

# VILLAGE GREEN

NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

## Monthly Highlights

### News from the Board of Directors May 24 Meeting

*Claire Joyce, Board Secretary*

#### Building 8 & 14 Wall Cracks

*Mr. Russell Tyner, architect for the building stabilization project, was present to answer directors' questions about strategies besides patching and painting for mitigating cracking in some interior walls. His inspections have shown that the exterior walls are sound.*

After four homeowner comments, the board considered 14 business items; one design review recommendation; correspondence from five homeowners; and reports from the treasurer, manager, president, committees, and operations.

#### ACTIONS INCLUDED:

##### Coliseum/Hauser Pocket Park

... agreed to send a letter to Councilman Herb Wesson, his deputy Kimani Black, and other city officials expressing the board's concerns about a proposed pocket park that would divert westbound Coliseum traffic to Hauser and Rodeo.

##### Fence Color & Garage Signs

... accepted the DRC's recommendation to add Belize, a light green color, to the current dark blue and brown options for outside fences; did not accept DRC recommendation to install additional directional signs on garage buildings.

##### Arborist Contract

... received a negotiated arborist contract and chose to further review it at the next board meeting. □

### Village Green Police Appreciation Day

*By Lucy Fried*



*Photo by Kelly Wilson Samojlik*

An enthusiastic crowd gathered at the Clubhouse steps May 22 to say "Thank you!" to the men and women who work to keep Village Green residents safe in our homes and neighborhood.

The program featured presentations of official certificates of appreciation to LAPD Senior Lead Officer Tynisha King, the officers of Basic Car 3A41 and commanders of LAPD Southwest Area; and Public Security and its escort and patrol officers at Village Green.

Representatives of L.A. Councilmember Herb Wesson and Congress member Karen Bass presented the certificates.

Baldwin Hills Elementary School supported the event, and children from several classes were present and led the pledge of allegiance. Significant support also came from nearby businesses, who contributed donations, refreshments, and decorations.

The well-organized tribute was conceived and organized by the Village Green safety committee and endorsed by the board of directors. Board president Jerri Allyn was on hand to welcome the participants; safety committee chair John Howell provided the introduction; committee activists Cynthia Singleton and Regina Bryant presented Rep. Bass' certificates; and Councilmember Wesson's certificates were presented by his deputy, Kimani Black. Black in his remarks noted the diversity of the crowd and broad-based support for the honorees.

Held on the Green's "little Rodeo" against a lovely arch of blue and white balloons, and flanked by colorful flowerbeds, the event conveyed not only appreciation but also determination to keep our community safe. □

# Public Security Report

April 27, 2016 – May 18, 2016

Edited by Gabriela Worrel

Note: Security officers are instructed to document and notify management of all incidents.

- Apr 27 THEFT. Ct. 13, 4:00 a.m.**  
Resident reported two bikes stolen from patio.
- Apr 28 NOISE COMPLAINT. Ct. 5, 10:00 a.m.**  
Security responded to resident report of loud noises from neighbor.
- Apr 30 LOOSE DOG. Ct. 13, 6:12 a.m.**  
Security saw a loose pit bull and helped stop an attack on a leashed dog. LAPD was called and contacted Animal Control, which captured the dog.
- May 01 UNSECURED DOOR. Ct. 2, 6:12 p.m.**  
Resident reported home security door was open. No signs of forced entry or missing property.
- May 03 SUSPICIOUS PERSON. Ct. 13, 12:31 p.m.**  
Resident reported a male in his early 20s had been looking over patio wall at 3 a.m. and fled when resident called out. The individual was wearing red and white clothes and red baseball cap.
- May 04 MEDICAL EMERGENCY. Ct.15, 9:10 p.m.**  
Security observed LAFD visit resident who had fallen inside unit.
- May 05 DISPUTE. Ct. 9, 10:00 a.m.**  
Security responded to resident report of neighbor's disrespectful behavior.
- May 05 TRESPASSING. Clubhouse, 4:18 p.m.**  
Resident reported suspicious person loitering. Security confirmed he was trespassing and asked him to leave. Trespasser had a red backpack.
- May 05 CAR WASHING. Ct.3, 6:38 p.m.**  
Security observed someone parked in a no-parking zone, playing loud music, and washing his car. Officer issued a ticket.
- May 06 TRESPASSING. Sycamore grass, 1:34 p.m.**  
Resident reported someone sleeping on grass. Security asked him to leave, but he refused. LAPD escorted trespasser off the property.
- May 11 DISPUTE. Ct. 4, 6:15 p.m.**  
Security responded to resident report of neighbor dispute.
- May 14 ATTEMPTED. ARMED ROBBERY/ASSAULT. West Circ., 8:08 p.m.** Security responded to resident report of an altercation and attempted stabbing outside residence. Suspect was wearing a red t-shirt. LAPD caught him soon after at Rodeo and LaBrea.
- May 18 MAN WITH GUN, Ct. 1, 1:00 a.m.**  
Security responded to resident report of a man with a gun and shots fired. A magazine with an unspent bullet round was found and given to LAPD. □

