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State of the Association Address 2008

Greg Novak SVHOA President

I'd like to thank outgoing Board members, Sal and Ann for their hard work in strengthening and beautifying our historic Village during the past two years. I'd also like to thank my fellow current Board members, Tracy, Charles and John for supporting me as your Village President for 2008!

A lot was accomplished this past year and there are many more plans ahead. A partial list of how the Village was strengthened last year include: Several dangerous and destructive trees that had either grown structural unsound or were diseased were removed from our parks; storm repairs were made to the newly resurfaced tennis court and surrounding fence; The Neighborhood Watch program was given new life and many new signs; the Oakland Heritage Alliance gave a fun walking tour of the Village; plans were accepted to install a new walking path through Onset Park; regular monthly meetings with both the Parks and newly formed Safety Committees were held; the Clubhouse redevelopment made great progress; and the Safety Yahoo Group grew by fifty percent, with more and more villagers communicating via the Internet.

There's a lot in store for 2008. The biggest item is that we have a vacancy to fill on the Board of Directors! Ideally, we run with five members, but at this year's Annual Meeting we only had one candidate for the two open positions. If anyone is interested, please contact any of us by coming to a Board meeting or if you see us out in the neighborhood, please just stop us and talk to us about it. You can email me at president@sheffieldvillage.org, or call me at 510-472-4770.

This coming year we really want feedback from the Village. Too few attend meetings, but with all our busy schedules, that's perfectly understandable. We'd also like to see more Village contribution in the Crier. If anyone is interested in contributing to the Crier, please let us know. We're open to just about any Village-related: stories, poems, photos... Or if there are topics you would like to see discussed more (or less) or if you just have comments about something you have read, please let us know.

Here's to a great 2008!

John, Welcome on Board!

Happy New Year to all Sheffield Villagers! I'm John Shimko, new Plans Chair on the SVHOA Board. I have lived here in the Village on Revere Ave. for the past eight years with my wife, Tracy Vernon. I'm happy to be serving on the board. This past December, Tracy and I hosted the first children's Santa Sing-a-long at the club house. Tracy and I moved into the Village because of its country charm and friendly, neighborhood feel. A little info about me: I currently work as the English Language coordinator in San Lorenzo where I manage the ESL program district-wide. Also I'm a big opera buff. So if you walk by the house and hear Beverly Sills being blasted, don't be surprised! I look forward to serving you as a new board member.

-John Shimko



Photo submitted by Charles Currat

New year, new bench
Village volunteers install a bench for the tennis court. More on page 3.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING AT THE SVHOA REC CENTER
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 30, 2008, 7 P.M.**

VILLAGE SAFETY CONCERNS

The SVHOA Safety Committee continues to meet on the second Tuesday each month. We have moved back into the clubhouse, so please stop by. The meetings start at 7 PM and run about an hour.

The format has been very casual; we created this forum for Villagers concerned about crime and safety in the Village to discuss ways to better protect ourselves and our families. Past topics include Emergency Preparedness, Seasonal Crime, Neighborhood Watch, Traffic Safety, Safety Tips, Auto Burglaries and Thefts, Homeless Crime, Lights, Block Captains, Drug Use, Gun Shots... Have an opinion about any of these?? Then join us to fight back against crime.

There has been a little crime in the neighborhood the past couple months. Last month, a neighbor on Middleton reported that Christmas decorations were stolen off her front lawn. On January 12 a Villager reported that his outgoing mail was stolen which contained checks. His neighbor found the open envelopes discarded down the street, without the checks. At some point in the past few months a Villager on the 200 block of Marlow reported that their identity had been stolen. In light of these last two incidents, I've decided to include some helpful tips in protecting yourself from Identity Theft.

What is Identity Theft? Identity Theft occurs when someone uses your personal identifying information, like your name, Social Security number, and/or credit card number, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes.

How do thieves steal your identity? There are several ways including: Dumpster Diving, Skimming, Phishing, Changing Your Address, Stealing and Pretexting.

What can you do to protect yourself? Awareness is an effective weapon against many forms identity theft. Be aware of how information is stolen and what you can do to protect yourself, monitor your personal information to uncover any problems quickly,

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INCOME STATEMENT JAN. 1, 2007–DEC. 31, 2007

Income/Expense

Income

Dues	26,200
Other Income	<u>3,140</u>
Total Income	\$29,340

Expenses

Bookkeeper	3,600
Crier Expenses	2,793
Insurance	4,512
Parks	9,914
Scholarship	200
Depreciation	3,237
Water	193
Easter Egg Hunt	74
Other Expenses	<u>431</u>
Total Expenses	\$24,954

Net Income \$4,386

BALANCE SHEET AS OF DEC. 31, 2007

Assets

Current Assets

Checking	10,474
Accounts Receivable	648
Other Current Assets	<u>5,839</u>
Total Current Assets	\$16,961

Fixed Assets Net \$27,245

Total Assets \$44,206

Liabilities & Equity

Equity

Unrestricted Assets	39,820
Net Income	<u>4,386</u>
Total Equity	\$44,206

Total Liabilities & Equity \$44,206

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Marlow Apartments

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

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2008

BLOCK CAPTAINS

New year, new bench for the tennis court

Charles Currat *SVHOA Parks Chair*

How many Villagers does it take to install a bench on the tennis court in Milford Park?! Under the initiative of Deni Hodges, the Parks Committee responded to the suggestion by several Villagers to have a bench inside the tennis court for users to put their gear and sit on. Don't miss it— check out the new "Durawood" Dent-Saver bench next time you take a walk by Milford Park. Made of post-consumer recycled material, it cannot rust, rot, split or warp and is impervious to water and sunlight. Thanks to Greg, Deni, Lisa, and everyone who stopped by the tennis court to give a hand last Saturday! Do not hesitate to contact the Parks Committee if you have other suggestions to improve the parks for everyone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Thinking of You

Long time Village Apartment owner Don Simmons passed away in November. Don was quite a character. He will be missed.



