

# CRIER

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## Donate your ideas and dedication to the Village: join the 2010 Board

Steve Murphy *SVHOA Bookkeeper*

We are pleased to announce there will be career opportunities with Sheffield Village Board of Directors in 2010. Be the first on your block to apply. Think of how proud your kids will be to say "My parent is a Sheffield Village Board Member." Be the envy of your local barbeque. Tell your friends, "You can't do that. It's against the CC&R's."

Are you afraid you don't have what it takes to be a Board member? Do you ask yourself, "Why didn't I take those Board member training classes offered at the local night school?" I am here to assure you that Board member training is over-rated. Board members learn quickly that the most effective response to a complaint from a Villager is, "Well, if it means that much to you, why aren't you on the Board?" That usually shuts them up.

Seriously folks, we need volunteers. This past year we had only four volunteers for five Board positions. With two members terming out, we will have three open positions. There are five job titles: President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Plans Chairman, and Parks Chairman. The specific positions open in 2010 will

depend on you. Once the Board is "elected" at the Annual Meeting in January, the five members discuss amongst themselves what each would like to do. No one has ever been hurt in this free-for-all.

None of the Board jobs are difficult or time consuming. The Board meets once a month for one or two hours. Members may come away from the meeting with small tasks to perform by the next meeting. Parks and Plans chairs may be called upon to interact with Villagers as need arises. Board Members often write articles for the Crier, though on a strictly voluntary basis. On average the Board requires four or five hours a month from its members.

One of the major perks of being on the Board is that you get to meet so many excellent Villagers. This is a special neighborhood. We have a history of cooperation and community involvement. If you are interested, contact any of the Board members from the list on the back page. We could use your help and all will appreciate your service. You can also contact me at [stevencarlmurphy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stevencarlmurphy@sbcglobal.net) or 562-9795.

## Fall Crimewatch: Unsettling visitors in the Village

Greg Novak *Village Resident*

### Flasher in the Village

On the morning of Thursday, October 15, between approximately 8:30 and 9:20 AM, in two separate incidents, a man exposed himself to two Village women including one of their young daughters while they were standing in front of their homes. The man was described as a lone Hispanic adult, about 150 pounds, in his late twenties, with short hair, a goatee, slanted eyebrows, walking a large/fat, white with tan spots, leashed Chihuahua. He has been spotted several times entering and leaving the Village through the Foothill/580 underpass. The flashing occurred on the 200 block of Marlow Drive. He told one Villager that his name was Henry. He dresses casually, often in a white t-shirt, blue jeans and baseball cap. The police were called.

Oakland Police took a full report. Please be on the lookout for this individual but the police ask that you do not physically confront him, endangering your life. Instead, call 9-1-1 immediately and report him as

**NEXT BOARD MEETING: OCTOBER 28, 7 PM**

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By Deni Hodges

Sheffield Village Harvest Trade:  
The Ball is Rolling!

Jill and Jennie wrote in last month's column about the possibility of a Village-wide Harvest Trade, where neighbors with surplus fruits, vegetables, and other home-grown consumables can share the "fruits of our labors." I loved the idea and offered to guest-write a follow-up to their idea.

I sent an email out to just a few Villagers to survey the possibility of this happening, and the response has been very positive: some of my neighbors mentioned excess oranges, limes, avocados, peaches, and plums that they would be willing to share when harvest time approached--that is awesome!

So here's another invitation to those of you hearing about this for the first time: if you, or a neighbor you know, have a fruit tree, or grow vegetables/herbs, or have nuts, berries, or other ample edibles growing in your Village yard and come harvest time, have a surplus of these goodies and want to share them, please email [deniyoga@sbcglobal.net](mailto:deniyoga@sbcglobal.net).

Just let me know the particular produce, etc. you have (or may have) in abundance, and I'll keep a tally. I'll then help organize a small group--including Jill and Jennie--to convene and figure out the logistics! There are lots of ways to do this with minimum effort and lots of fun. If you have ideas and want to be a part of this organizing committee, please let me know that in your reply. Same with any neighbors who may not be reading this or may not have email access! The more the merrier.

A big thank you to Jill and Jennie for the idea and the tremendous service it could provide families, seniors, and single people--any Villager on a tight budget or with limited mobility. Can we do this? YES WE CAN. Email me at [deniyoga@sbcglobal.net](mailto:deniyoga@sbcglobal.net)!

