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SHEFFIELD VILLAGE HOME OWNERS' ASSOCIATION
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TREASURER'S COLUMN: ANGELS IN OUR MIDST

Sorry folks, but the pennant race is too close for a President's column this month! In fact those crazy boys of summer have been a bit of an inspiration for this column, in a backwards sort of way. I had been thinking about all the special people that make up Sheffield Village and how so many of them are truly "angels" in our midst. I'm talking about really good angels... not to be confused with the ones from Anaheim, who I don't think are really angels at all, but I digress.

Some of our angels prefer to remain anonymous- like the one who put up the doggy bags at the tennis court; or the one who donated Zoo passes for picnic winners; or the ones who take posted signs down after an event, even if it wasn't their own. There are some who we know about like Denise Hodges who spent part of her weekend cleaning up the steps at Onset Park; and Joanna Lee, Benton Russell, and Fred Miller who all made our wheel so squeaky that the Postmaster is going to **put back one of our mailboxes!** Of course the list is endless. That is the wonderful thing about Sheffield Villagers- angels every one. So here's to the REAL angels who live right here, and maybe, if we all believe hard enough, the impostor angels from Anaheim will be put in their proper place.

Jennie Brick, SVHOA Treasurer

IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

SATURDAY, IN THE PARK...

It was a beautiful day... one of those perfect Bay Area days, not too hot, not too cold, a perfect setting for a day of fun, food and friends. The 4th Annual Sheffield Village Picnic was a huge success and a great time was had by all.

The energized volunteers started setting up for our neighborhood day of fun early on Saturday and everything was just right. As Villagers started to bring their food assignments, the clubhouse filled with all sorts of delectable delights. While the bar-b-q chefs were setting up the main course, the ZooMobile set up in the baseball diamond with all sorts of wonderful creatures to pet and visit.

Of course the kids located the Bounce House instantly and there were games set up for them in case the bouncing got to be a bit much. One of the highlights of the day for me was the arrival of an Oakland Police Department K-9 unit. Officer Estrada and Belgian Shepherd "Echo" entertained the crowd with demonstrations and photo ops.

Brand new and long time Villagers greeted each other with genuine smiles and conversation (the brand "newbies" and the longest "veterans" of the Village were given celebratory leis). And then... the BAND played on ... Perry Lightfoot and the Fundudes! Yep, it was one of those glorious days that makes the Village the magical place that it is.

But remember folks, a day like this doesn't just happen... it takes planning, phone calls, meetings, flyers, etc. etc. so if you see Gail Ranni

LETTER FROM ANOTHER SCHOLAR

To: The Sheffield Village Home Owners' Association

I would like to thank you very much for the scholarship that I received on Senior Recognition Night at San Leandro High School. Next year I will be attending Albertson College of Idaho, where I will be studying business and music. I had wonderful times being a cook at the village BBQs, working cleaning the parks and I hope I can still help. Thank you again, very much.

Matthew Palmer, Villager

[Ed. note: the Crier joins Sheffield Village in wishing Mr. Palmer great success in his future studies]

WE GOT SOME GREASE!

After an outcry from Sheffield Villagers regarding the mysterious disappearance of our two Village mailboxes, Councilmember Larry Reid's office negotiated with the Postmaster to have one box returned. The location of the "new" box has not been determined. Way to go, squeaky wheels!!

FROM THE PICNIC CHAIR

I'd like to thank the following folks for their overly generous help in making the picnic a success. Jennie Brick, Jill Warner & Michele Fulper for their planning skills. Lita Flinders, Maureen Cronin, Lee Brandt and Lynn Goldflam for setting the mood with the food. Rich Palmer & George Brandt for their grill skill. Jim Nelson and the Alameda County Sheriff's Assoc. for the use of that extraordinary, I-wish-I-had-it, behemoth of a grill. Gary Flinders, Madeline and Bill Jay, Brian Brick and Nancy Hinds, for their gimme-something-to-do flexibility. Janice "I'll do anything but dress up in a purple dinosaur suit" Jorgenson for her talent in entertaining the kids. Perry Lightfoot & the Fundudes Band for the music. Nancy & Peter Lemcke, Louis Heystek, Gail Manfredi, Carolyn Mettelmann & Sandra Shaw for

REC CENTER HAPPENINGS

For the upcoming season, Recreationally speaking, we have:

ART with ROB HARPER- a free art free-for-all program providing a space for all ages to come and let their creativity expand. We will have a variety of media including pencil, color pencil, crayon, craypas, watercolors, markers and surprises all the time. Every Wednesday from 3-5. Please fill out an activity registration paper for each participant the first time you come so we can plan for the crowds that may develop.

