



# The Atchison Riveter

## SEWER LATERAL UPDATE #15

**GREAT NEWS:** After reviewing all the documents that we submitted, the City Attorney determined that the City of Richmond IS responsible for maintaining and repairing the sewer lines that run under the streets and alleys of Atchison Village. The City Engineering Department will be working with AVMHC to determine how and when that work will be done. Again, the Village should be grateful to all those who worked hard to make this happen, especially Marie Kochaver, Karen Wargo and Robert Stupack, my fellow committee members Marcy Rein and Gretchen Blais, and Richmond's Mayor and Engineering Department. Many thanks to all!

On a less upbeat note, as we face the huge amount of work that AVMHC needs to do over the next few years in order to keep our sewer problems from overwhelming us, everyone in the Village will need to get creative in coming up with ways to increase our revenues. So far, the successful efforts of our committee have only brought in about 5% of the total amount we are going to need to get the job done.

At present, bids are being reviewed for the problem lines on block 6, mainly the ones near the corner of Curry and West MacDonald that have needed stopgap repairs seven times over the past year. At the February 8 Board meeting, the Board will choose the contractor to replace those lines. Once that work is completed, our committee will apply for City grants that will help the Village pay for the next phase that may be on block 4 or 5, where there have also been recent problems.

The scale of this job is huge, but like Rosie the Riveter, we all need to say, "Yes, we can!"

*Elizabeth Claman for the Sewer Lateral Grants Committee*

## Actualización Del Desagüe Lateral #15

**BUENAS NOTICIAS:** Después de revisar todos los documentos que hemos presentado, El abogado de la Ciudad determino que la Ciudad De Richmond ES responsable del mantenimiento y reparamiento de las líneas de desagüe lateral que corren de debajo de las calles y callejones de Atchison Village. El Departamento De Ingeniería de la Ciudad estará trabajando con AVMHC para determinar como y cuando el trabajo se relazará. De nuevo Atchison Village debería que estar agradecidos con todos esas personas que trabajaron duro para ser esto posible, especialmente Marie Kochaver, Karen Wargo and Robert Stupack, mis compañeros del comité Marcy Rein and Gretchen Blais, y el Mayordomo de Richmond y al Departamento de Ingeniería. ¡Muchas gracias a todos!

En Una nota menos optimista; ya que nos enfrentamos a la enorme cantidad de trabajo que AVMHC tiene que hacer en los próximos años con el fin de mantener nuestros problemas del desagüe lateral, todos nosotros tendremos que ser creativos en dar con una manera de incrementar nuestros ingresos, Hasta ahora, los esfuerzos exitosos de nuestro comité solo han traído en un 5% de la cantidad total que se va a necesitar para hacer el trabajo.

Ahora se están revisando las ofertas par alas líneas en el bloque 6, sobretodo los que están cerca de la esquina Curry y West MacDonald que han de necesitado reparaciones provisionales en siete ocasiones en el último año. En la reunión de la Mesa Directiva el 8 de Febrero la Mesa Directiva elegirá el contratista cual remplazara esas líneas Una vez que se complete el trabajo, el comité aplicará para ayuda financiera de la Ciudad que ayudará al Village a pagar la siguiente fase que puede ser en el bloque de 4 ó 5, donde también ha habido problemas recientes.

La escala de este trabajo es enorme, pero al igual que Rosie la Remachadora, uno tendrá que decir: " ¡Sí, podemos!"

*Elizabeth Claman para El Comité De Subvenciones Para El Desagüe Lateral*

Please join us for  
**A CELEBRATION OF THE HISTORY OF THE ATCHISON VILLAGE WOMEN'S CLUB!**  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2012**  
**2:00 – 4:00 pm**  
**ATCHISON VILLAGE HALL**

The Atchison Village Women's Club served as a vital part of the Atchison Village community, providing opportunities to socialize and improve the Village, for almost forty years. From the Women's Club Rose Garden, to Pancake Breakfasts, to raising money for college scholarships and civic issues, Atchison Village's women have been engaged citizens and community members. But how many people know about this special part of Atchison Village's history today?

***Come learn about the interesting stories of the Atchison Village Women's Club through an interactive exhibit put together by Mills College students!***

**COFFEE AND PASTRIES WILL BE SERVED**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE ROSE BUSH DEDICATION AT 3:00 PM**

*Sponsored by the Atchison Village History Project and the Mills College Anthropology and Sociology Department.*

## Property Tax Mailing

In the past week or two the office mailed – to everyone in the Village – a statement of property taxes paid on your unit in 2011. Some of you may use these for tax purposes, so save them with your other tax documents.

**FOR YOUR  
TAX RECORDS**

## Barking Or Menacing Dogs

If a dog in your neighborhood is barking continuously or you feel it is threatening you, please call Contra Costa Animal Control – (510) 374-3966, (925) 335-8300.



