

the sheffield village CRIER

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Village Recreation Center waiting for grant approval

Michelle Fulper Recreation Center Director

We are presently trying to get one to two grants this year. The first one is from Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) to help us with the lack of storage space at the center. We are hoping to qualify for \$5000 to help purchase a storage shed.

The shed will be placed along the fence near the sandlot to store all the outdoor equipment and craft supplies. This present storage space can then become a more accessible office for the center director. The grant is a long-term project that is due Sept 15 and will not be awarded till July 2004!

Creating a new storage space will free up yet another area inside for the future home of a portable "laptop docking" station where we will have four computers utilizing a wireless Internet connection available for loan. Community members may also sign up for computer and Internet skills classes.

The second grant, through Friends of the Parks group will be to get us a second portable adjustable basketball net system. This will allow us to offer a peewee basketball league for 3-8 yr. olds.

We are also attempting to get funds to replace the current basketball rims and backboards as ours have seen better days. This grant is also due Sept 15 but will be awarded in Oct 2003.

Anyone community members interested in assisting in the grant process, or have questions, concerns or suggestions, please contact the Recreation Center 638-7190, cell 867-0672 or 681-5129. Thanks!

Motions for assessment increase to be made

Don Melcher SVHOA Vice President

At the next board meeting, Tuesday, September 23 at 6:30 p.m., motions will be introduced to make changes in the Association's Conditions, Covenants and Restrictions (C,C, & R's) increasing the annual assessment from \$30. As was previously discussed in the Crier, the Association is not taking in enough revenue to cover current expenses. At least \$60 per member is required just to cover expenses as they are today.

Proposals call for an increase over that amount in order to cover current expenses and provide for a contingency fund for unforeseen expenses that may occur. There's also a proposal to possibly hire a part-time manager for the SVHOA to handle business issues.

Also being considered are proposals to change the By-laws and Articles of Incorporation to allow a modest honorarium to be paid to board members for their service.

Any increase in the assessment and most changes to the C,C, & R's, By-laws or Articles of Incorporation require a vote of the Association members (this means *you!*) which will be conducted before the end of this year.

WE GREATLY NEED AND APPRECIATE YOUR INPUT!

BOARD MEETING

**Tuesday, Sept 23
6:30 p.m.**

*Issues vital to the future of the Association and Sheffield Village will be discussed and acted upon by the board.
All welcome to attend.*

Car tents popping up in the village?

Sally Barros *SVHOA Plans Chair*

Pop-up tents are being sold by local companies (Home Depot, etc.) as "car cover tents", despite the fact that these are generally not permitted for this use, for a variety of reasons:

Building Code:

They are over 120 square feet in area, which would require a building permit. However, Building Departments don't normally issue permits for such structures, as they do not incorporate proper foundations.

Fire Code:

Proper separation should also be maintained between any structures on a parcel (6' minimum, unless there is a one-hour fire rated wall).

Zoning Code:

Accessory structures are not allowed within the front yard setback (20' from property line) nor within the side yard setback (5' from side property line).

If you have any questions about zoning, call the City of Oakland Planning Department: 238-3781.

Here's your opportunity!

SVHOA needs *you* to become a board member for 2004!

Two of the current members, Matt Cronin (Parks Chair) and Gail Rapp (Secretary/Treasurer) will not be able to serve again at the end of their second year on the board. Our president, Charlie Ridgell, tried to resign in April, but has been staying on at the request of the board (thank you Charlie!).

***WE NEED YOU TO SERVE
YOUR COMMUNITY!!***

Please contact any board member if you are interested in becoming a board member for 2004.

COMMUNITY
MATTERS

Ever wonder what happens at 247 Marlow? In addition to the monthly SVHOA Board meetings, a wide variety of activities are currently offered from after school care programs, free art classes for all ages to a Senior Bridge Club and Boy/Girl Scouts meetings.

Here's the latest update of Clubhouse/Recreation Center happenings as brought to you by Center Director, Michelle Fulper. Contact the center at 638-7190 for more information.

"After School Wreck"

has started for the elementary school children, M-F 3-6 p.m. and 1:50 p.m. on Wednesdays. \$45/week or \$10/day. K-6 grades get homework assistance and then a daily educational or recreational activity. We pick up students from Roosevelt School (all other students welcome, but must provide their own transportation to the center). Contact the center for space availability.

Preschool/Parent Co-op Preschool

begins Sept 15 and is presently full for both AM (33 months to 44 months) and PM (45 months to 54) classes. These Monday -Wednesday - Friday classes from 9-11 a.m. or 12-3 p.m. with Miss Jenny are all set for another year of fun and learning. Those interested in future slots should fill out a registration sheet to be placed on the waiting list.

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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?

Charlie Ridgell
SVHOA President
635-2898

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SVHOA Vice President
568-3878

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SVHOA Secretary/Treasurer
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We also have various Community Groups that may have openings for those interested:

Peralta Power Squadron

meets at the center the second Monday of every month from 7-9 p.m. to learn about safe boating skills.

Senior Bridge Club

meets the second Monday of every month from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and plays some wild game of cards and tells some interesting stories and jokes. They are an intermediate level of bridge players, but are flexible enough to train newcomers.

Boy and Girl Scouts

troops in the area meet at the center. If you are interested in joining, we can put you in contact with the appropriate age group's leader.

Tot Time Playgroup

is a loosely scheduled preschool-aged playtime. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-4 p.m. parents and their young children play at our playground and field using our great supply of sand toys and sports equipment.

Wednesday Art

with Rob Harper will begin again on Sept 24. Rob has taken the summer off to prep for a couple of his larger shows (one in NYC) and is now ready to come share more of his incredible art and humor with anyone that wishes. This is an all-ages class that will offer you the use of assorted media to hone your art skills. It is a free ALL-ages class from 3-5 p.m. every Wednesday.

Message board FOR SALE:

car seat Evenflow "Victory 5" car seat. \$50. Call Michelle at 562-8801.

jewel ry "Mother's Ring", 3 diamonds, 1 opal. \$50. Ask for Michelle 562-8801.

below are computer accessories in perfect working order, forced to sell to clear some space. Call Jen 569-6829 or bookkeeper@sheffieldvillage.org:

computer desk with hutch and detachable printer stand. \$75.

computer monitor 17" Sony Trinitron. \$30.

color printer Hewlett Packard Ink Jet, includes two extra unopened black cartridges. \$25.

Contact the editor to submit classifieds/events/editorial by Saturday of the second week of the month.