelec Circle and also to **Victoria Cutchens** of 132 S. Temelec Circle.
We extend our sympathy to **Marianne Mabin** for the loss of her sister last month and also because another sister lost her home in the Lake County fire.
If you know of anyone at Chantarelle who is sick or if you have a new neighbor, please let Willy Hoekstra know, so that she can contact them. Willy's number is 996-0661.

CLUBHOUSE RESERVATIONS
To reserve the clubhouse for an event, please call Michael Hashii at 996-4817.

SAFETY & WELFARE
The Safety & Welfare Committee still needs additional volunteers. Interested residents should call Hans Steuck at 939-1103.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Please refer to your 2015 Directory for a list of our Board of Directors and Committee Members.

NEWSLETTER & WEBSITE
Our thanks to Cecilia Angel for her continued dedication to delivering the newsletter.
Please submit items for the newsletter to John Dodgshon, 933-8395 or email him at: *John_Dodgshon@hotmail.com*
Please submit suggestions for the Chantarelle Website to John Dodgshon, 933-8395 or Mary Howland at 650-468-1119. Or send emails to: *John_Dodgshon@hotmail.com* or *char797@aol.com.*

CHANTARELLE WEEKLY CALENDAR				
Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
Art Club 1pm	**Mah Jongg 10am**	**Mah Jongg 9:30** **Bridge 12:30pm**	**Rummikub 1:30** **Last Thursday only**	
Water Aerobics 1-2pm	**Water Aerobics 1-2pm**	**Water Aerobics 1-2pm**	**Water Aerobics 1-2pm**	**Water Aerobics 1-2pm**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 TGIF 5:45pm	3
4	5	6 Bunco 1-4pm	7	8	9	10
11	12 Columbus Day	13 MexicanTrain Dominoes 12:30-4pm	14	15	16 Mah Jongg 9am	17
18	19	20	21 Movie Night 7pm	22	23	24
25	26	27 MexicanTrain Dominoes 12:30-4pm	28	29	30	31 Pool Closes Halloween

Waldron Landscaping is now here on Thursday and Friday 8am until 4pm.
Garbage, recycling and garden trash pickup is every Monday.