

# SHEFFIELD VILLAGE CRIER

SHEFFIELD VILLAGE HOME OWNERS' ASSOCIATION  
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## **VILLAGE GARAGE SALE -- SATURDAY, JUNE 1ST DONATE, THEN COME OUT & BUY!!!**

It's the crown jewel of garage sales ... an entire neighborhood's collectibles and unwanted treasures ... and all proceeds benefit the Village! What is it, you ask? (Didn't you read the headline?) Why, it's the **Fifth Annual Sheffield Village Garage Sale**, on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the park by the Clubhouse, 247 Marlow drive.

Inside this Crier is your ticket to a cleaner house ... the color paper insert to attach to your generous donations. What donations, you ask? (You're asking a lot of questions!) Why, we'll pick up whatever salable items you choose to contribute - books, clothing, household appliances, computers, TV's, stereos, furniture, office supplies, bric-a-brac, chotchskies, paraphernalia, and family heirlooms.

Just put the items out on your front porch, or in front of your garage, with the enclosed notice attached and we'll pick the stuff up on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, between about 5pm and 7:30pm - that's it! (Or if you really prefer, you can also bring it over to the park on Saturday morning. Or if it's really big, like a boat, call us ... just no more questions, please!)

Remember, the SVHOA is registered in the state of California as a non-profit corporation, and we will issue receipts for your items on request.

As if that's not enough - if you've been meaning to have a sale yourself - you may also set up your own table (flea market style) for the small fee of \$15 and make your own fortune. Think of your savings on publicity costs alone! The Village will run ads in local newspapers and set up signs!

Of course, giving things away is only half the fun - come on out and buy! You won't believe what your neighbors had until you see it with your own

eyes. Bargains galore! Don't let the best stuff slip away - come on out early, and often!

Finally, if giving stuff is half the fun, and buying stuff is half the fun, then ... well, maybe they're each 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the fun, because the best part of the fun might just be helping out with the sale - picking up the goods, sorting, pricing, selling - why, there's a world of fun in doing good with some of your good neighbors. If you can spare even just a hour of time Friday night (May 31<sup>st</sup>) or Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup>, please call Steve Bettcher, our official volunteer Garage Sale Coordinator, email him at [bettcher@sfo.com](mailto:bettcher@sfo.com).

See you on the 1<sup>st</sup>! (Bring cash.)

## **OAKLAND POLICE TO OFFER YOUTH SAFETY TRAINING HELP YOUR KIDS PROTECT THEMSELVES**

In response to concerns raised by the return of a Megan's Law offender to Sheffield Village, the SVHOA has arranged for the Oakland Police Department to provide children's safety training at the Clubhouse on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.

The police will present three different, age-specific, hour long sessions designed to teach kids how to avoid becoming victims:

11 am: preschoolers to 2<sup>nd</sup> graders

1 pm: 3<sup>rd</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> graders

2pm: 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders.

Parents are allowed to sit in with their children.

The programs, entitled "Youth Safety Training (Dangerous Strangers)", will be presented free of charge. The clubhouse is located at 247 Marlow Drive in Sheffield Village.

Give your children (or grandchildren) the skills they need to recognize danger and protect themselves - bring them to the classes on June 8<sup>th</sup> at the Clubhouse!

## **MEGAN'S LAW MEETING FOLLOW-UP**

At the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting the Oakland Police mentioned they had preliminary information that there were two more registrants living on Marlow Drive. They have now advised that their information proved false.

In addition, at the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting the Oakland Police also mentioned that David Bearden could not return to the Village until the end of July - but they were uncertain whether he could visit the Village before then, under the specific terms of his parole. They have now advised that Mr. Bearden is allowed to visit.

Finally, the Crier reminds all Villagers that police informational pamphlets on Megan's Law, including research sources and safety tips, as well as informational fliers concerning the high-risk registrant in the Village, are available from your block captain.

## **FREE, SAFE, AND LEGAL DISPOSAL OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE**

Alameda County has a Hazardous Waste Disposal Program that is important to all Village homeowners. The County accepts such items as old paint, motor oil and filters, batteries (car and flashlight), pesticides, mercury thermometers, and much, much more. Disposal is free, but is limited to 125 pounds. This free disposal offer is limited to renters and homeowners; apartment managers and businesses may not use this disposal program.

It is perfectly okay to get together with your neighbors and "dispose" as a group. I made a disposal run this last week for 7 households.

There are three facilities (Oakland, Hayward, and Livermore). Each has very limited hours, so it is a good idea to call for a schedule before you get started. The phone number is (800) 606- 6606. The addresses of the sites are, Oakland - 2100 East 7th St., Hayward - 2091 West Winton Ave., Livermore - 5584 La Ribera St.

*Steve Murphy*

### **SPARE THAT TREE !!!**

The tree in the "triangle" at Marlow and Revere (by the Sheffield Village sign) is SVHOA property and may not be used for posting signs or fliers!!

**ALL VILLAGERS ARE INVITED TO  
SVHOA BOARD MEETINGS.  
MEETINGS WILL BE HELD MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>  
AND JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup> AT 7 PM AT THE  
CLUBHOUSE, 247 MARLOW DRIVE.**

## **SIGN UP NOW FOR SUMMER CAMPS, TRIPS, AND TOURS**

It's time to sign your kids up for a summer's worth of fun activities sponsored by the City of Oakland Office of Parks & Recreation. Enrollment is limited -- so act soon to make certain that your child gets in on the fun. Just call 638-7190 for information or stop by the clubhouse for a registration form. This year's programs include:

Sunbirds Day Camp Designed for children ages 4 to 8, daily activities include crafts, songs, field games and hikes. Teen counselors provide a low camper to staff ratio of 1 to 4. Field trips to Farrelly Pool or the Oakland Zoo will be scheduled. There are seven different weeks of day camp available at the low cost of \$35 per week for Oakland residents who are pre-registered. Some daily drops-ins will be admitted at \$15 per day. Camp sessions are held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week.

