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## A friendly reminder as summer approaches

Nicole Kramer SVHOA Parks Chair

As summer draws near, the Parks Committee reminds Villagers to keep neighbors in mind while using Village parks. Last fall, the committee drew up new regulations for use of the tennis court. Now it is a great time to remind everyone to be courteous and considerate as use of the parks increases in the warmer weather. Please keep these basic rules in mind as you enjoy our common space:

### 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

### Additional request from the Board

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 courteously 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

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## May notes from the SV Board

We had a guest speaker at the April 28, 2010 Board Meeting – Marcel Uzegbu, Supervising Civil Engineer with the City of Oakland's Engineering Design Department. Mr. Uzegbu supervises the sidewalk repair program for Oakland and tailored his presentation to Sheffield Village. The City has been working on sidewalk repairs designated from a survey in the Village performed in 2006. Essentially, the work being done is the result of problems created by City-planted trees. Mr. Uzegbu explained that there is approximately \$20 million in such damages City-wide, but Oakland only has approximately \$700,000 annually to allocate toward applicable repairs. If a Villager wants to repair damage not due to Oakland's street trees or wants to jump start the repair process of tree-induced damage, Mr. Uzegbu said Oakland can work with the property owner by providing no-cost permits.

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### 2010 San Leandro North Area Home and Garden Tour

When: 12 - 4 p.m., Sunday, June 13

Cost: \$20

Advance tickets are available at Zocalo Coffeehouse-645 Bancroft Avenue, Sabino's Cafe - 1273 MacArthur Blvd, and Evergreen Nursery - 350 San Leandro Blvd, all in San Leandro. Tickets are available at 885 Glenn Avenue the day of the tour. For more information please see [www.slhomeandgardentour.com](http://www.slhomeandgardentour.com) or call 510-636-4137.

What you'll see: Six beautiful home and gardens, each with a distinctive architecture, decor and style.

Who Benefits: George Mark Children's House, whose mission is to provide a welcoming, home-like refuge for the most seriously and terminally ill children and their families. This pioneering facility located right off Fairmont Ave in San Leandro, is a model of pediatric palliative care as well as an important advocate for child patient care and funding from all government levels.

### **NEXT BOARD MEETING: WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 7 PM**

\*\*\*\*FYI: **PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING** hosted by Larry Reid, Oakland City Council Member and Sheffield Village representative, will be Monday June 7, 6:30-8pm in the Snow Bldg at The Oakland Zoo. Chief Batts will also be in attendance.



By Jill & Jennie

Hello Villagers!

I want to remind you all that Jennie and I would love to hear good news from any of you. We have an email address:

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

set up to fete anything happy, inspiring, well meaning, uplifting, a good buy, terrific quality, entertaining, a good soul, a helping hand, brain food, pleasing to the eye, smile provoking, helping hands, anonymous donors, deliciousness, touching, worthy of appreciation or recognition, graciousness, etc. etc. Have I made the point? Let's celebrate the wonderful and worthy, and the small and big things we're all grateful for.

So how about if I start (again... this month...):

There is a TERRIFIC little theatre group in Oakland-in fact, it's Oakland's only resident theatre company! It's called TheatreFIRST, and it's located in the refurbished Fox Theatre in downtown Oakland. (The official name is the Marion E. Greene Black Box Theatre, and it's at 531 19th St in the Fox Oakland Building, one short block from the 19th St BART station) I have seen two, terrific shows so far this year, and there is one more to go, "The Drawer Boy," playing from June 12th through July 4th. It is very reasonably priced, and two of the three parts will be played by Equity actors. I'm touting this because the price is right, the quality is excellent, the theatre has only 99 seats, it is near restaurants, and Downtown Oakland has become INCREDIBLY GROWN UP, again! A nice night or Sunday afternoon out. [TheatreFIRST.com](http://TheatreFIRST.com) (Why not look on the TheatreFIRST website?)

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Remember that despite all the rules, the parks are ours to enjoy as long as we continue to respect our neighbors and the space we all share. Sheffield Village homeowners are quite fortunate to live in a neighborhood blessed with such lovely parks and friendly neighbors – let's all do our best to enjoy these perks as a community!

