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Yes, we can put our Village first!

Greg Novak *SVHOA President*

My Fellow Villagers! Not only is it time to elect a new President of the United States, but perhaps more importantly it is nearing the time to elect new members to our Village Board of Directors. Three Board members are terming out in accordance with the Association rules, so this means that there will be three excellent opportunities for you to serve on the Sheffield Village Board in the New Year. This is a GREAT way to meet more of your neighbors in the Village, become involved, and give back to your community. This is an especially great time for new homeowners to get involved. Your Village Needs YOU!

What do you get out of Board participation? The short answer is as much or as little as you want. It really depends on you. Do you have an idea for a way to improve something in our Village? If so, you can lead that effort. Or, you can simply come to the once monthly meetings to participate and serve your community in your own way. Some of the activities the Board has been involved with this past year include: remodeling of our Rec

Center; installation of the new pathway through Onset Park; repairs to the tennis courts and our streets; creating better crime and safety awareness and prevention by assisting with the increased membership of Sheffield Watch and the reinvigorated Neighborhood Watch program; and strengthening the support for efforts to preserve the "hill" and open space to our north. Additionally, our Board has helped bring safety to our streets by forming the Safety Committee and working with the City to better direct traffic through our intersections. As Board members, we've also come to know and greatly respect our City Councilmember, the Vice Mayor Larry Reid. So there are many types of projects and ways that you may choose to get involved in, but none that are mandatory.

Board membership requires approximately one to two hours of your time each month to meet and talk with your neighbors about what's happening in the Village. There's some coordination done outside of the meetings, but this is mostly handled via

email. All decisions and meetings are held in the Village Rec Center on Marlow. Oftentimes, the Board meetings involve lively conversation and more than a few laughs; and they provide a great opportunity for informative exchanges between neighbors.

Please consider getting involved, as this is a "no-experience-needed" environment. You will be very well supported by the rest of your Board and by other experienced neighbors, many of whom have served previously on the Board and who still kindly attend the meetings, gently offering advice when asked.

Opportunity is knocking on your front door for a fun and informative couple of hours each month. Interested homeowners, please come to our Annual Meeting in January to throw your hat in the ring. Or, if you have questions in the meantime, please feel free to call me at (510) 472-4770 or email me at novakproperties@sbcglobal.net. Of course you can also come to our next meeting on October 22 at 7 pm!

This letter, written by the SVHOA Board, was recently published by The San Leandro Times. The Board urges you to **vote for Measure WW**.

To the Editor:

The Board of Directors from Sheffield Village Homeowner's Association in Oakland want to urge voters to vote for Measure WW. This measure has been placed on the November ballot by the East Bay Regional Parks District. 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. The good news is it won't raise taxes to achieve these goals!

Because of the cost of gas and the craziness at the airports, public parks provide citizens an alternative to vacationing long distances. Our forefathers had the same great idea as there was a push to create more

public parks during the Great Depression when parks were a way for people to enjoy their surroundings without having to spend a lot of money.

We believe Sheffield Village residents are not alone in utilizing the parks as a "staycation" as there have been growing numbers of people at Lake Chabot out on weekends enjoying parks for family gatherings, fishing and hiking.

Finally, the drop in the real estate market provides us a golden opportunity to purchase more land for open space than would have been possible in the past few years. For these reasons please join us in voting yes for the Measure WW bond measure to purchase more open space!

Sheffield Village Board of Directors

**NEXT
BOARD
MEETING:

WED.
7 PM
OCT. 22,
2008**

All are welcome to attend!

**Saturday, October 25th is Make A Difference Day,
the National Day of Doing Good!**

With your support, the 8th Annual Village Food Drive will deliver hundreds of packages of food to the Elmhurst Food Bank in Oakland. Over the last seven years, Villagers have donated thousands of food packages to those in need. **Do you and your kids want to be part of this year's FUN and REWARDING event?**

The most helpful donations include:

- Packaged non-perishable food
- Fresh fruits and vegetables from your yard or garden
- Toiletries (small sizes, such as those provided by hotels)

Other ways to get involved include:

- Deliver and post fliers throughout the Village
- Collect food and deliver it to the Village Rec Center on Saturday, October 25th
- Sort and box food to be delivered to the Elmhurst Food Bank that afternoon

**Want to be involved? Please contact Dawn at
dcchezney@yahoo.com or call 430-9990.**

Thanks in advance for your support!

