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## Sheffield Village Harvest Trade prepares to launch

Deni Hodges *Marlow Drive Block  
Captain*

After the September and October Good  
Gnus columns, many Villagers  
responded with a resounding YES to the  
idea of a Village-wide harvest trade.  
Now, with warmer weather and longer  
days just around the corner, many fruits  
and vegetables will soon be ready for  
harvesting. In fact, I've been seeing lots  
of lemons and oranges hanging heavy on  
trees in many yards, ready to be eaten;  
some fruit lies rotting on the ground,  
blown down by recent rains or by  
raiding raccoons.

What a shame for some of this fruit to  
go to waste. Hence the idea of a harvest  
trade, where those of you with **surplus**  
produce (remember, no one wants you  
to share food that you use for yourself  
and your family!) from your garden--  
fruits, vegetables, nuts, herbs, etc. that  
you know you can't use, or may not even  
like!--can trade it with your neighbors.  
So far Villagers who have responded  
have a surplus of the following produce:  
apples, avocados, figs, lemons, limes,  
oranges, peaches, plums, rosemary, and

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**Welcome  
from the new  
Parks Chair!**

Dear Neighbors,

As your new Parks Chair I'd like to introduce  
myself and give you an update on the  
ongoing efforts to maintain and improve our  
community's beautiful parks. For those of  
you I haven't met yet, my fiancé Jared and I  
moved to the 100 block of Marlow in  
October. We both grew up in the Midwest  
and I lived in New York for five years before  
deciding on the Bay Area. When I'm not  
traveling with my job as a media consultant, I  
spend my time gardening and I love finding  
ways to eke more vegetables and fruits out of  
our little yard (so I welcome advice!).

I joined the HOA Board because I'm  
interested in being more involved in the  
community and I heard of the need for  
volunteers. I'm excited for the challenge and

look forward to meeting you all in the  
coming years!

Some of you might already have noticed  
some sidewalk repair work occurring at  
Milford Park. A lovely pine tree near the  
Middleton entrance of the park had pushed  
up the edge of the sidewalk causing a  
tripping hazard for residents. The Board  
voted unanimously to replace the  
offending segment right away to avoid  
accidents. While the landscaping company  
was there, the Board also asked them to  
replace the overgrown sidewalk area on the  
Roxbury side of the tennis courts. There  
was a gap of weeds growing up between  
the sidewalk and the court that was

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**Get your baskets ready!**

**April 3 at 9:30 am**

### **9th Annual Village Egg Hunt**

Children 10 and under are welcome to hop on over to the Recreation Center  
and enjoy the Annual Egg Hunt. No child will be disappointed.

Every egg hunter receives the same delicious Easter candy prizes.

The eggs are empty and, when found, are brought back to  
the "Egg Redemption Center." Then they receive an assortment  
of Easter treats. So come by and find an egg or two or 50.

Don't forget the camera!

The smiles and the sea of eggs are priceless.

And a special guest usually hops by...

**NEXT BOARD MEETING: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 7 PM**

# Good Guys

By Jill & Jennie

As I continue to celebrate the many things I am grateful for in my life (this is rather easy, as my professional life includes teaching school to seriously ill children at Children's Hospital; that'll provide lots of perspective!), I think of the joy "making" music brings me (...I have to take a moment here and try to keep this in mind when my grandchildren are simultaneously "jamming" as loudly and UNmellifluously as possible on the harmonica, recorder and maracas.....but I digress....).

new chord, how to read some notes, how to count how many beats a note lasted, etc, etc. I am not quite at "Flight of the Bumble Bee", but truly, this has been a fantasy come true. Dave teaches both guitar and piano- all levels; the cost is ridiculously reasonable and he is unbelievably patient. He teaches all ages, from kids to "riper" kids...  
Dave Stevens:  
510 278-1751 hm  
510 206-8134 cell

When I decided in my late fifties that it was too late to learn to play the piano, someone asked me how old I would be in 5 years. Then they asked my how old I would be in 5 years if I started piano lessons, now....

You guessed it; I've started piano lessons (with a professional musician, no less)!!!! The reason I'm sharing this incredible news is that I found an absolutely phenomenal teacher right in San Leandro: Dave Stevenson. So let me be perfectly candid here; I am not exactly a born talent and I haven't practiced regularly while concentrating on finding a (wonderful) living situation for my darling, 89 yrs. old mother. But each time I have left my half hour lesson with Dave (a cheering squad no matter how long it took me to play the theme to "Star Wars"), I had something new to be proud of--a new song, a

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Villager

Dear Crier,

I am a second generation villager on Covington Street. My Mom and Dad, Stan and Betty Little bought our home in 1940, original homeowners. My Dad passed away in 1946 and my mom remarried around 1955, Dick and Betty Pierce. I have a half sister Mary Pierce, and my brother Cliff Little. Cliff and I went to the little school in the village until 3rd grade when all the village kids then went to Roosevelt School. My husband Don and I raised our three children in Piedmont, and in 2000 bought our house from my mother, who lived with us from 2000 until she passed away about three years ago.

