

Fair play: new Milford tennis court regulations

The Parks Committee drafted the following rules for the tennis court, and a new sign is in the works. This article provides all the information about the updated rules of use (a new sign will be installed shortly), as well as additional things to consider. Please clip and save as a handy reference if you use the court:



New Tennis Court Sign

Sheffield Village Tennis Court and Park Rules of Usage

- Use is restricted to residents of Sheffield Village and their guests
- Court closes at 7 pm
- Tennis shoes only
- No dogs or other pets
- Tennis activities only: no skateboards, bicycles, etc.
- 1 hour for singles, 1.5 hours for doubles
- No sitting, pulling, or leaning on net
- Maximum of 4 on court at a time

Sign-up Sheet

A chalk board or clip board will be provided for players to sign up with their name, address, and time they started play. This will be placed strategically on the gate closest to the street.

Expanded Rules

In addition to the posted rules, we need your help to ensure that the court remains in good condition, safe, and continues to be enjoyed by all Villagers! Please observe the following:

- Shoes other than tennis shoes (e.g., running shoes, hiking boots, sandals, street shoes) are unsafe and damage the court.
- Be considerate of neighbors: no excessive noise or profanity; spectators on sidelines must be respectful of neighbors; no trespassing on neighbors' property to retrieve balls.
- No alcoholic beverages allowed.
- Take your trash with you and latch the gate(s) when leaving.
- Use the sign-up sheet or chalkboard provided when you arrive, even if no one else is on the court
- Guests must be accompanied by a Sheffield Village resident and resident must be present during play. Residents have the authority to ask non-residents to leave the court.
- No paid private instruction.
- Violations should be reported to the Board and may result in loss of tennis privileges.

It is impossible to list all of the things that you CAN'T do on a tennis court, so here are the things you CAN do:

You can get some good exercise while playing tennis in your tennis shoes. You can be courteous to your neighbors by being attentive to the amount of noise that you make. You may have 1-4 players on the court at one time; play singles for 1 hour, and doubles for 1.5 hours if there are others waiting to play. Otherwise, you can play for as long as you want! You can be sure to clean up after yourself and help by taking any trash that may have been left on the court. When exiting the court you can latch the gate! Thanks and have a great time!

--Deni Hodges Parks/Safety Committee

NEXT BOARD MEETING: SEPT 22, 7 PM

Good Gnus

By Jill and Jennie

I have been told that summer is over. Well, I don't think that news has hit my tomato plants yet. And speaking with other Villagers, many of their home-grown fruits and vegetables are in the dark on that subject as well. Perhaps it's my terminology that is at fault and not the issue of the Summer Solstice or school being back in session or not being allowed to wear white again until May. Summer may or may not be over (actually I think Summer is a frame of mind more than anything else, but you didn't subscribe to The Crier for philosophical debates, did you?) but what IS still around is the harvest.

A wonderful friend/neighbor came over for lunch a few weeks back and was talking about how her neighbors had been giving her bags of avocados because their tree was producing them faster than they could make guacamole- so of course I got in on that deal. And then there are the aforementioned tomatoes and my lime tree is working overtime too. Jill has lemons practically year round, and the squirrels are going crazy over the peaches, apples, and figs that spill into my yard from neighbors on all sides! So all of this got me thinking... maybe we should have a Village-wide Harvest Trade where we congregate in a central location and share the literal fruits (and vegetables) of our labors?? Of course I haven't fleshed out the idea... but I thought writing it down as a Good Gnus could start the ball rolling!! Stay tuned.

Safety Committee Report: your canine responsibilities

Deni Hodges Parks/Safety Committee

From time to time people who take care of dogs need to be reminded about dog owner responsibility and courtesy. After a number of dog attacks in Sheffield Village over the past few weeks, now is the time to review Oakland Municipal Codes (OMC) and to remind dog owners about their personal responsibility to keep their dogs from potentially harming others and from being harmed. If you walk, live with, or otherwise have an opportunity to handle a dog in the city, take heed of the following reminders, which consider the safety of ALL.

*The State of California requires all dogs over 4 months old to be vaccinated against rabies and have a dog license with accompanying tag.

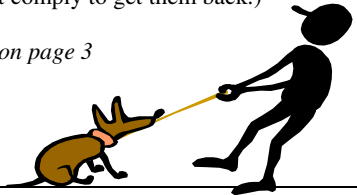
* NO dog should ever be off leash on city streets or in city parks: OMC 6.04.070. Even if you think your dog is well-trained, friendly, or harmless, someone else may not be so sure. A friendly, playful dog can knock a child or adult to the ground and cause injury and everlasting fear. It can also harm cats, birds, and other animals,

damage property, and wreak all sorts of havoc, often unbeknownst to its human companion. The law is one thing, and consideration for others is another. Please be responsible and use a leash.

