



Sheffield's June 18 fire response

Nathan Suslow Plans Chair

On June 28, we held a community Zoom meeting to discuss the fire on June 18 and what could be done to prepare ourselves more and help prevent a future one. We had a fantastic turnout with over 50 Villagers logged on and a productive discussion, including input from two Villagers who are active firefighters in the East Bay.

Since our Zoom meeting, we've already had positive changes take place. A big thank you to everyone who helped set up the Covington Circle deterrents for the 4th of July. Cones, road closure signs, and a police decoy sent a strong message to anyone looking for mischief that night.

It doesn't stop there; multiple residents have reached out to the District 7 Councilwoman's office and the Oakland Fire Department (O.F.D.) to express our concerns. O.F.D. has responded by removing the homeless encampment structure on top of the hill and designating the area for weekly checkups in case more are built.

Oakland has an Encampment Management Team, and the Fire Department is flagging our area as a High Fire Severity Zone with them to assure high priority for removal of any future encampments. If you see evidence of any unsafe activity, please take pictures and send me a note at plans@sheffieldvillage.org.

We've also resurrected the topic of having a gate installed at the Covington Circle and now have a lot more support from both the Fire Department and District Councilwoman's office. We'll continue to be the squeaky wheel and ensure the Village is not forgotten as other issues arise elsewhere in the City.

What can we do to help ourselves? Last year we started an Emergency Preparedness Committee (S.A.F.E. – Sheffield Action for Emergencies) and will continue that work to provide help and resources throughout the Village.

***** Tuesday, 7/26 @ 7 pm, via Zoom, there will be an introduction to the Firewise U.S.A. program, which pairs communities with a local wildfire expert to complete a risk assessment and plan that prioritizes actions reducing ignition risk to homes. A Zoom meeting link will be sent out in our digital newsletter—Email plans@sheffieldvillage.org with questions.**

***** Sunday, 7/31 @ 10 am, there will be an in-person Emergency Preparedness talk in Sheffield Village Park hosted by Sal Garcia, our neighbor and a local firefighter. Please bring a blanket or chair as we will be sitting on the lawn. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Questions? Contact Diane Russell, Lead Block Captain, Rustalk@aol.com**



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

SEPTEMBER 10TH WILL BE THE DATE FOR THE FALL PICNIC IN SHEFFIELD VILLAGE PARK. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING OUT WITH EITHER THE PLANNING OR ACTIVITIES THE DAY OF, PLEASE EMAIL

PLANS@SHEFFIELDVILLAGE.ORG

Next meeting: July 27 @ 7 pm:

Zoom meeting ID 872 5848
2169

Homeowners welcome to attend.

Questions? Email:

svhoa.info@gmail.com

Fire Evacuation Preparedness

Diane Russell Lead Block Captain

The fire on the hill on June 18 was a wakeup call for all of us. Please make sure that you and your family have a Fire To-Go Bag ready before the next emergency.

FIRE TO-GO BAG ESSENTIALS: (adapted from Living with Fire, Wildfire Evacuation Checklist)

<https://www.livingwithfire.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Evacuation-Checklist-2020-one-page.pdf>

- Important documents (bank, IRS, trust, investment, insurance policy, birth certificates, medical records). Scan them to your computer and download to a USB drive
- ATM, credit and debit cards
- Medications
- Prescription glasses
- Driver's license
- Passport
- Computer backup files or make sure it is stored in the Cloud
- Inventory of home contents (consider making a video inventory now, prior to an emergency)
- Photographs of the exterior of the house and landscape
- Address book
- Cell phone charger
- Personal toiletries
- Enough clothing for 3-5 days
- Family heirlooms, photo albums and videos
- Small denomination cash
- A copy of a utility bill or other bill that shows your name and your address
You will need this for police to let you back into the neighborhood
- KN95 mask for all individuals
- Hand sanitizer
- Flash light and batteries or a crank radio/LED light/phone charge
- <https://earthshakes.com/product/crank-radio-led-flashlight-with-charger/>
- Water and protein bars

Some sites recommend a separate backpack for each family member that includes their personal clothing, toiletries, love object, flashlight or light stick, book or toy.