Lost and Found

Gold earring found in the Village. Call 383-9066 to identify.

COMMUNITY NOTICE

FEBRUARY 5th POLLING LOCATION

Sheffield Village Recreation Center will be the Polling Location for the February 5th Election Day. As usual, Sheffield Village resident Dorothy Davis will be your fabulous and friendly hostess (official title-Precinct Inspector) for your polling location. Please take the opportunity to visit the completed area of the center restoration project and thank Dorothy for her many wonderful years of service.

Please contact me at (510) 867-0702 or kmctighe@oaklandnet.com.
Kevin McTighe

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and know what to do when you suspect your identity has been stolen.

Learn more about Identity Theft on the Federal Trade Commission webpage: <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft/>

For the fastest information on safety and crime in our neighborhood, join the Sheffield Village Safety Yahoo Group "Sheffield Watch." To join please go to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sheffieldwatch/> and click the blue "Join This Group" button. Remember there's no "www" there. If you're already a member, get your neighbors to join. Although more than 100 of your neighbors are members of this FREE information group, less than 30% of the Village is.

Safety Tip:

Never leave outgoing mail in or attached to your mailbox. Either hand-deliver it to a postal carrier or place it in a secure mail drop box. Although a felony, this is a common practice for thieves who are looking for checks for the purposes of "check washing." Check washing is where the thief washes (removes) the name of the recipient from the check and/or changes the amount of the check. You may not become aware that this has occurred until you are notified that your payment was never received. It is at this point you learn that the check has cleared your bank; only it is written to someone else, perhaps even for an amount you did not write!

--Greg Novak

A WORD FROM THE CITY OF OAKLAND'S PAT MOSSBURG

On February 19, the Oakland City Council will vote on a resolution introduced by Councilmember Larry Reid affirming the City of Oakland's prohibition of trucks on I-580 and opposing rescinding the truck prohibition. Larry is introducing this resolution as recently some regional interest has been expressed to secure funding to undertake a study on the truck prohibition.

The prohibition of trucks exceeding 4 ½ tons using I-580 in Oakland between Grand Avenue and the Oakland/San Leandro city line has been effect since the freeway was opened in 1963 pursuant to Oakland City Ordinance No. 6789, which was approved by the State Department of Public Works. In May 1999, the City Council passed a resolution affirming the prohibition of trucks on the I-580 freeway in Oakland and opposing rescinding the truck prohibition as at that time there were reports that the removal of the truck prohibition was being considered. Assembly Bill 500 (AB500) was introduced by then Assembly woman Ellen Corbett in 1999 and passed by both houses and signed by the Governor on August 9, 2000. AB 500 prohibits any vehicle with a gross weight of 9,000 pounds or more from using I-580 between Grand Avenue in Oakland and the city limits of the City of San Leandro. As stated above, there is an interest in studying this prohibition.

It is important that your views on this important issue be heard. You may contact the Councilmembers by phone, email or address the Council at the February 19th meeting. Council meets at 6pm in the Council chambers on the third floor of City Hall.



MESSAGE BOARD

ROOM TO RENT IN VILLAGE Large room available in Sheffield Village home. Lots of storage space, too. Senior dog and cat also live in house with owner. Call 908-2982 for details.

MADDY'S ORGANICS Maddy's Organics, a Sheffield Village produce delivery service, is now up and running! Great source to use to spend less time in long grocery lines and traffic. Let Maddy's Organics give you one less errand to run! For more information on seasonal fresh organic produce delivered to your door, please email Ruby Elmer at maddysorganics@yahoo.com.

WEB SITE HELP NEEDED SV resident, looking for assistance with: Web site (template program) implementation filing and minor book-keeping 10-15 hours a week; Computer skills a must. For more info please contact Anna: 510-568-5628

NEED A NOTARY? Kathryn Wilson can notarize your documents right here in the Village. 483-4745

PET AND HOME CARE New pet & home care service accepting reservations for December 2007 and beyond. Call Village resident Kathy at 729-6276.

PETSITTING & DOGWALKING Attention pet parents: I will be available to take care of your furbabies needs on Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years and Valentine's day. For more information, please visit my website (www.4pawswhisperer.com), e-mail (Rachel@4pawswhisperer.com) or call me (510-553-0129) for your advance bookings.

Contact the editor to submit classifieds/events/editorial by Saturday of the second week of the month.
crier@sheffieldvillage.org

FYI: The Crier will not run messages from the prior month without the requestor notifying the Editor. Thanks.