

SHEFFIELD VILLAGE CRIER

Sheffield Village Homeowners Association

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September is Petition Month in the Village

Chris Barker *Chairman of the Sheffield Village Historic Designation Project*

Last month you read about designating Sheffield Village as a Historical Preservation District. There has been excellent homeowner feedback that this is the way to go to protect our community as a historical example of one of California's first Planned Communities.

The Homeowners Association Board of Directors has formally approved requesting this designation from the City of Oakland and is backing a petition drive within the village to document homeowner support for this issue.

A petition will be circulated door to door so that homeowners can signify their approval.

Anyone interested in walking their immediate neighborhood with the petition and talking to their neighbors about this issue should call Chris Barker at (510) 632-3528 and we will add your name to the list.

This should not take a lot of time and will be a deed that will well serve our wonderful community. Help keep Sheffield Village to be known as the "Jewel of Oakland"!

Be aware of neighborhood blight

Don Melcher *SVHOA Vice President*

Yes—it's true—there is blight in Sheffield Village. This subject was brought before the board at the last meeting by some concerned homeowners. It is a problem—and I would like to make you aware of some pertinent issues.

There are some provisions in the CC & R's that cover this—but there are also sections of the Oakland Municipal Code that address it as well and they have a means of enforcing it if you don't comply on your own.

What is the evidence of blight present in our neighborhood?

According to **Chapter 8.24.020:**

Paragraph D--Property Inadequately Maintained.

1. *Property which is not kept clean and sanitary and free from all accumulations of offensive matter or odor including, but not limited to, overgrown or dead or decayed trees, weeds or other vegetation, rank growth, dead organic matter, rubbish, junk, garbage...* (truncated for brevity)

4. *Property which substantially detracts from the aesthetic and economic values of neighboring*

properties including, but not limited to, personal property... (truncated again)

5. *Landscaping which is inadequately maintained...* (truncated again)

Paragraph F--Parking, Storage or Maintenance of the Following in Areas Zoned for Residential Use.

2. *Trailers, campers, recreational vehicles, boats, and other mobile equipment for a period of time in excess of seventy-two (72) consecutive hours in front or side yard areas.*

a) *Any parking, keeping or storing of these items in the side or rear yard areas shall be either in an accessory building constructed in accordance with the provisions of this code or in an area which provides for a five-foot setback from any property line.*

b) *In addition to the setback requirement, fifteen hundred (1,500) square feet or at least sixty (60) percent of the remaining rear yard area, whichever is less, must be maintained as usable outdoor recreational space.*

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Annual village garage sale needs organizing

We are hoping to have our annual Sheffield Village Garage Sale, but we need help! Please call Gail at 638-4835 to volunteer. A date has not yet been set; but once we get some workers, we can figure out one that will fit with everyone's schedule. Unfortunately, if we can not rouse up some folks, we will not be able to have the sale, so please respond before August 26.

BOARD MEETING

*Tuesday, Aug 26
6:30 p.m.*

For reference:

Non-Emergency Police
777-3333

Patrol Officer--cell phones
520-9235 (9 p.m.-5:30 p.m.)
520-9935 (2 p.m.-1 a.m.)

City Park Security (Ranger)
851-2130

Questions? Comments?

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Village parks are private property

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You may have noticed that the parks owned by the Homeowner's Association have new signs posted indicating that they are "Private Property" reserved for the use of Sheffield Village residents and that violators may be prosecuted for trespassing. These signs are up at each entrance to Milford (tennis court) and Onset Parks. (The park adjacent to the clubhouse is a public park open to anyone.)

I have witnessed drug deals or kids using drugs in Milford Park! This isn't the kind of environment we want our children growing up in or exposed to. If, for any reason, you see anything happening that looks questionable in Milford or Onset Parks, you can immediately report it to the Oakland Police Patrol Officer who is on our beat.

Call the Patrol Officers' cell phone numbers anytime (510) 520-9235 or (510) 520-9935. It is important that we report these events to the police rather than ignore them. Once violators understand that Sheffield Village is not a welcome place, they will find somewhere else to commit their crimes!

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3. Any motor vehicle which has been wrecked, dismantled or disassembled, or any part thereof, or any motor vehicle which is disabled or which may not be operated because of the need for repairs or for any other reason for a period of time in excess of seventy-two (72) consecutive hours.

Please note that the parking issues apply to your property as well as to the street. If you move it to the street, it has no bearing on the time restriction.

Chapter 8.24.030: Time restriction--Parking.

For purposes of this chapter, an item is unlawfully parked, kept or stored in any area for a period of time in excess of seventy-two (72) consecutive hours when:

- A) The item has not been removed from such area for an intervening period of time in excess of seventy-two (72) consecutive hours; or*
- B) The item has been parked, kept or stored during the intervening period of time upon any public street.*

So look around—do these codes describe conditions that might exist on your property? Your neighbors and the association would appreciate it if you corrected the situation.

The full text of this municipal code section can be found on the Internet at:
http://bpc.iserver.net/codes/oakland/_DATA/TITLE08/index.html

Message board

car for sale Village resident to sell 1969 Mercedes-Benz; white, 4-door, completely restored (new motor, tires, etc.). Available for viewing 562-7014.

desk for sale Computer desk with hutch and detachable printer stand. All are in great condition. \$75. Please call Jen at 569-6829.

Contact the editor to submit classifieds/events by Wednesday of the third week of the month.