Peepers Day Camp Designed for children ages 3 to 5 ½, camp sessions are from 9:30 am until noon, Monday through Friday, August 19 - 23. This camp is limited to 25 pre-registered campers and 5 drop-in daily campers. Oakland residents can sign up in advance for only \$35; daily drops-ins \$10.

Los Angeles Trip From Monday August 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday August 23<sup>rd</sup>, persons ages 8 and up can enjoy a 5 day adventure in southern California, including a day at Universal Studios, a day at Magic Mountain or Hurricane Harbor, and a day at the beach with a barbecue. Travel is by city-owned private bus; accommodations are in the San Pedro Youth Hostel. \$250 fee; only 22 spaces available.

Bay Area Trips & Tours From June 17<sup>th</sup> through August 30<sup>th</sup>, persons ages 8 and up will meet at the Rec. Center to head out to various places of interest in the greater Bay Area, which may include museums, Great America, Marine World, movies, roller-blading and much much more! Only \$15 per day gets you in on the festivities!

**SVHOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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**GET READY TO PARRRRRTY!!**

On Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, the Village will be sponsoring a “Know Thy Neighbor Social” just for us! Food, music, and tons of fun (for the young AND not-so-young) are heading our way. Feel like helping out? Call Chairperson Gail at 638-4835.

**KEEP CURRENT - CHECK THE OFFICIAL  
VILLAGE WEBSITE [www.sheffieldvillage.org](http://www.sheffieldvillage.org)**

**CRIER CLASSIFIEDS**

- ? ? **GARAGE WANTED** Villager needs to rent garage for vehicle and motorcycle.
- ? ? **DOG SEEKS GOOD HOME** Due to a job transfer, “Sophia”, a 7 year old shepherd/cattle dog mix, is available for adoption. She’s very lovable, friendly with cats, has all her shots, and has a lot of energy.
- ? ? **KEYS LOST** Honda key with car alarm remote.

# MEMORIES

So you want to know what life was like in Sheffield Village many years ago.

Well, let me take you back to a time when milk was delivered in glass bottles to your back door; and Eddie's Produce truck would stop in front of our house twice a week with fresh fruit and vegetables. The family across the street had a new Ford with a hard top that would automatically fold up into the truck, converting the car into a convertible.

Bob had already hiked up over the hill in back of the village with his golf clubs. We would hike to Chabot Golf Course early in the mornings on weekends to work as a caddie. After that he would use his clubs for a round and then hike back at the end of the day.

It's about 7:00 AM on Saturday morning and the phone is ringing; it's Mr. C. calling and our family is invited over for a come as you are breakfast; pancakes, bacon and eggs the way you want them, a kitchen full of bathrobes, pajamas, slippers and rollers. There are two other families invited along with ours, it's very crowded and noisy, of course, everyone has something to say and seemingly at the same moment.

After breakfast Mike, Bruce and I would go to the vacant lot next to Mr. C's and throw horseshoes. Our fathers had cleared a level spot and set up a throwing area for horseshoes. Next to the horseshoe pit was a very large eucalyptus tree that was easily three feet in diameter. Our tree house was about twenty feet up on the lowest branches. The empty lot was located on upper Revere Ave., it was the only empty lot on this side of the street. On the other side only about half of the houses had been built, so in those days it was easy access: the hills, the waterfall, and the cave just past the old bay leaf tree.

Later that morning our fathers might be setting up an old garbage can in the lot that would later be the container for a clam bake: baked potatoes, corn on the cob, steamed clams and lobster. We would be sent to the creamer for ice cream. So the three of us would get on our bicycles at the corner where Marlow and Revere intersect and then pedal as fast as we could down the hill to Covington and from then on see who could coast

the farthest, hopefully all the way to the creamery, which was in the Village. Sometimes we'd get as far as the old pepper tree at the other intersection of Marlow and Revere.

Yes, once upon a time we had a creamery next door to where the Folklorico is now. Inside the creamery there was a soda counter and booths. A few years later the Folklorico building was put in and started a small grocery store; and on the corner of Foothill and Revere was a small house which was our Village Library.

In those days the concrete wall of 580 did not exist. Instead, behind the creamery, from Dutton Ave. for a long block was a nursery specializing in roses. At the far end was a Flying A Gas Station, at the other end across Dutton was another gas station called Oil City.

The current clubhouse was somebody's home and next door was a small school that went up to only the 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Sometimes we'd climb over the back fence and hike upstream to the spillway and on up to the dam, then go fishing in Lake Chabot. In those days fishing and even trespassing were not permitted. Sometimes the fishing gear would be confiscated.

At night after a neighborhood get together or bar-b-que we would build a bonfire just for heat and atmosphere. After dinner us kids would maybe be playing hide and seek or kick the can.

All over the Village kids were outside playing, during the daylight hours and even at night. Most homes had only one TV and that was black and white.

In general, life was good.

*Richard Pystor*

"Memories" is a new series in the Crier, written by Villagers, about life in this special neighborhood. Everyday life, holiday events, extraordinary people - help preserve the history of Sheffield Village by submitting a memory of any length.

## THE SHEFFIELD VILLAGE CRIER

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