

## November food banks and thanks

Greg Novak *SVHOA President*

### Do you know someone who needs food assistance?

In these unstable economic times, many of our friends and neighbors are at an ever increasing risk of failing to meet their nutritional needs. If you know someone who needs food assistance, please call the toll-free Alameda County Community Food Bank's Hunger Hotline at **1-800-870-FOOD** (3663) and ask the operator for an Emergency Food referral. The Food Bank will simply ask where they live to best direct them to the closest location to pick up their free groceries or even get a free hot meal that day. The same number can also be called to learn about volunteer opportunities.

The Alameda County Community Food Bank collects and distributes nutritious, high-quality food to thousands of people in need each month through its network of 300 community based organizations. In addition to food distribution, the Food Bank's services include:

- Food Helpline which connects Alameda County residents with emergency food referrals. [www.accfb.org/hunger\\_hotline.htm](http://www.accfb.org/hunger_hotline.htm)
- Community Outreach to Alameda County residents about governmental and charitable food programs. [www.accfb.org/community\\_outreach.html](http://www.accfb.org/community_outreach.html)
- Helping the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Government Commodities with food distribution to low-income Alameda County residents through the California Emergency Food Assistance Program.
- Education and advocacy awareness about the extent and causes of

hunger and poverty while encouraging support for solutions to the problems.

- Nutrition education by providing workshops and technical assistance to Food Bank agency partners. [www.accfb.org/nutrition\\_education.html](http://www.accfb.org/nutrition_education.html)

### Safety Tip of the month

Start a phone tree with your neighbors. If you see something suspicious, call the police and then tell them to call in a report as well. The police are more likely to roll if they have probable cause. More than one witness = probable cause so get your neighbors involved! You're more likely to get a rapid response if there are corroborating reports.

### Congrats Village voters on your record voter turn out!

Sheffield Village has a long history of a strong voter presence; but this past election turnout was huge even by our standards. The Village voter turnout exceeded 92% in this most recent election. Compare this to Alameda County as a whole, which had 75% voter turnout while statewide this rate dipped to just below 70%. Please see our Precinct Inspector Dorothy Davis' comments at the end of this article for more information.

If you're feeling political withdrawal from the election or just wanting to keep your spirit of community service going, we're looking for you to throw your hat in the ring and run for one of the three opening spots on your Board of Directors! Interested homeowners, please come to our Annual Meeting in January 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](mailto:novakproperties@sbcglobal.net). Of course you can also come to our next meeting, which is November 24 at 7 pm!

### Congratulations, Village residents!

92% of Villagers who are registered in our precinct participated in voting on November 4th either by mail or by casting their votes at the polls at the Recreation Center. Many families brought their younger children to the polls to observe voting in action. Several voters came into the clubhouse and announced, "I went to preschool here!"

The poll workers included: Dorothy Davis, Inspector; Linda Martin, Judge; Sharon Lewis, Clerk; Sheila O'Connell, Clerk; Germaine Johnson-Jones, Student; and Jamie McNair, Student.

In addition, two students from Skyline High School worked side-by-side with the rest of the precinct officers to serve our community and learn hands-on about the voting process. The students receive credit for their Civics class and are paid for their day of work. One of the students, after a long day of work, commented, "Now I know why my mother says she is so tired when she comes home from work after sitting at her job all day!"

-Dorothy Davis, Precinct Inspector

**Happy Thanksgiving!**

**NEXT  
BOARD MEETING:**

**MONDAY, 7 PM,  
Nov. 24, 2008**

# Dunsmuir-Hellman House

## Upcoming Events:

### Holiday Tree Lighting: December 5 6-7:30pm

Be the first in your neighborhood to see the spectacular mansion dressed for the holidays. Join us for a festive time with music, mansion visits, the arrival of Father Christmas, and the tree lighting on the Mansion lawn. Light refreshments will be available and the Mansion gift Shop will be open. Adults \$20, Srs 62+ /Jrs 6-13 \$10. Members receive 2 free tickets, additional tickets are \$15.each

### Teas and Breakfasts BY RESERVATION ONLY

An admission ticket must be purchased in addition to the teas and breakfast tickets. Children's teas are for children ages 13 and under. The adult teas are for person 14 yrs and older.

### CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY TEA:

Sat. Dec. 6, 13, 20, 11:15am  
13 & under: \$17 per person

### ADULT TEAS:

Dec. 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21  
Saturdays 1:30 & 3:30pm,  
Sundays 11:30am, 1:30 & 3:30pm  
\$25 per person

### BREAKFAST WITH FATHER CHRISTMAS:

Sunday Dec. 7 & 14, 9:30am  
Adult Breakfast: \$20  
Children's Breakfast: \$15  
Under 6 yrs.: \$5

### GROUNDS ADMISSION:

Includes mansion tour. Saturday & Sunday 11am-5pm  
For more information and event pricing call 615-5555.

## Villagers, YOU Made A Difference!

THANKS to the many Villagers who supported the Village Food Drive on Make A Difference Day last month! Whether you distributed fliers, collected donations, sorted food, or donated food and toiletries, it could not have happened without you!

