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JANUARY

A new year is dawning, so may 2016 bring health and happiness to you all. There are a few notable days this month including: New Year's Day on Friday the 1st and Martin Luther King Day on Monday the 18th. Everyone have a Happy New Year and a very happy month!

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP

Sonoma Garbage Collectors will be collecting Christmas Trees at the curb on Monday, January 4, 2016. Please remove stands and place at the curb the night before. No flocking, tinsel, decorations or stands allowed. There is no charge for this service.

BOARD MEETING

The next Board Meeting will be in the clubhouse at 3pm on Tuesday, January 19th. 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

There will be no TGIF Party in January because the first Friday falls on New Year's Day. The next TGIF will be on Friday, February 5, 2016.

MOVIE NIGHT

The January movie will be *St. Vincent*, starring Melissa McCarthy and Bill Murray. The movie will be shown on Wednesday, January 20th, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Clubhouse. Plot summary: A young boy whose parents have just divorced finds an unlikely friend and mentor in the misanthropic war veteran who lives next door.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Happy New Year to all in Chantarelle, and we hope this holiday season was a good one. We can look back at 2015 and reflect on what has occurred and at the same time look ahead to see what is possible, Chantarelle has a few new changes. The new locks that will be installed in March will tighten up access to the pool and clubhouse. The irrigation project bids will be reviewed at the January 19th HOA meeting and there may be a decision to go forward with a community referendum to reach the next step in improving Chantarelle's beauty, while conserving precious resources. The election of Board members is just around the corner and hopefully the expansion of the Activities Committee will allow for more community involvement and socialization. This past month the trip to Discovery Bay was a nice way for 13 of us to see the Delta lit up for the holidays, and to share a meal and camaraderie. The next trip in the warmer weather would be another chance for sightseeing and social interaction. Stay tuned for more info.

We still seem to be the envy of many other communities and as long as we move ahead together that will continue to be true. As you can see, the themes of this article are community, togetherness, sharing, and moving ahead with new ideas that should serve all who live here in Chantarelle. I want to thank all those residents of Chantarelle who give of themselves to make this a better place in which to live. Many new residents are moving in so we can look forward to their energy and talents being utilized to benefit all of us. Financially, we are doing well, and the monthly fee will be kept at $150 for this year. Credit goes to our present and past HOA Boards and to the committees that adhere to responsible budgets.

When we feel good about our community that should transfer to ourselves as well, so thank you again.

Oh well, the 49ers and Raiders are out of it, the Warriors continue to do well and baseball spring training will

begin soon, so there is hope for the Giants and A's to do well. Rainy weather is predicted for February, so let's hope we get a good dose of moisture to help us through the coming spring and summer. See you January 19th at the HOA meeting.
~ Dave Owens

LANDSCAPE NOTES

Hello and Happy New Year, Chantarelle friends! Here's what's up with your Landscape Committee at this dawning of the new year.

Your Vote Counts!

As you no doubt recall, Debbie and I are eager to commence with a major renovation of our old and rather rickety (to put it mildly!) irrigation system this winter. We've interviewed several irrigation specialists and believe we have come up with the ideal contractor to do the work. However, because the cost of the project is beyond the maximum amount permitted in our CC&R's for the Board to approve, funding the project necessitates a special homeowner election. That's where you come in!

The Board meets next on Tuesday, January 19th. On that day, we will submit to the Board a cover letter and ballot for the Board's approval. If this special election is indeed approved, then our letter and ballot will go in the mail to you the following day. While you will have 30 days to review the material and submit your vote, the sooner we can receive the votes, the better we will be able to line up the contractor and his team to launch into the renovation project as soon as all the votes are tallied.

We have also made the decision to break this renovation project into two parts, to take place over the next two winters. Because the water savings will be particularly significant by replacing our existing lawn sprinklers, this is the project we will focus on during Winter 2016. The following winter is when we will move forward with the drip irrigation project that will also yield great water savings and improve the health and well-being of the plants in front of our homes. But the cost of each of these two segments of the project necessitates breaking it up into two.

Thank you in advance for giving your attention (and your vote) for this very important improvement project for our landscape and for our drought-conscious water savings.

And may we all have a most marvelous year in 2016.

~ Debbie and Susan.

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.

SAFETY & WELFARE
Hans Steuck submitted this article from AARP Bulletin.
When Every Second Counts
1. Clear the Way
Snow and untrimmed greenery can impede Emergency Medical Services (EMS) access. Trim bushes and low-hanging trees by your driveway; keep stairways in good repair.
2. Make Your House a Beacon
Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) have detailed maps and GPS devices to help them get to you quickly. But bad signage and lighting can cause big delays. Consider using reflective numbers, or mark the curb front with reflective paint.
3. Don't Lock Out EMTs
EMTs and firefighters will break down a door to reach you, but that takes time that patients in crisis may not have. Make a key available. Stow a spare in a small lockbox outside the house. You can yell out to

EMTs where to find it. Or better: Call the local EMS and ask it to note the lockbox location and combination in its database.

4. Declutter Your Home

As people get older, they might not tidy up their homes as much as they used to. The resulting clutter can keep EMS from getting a stretcher into the room where it's needed and delay CPR. Clear a path to all rooms where people spend time and provide an open space around a bedbound person to allow EMTs to do their work.

After You've Dialed 911

Whether you or a family member or caregiver calls:

* Stay on the phone; answer the dispatcher's questions and follow directions.
* Lock pets away if you're home. Have someone walk the dog away if you're on the street.
* Open the front door; make sure the front light is on.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Please refer to your 2015 Directory for a list of our Board of Directors and Committee Members.

CLUBHOUSE NOTES

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**
Yoga 10am	**Mah Jongg 10am**	**Bridge 12:30pm**	**Rummikub 1:30 Last Thursday only**	
Art Club 1pm	**Flex Exercise Class 4:30pm**		**Flex Exercise Class 4:30pm**	

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				-	1 New Year's Day	2
3	4	5 Bunco 1-4pm	6	7 Orthodox Christmas	8	9
10	11	12 MexicanTrain Dominoes 12:30-4pm	13	14	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King Day	19	20 Movie Night 7pm	21	22	23
24	25	26 MexicanTrain Dominoes 12:30-4pm	27	28	29	30
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Waldron Landscaping is now here on Thursday and Friday 8am until 4pm.

Garbage, recycling and garden trash pickup is every Monday.