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SEPTEMBER

September is a generous month: it brings the last days of Summer, the Autumn equinox, and the first few days of Fall. Notable days this month include: Labor Day on Monday, the 7th; Rosh Hashana on the 13-15th; Yom Kippur on the 23rd; and the first day of Fall on the 23rd. Everyone have a very happy Labor Day weekend and a happy month!

BOARD MEETING

The next Board Meeting will be at 3pm on Tuesday, September 15th. All homeowners are encouraged to attend. The meeting includes Open Forum which affords all attendees a three-minute opportunity to express ideas on any subject relating to the Association.

TGIF PARTY

The TGIF this month will be on Friday, September 4th starting at 5:45pm. This will be a nice way to get a head start on the holiday weekend festivities. 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

Will be on Wednesday, Sept 16 at 7pm. *See Landscape Notes below for details.*

CONDOLENCES TO THE JOSEPH GARCIA FAMILY

The Chantarelle Community extends its deepest sympathy to Joseph Garcia his family following the recent loss of Jan Garcia.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Happy September! This month means another birthday for me. Where do the years go? As I write this column to the aroma of recently spread cedar mulch I have been thinking of the labor that is performed each month in Chantarelle. We have been more than satisfied with our paid services. The land-scape crew works hard on our behalf, as does our managing agent, accountants, pool service and exterminators.

The many volunteers who make up the pool, social, health & safety, clubhouse, finance, architectural, sunshine and landscape committees, as well as our HOA Board want Chantarelle to remain the fine community that it has become. We have added a number of new members to these committees during the last year, and we would welcome even more, especially for our budding activities committee.

The Community BBQ on August 15th was a great success, with 54 people attending. Special thanks to our social committee--Gail, Willy, Peggy and Liz-- for the planning, shopping, setting up and clean up that make this event possible. Thanks also to all the spontaneous help from attendees. Mike Hashii, Mike Holman and Ron Yamoto were once again on their game as BBQ chefs. Thanks so much for a job well done! Thanks, too, to Norm, who gave me some needed pointers about the BBQ operation.

A very special thanks to Liz Wardimon for her many years of service with regard to the Clubhouse operation. Now that Liz is "retiring" from that position, it will take more than one person to replace her. Mike Hashii has agreed to handle the scheduling of clubhouse events. Peggy and I will be keeping up with supplies and daily needs. At the Sept. 15th HOA meeting we will seek additional help, so join in if you can. No prior experience is necessary, just the willingness to help out.

At the Sept. meeting, we will also be updating emergency information for our community. It has been years since we've done this type of survey, so we're in need of an update. There will be signup sheets available to ascertain what specific help can be given if an emergency situation (e.g., a natural disaster) should affect the Chantarelle community.

We all can help in some way. For example, if you have medical expertise, and are willing to sign up, you might be called upon during an emergency situation. Ron Yamato will compile a list based on the responses we receive. This system was used years ago but our homeowner demographics have changed, especially during the last five years. Thanks for your anticipated cooperation and assistance.

Scam Alert: A helpful tip was given to me by one of our neighbors and I would like to share it with you. If you receive an email from a bank that states you need to call them right away to confirm your Social Security number, bank account number, and the credit card numbers that have been issued by that bank, **DON'T proceed with the request**. This is an example of "phishing," a fraudulent scam. Our neighbor does not even bank online so she was immediately suspicious of the request. If in doubt, you should call the toll-free number on your bank statement or on the back of your credit card. The message for all of us is to be on your guard regarding your personal information!

Prior to the 2016 pool season here in Chantarelle, we hope to implement new procedures regarding gate security at the pool. These may include new locks and keys, and we are considering a "swipe card" system as a possibility.

Some trees will be removed on Sept 8 - 10. These trees have been marked for removal because of disease or other factors that have prevented the trees from being saved. We will also be proceeding with plans to deal with tree roots that have damaged driveways and patios in the community. Thank you, Debbie, Susan, Laura, Mike, Larry, Benny, Pat and Paul, for your input regarding these problems and their resolution.

Labor Day: As my mother would say,"All work is good and honest," so let's remember Labor Day as a celebration of the American Dream and the great country that we live in.

