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Notable days this month include: Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 1, Veterans Day is on Wednesday, the 11th and Thanksgiving on Thursday, the 26th. Everyone have a very happy Thanksgiving with friends & family and a happy month!

BOARD MEETING

The next Board Meeting will be at 3pm on **Tuesday, November 24th**. (Please see President's Remarks, below.)

TGIF PARTY

The TGIF this month will be on Friday, November 6th, 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.

END OF DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Daylight savings time ends at 2am on the morning of **Sunday, November 1st**. I apologize for the late reminder for you to remember to turn clocks and watches back one hour.

MOVIE NIGHT

There will be no Movie Night in November or December.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

November is a month of Thanksgiving for the gifts that we have received. We observe Veterans Day on November 11th to recognize the sacrifices that were made and continue to be made for all of us by those who have served. We would not be the great country that we are without their service.

The Thanksgiving holiday on November 26th is a time for all of us to remember what we have to be thankful for. During the past year, many family activities and celebrations have occurred. We've celebrated anniversaries, birthdays, passings and community get-togethers. We are better prepared to face the happy and sad occasions as a result of our friends in Chantarelle. Leaning on our friends can help us through these times. Where would we be without our secret angels to help us find car keys, community keys and lost dogs? And these occurred in just the last few days!

Speaking of support, we are seeking community members to serve on the HOA Board-- 3 or 4 new members may be needed. Experience is not a requirement, only the willingness to serve and learn as you go, since we have some experienced members to assist when needed. The task at hand can be attained, so consider this opportunity to be a vital part of Chantarelle and our 122 households. More times than not, the rewards are worth the effort. Committees can also use additional members.

New homeowners continue to move into Chantarelle so the demographics are a-changing.

I would like to thank our Pool Committee. Carl, Ron, Mark, Jon and Don for all the hard work that they have performed during this (now concluded) pool season. Your Community thanks you all.

Please remember to complete your Chantarelle Emergency Response Census Form that was placed in your mail tube several weeks ago. The completed forms can be dropped off in Ron Yamato's mail tube at 200 South Temelec Circle. Ron is compiling a master list that each area captain can use in case of an emergency; the information provided will be kept confidential. To date we have received about forty forms or one third of the community.

This past week we completed a walking tour of the community to assess the lifespan of equipment, furniture, pool, fences, lighting, restrooms, clubhouse, pavement, storage, etc., to gain a greater understanding of what will need to be repaired, updated or purchased in order for all of us to have the best that can be provided within our current

budget and the soon to be completed 2016 budget.
The Board and the Landscape committee are researching new, more efficient irrigation timers that will help make the best use of our water supply. Watch this space for more information.
The new keys and locks have been purchased for the clubhouse, pool gates and restrooms. The new keys will be available at the Annual Meeting in March. The new keys will not be able to be reproduced, and there will be one key per household. This should tighten up utilization and security of Chantarelle facilities.
If you are travelling for Thanksgiving, have a safe trip and enjoy your holiday get-togethers. We all need them.
Please note, that, due to scheduling difficulties, the November HOA Board meeting will take place on the last Tuesday of the month, November 24th at 3pm. Hope to see you there. *Dave Owens*

LANDSCAPE NOTES

Hello friendly folks! Here are Debbie and Susan with your latest and greatest news from the Landscape Committee.

Loveliness returning …

As the days grow shorter and shorter, cooler weather is upon us and lo and behold, the grass is becoming green again! Just a bit of recent moisture, and freedom from that baking heat we've had over the summer, has enabled the lawns to recover their green-ness more quickly than any of us would have expected. No, we aren't watering any more than we have been! But we are all a bit surprised and definitely delighted to see the green emerge again.

Speaking of watering ...

The biggest news in the world of the Chantarelle Landscape is that we are preparing to embark on the most comprehensive upgrade of our irrigation system since the system was installed over twenty-five years ago. This upgrade will include new, extremely sensitive and efficient timers for the system, very efficient sprinkler heads for the lawns, and drip irrigation for the shrubs.

We envision this process unfolding over the next two winters. This winter we will focus the upgrade process on the front yards of all residents' homes. Next winter we will upgrade the common areas. As soon as the final figures are in from Scott Anderson's Landscaping and approved by the Board, we will commence with the work, hopefully as early as this month.

A small but very skilled team of irrigation installers from Scott Anderson's Landscaping will be working home-by-home to complete the work, so sometime over the winter you can expect to see these lovely folks doing work in your front yard. For those of you who are anticipating new plants for your home front, please understand that we are going to hold off on doing any new planting until the irrigation system has been completely installed. This will ensure the best success for the life of those new plants when they do go in.

These irrigation system improvements should last for years, if not decades to come and we will be one of the first communities in Sonoma to install such a water-wise irrigation system.

Since this has been our major focus in recent weeks, that pretty much wraps up your Landscape Committee report for November. Enjoy the gorgeousness of autumn in our community and Happy Thanksgiving to all!

~Debbie and Susan.

NEW NEIGHBORS
Please welcome our new neighbors:
Hewlit & Linda Jackson will be moving in at 24 So. Temelec Circle in December.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE
We wish a speedy recovery to the following friends and neighbors:
Russ Johnson of 128 S. Temelec Circle,
Debra Rogers of 134 St. James Drive and also to
Bob Tachera of 101 S. Temelec Circle.
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.

SAVE THE DATE
Chantarelle's Christmas Party will be in the clubhouse on Friday, December 4th from 5 to 7:30pm. Watch for reservation forms in your tube.

SAFETY & WELFARE
Medicare fraud is on the rise and increasing the cost of health care for all of us. Hans Steuck sent this reminder about Medicare scams that we should guard against.
"Arthritis kit" scam: Medicare recipients are targeted and promised relief from chronic joint discomfort thanks to high-tech osteoarthritis braces. Instead you get a bunch of velcro braces and assorted knee and ankle wraps. Meanwhile, Medicare is billed $3000 for state-of-the-art braces and splints.
Home health care scams: Medicare patients are pressed to sign up for services ranging from physical therapy to cooking and cleaning assistance. Medicare is charged for professional-caliber services but provide either low-level care or nothing at all.
These scams are perpetrated by telemarketing, TV commercials, and pushy door-to-door salesmen. Remember that legitimate health care practitioners don't go around fishing for clients nor do they collect Medicare numbers over the phone.
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.

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

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**	**Bridge 12:30pm**	**Rummikub 1:30 Last Thursday only**	
Flex Exercise Class 4:30pm	**Flex Exercise Class 4:30pm**	**Flex Exercise Class 4:30pm**	**Flex Exercise Class 4:30pm**	**Flex Exercise Class 4:30pm**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 **Daylight Savings Time Ends**	**2** **Yoga Gathering 10am**	**3** **Bunco 1-4pm**	**4**	**5**	**6** **TGIF 5:45pm**	**7**
8	**9**	**10** **MexicanTrain Dominoes 12:30-4pm**	**11** **Veterans Day**	**12**	**13**	**14**
15	**16**	**17**	**18**	**19**	**20**	**21**
22	**23**	**24** **Board Meeting 3pm**	**25**	**26** **Thanksgiving Day**	**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.