Don and I were in the same class at San Leandro High School and as a teenager he was around our house for years. We love living in the village again. Don retired from Oakland Police Department; he feels this is the best functioning neighborhood watch group he's seen and I agree. I also am impressed with the work and activity of the Board. We have grandchildren now, and they enjoy spending time here.

Sincerely,

Sue Dore

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BLOCK CAPTAINS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### The Dues

There are still about 70 of you who have not paid your dues for the year. I will be mailing out Second Notices soon. Please pay now and save the Village the cost of sending that notice.

### Thank You

Thanks to Dan Martin and A.J. McClinton for their work removing litter from several different by ways near the freeway.

Thanks for the donations: This month more Villagers made donations with their dues. Thanks to Tom Rute, Joel Wilmot, Dawn Wade, Jill Warner and Alex Seven.

### Save the Date - Earthday 2010!

The City of Oakland will be sponsoring the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Earthday on Saturday April 17, 2010 from 9am to Noon. Sheffield Village is looking for volunteers who would like to give back to the community as a part of this effort. Our district will be focusing on the clean up of Knowland Park at the Oakland Zoo. This is a great way to meet your neighbors.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact me, Shawn Chapler, at [schapler@gmail.com](mailto:schapler@gmail.com). I will be coordinating our volunteer list with the district 7 site coordinator, Pat Mossberg. For more information on this wonderful event, please check out the website [www.oaklandearthday.com](http://www.oaklandearthday.com).

### Harvest: Continued

tomatoes. These are harvested at different times of the year, so the next step is to organize a team and devise a plan for collecting and distributing. For example, one idea is to offer to help homeowners who have surplus produce on their tree but don't have the means or the time to pick it. In this case, a volunteer would make arrangements with the homeowner to collect the produce and bring it to a designated distribution site. Details will be worked out, but can you imagine the service this will provide for the Sheffield Village community? Awesome.

Do you, or will you, have surplus produce you'd like to donate to the Harvest Trade? If so, email me at [deniyoga@sbcglobal.net](mailto:deniyoga@sbcglobal.net) and let me know the season you anticipate it will be ready for harvesting. (If you've already responded, I have you on file.)

The team needs more volunteers to help plan. So if you can spare one hour/month, email me.

[deniyoga@yahoo.com](mailto:deniyoga@yahoo.com)

### Parks: Continued

not only unattractive but could also cause potential damage to the court.

Finally, the Board is currently gathering information on options to install various Bay Area-friendly plants in Milford and Onset parks. The plants we will choose will require little to no maintenance and should be able to survive on our area's natural annual rainfall, while adding visual interest and beautifying the landscape. If you fancy yourself a gardener or would just like to have a fun day outside, please stay tuned for upcoming volunteer days when we will spend the day planting and getting to know our neighbors!

We all sincerely hope you enjoy these updates and others that will follow soon. As always, we welcome input from Villagers and would love to see you all at our monthly board meetings! Feel free to reach out to me with any questions you may have.

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## S-20 Design Review Fee Waiver Reminder

The Board of Directors would like to remind residents of Sheffield Village, that in most cases, you should be eligible for a waiver of design review fees when applying for certain permits with the Community and Economic Development Agency of the City of Oakland. This fee waiver was part of the original S-20 Historic Preservation Combining Zone status that was awarded to Sheffield Village by City Ordinance No. 12656 C.M.S. on May 17, 2005. Because of the complexity of the fee schedule, it is recommended that you contact a Planner in the Zoning Section at 510-238-3911 for any questions.

John Thomson Plans Chairperson ([plans@sheffieldvillage.org](mailto:plans@sheffieldvillage.org))



## MESSAGE BOARD

**FOR SALE** Chest freezer with 2 baskets, \$75. Size 55-1/2 L x 35" H x 27-1/2" D. Works perfectly. Call Georgia, 686-1412.

**FREE DANCE LESSONS** Every Thursday night at 7:30 pm, Montclair Rec Center, 6300 Moraga. For more information call Georgia, 686-1412.

**ROOM FOR RENT IN VILLAGE** 1 bedroom, separate bathroom for \$825/month including all utilities and many amenities. Available April 2010. Call 510.908.2982.

### CARPOOL INTO THE CITY FOR FREE!

A daily carpool is looking for another rider. The carpool leaves from Danbury at 6:30 am each day. Riders take AC Transit NX4 Transbay Bus home (see this link for bus schedule [http://www.actransit.org/maps/pdf\\_schedule.php?line\\_id=2336&schedule\\_id=ALL](http://www.actransit.org/maps/pdf_schedule.php?line_id=2336&schedule_id=ALL)).. Carpool lets off in downtown near Mission/Fremont. Cost to you is nothing and you never have to drive the carpool. If you're interested, contact Eliza at (415) 269-3429.

**FOR RENT: 2910 REVERE** Charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath unit featuring spacious Kitchen with dining area, Electric Stove, Refrigerator, Window coverings, Carpet, Coin-Op Laundry Room, Water & Garbage PAID, Common Yard, 1 Assigned Parking Space, 1 Year Lease, \$500 Move In Bonus, Sorry No Pets, No Smoking, \$1050/month \$800 Deposit. 510-352-6310

**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

**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).

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