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We win with Measure WW

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We win with Measure WW:
Extension of Regional Open Space, Wildlife, Shoreline and Parks Bond.

The Board of Sheffield Village Homeowner's Association wants you to know that there is a very exciting bond measure called *Measure WW* which is placed on this November's Ballot. This measure is an extension of Measure AA, passed by East Bay voters 20 years ago, that helped preserve the open space "hill" we see right outside our homes. We need your vote again as this measure, if passed, will secure \$2.3 million to purchase the open space behind the Dunsmuir Hellman house and adjacent to our beloved "hill." In particular this is referring to the 72 acre parcel that Ed Patmont owns and has threatened to develop with over 100 hundred homes.

In addition to purchasing Ed Patmont's land, the bond measure funds a myriad of fabulous projects. If approved by the voters, Measure WW will be used to: continue to restore urban creeks;

protect wildlife; purchase and save open space, wetlands, and bay shoreline; and acquire, develop, and improve local and regional parks, trails, and recreational facilities close to home for East Bay residents.

For example the park district will allocate \$1.8 million to preserve hillside areas, connect trails and add public access along the western park boundary of nearby Lake Chabot.

For more details on the vast array of projects check out this website for a complete listing www.ebparks.org/node/672. You can then click on the links to an interactive map as well as descriptions of the projects.

The good news is...this extension will not increase the tax rate above the present maximum rate of \$10 per year per \$100,000 of assessed valuation (i.e. a home assessed at \$400,000 will pay \$40 per year).

But we need your vote because the \$500 million bond extension must be approved by two-thirds of voters in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.



By Jill and Jennie

It is always nice when the Good Gnus is right in our own backyard! Yes, right here in our own Sheffield Village are those two musical cuties, John and Tracy Shimko. It's not just the musical happening they put on for the Neighborhood Watch Celebration in August (an outdoor keyboard for John and his spectacular rendition of "Granada", and a microphone for Tracy, belting out standards, accompanied by the incomparable

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**NEXT
BOARD
MEETING:**

**WED. 7 PM
SEPT. 24,
2008**

All are welcome
to attend!

Dunsmuir- Hellman House

Upcoming Events:

HALF OFF Gift Items at the Souther Shed Gift Shop

Friday, October 24th

10 am-1 pm

(free admission to
grounds Friday only)

Saturday, October 25th

(Admission \$5 adults,
\$2.50 ages 5-12,
11 am-4 pm)

October 25 – Oktoberfest & Pumpkin Patch

A family event with old fashioned games, crafts, hay rides, pumpkin carving, cider and doughnuts along with some suds and sausages for the grown up crowd, and, of course, some Oom Pah music. The event will be held in and around the Carriage House at Covington Gate.

Adults: \$5,
Children 5-12: \$2.50
11 am-4 pm.

SNEEK PEEK:

Holidays at Dunsmuir

Saturdays & Sundays
December 6 - 20

Our 38th annual holiday tradition with a beautifully decorated mansion, music, entertainment, food, Breakfast with Father Christmas, demonstrations and more. Stay tuned for more details.

For more information
and event pricing

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drumming of Revere neighbor Ken Pimentel). It's their whole sweet neighborly spirit and devotion to the preservation of Sheffield Village. How many of you went to the cabaret style fundraiser they did to thwart off the builders/encroachers threatening our beloved hillside?

Since we have lived here, John and Tracy have volunteered at the various community building activities in our little Village, including leading caroling through the village to celebrate the holidays. And they both

currently work tirelessly on our SVHOA Board of Directors. You can count us as co-presidents of their fan club (no doubt there are a lot of members) and two people who are grateful for their sweet, giving, pretty darn adorable, musically talented, energetic selves!

The even BETTER gnus is that there are many more unsung heroes, just like John and Tracy, living right next door to each of us. Just one more reason Sheffield Village is a truly magical place.

Remember, if you have anything to share, the Crier welcomes your comments, concerns, and new ideas! Please send any Village-worthy information to crier@sheffieldvillage.org.

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BLOCK CAPTAINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Special Event

Come meet Morgan Mack-Rose, candidate for the San Leandro School Board, on October 6th, 7 pm. Kathryn and Salvador are hosting an evening coffee for Morgan. She will share her ideas and answer questions. Please join us. Please RSVP to 483-4745. 268 Marlow Drive

Yoga with Deni

Village resident Deni Hodges is offering a Yoga program on Thursdays from 6-7:15 pm starting in October. Deni holds a certification in Integrative Yoga Therapy. She invites Villagers to enjoy the benefits of Hatha Yoga, which include learning to breathe deeply and to recognize the connection between mind and body. Yoga will increase muscle tone, strength, and flexibility.

Program meets on Thursdays starting October 2; \$60 for 4 classes/month. Pre-registration is requested.

Battery Recycling

Disposing of batteries in the trash is *illegal* and can *damage the environment*. The Rec Center has a battery recycling container for community use. The City of Oakland Public Works Agency will regularly collect these batteries. Please dispose of your batteries with us.

Rentals

Building Rentals: Consider using the Rec Center for your next party or family gathering. Have you seen the new commercial kitchen? Building rental fee is only \$25/hr with a one time \$50 fee for kitchen use. Building is available for rentals on most weekends.

Children's Birthday Parties: What better place to host children's birthday parties than your neighborhood park? Amenities include restrooms, play area, and open space/ballfield. Cost for outdoor children's parties is a flat \$50 fee.

Please contact the Recreation Center for registration information for any of the above programs or rentals.

(510) 867-0702 or kmctighe@oaklandnet.com.

Kevin McTighe



MESSAGE BOARD

NANNY WANTED for 5 year old twins, M-F 7:30am -noon. Beginning late August through mid June. Ann 510-635-7828.

PART-TIME NANNY/BABYSITTER for my 1 1/2 year old daughter. Looking for someone who is pretty flexible as days and times could change on a weekly basis. For more information please email me at rubyblackbelt@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

PET AND HOME CARE Pet & home care service accepting reservations now. Call Village resident Kathy at 729-6276.

BABYSITTER I am a 17 year old 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; kinipela525@sbcglobal.net.

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