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

*My family moved to our house at 314 Covington St. in 1959. The earliest memory I have of our house was my 5<sup>th</sup> birthday party. I was in the second-to-last kindergarten class (1960) at Sheffield Village School, where the Park is today. Growing up in Sheffield Village was great! In those days we had the rux of the neighborhood. There were lots of kids, some still living in the Village today, and we were always at the Park playing whatever sport was in season, exploring up in the hills, fishing for trout in the creek, riding our bikes and skateboards, and just hanging out. I'm sure the neighbors around the Park (sorry Maureen) didn't always appreciate us making so much noise but, as kids, we had a great time. Prior to the closing of the school and building of the Park, we used to play baseball in the tennis court and basketball in the old volleyball (?) court next to the tennis court. In the springtime we used to have huge "grass bomb" wars at the tennis court (you were supposed to shake the rocks out before throwing) and would leave the place looking like a war zone. Later, when the Park opened, we spent our entire summer hanging out at the Clubhouse, listening to that great 60's and early 70's music, playing sports, taking field trips on the bus to other Oakland Parks for softball games or to day-camp. We'd be there all day, go home for dinner, and report back for evening fun until dark. We had a blast!*

*My parents moved out of the Village in 1983 and my wife, Dale, and I moved in as renters. We bought the house in 1986. We raised two sons here, both attending the Sheffield Village Pre-school co-op. Although both of the boys had friends in the Village we didn't allow them to roam freely as we did as kids. Times were changing and parents had to be much more vigilant in monitoring their children. I'm sure the young Village parents today are even more watchful. It's a real shame that the neighborhood kids of today can't have the same experience growing up here as we had. Yet, it is still a wonderful neighborhood for children.*

*I've been in our house much longer with my own family than I was with my parents. I don't even think of it as the house I grew up in anymore. It just feels like our house. I sometimes think whether there will come a time when one of my sons will buy the house from us, becoming third generation Villagers. But that's a long way out into the future; we aren't planning on moving anywhere else. After all, this is home.*

—Mark Muller

*P.S. I'm fairly certain that our block, the 300 block of Covington, has the unique distinction of having three second-generation Villagers. We have two new homeowners who are both second-generation, although they don't live in the houses where they grew up. Coincidence? I'd like to think it's more a case of knowing a good thing.*

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He also pointed out that it may be possible to work with the City's contractor if they are in the area and receive the benefits of economies of scale. Mr. Uzegbu said he's open to Villagers contacting him directly and provided the following contact information: Email – [muzegebu@oaklandnet.com](mailto:muzegebu@oaklandnet.com); Telephone – 510-238-6257; Mobile Phone – 510-867-8629. The Board would like to thank Pat Mossburg for arranging to have Mr. Uzegbu visit us. Pat is a Villager and works for Oakland Councilman Larry Reid.

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### Final Notice for the Dues

Well, that time came again on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Final Notices for the Annual Assessment were sent out. There were only 13 members who had not paid. That's about par for the course at this time of the year. The Final Notice usually gets in all but one or two members. Those stragglers end up with liens on their property. In the last three years the only liens have come on foreclosures.

### Reminder High School Class of 2010 – Deadline is June 1, 2010

Every year the SVHOA Board awards deserving students from our community with a small honorarium that is to be applied toward their education following graduation from high school.

**Eligibility:** Any graduating senior in 2010 who is a resident of Sheffield Village who is current on the SVHOA dues (paid thru 2010) and is attending college in 2010.

**Application Review:** The SVHOA Board of Directors will review such factors as 1) Academic achievement 2) Financial Need 3) Community Service with special consideration to service within Sheffield Village 4) Short Essay "My Fondest Memories of Living in Sheffield Village"

Return your completed application to: Shawn Chapler, SVHOA Vice President: 3024 Brookfield Ave. no later than **June 1, 2010**. You may also send the application as an email attachment to [schapler@gmail.com](mailto:schapler@gmail.com). If you have any questions, call Shawn at 510-969-4687.

Award winners will be announced at the Sheffield Village Board meeting to be held in June 2010.

Because of space limitations, the Block Captain list can be viewed only online at [www.sheffieldvillage.org](http://www.sheffieldvillage.org)

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### SVHOA College Scholarship Application For Sheffield Village High School Seniors Graduating in 2010

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Qualifying Sheffield Village Member: \_\_\_\_\_

High School and Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

GPA (Please provide transcripts): \_\_\_\_\_

Educational Institution Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Awards and Achievements: \_\_\_\_\_

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Financial Need Considerations: \_\_\_\_\_

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Community Service/Sheffield Village Service: \_\_\_\_\_

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\*\*\*\*\***Essay:** Please attach your short essay "My Fondest Memories of Living in Sheffield Village."



## MESSAGE BOARD

### WANTED TO BUY

Gas stove/oven in good condition for home use. Call Deni at 569-7118.

### VILLAGE FAMILY SEEKS NEW VILLAGE HOME TO RENT

We are a small stable family who has rented a home for the past year on Marlow Dr. We LOVE living in here, but we have a toddler and new baby on the way and dealing with stairs and a sloped yard space is just not working for us. We are looking for a 2 bedroom with a garage and level yard, and can move in June or July. If anyone knows of something then please contact us. Vicki (510) 390-2977 or vicbme@gmail.com

**ROOM FOR RENT IN VILLAGE** 1 bedroom, separate bathroom for \$800/month including all utilities and many amenities. Available June 2010. Call 510.908.2982.

### 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