# Manager's Report

By Sherri Giles,  
Operations Manager



## Arborist Services:

Management has been engaged in contract negotiations with a board-approved arborist. Her service is expected to begin following approval of the contract.

## Well Pump System:

This month, the 35-year-old main controller of the unit failed (the coil section died). There was no way to know its lifespan before it failed, though we were told the manufacturer was surprised it had lasted 35 years. This coil section is no longer manufactured, so the electrician ordered a new controller on back-order, which is expected to be installed by the end of May. Fortunately, this most recent failure did not impede the watering schedule.

## Building 14-Crack Repair:

Building 14 crack patching and painting was completed in four units, as approved at the board's April meeting.

## Diffuser Installation Update:

At the end of March, VG maintenance began installing diffuser plates into unit number signs to improve their legibility. 106 have been installed to date. 36 were unable to be installed due to various plate configuration issues. Maintenance will install these as solutions are found. □

## Update on Facilities Engineer for Village Green

*Jerri Allyn, VGOA board president*

Due to a personal matter that arose without warning, the newly hired addition to VG's management team, Roger Rainwater, who had started work on May 23, resigned suddenly two days later. Ms Giles is working with two recruiters on a new search to find another qualified individual. On behalf of the board and management, I thank owners and residents for your continued support, cooperation, and patience during this time of transition. □

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## VILLAGE GREEN COMMITTEES REACH OUT

# Design Review Committee (DRC) An Essential Step

By Carrie Malcolm Tench

Thinking of upgrading your Village Green unit? If your project includes moving walls or altering plumbing or electrical wiring, it should be submitted to Village Green's design review committee, which advises the board on the feasibility and architectural integrity of all potential changes to individual units.

Owners can do a few simple things to ensure their project gets the best possible hearing at one of the design review committee's monthly meetings.

1. Start with a cover letter outlining your plan.
2. Include architectural drawings or contractor specifications to help the committee understand the scope of the project.
3. Copies of city permits are not required, but your cover letter should explain your plan for obtaining them.
4. Attach marked up photographs of your unit showing exactly where the changes would occur. Be as specific as possible. You can also use the picture of your unit type found at [villagegreenla.net](http://villagegreenla.net).

Unit modification requests may be submitted to the office at least a week prior to the DRC meetings held the first Monday of every month at 7pm at the Clubhouse. Even though it is a bit disruptive, the DRC will take submittals on the night of the meeting. Please bring 5 copies of your request. **One Final Note:** It is always a good idea to run your request by the chair(s) of the committee beforehand: [WendellConn3@ca.rr.com](mailto:WendellConn3@ca.rr.com) and/or [Susansmdigiulio@gmail.com](mailto:Susansmdigiulio@gmail.com). □

# TreePeople Visit Village Green

By Michael Schodorf



Photo by IV Tench

urban development of Los Angeles County over the past century is the concretization of our landscape and waterways. As a result, currently 1-inch of critical rainwater in the city of Los Angeles (approximately 4 billion gallons) ends up in drain water piped into the ocean – instead of into the underground aquifers.

We were also reminded of the powerful sustainable influence of healthy available green space and a sufficient tree canopy to combat heat rise and restore groundwater supply during the critical rainy season each year. This was a great event to highlight and reinforce the importance of maintaining the health and biodiversity of our unique 68 acre urban oasis. To learn more about TreePeople and the fantastic environmental sustainability work they are doing throughout our city, visit their website - [www.treepeople.org](http://www.treepeople.org). □

On Saturday morning, May 21st, the landscape committee on behalf of The Village Green welcomed TreePeople's director of engagement, Torin Dunnivant, to educate our community about TreePeople and the environmental issues impacting our community and city. TreePeople is a local non-profit organization advocating for a climate-resilient Los Angeles with ample tree canopy, local water and healthy soil for a sustainable future.