Dave Owens

LANDSCAPE NOTES

Hello Chantarelle friends! Debbie and I hope you have been enjoying a beautiful summer and have stayed as cool as a cucumber in these warm spells we've been having. Here is your monthly Landscape Committee report ...

Reminder, September Tree Removal Dates: As we mentioned last month, **Sept 8 - 10** are the days that Art & Science Tree Service will be here in Chantarelle removing several trees. So on these days, do be prepared for the familiar sounds that naturally accompany tree removal: chain saws, tree chippers, etc. It is never an easy decision to remove a mature tree in our neighborhood, as the trees do provide so much of the landscape beauty that we all enjoy here. However, we have given great consideration to every one that is slated for removal, and hope that even when these particular trees are no longer with us, Chantarelle will still retain its lovely charm.

Irrigation Woes: Some of you may have seen the Waldron trucks here in the neighborhood more than usual lately. That's because we've had a pickle of a time dealing with broken pipes, particular along South Temelec Circle near Hermosa Parkway. As of this writing, the crew is confident that the problems have been solved, but the way things have been going lately, we'll believe it when we see it. Meaning no more major water leaks, the very situation we most want to avoid during this severe drought. We always appreciate it when you let us know if you notice wet spots on lawns or the street in front of your house. This way we can all work together to ensure that our irrigation is working as efficiently as possible.

The Mystery of the Mulch: For the last two months, we've mentioned that we are focusing on a major mulching project throughout the neighborhood. The plan was to have the mulching completed by the end of August, if not before. But lo and behold, no mulch has been

showing up! What's that about? Well, the local suppliers have been consistently out of all their mulch for the last six weeks or so. Finally, mulch has returned to Sonoma Materials, so Rojelio and Arnulfo have been right on top of it, purchasing it by the truckload and getting that much-needed mulch out there, at long last.

Let's Have a Movie Date, Shall We? Last month, we mentioned that we plan to show our community a locally-made documentary called "The Russian River: All Rivers" during September. Peggy Owens has asked us to show this film on the regularly-scheduled Chantarelle movie night in September, so that's just what we are going to do! So if you care to join us for this fascinating film, we'd love to have you on **Wednesday, September 16 at 7 pm**. Here is a synopsis of the film: *THE RUSSIAN RIVER: ALL RIVERS – The Value of An American Watershed explores the diverse forces which have come to shape one of California's iconic rivers — forces which impact rivers and watersheds throughout the world. It examines how the Russian River has been used, and what the consequences of that use have been. By looking at the effects of mining, logging, fishing, agriculture, diversion and development, the film conveys a historical perspective for the river's condition. Scientists, educators, policy makers, activists and citizens offer their perspectives on how this resource has been used and managed. Beyond examining its exploitation as a resource, the film revels in the watershed's profound, often forgotten, beauty. What can we learn from it? Why are we drawn to it?*

As we consider the policies and actions which have shaped the watershed, the film looks to the future by offering solutions and implores viewers to offer their own. What do we need to change in ourselves to again live in balance with this life-sustaining resource?

So bring your popcorn and let's enjoy this together!

That's it for now from us. Till next month, have a wonderful, magical September!

~ Debbie and Susan

NEW NEIGHBORS
Please welcome our new neighbors:
Frank and Shay Kosta

DIRECTORY UPDATE
Please note that **Mia Cruciani** of 1275 Avenida Sebastiani is incorrectly listed as “Carol’” in the 2015 Directory.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE
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 9:30** **Bridge 12:30pm**	**Rummikub 1:30** **Last Thursday only**	**Mah Jongg 9am**
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 **Bunco 1-4pm**	2	3	4 **TGIF 5:45pm**	5
6	7 **Labor Day**	8 **MexicanTrain Dominoes 12:30-4pm**	9	10	11	12
13 **Start of Rosh Hashana**	14	15 **Board Meeting 3pm**	16 **Movie Night 7pm**	17	18	19
20	21	22 **MexicanTrain Dominoes 12:30-4pm**	23 **Yom Kippur First Day Of Fall**	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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