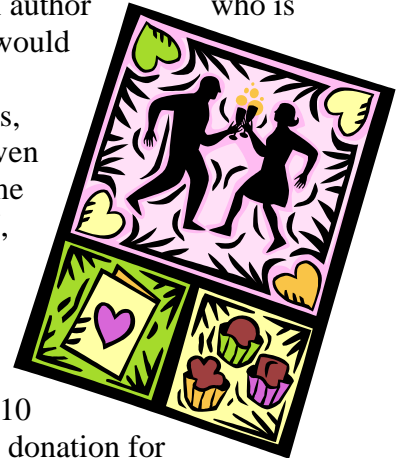
## Trash Talk

Please! Remember to bring your trash and recycling/green bins in from the street within 24 hours of Monday's pick-up. Let's keep the neighborhood looking good!

Cans that are left on the street will be picked up by maintenance staff on Thursday of each week.

## Sewer Lateral Fund Raising Committee

Mark Saturday, February 11, 7:00 p.m. on the calendar for the pre-valentine fundraiser "Something about Love". Sip some wine, taste the chocolate desserts, listen to poetry, read your own, or even something by an author who is meaningful to you. We would love it if it were about relationships with friends, sweethearts, family or even a favorite pet. Enjoy some music by our village D J, J.G. Dance to tunes ending at 10:30. Some nice prizes have been donated for the raffle. Raffle tickets are 3 for \$10 and \$10 is the suggested donation for this event.



Last month at the bingo Marcy Rein won the 50-50 drawing. The attendance was small as many of the regulars were ill. The net profit for the month was \$80. You may also donate to the Sewer lateral fund at the Credit Union.



*It's done! It will be so beautiful come Spring.*

## Atchison Village Writing Group Now Forming.

Held at my unit, big and small projects are welcome. Perhaps that secret screen play, novel or creative non-fiction endeavors are stored or are ideas that are sketched out. We will have sharing time for the longer projects as well as "sudden fiction" or "sudden poetry" from prompts.



Workshop is free, room for eight, meeting once a week, date and time determined by the group. Hopefully we will create a safe place to reveal our deepest selves in a gathering of support and positive critique only. For more information and to accept invitation, call Sydney Bell at 778-9156 or e-mail to [bellsydney@rocketmail.com](mailto:bellsydney@rocketmail.com).

My accomplishments include a completed middle-grade adventure, a supernatural novella, an in-progress spy-thriller screenplay, and an in-progress novel *Inside-Out*. In October 2011 I was selected for writer-in-residency at Writers' Colony at Dairy Hollow.

More than any art form, writing, like painting, is a solitary occupation. In a writers' group we become a community of writers, hopefully with ears open to any and all stories. As we go round-robin in the group, we may find our own story in others' writing, that we drink at a common well.

## Motions For December

**Motion RE12142011.03** – to allow the General Manager to do online transfers.  
The motion passes.

**Motion RE12142011.04** – to establish a sewer lateral reserve account and that all grant fundraising rebates be placed into the Sewer Lateral Reserves.  
The motion passes.

**Motion RE12142011.05** – to follow our documents and the procedure outlined in Allen's letter re units given to the County.  
The motion was unanimous.

**Motion RE12142011.06** – that the County be allowed to go forward with the sale of the unit referred to in Allen's letter dated 12/7/2011.  
The motion passes.

## Legal Costs

Reminder: Any legal costs incurred for termination of a Mutual Ownership Contract will be the responsibility of the Member whose contract is being terminated.

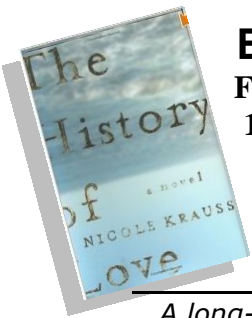
## Brown Bag Book Club

Friday, February 10

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Read *The History of Love*, by Nicole Krauss, bring your lunch to the Library, and be ready to talk! **First timers always welcome.**

*A long-lost book reappears, mysteriously connecting an old man searching for his son and a girl seeking a cure for her widowed mother's loneliness.*



## Board Contact Info

Marcos Alvarez	688-7654
Karen Wargo	236-3611
Esthela Diaz	Leave message in office
Wendy Schwartz	774-9500
Michael Lambton	232-0913
Joe Clark	914-5580
Colin Piper	Leave message in office
Redell Randle	232-8362 (11 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.)
Victoria Sawicki	237-3987
Karen Skowronek	235-7817 (6-10 p.m.)
Helan Smith	412-0896

**Motion RE12142011.07** – to make the appropriate funds available to send two maintenance employees for Lead Certification training, for the program fees, and to purchase the necessary equipment as required by EPA. The motion was unanimous.

