

VILLAGE GREEN

NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK
MONTHLY UPDATE for December 2013

MANAGER'S REPORT

By Peter Fay

Manager's Report
December, 2013

- 1. Tree Removal:** We are pleased to announce a service improvement that will benefit all residents as this holiday season comes to a close. Beginning this year our trash disposal company, NASA Services, will pick up and dispose of discarded Christmas trees in a planned and coordinated fashion.

Please note the following:

For your convenience you may place your tree in the driveway area adjacent to the trash truck enclosure access gates (these are the gates used to remove the dumpsters, not the pedestrian gate for which residents have keys).

Please be mindful of your neighbors. Take care to place your tree in an area that will not obstruct sidewalks or parking spaces or block the walkway between the trash enclosure entrance and laundry room access.

All trees will be removed by NASA on their regularly scheduled pick-up days on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call (323) 294-5211.

- 2. Safety:** Officer Kevan Beard of the Southwest Area police Department offered the following suggestions.

Do's...

- **Consider installing a peephole viewer in your door if you don't already have one.**
- **Stay alert when entering your court. Don't talk on your cell phone or look preoccupied when walking toward your building. Criminals look for a weak target and are more likely to pass up someone who appears focused, aware and strong.**
- **Report bad lighting or overgrown shrubbery to your Association. You are never being too picky when it comes to your safety.**
- **Inventory the description, serial number and cost of your valuables. Keep a copy of your records in a fireproof locked box or in a safe deposit box in a bank. Take pictures of your most valuable items and attach those to your receipts to make any insurance claims run as smoothly as possible.**

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- **Purchase light timers and set them so that your lights turn on when you're away from home in the evening.**
- **Take in your mail, newspapers and packages on a daily basis.**
- **Call 9-1-1 any time you sense danger. This includes when you see a stranger loitering around your complex or acting strangely. Also report anyone sitting in a car for a long period of time. It is better to have the situation checked out than risk your safety.**
- **Get to know the people in your court.**
- **Attend a neighborhood watch meeting or visit just to say hello.**
- **Notify a trusted neighbor if you are going to be gone for more than a couple of days. Lock your windows when you go to bed or leave the building. Unlocked windows are the easiest way for criminals to enter a building.**

Don't...

- **Leave valuables in the windows of your town home/condo or car. Place valuables in a secure place or in storage whenever possible.**
- **Leave notes for roommates or guests on your door saying that you are gone but will be home soon.**
- **Give away personal information, including bank account passwords, social security number or drivers license number over the phone. Banks don't need your password to access your account.**
- **Leave your car or door unlocked, not even for a minute.**

From your entire staff, have a Happy and Safe New Year!

At the December meeting, the Board:

- Heard comments from 25 owners
- Renewed Farmers Insurance property liability policy
- Appointed two Directors as hearing officers
- Approved a TruGreen contract for carob tree pruning and directed the manager or tree committee chair to find out whether the city has changed its carob tree pruning policy.
- Approved a TruGreen contract for selective maintenance of approximately one-third of trees on the property.
- Approved a proposal to contract for a data cloud backup system
- Approved a contract to repair a serpentine wall
- Dissolved the Ad Hoc Cultural Landscape Report Committee per the committee's request
- Tabled a vote on the CLR Report to the January meeting
- Directed the Chief Inspector of Elections to post the final candidates' list on the Clubhouse door and to post election results there together with explanation of how a quorum is established.
- Approved DRC recommendations for two bathroom modifications.

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PLATT SECURITY REPORT November 12-December 08, 2013

- Nov. 12 ATTEMPTED CAR THEFT. Court 14. 2:25 p.m. A resident reported to a Platt officer her belief that an attempt had been made to steal her car while she was away on vacation and had left her garage door unlocked.
- Nov. 17 BROKEN WINDOW. Court 7. 2:30 p.m. A resident reported being awakened from sleep by a loud sound of breaking Glass. Resident reported finding a window broken and an orange on the floor nearby.
- Nov. 18 BROKEN WINDOW. Court 10. 6:10 a.m. A resident reported that upon awakening she discovered her dining room window broken and a large rock lying on the floor nearby.
- Nov. 18 FALLEN TREE BRANCH. Court 14. 5:10 p.m. A resident reported that a tree branch had fallen and was blocking the driveway.
- Nov. 26 THEFT FROM VEHICLE. Court 6. 7:10 a.m. A resident reported that a guest whose truck was parked on Coliseum had its stereo and a/c heating control stolen and the vehicle ransacked.
- Nov. 30 FALLEN TREE BRANCH. Court 11. 2:30 P.M. A Platt officer observed a fallen tree branch on top of the garage.
- Dec. 1 MUTILATED CAT. Court 17. 9:00 a.m. A resident reported to Platt officer the discovery of a dead cat in front of a unit. Its body appeared to have been mutilated.
- Dec. 4 COYOTE SIGHTING. Court 14. 1:05 p.m. A resident of Court 14 reported observing a coyote at 10:00 p.m. on Dec. 3rd standing on the sidewalk on the main green near the bench. She chased it away and it ran south toward Coliseum.
- Dec. 5 NOISE COMPLAINT. Court 4. 4:53 p.m. The VG office dispatched a Platt officer to respond to complaints of two females arguing loudly outside a unit. The women reported being asked by the occupant of the unit to leave the home. They, in turn, were asked to leave the property.
- Dec. 8 DAMAGED PROPERTY. Court 16. 3:57 p.m. A Platt officer responded to a report of a truck hitting a garage. Two male occupants of the pick-up truck were present near the truck and reported misjudging the closeness of the vehicle to the garage. An electrical outlet and boards on the garage were damaged. Damage to the truck included a dent in the fender and damage to the rear taillight.
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