Once again, the food drive accomplished what we had hoped for; much needed food for those with less fortunate circumstances than ourselves, without too much effort by any one person.

When you see them, please give a special thanks to the following Villagers who gave their time to make this event a success: Greg Asimi, Nilda Capio, Peggy & John Caruso, Matt Eckerle, Lita & Gary Flinders, Nancy Folkers, Judy Goodfellow, Steve Grodin, Janine & Max Hunt, Jarrod Jayne, Cynthia Jepson, Peter & Sophia Lemcke, Fred Martin, Jackie & Zach Meier, John New, Rich & Jennifer Palmer, Lorrie & Sydnee Pullman, Benton & Diane Russell, Lori Santos and Gena Webb.

Thanks again for your contributions and involvement. I feel so fulfilled when I see the generosity and support that comes from our Village pulling together to help others.

-- Dawn Chesney

## JOIN the Sheffield Village Playgroup!

The Sheffield Village Playgroup is a great way to meet other moms, make new friends and participate in local activities. This newly formed group is committed to planning fun events (exploring parks, playgrounds, museums), lending support (babysitting co-op, exchanging tips), strengthening the neighborhood community and having fun!

This group welcomes all neighborhood parents, including dads and expecting moms.

Please join by going to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sheffieldvillagemoms/> or by emailing [shanoncraun@yahoo.com](mailto:shanoncraun@yahoo.com).

### 356-417 Marlow

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### 301-331 Marlow-3210 Roxbury VOLUNTEER NEEDED

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Barbara Greenwood: 568-5840

### 3400-3500 Revere

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

### Cranford Way

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### Marlow Apartments VOLUNTEER NEEDED

### SheffieldWatch Moderator:

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BLOCK CAPTAINS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### New Officer

We have a new OPD Problem Solving Officer, STEVE VIERRA for Beat 35Y (Sheffield Village). His contact information is (510) 777-8792 and SVierra@oaklandnet.com.



### Thank You

Thank you, Dawn Chesney, for your continued great community service in organizing another successful Sheffield Village Make-a-Difference Day by collecting food for the Elmhurst Food Bank.

Thanks to those volunteers who helped with an excavation project in Onset Park. We needed strong arms, strong backs, shovels and wheelbarrows. We got the job done with the help of Jarrod Jayne, Mike Hamer, Tom Rute, Charles Currat, Tim Herron, Rick Jones, Benton Russell, Mark Muller, Steve Murphy, Shane Washburn, Murray Stokely and Dave Lyman. Afterwards, many of the older crew celebrated with ibuprofen cocktails.

We all owe a debt of gratitude to the two fellows who get out regularly and keep the litter down on our "Cal Trans" easements. A. J. McClinton polices Foothill Way, and Dan Martin works the Middleton, Benedict beat. Thanks!



### Obituary

Trudy Fitschen passed on after a short brief illness. She will be missed by her Middleton neighbors.



### Necklace Found

Necklace found on 11/10 around noon in the vicinity of 215 Covington St. Nice-looking, but chain is broken. Contact Isabelle at [isabelletsien@yahoo.com](mailto:isabelletsien@yahoo.com).

## YOGA resumes January 8, 2009

with Deni Hodges,  
Certified Yoga Instructor



Yoga is in Sheffield Village! Gentle yoga classes for beginners started in October at the Rec Center. Because of the approaching holiday season, classes will not be held between November 20 and January 1.

Why not begin the new year by resolving to breathe more deeply, move more easily, feel more comfortable in your body, and let go of some stress? Yoga can help you do all of these things, and now there's a class right here in your neighborhood offered by Oakland Parks and Recreation.

All are welcome starting Thursday, January 8 from 6 to 7:15 pm 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 Joy Sledge at 638-7190, or just show up.



## MESSAGE BOARD

**ROOM FOR RENT** Need a room for visiting friends or relatives? Large room with private bath available in SV for short term rentals. Please contact Carole at 635-2741 or [carole94605@yahoo.com](mailto:carole94605@yahoo.com).

**FREE BASSINET** Very nice, FREE baby bassinet. Please call 383-9066.

**1/2 A GARAGE TO RENT** I've lived in the Village for 26 years. I have a car to store that I am trying to sell. I also have some materials from my former teaching jobs to store. Please call Benton Russell at 638-9595.

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

**PETSITTING AND DOGWALKING RIGHT IN YOUR OWN NEIGHBORHOOD!** Contact Village neighbor Rachel at 510-553-0129 or [rachel@4pawswhisperer.com](mailto:rachel@4pawswhisperer.com)  
Availability: [www.4pawswhisperer.com](http://www.4pawswhisperer.com)

**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](mailto:kinipela525@sbcglobal.net).

Contact the editor to submit classifieds/events/editorial  
by Saturday of the second week of the month.  
[crier@sheffieldvillage.org](mailto:crier@sheffieldvillage.org)

SEATTLE PUBLIC UTILITIES

### 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.

### 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.

CONTACT new director Joy Sledge at 638-7190. Kevin McTighe has been transferred to Ira Jinkins Rec Center.