**Motion RE12142011.08** – to table the issue of Chevron/monitoring stations in order to seek more information from the city of Richmond and Chevron – and to bring back to the board. The motion passes.

The Atchison Village Newsletter is published monthly by a member committee with board over-sight. Its purpose is to satisfy motion I-26 (1969) to provide the Village information to members. To fulfill that motion, the Newsletter Committee will edit articles for accuracy, clarity and length. By Board instruction, we do not print opinion pieces, classifieds involving money or fictional writing. Please limit your article to 200 words or less. You can submit articles to the corporation office, or e-mail them to [avmhc2@yahoo.com](mailto:avmhc2@yahoo.com).  
**Deadline: 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.**

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## ***Masquers Playhouse*** ***Broadway Bound***

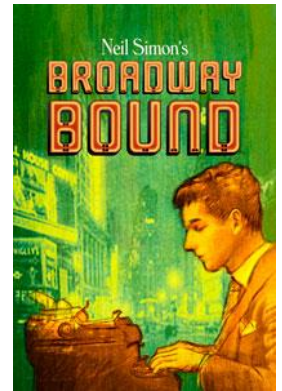
BY NEIL SIMON

**JANUARY 20—FEBRUARY 25**

ALL SEATS \$20      FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS AT 8 PM  
SUNDAY MATINEES AT 2 PM JANUARY 29 AND FEBRUARY 5

Neil Simon's autobiographical play tells the story of two brothers breaking into show business as comedy writers. As their family dissolves around them, Eugene and Stanley grow into manhood, leaving their family behind—a poignant tale told with warmth and plenty of humor.

**For reservations, call 510-232-4031 or [Buy Tickets Online Now!](#)**



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## **Great News For Richmond!!**

The Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory has selected Richmond as the site for its second campus. The Lab announced the news January 23<sup>rd</sup> on its website, saying the University of California-owned Richmond Field Station site “presents the best opportunity to solve the Lab’s pressing space problems while allowing for long term growth and maintaining the 80-year tradition of close cooperation with the UC Berkeley Campus.”

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## **Red Oak Victory Pancake Breakfasts**

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

April 8

May 13

June 17

August 12

September 9

October 14

In hold #3, \$7/person, children 5 and under are free

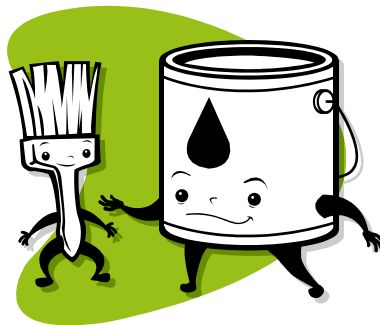


# Regarding Lead-Based Paint

You may notice signs regarding **lead-based paint** around the village while we are working on units. We want you to know that the quantities of lead we are disturbing are not hazardous to anybody over the age of 6.

Please stop by the Atchison Village office to pick up a copy of the pamphlet **“The Lead-Safe Certified Guide to Renovate Right.”**

We are now certified by the Environmental Protection Agency to work on lead-based paint and we take all the necessary precautions required by OSHA, the EPA and California Air Resources Board.



## Sobre La Pintura a Base De Plomo

Usted pueda notar signos en relación con la pintura de plomo alrededor del village, mientras que se está trabajando en las unidades. Queremos que usted sepa que las cantidades de plomo no son peligrosas para cualquier persona sobre la edad de 6 años.

Por favor pase por la oficina de Atchison Village para recoger una copia del folleto **"La Guía de Certificación de Plomo al Remodelar Correctamente."**

Ahora estamos certificados por la Agencia de Protección Ambiental para trabajar en la pintura con plomo y tomamos todas las precauciones necesarias requeridas por OSHA, la EPA y la California Air Resources Board.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SEWER FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

We want everyone to be able to participate in our sewer lateral fundraising efforts, whether or not you are able to come to our events. Despite the fundraising of our Committee and the efforts of the Sewer Lateral Grants Committee, coming up with the money needed to cover the price tag for the sewer repairs will be challenging. It will require all of us to work together.

One idea we have come up with is to invite people to make pledges to donate whatever amount they can afford. The pledge can be monthly, bi-monthly, weekly, a single time, or whatever might work for you.

If you would like to make a pledge, please fill out the form below, and deliver it to the office.

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print your name

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print your address and unit number

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write in the amount you want to donate

Circle the frequency of your donation:

monthly                  weekly                  one-time                  other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please specify

I do \_\_\_\_\_ do not \_\_\_\_\_ (check one) want a reminder

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signature

date

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your phone number

Unfortunately, these donations will not be tax deductible, but they will be helping our community!