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Update from District 7 Leadership Breakfast: development, geographical policing issues

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An airport connector, a new library, and geographical policing were among the topics presented at Councilmember Larry Reid's Leadership Breakfast on February 2, 2008. Helpful City of Oakland phone numbers (updated August 2007) and a list of Oakland Police Department (OPD) contacts were among the handouts available to the dozens of attendees from District 7.

Development updates began with a presentation on the Oakland Airport by Steve Grossman, Director of Aviation. Tom Dunsombe, Project Manager, then presented plans for the Oakland Airport Connector, an automated people-mover system (driverless

vehicles) that will connect the BART Coliseum station to the Oakland International Airport via an approximate 3.2 mile elevated guideway, primarily on Hegenberger Road. The project is in the evaluation/negotiation stage and construction is slated for 2009; a handout is available.

Gerry Garzon, Administrative Librarian, next presented plans for a new East Oakland community Library on 81st Avenue at Westdale. The library—a partnership with the Oakland Unified School District's two elementary schools (Acorn Woodland and Encompass Academy)—will

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For those Villagers unable to attend the monthly Board Meetings, here are the highlights from the last meeting:

Meeting at a Glance: minutes from Jan 30th Board Meeting

- \$10,000 will be used for capital improvements for this year, which include the pathway project and tree removal.
- Onset Park Tree removal has been delayed due to permit approval. Milford Park bench was installed.
- Rick Jones volunteered to be the HOA Vice President.
- There was a request by a Villager to improve the Sheffield Village sign with reflective paint.

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Welcome on board, Rick

I've been asked to be your Vice President for the remainder of 2008. Some might say I had to be coerced and guilt-tripped into this role, but this is only partially true. I've lived in the Village since 1983 with my wife, Jennet, and two children, Caroline and Adam. Not too long after we moved here I began serving on the SVHOA Board, ultimately as president, and have remained a block captain since then.

The Village has always been a special place to live for us. My children both went to the Village pre-school and to San Leandro public schools. Excellent mountain biking and road biking are just outside of my door and downtown Oakland and

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**NEXT BOARD MEETING AT
THE SVHOA REC CENTER**

**WEDNESDAY,
FEB. 27, 2008
7 P.M.**

All are welcome

feature a computer lab and internet café. Ground breaking is anticipated in April 2008, with a tentative opening date of September 2009. A handout is available.

The final topic, an explanation of geographical policing in the OPD, was presented by Captain Tony Rachal, the commander of Area 3. The new system divides the city into three geographical areas, each commanded by a police captain: Area 1 is from the Bay Bridge to Lake Merritt; Area 2 is from Lake Merritt to High Street. Captain Rachal serves Area 3, from High Street to the San Leandro border, from the bay to the hills—including Sheffield Village. Rachal has 20+ years of experience on the OPD and is an Oakland resident. All of the captains will work closely with the Neighborhood Services Coordinators (NSCs), who in turn

will work closely with their respective community policing Beats. (Sheffield Village is in Beat 35Y, and our NSC is Patricia Rose, who coordinates the bi-monthly Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council [NCPC] meetings.)

The presentation generated numerous questions, and Rachal's answers reflected a refreshing sincerity and dedication to meeting the needs of the community. It became clear that our NSC is becoming an even more important link, and being informed about/attending the NCPC meetings should be high on our community's list of safety and crime prevention strategies.

If you are interested in any of the handouts from the Leadership Breakfast—including a list of OPD Area 3 contacts such as Captain Rachal and Patricia Rose—contact Deni at deniyoga@sbcglobal.net.

- Pat Mossburg forwarded the request to Joe Wang for a 4-way stop at the corner of Marlow and Revere at the triangle.
- The Alameda Congestion Management Agency would like to revisit and study the truck ban on 580. Larry Reid wants to re-affirm that the City Council does not want to do the study. John will write a letter from the Board in favor of keeping the ban.
- The Recreation Center will host the Feb 5th election.
- Tracy reported that Chabot Park Highlands is considering settling with Weingarten's development company. Chabot Park Highlands contacted Tracy and she relayed her information/research that is pertinent to their issues.

DUES

We still have about 100 people who have not paid their dues yet this year.

If you haven't paid your dues, please do so ASAP.

Thank you.

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BLOCK CAPTAINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Obituaries

Friends were saddened by the passing of long time Villager Ralph Diamond.

Ralph had just turned 98.

He will be missed.



George Mulock passed on last week.

George was quite a character.



Thank you

Villagers who made donations above and beyond their dues are

Maureen Cronin,

Joyce Herzer, Lori Katz,

Rich and Jennifer Palmer,

Jill Warner and Alex Seven,

and Sharon Brown.

Additionally,

Kathleen McCormick of Cranford

made a nice donation.

Thanks a lot to all of you!



MESSAGE BOARD

VILLAGE HOUSE FOR RENT 2 bedroom, 1 bath house; large backyard; \$1350/month. 510-635-9723.

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.

PETSITTING AND DOGWALKING RIGHT IN YOUR OWN NEIGHBORHOOD! Contact Village neighbor Rachel at 510-553-0129 or rachel@4pawswhisperer.com Availability: www.4pawswhisperer.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 at 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.

BABYSITTER I am 17 yrs. old and am a Sheffield Village resident. I have done a lot of babysitting in the Village and can provide references. Please contact Kristie Grunert at 635-2085.

TUTOR/BABYSITTER AVAILABLE Experienced, energetic, and versatile Village college-grad available on flexible schedule to tutor and babysit. Please contact Jennifer 326-6561 or kinipela525@sbcglobal.net.

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

CLASSIFIEDS UPDATE

Construction continues on the Recreation Center...

...and continues...

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

Continued from front

San Francisco are only minutes away by BART. Considering our excellent climate, diversity, recreation and cultural amenities it's difficult to imagine living anywhere else.

Yes, I was a bit reluctant to get involved again but for a location like ours, it's worth spending a little extra time on Village business. If asked to express any concerns, it would only be to say let's keep the Village great by looking out for one-another, removing stored or decrepit boats or other vehicles from streets, picking up after dogs when taking them on walks and getting to know your neighbors. I'm looking forward to working with the Board for the rest of the year.

—Rick Jones

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