The Afterschool wRECK Program is currently running from 3:00-6:00 daily for registered (and Paid) participants only. For all students K-5 who go to Roosevelt Elementary or can provide their own transportation to the rec center. Homework time and then open play and scheduled activities are provided daily. Cooking, art, science, sports, and sooo much more. We may still have 2 openings by the time this hits the print, please call to see our present availability.

Anyone (all ages!) still in need of *computer lessons??* They are free and can be scheduled to fit your timing. (hopefully) The Rec center is currently working to get a wireless T-1 line connection so that residents can bring over their laptops and connect for free to increase their web savvy-ness. Anyone else have a laptop to donate?

Muuuhahahaha..... Keep an eye out for *Halloween fun day* full of crafts and foods and creepy costumes. Saturday October 26 time to be announced. Start thinking of some creepy foods to prepare and share - Cat box brownies?? Brain jello?? eyeball eggs? - be creative! Contest for most gross (and yet still edible) food!! costume fashions a MUST! Volunteers welcome. Please RSVP with body counts so we can prepare our vampires for their feasting. Call Michelle for more info or read

DEVELOPMENT DEVELOPMENTS

In Their Own Words ...

From the Developer dated 7/31/02

Dear [SVHOA],

Thank you for allowing me to speak at your recent meeting. As a result of listening to your various concerns about the project's impact on to Sheffield Village, we will be modifying our plans to incorporate the following:

1) No access of any kind to Covington Street or Foothill Way. The primary access point to and from most of the houses is proposed to be from an extension of Peralta Oaks Drive parallel to the freeway across EBMUD property. This roadway will then extend along the south end of the Dunsmuir property and then back to our property. A small section of the roadway will be located on the existing firetrail behind four properties on Marlou [sic] Drive. This section of the roadway will be heavily landscaped and screened from view. The roadway would be a minimum of twenty feet from the back property line of any Sheffield Village homeowners.

2) Dedicate land to City Open Space. This area would include the very visually prominent ridge behind Marlou [sic] Drive and the exiting trails extending more than ¼ mile back on our property. Additionally, there is room for a trailhead to the Dunsmuir Ridge open space area should the neighborhood and the City desire.

3) Restrict building all but a few of the houses away from Sheffield Village. Due to the unique configuration of our property, all but a few of the houses will not be visible at all from Sheffield Village. We will be striving to design buildings that are visually pleasing, all houses will be screened with landscaping.

4) Decrease the average floor area of the

I would like to take this opportunity to state our commitment to design and build a top quality project. As stated above, the roadway as designed will pass behind four houses on Marlou [sic] Drive. We will be looking at this area very closely in order to minimize its impact on these four properties. I look forward to working with your group to make this project the very best it can be.

Sincerely,

Hillside Homes Group, Inc.

Edward Patmont, President

From Another Neighborhood

I'm Tim Holmes, president of the Broadmoor Neighborhood Association in San Leandro. Needless to say we've been following the Tuscany Development issue as best we can. It appears the SVHOA are doing a great job mobilizing around this. I'd like to once again extend my offer of any assistance we can provide. To date it hasn't seemed as though there has been any role we've been needed for, and if this is still the case, we can certainly spend the time battling our more immediately local issues. But if there is need for assistance, we want you to know that we're available. Just let us know.

Thanks for all the hard work you and your board and members are putting into this. It benefits us all.

Update from Larry Reid's office

A brief update on Tuscany. Ed Patmont is now considering Golf Links Rd as the means of ingress and egress for his project. He has scaled back the number of units, back to 65 homes on 1 acre lots. He has talked to Raymond Chester of the golf course.

Pat Mossburg

Villager Classifieds:

?? Remodeling Sale: 35" Oak Roll top desk
Heavy coffee table & end table with brass trim
Electric stove with convection oven & glass top
Refrigerator with ice maker and door dispenser
Call Mary Grodin Wk 357-3715 Hm 562-1029

?? Garage wanted for auto storage - Sheffield
Village - Dutton/MacArthur vicinity. **510-568-3878**

?? The Rec Center is in need of a donated
microwave oven that works. Call Michelle (510-
638-7190) and she will pick it up.

**THE NEXT SVHOA BOARD MEETING
WILL BE OCTOBER 15TH AT 7:00 PM
AT THE CLUBHOUSE - 247 MARLOW**

PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES!

Did you know that 32 homeowners and
11 absentee owners still haven't paid their
2002 SVHOA dues? The continued upkeep of
our parks and utilities depend on our annual
dues, which are minimal at \$30 a year. The
Crier will publish the names of the remaining
unpaid homeowners in the next issue of the
Crier. Avoid publicity and pay up! Thanks.

**Haven't received your \$75 property tax
refund check yet? Neither did we!
The Crier is informed that the person to
contact at the County Superintendent's
office is Lewis Cohen, at 879-8200.**

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