Village Spotlight: Dyanna & Fred Miller



Fred and Dyanna moved into Sheffield Village in 1980. Dyanna was born in New Mexico and Fred in Detroit, Michigan. Dyanna's family moved to the San Leandro area when she was 14. Fred's family arrived in SL when he was 13.

Dyanna's career was in banking. She started locally with BofA on Hegenberger and retired at the BofA headquarters in San Francisco 32 years later.

Fred joined the Navy at 17 and got a chance to see the world. When he returned he became an auto mechanic. He worked for various dealerships and for an extended period of time had his own shop on MacArthur. Since his retirement, he has devoted a lot of time to the Homeowners' Association. He has been on the Board four different years and has been on the Parks Committee since 2005. Pre-pandemic, he attended over 80% of all Board meetings.

Growing up, Fred had many friends in the Village, so it was like his "home-turf." Dyanna, however, didn't realize that this little enclave was not part of San Leandro. She was pleasantly surprised when the two of them found their "new" home on Brookfield.

Dyanna and Fred love Hawaii. They go there at every opportunity. Fred loves it so much that he checks the weather condition on Kona every day. They also love to walk the Village. We are lucky to have them as our neighbors.

The Block Captains list can be found online for this month.

BLOCK CAPTAINS

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**SVHOA
FINANCIALS**

**Income Statement
1/1/2022 to 6/30/2022**

Income/Expense	
Income	
Dues	32,280
Other Income	<u>4,052</u>
Total Income	36,332
Expenses	
Bookkeeper	1,800
Crier Expenses	2,554
Parks	8,205
Insurance	0
Depreciation	2,219
Website	2,413
Other Expenses	<u>895</u>
Total Expenses	18,086
Net Income	18,246

**Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2022**

Assets	
Current Assets	
Checking	68,031
Other Current Assets	<u>-303</u>
Total Current Assets	67,728
Fixed Assets Net	25,022
Total Assets	92,750
Liabilities & Equity	
Current Liabilities	515
Equity	
Unrestricted Assets	73,989
Net Income	<u>18,246</u>
Total Equity	92,235
Total Liabilities & Equity	92,750
Reserves:	
Donations	6,952
Landscape Maintenance	5,835
Total Reserves	12,787

Thank You

A number of Villagers responded to fire "risk" with weed abatement, and canopy raising in the Covington Circle and on the fire trail. Thank you Michelle & Jeff Snyder, Richard Johnson, Oswaldo Ventura, Nathan Dahl, Kristina Stoecker Marina Meniatis, Carol & Lyle Stepman, Janet Stephenson, Deb Luster and canine supervisor Marci.

We also had volunteers working in Milford Park. Thank you Mark Muller, Rick Jones, John Thompson, Scott Sommerfeld, and Fred Miller.

THE SHEFFIELD VILLAGE WELCOME WAGON COMMITTEE HAS STARTED VISITING BRAND NEW HOMEOWNERS IN THE VILLAGE. WE ARE HAPPY TO VISIT AND WELCOME NEW RENTERS TOO WE JUST NEED TO BE INFORMED!

AND... IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE COMMITTEE AND MEET NEW FOLKS, JUST LET US KNOW THAT TOO!

SVHOA.INFO@GMAIL.COM OR [PRE SIDENT@SHEFFIELDVILLAGE.ORG](mailto:PRESIDENT@SHEFFIELDVILLAGE.ORG)

**Sheffield Village
Connections**

At any age, we thrive best when we have a purpose, meaningful engagements, and a supportive network. As we retire and grow older, it may be harder to find these on our own. Join Sheffield Village Connections to be part of the community within the Village for fun and a little help when you need it!

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