*If you or your dog is attacked by another dog on city streets, call 911 (or 777-3211 on your cell phone) and the Oakland Animal Control: 535.5603.

When you file a report, here's an example of what happens: The dog is designated a "Potentially Dangerous Dog" (statutory language). The owner has 10 days to take the shelter and attempt to get the dog back, at which point the owner would have to jump through numerous hoops and pay a substantial amount of money (not sure exactly how much) to do so. There is a county form that lists classifications of problem dogs and the conditions with which the owner must comply to get them back.)

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A taste of local theatre: 'tis the season

Martin Vitz California Conservatory Theatre Board

No, not the "Christmas Season" but the coming 2009-2010 season of great theatre at California Conservatory Theatre. CCT is your really close-to-home place for outstanding professional productions, and next season promises to continue its 30 year history of giving great value to theatre lovers.

The season starts on Friday, September 18 with *New Wrinkles*, an amusing coming of middle-age comedy/musical revue. On November 13 *el-ee-mos-y-nar-y (el-uh-mos-uh-ner-ee)*, opens, a light drama about the relationships among three generations in the family of a girl who wins the National Spelling Bee. The third show, opening Friday, February 5, is *Incorruptible*, a dark 'miraculous' comedy set in a monastery in medieval France. This is followed on April 2 by the amazing *Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)*, with just three actors performing all his plays in under two hours. Don't be intimidated—it is really very funny and, true to Shakespeare, a little bit bawdy. The season closes with Tennessee Williams' classic drama *The Glass Menagerie*, starting on June 4 and co-produced with the Pear Avenue Theatre Company in Mountain View.

Season ticket prices are still just \$90 for seniors (62+) and students and \$99 for others, and single tickets just \$20 & \$22. CCT is a great nearby bargain at 999 E. 14th Street, in the San Leandro Civic Center. For more information or purchases, contact the theatre at CCTofSL@yahoo.com, (510) 632 8850, or by mail at P.O. Box 894, San Leandro, CA 94577.

There is no need to drive far, and CCT is very close to some of the city's fine restaurants should you want to make it an evening on the town. CCT will very much appreciate your support in the form of ticket sales or donations during these very difficult economic times for theatres everywhere. If you really want to keep great professional theatre in San Leandro, now is the time to help CCT continue as a wonderful community asset.

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Only the owner can redeem a PDD dog, and most owners don't get them back. If the owner does not step forward within the 10-day quarantine period, the dog will be put down. There will be zero chance of adoption, no-kill shelters, etc. (gulp).

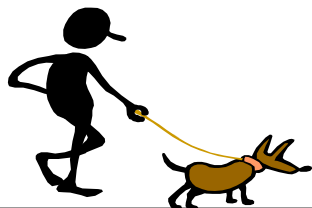
*If you witness a dog off-leash on our streets—with or without an accompanying human—and want to create change, you may wish to call Animal Control as well as the Oakland Police Department's non-emergency number: 777-3333. Those entities can issue citations that carry fines, which might be the best way to get the attention of the belligerent handler. (Note: my personal opinion is to try to talk some sense into the person first!)

*No dogs in City of Oakland parks: OMC 6.04.080

*Take all measures to prevent your dog from barking for long periods of time and during hours when most people are asleep. Animals must not unreasonably disturb the peace and comfort of neighbors ("animal nuisance") or create a significant risk of injury to life or property: OMC 6.04.310

*Not codes, but simple courtesies: remember that not everyone loves dogs or loves YOUR dog. Remember to pick up after your dog.

*To those Villagers who always walk their dog on leash and have worked with their pet on obedience training, thank you!



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Thank You

This month the Crier received donations from Upper Revere and Cranford residents—the Copelands, the Girards, and Ms. Anonymous. We appreciate your generosity.



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WANTED: HOME FOR RENT 2-3 bedroom/2 bath house for rent in or near the Village for my mother to live in for 1-2 years while she finds a nearby retirement community. Excellent credit-perfect tenant. Non-smoker, no pets. Call Jennie 510-633-0552.

TRAVEL SOMEWHERE FUN THIS FALL Southwest and Virgin America tickets Available! These are BEST for Coast to Coast Travel. West to East or East to West! Even in between to the Midwest! 925-683-2308/ gdiamondring@comcast.net

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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

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