**SHEFFIELD VILLAGE HOA
INCOME STATEMENT
1/1/2008 TO 9/30/2008**

Income/Expense	
Income	
Dues	\$26,200
Other Income	<u>1,384</u>
Total Income	27,584
Expenses	
Bookkeeper	2,700
Crier Expenses	2,282
Insurance	4,752
Parks	5,525
Depreciation	2,750
Other Expenses	<u>680</u>
Total Expenses	18,689
Net Income	\$8,895

**SHEFFIELD VILLAGE HOA
BALANCE SHEET
AS OF SEPT. 30, 2008**

Assets	
Current Assets	
Checking	\$6,708
Accounts Receivable	1,034
Other Current Assets	<u>5,825</u>
Total Current Assets	13,567
Fixed Assets Net	39,534
Total Assets	53,101
Liabilities & Equity	
Equity	
Unrestricted Assets	44,206
Net Income	<u>8,895</u>
Total Equity	53,101
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$53,101

**Dunsmuir-
Hellman
House**

Upcoming Events:

**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.

*For more information
and event pricing*

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2008

BLOCK CAPTAINS

New Sheffield Village Yoga Class

Deni Hodges, Certified Yoga Instructor

Join us as we enjoy the benefits of yoga in the newly remodeled Sheffield Village Recreation Center! Learn to breathe more deeply, become more aware of the connection between body and mind, increase muscle tone, strength, and flexibility, and enjoy different relaxation techniques—all in the safety and comfort of this great neighborhood.

Practicing yoga can, indeed, unify the body, mind, and spirit so that one truly feels a sense of wholeness. While yoga can increase flexibility and strength and also generate body heat, resulting in sweating, there are many more subtle but powerful benefits received by practicing yoga. To really understand what yoga is about and how it can help you, you have to experience it personally. And in these uncertain and stressful times, what better opportunity than to take a gentle, noncompetitive class for beginners right here in your own neighborhood? You can even walk from home, saving time and gas.

All are welcome in this new class, held on Thursdays from 6- 7:15pm at the Rec Center at 247 Marlow Drive. Bring your own mat if you have one (I have extras), wear loose, comfortable clothing, and come with an empty stomach and an open mind! For registration information, contact Director Kevin McTighe at 638-7190, or just show up.

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.

YOGA with Deni

Sheffield Village resident Deni Hodges is offering a Yoga program on Thursdays from 6 -7:15 pm in October. Classes are in session now. (See article above.)

TOT SOCCER

Learn soccer fundamentals with an emphasis on socialization and skill development. Program meets on Thursdays at 11 am for ages 3-5 years. Cost is \$25 for residents, \$30 for non-residents. Instructor Lester Cobb assures equal participation opportunities for all attendees.

OCTOBERFEST at Dunsmuir Hellman Historic Estate

Games, crafts, hay rides, pumpkin carving, music, dancing for youth; sausages, sauerkraut, potato salad and German beer for adults. Entrance to the event is the Covington Gate with events in and around the Carriage House. Saturday October 25 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Adults \$5, children 5-12 years old \$2.50, under age 5 FREE.

Please contact the Sheffield Village Recreation Center for registration information for YOGA with DENI or TOT SOCCER programs.

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

Good Gnus

By Jill and Jennie

Sometimes Good Gnus comes as a result of not-so-good-news. We are sad to report that Wonderful Tony, proprietor extraordinaire of Eureka Video, is yet another casualty of our crazy economy. Over the past 12 years he was in business on Macarthur Blvd, Tony was ever so generous to Sheffield Village. For every picnic, fundraiser, or miscellaneous event, he was quick to offer up coupons for video rentals for us to give away as prizes or raffle off. He always had a kind word and broad smile whenever we walked in to his establishment. Thank you, Tony, for your years in the community. We will miss Eureka Video.

Now the good news: we can take this sad opportunity to bolster our local businesses that are still hanging in there! John and Yan Chang, for example, have an elegant and wonderfully delicious Asian restaurant, *Chang's*, just around the corner. We love to walk over on a balmy evening and partake in some "braised green beans" or "dou ban fish". John, Yan, and their terrific kids are usually around to say "hello" and have a chat. So stop on by and thank them for making our neighborhood that much nicer, and tell them "The Village" sent you!



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.
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