Torin spoke about the expected temperature rise over LA County and local water resources.

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Photo by Jeff Clark

## COURT COUNCIL CORNER

### Good Neighbor Tip of the Month

#### Common Areas & Personal Items

*Village Green Handbook, Sec. 5.3 Personal Property:*

“Nothing shall be placed or stored in the Common Area. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to, shopping carts, debris, trash, toys, bicycles, garden hoses and any other personal items.”

Common areas are meant to be used for the safe enjoyment of all residents, but lately more and more of us seem to be leaving things on lawns and walkways. Some neighbors out on their daily walks have had close encounters with small toys, sticks of chalk, and even garden tools. Such items can pose a risk of trip-and-fall accidents.

Care-givers, please be mindful of picking up kids' things when leaving an area. And, let's all of us lend a hand to pick up debris and help keep our common areas beautiful and safe.

## Upcoming Events



VGOA Board of Directors  
Special Reserves Budget  
**meeting:** Tues., 6/7, 7 pm,  
Clubhouse.  
**Regular Monthly meeting:**  
Tues, 6/28, 7 pm, Clubhouse.

**Tree Tour - New and Vintage Trees:** Sat, 6/11, 9-11 am  
Meet at Clubhouse patio. Spons: Tree Committee

**Drinks on the Green:** Sun., 6/12, 4-7 pm, West Green  
Bring drinks and snacks to share. Kids too! Please  
remind guests no dogs or smoking. Co-spons: Cultural  
Affairs Committee

**Village Green Annual Yard Sale:** Sat., June 18, 8-3 pm  
Coliseum, Hauser, Rodeo west only. Co-spons: Cultural  
Affairs Committee

**Early Summer Concert:** Sun, June 26, 4-7 pm, Central  
Green Bobby Rodriguez and his Latin Jazz Band back  
by popular demand. Please remind guests no dogs or  
smoking. Spons: Cultural Affairs Committee

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Co-spons: Cultural Affairs Committee



## June Foot Beats

**Tues. 6/6, 10 am:** Meet at Court 1  
entrance, walk Courts 1 - 6.

**Tues. 6/14, 7 pm:** Meet at Clubhouse,  
walk East Circle - Court 17.

**Wed. 6/22, 10 am:** Meet Court 1  
entrance, walk Court 10 - Clubhouse.

**Thurs. 6/30, 7 pm:** Meet at Court 6  
entrance, walk Courts 6-9.



## If You See or Hear...

**Something suspicious: Call Public Security**

On-site line: 213-703-0540 or  
Dispatch: 323-293-9884

**Crime in progress: Call 911 first & then Public  
Security.**

## Need an escort home?

Call 8140\* from the call box outside the office.

## Village Green Part of “Vibrant Southwest LA Tour”



*Visitors trek through Village Green to visit the interiors of three units belonging to John Florance, Nat Hutton, and Daniela Rechtszaid and Juan Jose Quintana. Our landmark site was part of a May day-long “Vibrant Southwest LA Tour” benefiting the non-profit group, Venice Community Housing. Former neighbor Steven Keylon conducted the tour and told Highlights, “The group was... very much impressed with the beauty, history and feeling of community they experienced while visiting.*

## Community Affairs Update

*By Cynthia Singleton, Ad Hoc External Affairs Committee*

**Coliseum Traffic:** The committee sent a letter to Councilman Herb Wesson and his deputy, Kimani Black, expressing concern about the city’s proposed installation of a pocket park at the Coliseum/Hauser intersection. The park would close off westbound traffic and force it onto Hauser, further clogging Hauser and Rodeo.

The plan was revealed at a meeting with Black, LAPD Senior Lead Officer Tyneisha King, and the Baldwin Hills HOA president. More meetings are scheduled - with city engineers attending. More analysis is needed before committing to possible solutions.

**La Cienega & Jefferson project:** Baldwin Hills HOA met with the L.A. City Planning Commission and the owners of a planned ten-story, 1200-unit building at the site formerly occupied by KABC radio near La Cienega and Jefferson. The owners agreed to include underground parking, a new L.A. Public Library branch, a grocery store, sit-down restaurants, and green space on the one-acre site.

**Street Service Clean up:** Residents are reminded that the City has a street clean-up service office. Email [Marsha.Jackson@lacity.org](mailto:Marsha.Jackson@lacity.org) to report trash along Rodeo and request a clean-up. □