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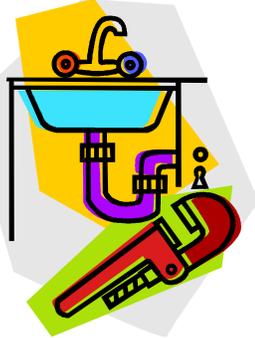
OCTOBER—DECEMBER 08

MAINTENANCE CORNER

BY J DUMAS

Slow or Clogged Drains

One of the most common problems in any dwelling unit is slow or clogged drains. Never pour grease down a drain because it cools and collects on the edges of the pipe as it goes down. It will eventually completely block the pipe. In order to avoid this keep residual grease from cooking in a glass jar in the refrigerator until the jar is full and then dispose of the jar with your normal trash. It is very important to call for service when your drain is slow. It is usually easily cleared and normally does not result in a charge to the tenant. If you wait until the drain is completely blocked it normally does result in a charge and can lead to other charges if water damage occurs from any overflow. When you have a completely clogged sink you should not use the sink or toilet until maintenance comes out. Remember, a clogged sink is not an emergency and you can be charged if a plumber comes out after hours. So, call us as soon as you are aware that the water is draining slowly.



Regarding toilets, remember it is important to have a plunger. Soft blockages (too much paper, etc.) are

THE SRAB QUARTERLY MEETING

Our Quarterly Meeting is scheduled for October 22, 2008 at the Comstock Apartments, 1725 K Street, Sacramento. The meeting will begin at 1:30pm and should end by 3:00pm.

expected to be cleared by the tenants. Also remember that California law requires all toilets/toilet parts to be replaced with water saving devices, thus you have less water available to discharge your waste products down the toilet. It's important not to use excessive toilet paper and never flush paper towels, q-tips or other small items down your toilet. They can either catch in the trap of the toilet itself or cause a clog further down the line and affect the whole building.

Fall and Winter

Please report to the office any lights that are out and any gates or doors that are not working. With the shortened daytime hours, these items are important for the security of all residents.

Fire Alarms

If you are in a building with a central fire alarm system, please do not leave your apartment door open to vent smoke from burnt toast or other burnt food items. This may set off the alarm. Instead, please open your unit windows and/or patio doors and use your stove exhaust fan.

Go to the Polls and Vote — November 4, 2008

R A B ANNUAL PICNIC: SUCCESS BY LISA BURTON SRAB SECRETARY

The picnic was a complete success! It was on Saturday, September 6 at McKinley Park.

The barbeque was so delicious there was more than enough to go around twice for everyone. The talent show was so fun to see several of our youth singing and dancing, in fact the residents had a treat to see when two youth turf dance groups showed their amazing moves. The kids play area had many carnival

games like ring toss and bowling. Kids received tickets to turn in for school supplies at the prize booth all the kids received a sturdy tote bag to hold all their school supplies. The kids also took advantage of face painting, jump house, and candy distribution by Mimi a volunteer resident. Bingo was a huge hit. The residents won gift cards.

It was a great feeling to see all residents from all different SHRA housing

communities eating, having fun and volunteering together. Thank you to all the volunteers. It was a remarkable sight to see. I look forward to the next picnic in 2009.

Thank you to Lisa Burton and Debbie Surrent for planning and organizing the picnic, great job.



THINGS TO DO THIS FALL (FREE OR CHEEP)

Free and Low cost stuff to do this fall with your family and friends. And it wont break the budget!



Crocker Art Museum
Every Sunday—Free
10:00am to 1:00pm

Free day at the Exploratorium
First Wednesday of month
3601 Lyon St, SF
Exploratorium.edu

First 5 2008 Celebration
October 11, 10am - 4pm
William Land Park
Fairy Tale Town

- Free admission when accompanied by at least 1 child age 0 - 5 yrs.
- Free lunch,
- Polaroid pictures with story time characters
- Local mascots
- Music
- Story telling
- Raffle for prizes
- Live performances all day
- Community recourse tables

Sactown Clown parade
October 11 4pm
17th St between N St and Capital Ave.
Parade starts at 6pm
Face painting , jugglers,

stilt walkers, marching bands, and squeaky noses. Free event
Sactownclownparade.org

Salmon Festival

Lake Natoma
Children's activities, games, puppetry, costumes, live music
Free event
Salmonfestival.net
Parking 9.00

North Highlands Jubilee

North Highland
Community Center
6040 watt Ave
October 18 11am - 3pm
Activities for kids, carnival games, bounce house
Free event

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SHRA Training Program

**Do you want a job that leads to a career
and wages that won't count against your rent calculations?**

**SHRA offers 2 year paid employment while you gain experience in the
Paint, Custodial, or Clerical Program; *Immediate openings in paint & custodial***

SHRA is increasing the duration of the custodial program from one to two years, and expanding the number of trainees in the program. There are also openings in the paint program. Both programs pay \$9.00/hr. during the first year, and if progressing normally in the training, the pay is increased to \$11.00/hr. for the second year.

Currently, the clerical program is full.

Applicants Must:

- Be a SHRA tenant in Public Housing.
- Have a valid Driver's license
- Have no felonies (Must pass background check)



Applications may be picked up at your local management office.

QUOTES: " "

- No one can create anger or stress within you. Only you can do that by the virtue of how you process your world.
— Dr. Wayne W. Dyer
- To repeat what others have said, requires education; to challenge it, requires brains.
— Mary Pettibone Poole
- The secret of greatness is simple: do better work than any other man in your field - and keep on doing it.
— Wilfred A. Peterson
- I've never quite believed that one chance is all I get.
— Anne Tyler
- Make the most of yourself, for that is all there is of you.
— Ralph Waldo Emerson
- Never trust anything that can think for itself if you can't see where it keeps its brain.
— J. K. Rowling
- Research is the process of going up alleys to see if they are blind.
— Marston Bates
- There is nothing worse than aggressive stupidity.
— Johann Wolfgang von Goethe



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Interestingly noticed on the Nobel List

Associated Press

The 2008 Ig Nobel winners, awarded Thursday at Harvard University by the Annals of Improbable Research magazine:

- **NUTRITION:** Massimiliano Zampini and Charles Spence for demonstrating that food tastes better when it sounds better.
- **PEACE:** The Swiss Federal Ethics Committee on Non-Human Biotechnology and the citizens of Switzerland

for adopting the legal principal that plants have dignity.

- **ARCHAEOLOGY:** Astolfo Gomes de Mello Araujo and Jose Carlos Marcelino for showing armadillos can scramble the contents of an archaeological dig.
- **BIOLOGY:** Marie-Christine Cadiergues, Christel Joubert and Michel Franc for discovering that fleas that live on a dog can jump higher than fleas that live on a cat.

Calendar of Events

The **Executive Committee** meets each Wednesday at 11:00 am. Call ahead to be on the agenda. 1725 K St. # 101

The **Buena Vista** grocery bus goes to Winco. Next trips: Nov 6th, Dec 4th, & Jan 6th.

The **SHRA Commission** meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 6:00 pm. They meet at 600 I Street, first floor.



The **SRAB Quarterly Meeting** will be held October 22, 2008 at 1:30 pm at the Comstock Apartments dining room. 1725 K Street

4th Quarter Contributors:

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The **Midtown Manor** grocery bus goes to Wal*Mart. Next trips: Nov. 3rd, Dec. 5th & Jan 5th