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### **Seniors videotaped**

“Anything goes” once was just a song, now it is the new norm of malfeasance infecting our country and currently our beloved Ashland.

The excessive videotaping of seniors at Ashland Senior Center by the Parks and Recreation staff there has become part of the new norm. Participation by seniors in projects and festive gatherings are being overly videotaped, without permission, without explanation of purpose. The activities themselves, as well as the seniors, seem to be props for showing Ashland Parks & Rec’s friendly facade, masking their discordant behavior, deep-set ambition and deliberate mishandling of the center. This type of conduct defies the ethical values of our society, sidesteps basic human rights and allows the spurious treatment of people, seniors in this case, to go unchecked.

Whether or not you believe in the present senior issues, such mentality and total disrespect for elders in our community have the active potential of alighting upon you as well in the future, whatever your age, encroaching upon your rights as a citizen, invading your privacy, and monitoring your events that previously were a source of light and hope.

Dear people of Ashland, be a part of the light and hope for the senior citizens, consider our recall measure. Remember us. We remember you.

*Theresa Greer*

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