## CRIMEWATCH ADDENDUM:

*The following was gathered from a witness who asked to remain anonymous.*

At approximately 11:35 am, Tuesday, October 13, a white mid-size American 4-door vehicle was parked on the southside of Revere west of 3016 Revere. The license plate #: **CALIFORNIA 5MHV289**. The occupants of the car appeared to be two Hispanic males:

*#1 HM-20's 5'7" black hair with a pony tail, wearing a black jacket over a white T shirt (passenger)*

*#2 HM-20's wearing a white T shirt(driver)*

Suspect #1 was seen exiting the front passenger side door and walking down the driveway on the westside of 3000 block of Revere. He opened the gate that leads from the driveway into the back yard. He took from underneath his black jacket an object described as a "flat iron." He walked over to the red door and with the flat iron pried the the door frame near the door lock.

The neighbor watching this from his backyard yelled to the suspect, "What are you doing?" Both suspects yelled back, "What's up homes!"" and started to walk back towards the gate and then ran up the driveway towards Revere.

Then the suspects jumped in the car and drove away. The vehicle was last seen west bound crossing Marlow and making a right hand turn on Foothill. The witness **didn't call the police**.

Later, the resident of the home found pry marks to the back door frame and a window broken.

*It is not known if the resident filed a police report.*

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VOLUNTEER NEEDED

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**Marlow Apartments**  
VOLUNTEER NEEDED

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**BLOCK CAPTAINS**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*Thank You*

We had more donations from Upper Revere and Cranford. Thank you William and Gloria Justus, Donald and Olga Kempton. Something that happened to at least one donation that was dropped off at the Rec Center, the check was deposited into a City of Oakland account. If you made a donation, but did not receive a thank you from us, let us know and we will follow up with the City. My number is 562-9795. The City has been cooperative in returning mis-deposited funds.

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*Obituary*

Friends, neighbors and family were saddened by the passing of Christine Shacklady of Covington.

Former Rec Center employee Lester Cobb has passed on. He had moved back to Connecticut to be with his family.

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*SVHOA Address*

We don't have an office at the Rec Center any more. All communications with the Association should be sent to 3032 Roxbury Ave.

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the suspect of this **incident report #09-069466**. If calling from your cell phone be sure to dial (510) 777-3211, otherwise you will be routed to the Highway Patrol. Getting a picture of this criminal is important and one of the best ways would be by using your camera phone.

As this individual seems to be entering and leaving the Village on foot, it is believed that he is NOT a Village resident. San Leandro Police have been notified, so too have the Estudillo Estates and Broadmoor neighborhoods.

This man had been spotted several times before, usually in the daylight hours of the morning. At times he is taking long looks at houses, seemingly "checking them out."

A man with a similar description (short hair, Hispanic, 5'10" wearing a blue soccer team jacket) was chased away from a home on the 100 block of Marlow on September 28 at 9:15 PM after he was discovered pressed up against a

backyard window, peering or "peeping" through at a woman.

Some Villagers who have seen this man looked through the Megan's Law website and were unable to identify him from there.

Some of this information may have changed or been updated since this Crier went to press. To stay up on all of the latest safety and crime matters being discussed by the neighborhood, log into the Village Safety Yahoo Group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sheffieldwatch/> (Remember that there is no "w-w-w" there).

### *Safety Tip of the Month*

Report ALL suspicious activity. The police always tell us that if you "feel" something is suspicious, it is suspicious and should be reported as such right away. Anyone who has information about this or any crime or any suspicious activity should report it to Oakland Police at (510) 777-3333. You can also call our Oakland Police Problem Solving officer, Officer Vierra at (510) 777-8792 and leave him a detailed message.



## MESSAGE BOARD

**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.

**ROOM FOR RENT IN VILLAGE** Share hillside home with your own large, private bedroom, separate bathroom, plenty of storage space, and many amenities. Monthly rent of \$825 includes all utilities and wireless internet access. Available January 2010. Call 510.908.2982.

**PET CARE & SMALL DOG GROOMING (BY APPOINTMENT ONLY) RIGHT IN YOUR OWN NEIGHBORHOOD** Please visit [www.4pawswhisperer.com](http://www.4pawswhisperer.com) for service information, availability and reservations. Contact Fellow Villager Rachel at 553-0129

**VILLAGE R.N. AVAILABLE** Dependable, Caring, Friendly Nurse Available. 20+ Years Exp. In all Medical Areas (Basic Care, Wound Care Assistance, Dialysis, etc.) Low rates. Free Phone Consultation! 510-455-1009

**VILLAGE HOME FOR RENT** Spacious 3 bed/3ba. Tri-level. Lovely Bay Views from inside and out on 1 of 2 decks. 925-683-2308 or [gdiamondring@comcast.net](mailto:gdiamondring@comcast.net)

**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](mailto:gdiamondring@comcast.net)

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

Contact the editor to submit classifieds/events/editorial by Saturday of the second week of the month.  
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**FYI: The Crier will not run messages from the prior month without the requestor notifying the Editor. Thanks.**