

# VILLAGE GREEN

NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER for September 2012

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## MANAGER'S REPORT

By Peter Fay

During the September board meeting the board approved motions:

- To do the initial mailing to initiate changes to Section 8.3 of the Village Green Handbook adding Horsetail (*Equisetum*) as a prohibited plant.
- To agree that the Association should perform the recommended helical pile underpinning work necessary to stabilize buildings 8 and 14.
- To agree that the recommended approach for the helical pile underpinning work repair approach #3 as documented in RSA Structural Engineers Report, is appropriate for the Building Stabilization project. This approach provides the best balance concerning cost, effectiveness at preventing future settlement and is the least invasive for homeowners.
- To agree that as recommended by our project manager Egan Simon Architecture, the recommended contract type, Design / Bid/ Build, is appropriate for the Building Stabilization project.

The Communications Committee would like to remind residents to do their yearly checks and maintenance of heaters in preparation for winter. This can be accomplished by contacting your plumbing/heating company. You may also consider contacting the gas company and request that they come check your gas appliances such as furnaces, etc .

Officer Kevan Beard of the Southwest Area police Department appeared at this month's board meeting and offered the following suggestions.

Do's...

1. Townhome/Condo doors should all have peephole viewers. If you don't have one, install one.
2. Stay alert when entering your Complex. 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.
3. Report bad lighting or overgrown shrubbery to your Association. You are never being too picky when it comes to your safety.
4. Inventory the description, serial number and cost of your valuables. Keep a copy of your records in a fire-proof 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.
5. Purchase light timers and set them so that your lights turn on when you're away from home in the evening.
6. Take in your mail, newspapers and packages on a daily basis.
7. Call 9-1-1 anytime 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 then risk your safety.
8. Get to know the people in your complex.
9. Attend a neighborhood watch meeting or visit just to say hello.

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10. 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...

1. Leave valuables in the windows of your Townhome/Condo or car. Place valuables in a secure place or in storage whenever possible.
2. Leave notes for roommates or guests on your door saying that you are gone but will be home soon
3. Prop the doors open or allow others to do so.
4. Give away personal information, including bank account passwords, your social security number or driver's license number, over the phone. Banks don't need your password to access your account.
5. Leave your car Townhome/Condo door unlocked, not even for a minute.

If you feel the need please utilize the escort and patrol services offered by Platt Security. They can be contacted at [800 986-3868](tel:8009863868).

We have been asked to remind Owners that the deadline to submit communications to the Board of Directors is 12 Noon on the Monday before the regular open meeting of the Board of Directors. Submissions after that date will be included in next month's meeting. The Board of Directors meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Clubhouse.

*Full minutes are available for residents to view at the management office during office hours. Residents may participate in the public comment period at the beginning of each Board Meeting.*

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## **PLATT SECURITY REPORT**

**July 5 to Sept 14, 2012**

- July 5 Medical, Court 4, 12:30 p.m.—Resident was transported to the hospital by LAFD for health related matters.
- July 5 Medical, Court 7, 8 a.m.—Responding to an emergency call, paramedics broke into unit to find resident on kitchen floor.
- July 7 Complaint, Court 10, 4:20 p.m.—Officer noticed resident hanging out in his garage with friends.
- July 7 Complaint, West Green, 4:20 p.m.—Officer made contact with resident regarding an inflatable personal jumper, which requires approval and placement in front of the Clubhouse.
- July 8 Property Damage, Court 11, 2:28 p.m.—Resident backed her car into a lamppost by mistake.
- July 8 Vandalism, Court 4, 11:15 a.m.—Resident reported that the back window of her car had been broken.
- July 12 Search for Suspect, 11:10 p.m.—Security Officer Iniguez contacted Security Officer Munoz regarding a helicopter overhead on the west side of the Green. Security Officer Iniguez made contact with LAPD officers who instructed him to stay at the perimeter of the property and keep a

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look out for five black male subjects that just invaded a home just north of Rodeo Rd. Subjects abandoned a stolen vehicle on Rodeo Rd./Sycamore. LAPD officers closed down the west side of the property; they searched for the subjects until approximately 3:30 a.m. *Note: Police were searching for three suspects, not five. Please see the August 2012 issue of Highlights for a complete report of the incident.*

- July 14 Medical, East Circle, 9:03 a.m.—Paramedics transported resident to the hospital after she fell and hit the back and front of her head.
- July 15 LAPD on Property, West Circle, 11:20 p.m.—Officer noticed LAPD helicopter circling above the Village Green and met with an LAPD officer who said they were searching for a suspect. At approximately 11:35 p.m. LAPD officers left the area and the only information that was given was that everything was okay.
- July 18 Auto Maintenance, Court 14, 1:50 p.m.—Resident was working on his vehicle by a garage, which is against VGOA rules.
- July 18 Noise Complaint, Court 2, 7:49 p.m.—Contractor was working outside the timeframe permitted for work on units.
- July 19 Trespassing, Court 1, 10:35 a.m.—Resident complained that when she returned from being out of town she noticed that her patio furniture was moved around. Resident also found a small container of marijuana and was advised to contact LAPD for a report and to turn over the drugs.
- Aug. 2 Disturbance, Court 10, 11:30 p.m.—Officer observed loud music and the smell of marijuana coming from a garage. Officer spoke to tenants, who did not comply and remained in the garage until 5 a.m.
- Aug. 3 Disturbance, Court 10, 11:30 p.m.—Officer again observed loud music and talking. Several subjects were advised to keep the noise down and did not comply, remaining in the garage until 5 a.m.
- Aug. 3 Disturbance, Court 10, 11:15 p.m.—Officer heard loud talking from a male and female inside a garage. Door was closed, but noise was clearly heard. Subjects remained in the location until 2 a.m.
- Aug. 5 Disturbance, Court 10, 11:12 p.m.—Officer observed a black male on a scooter talking in front of a garage. Upon conclusion of the conversation, officer observed subject hand something to the resident, who gave something to the subject with his other hand. Subject left eastbound cutting through Court 9 toward Coliseum, Officer heard loud music and talking from the garage and smelled marijuana until 5 a.m.
- Aug. 6 Disturbance, Court 10, 11:30—Loud talking from several voices heard until 3 a.m.
- Aug. 7 Broken Tree Branch, Court 2—A branch from tree #245 fell onto a car, which had several visible scratches and dents.
- Aug. 8 Disturbance, Court 10, 12:30 a.m.—Officer heard loud talking and music and smelled marijuana from a garage until 4 a.m.
- Aug. 8 Activity, Court 10, 2:20 p.m.—Officer noticed garage door open and noted resident hanging out with two females and two males inside the garage.
- Aug. 9 Activity, Court 10, 11:40 p.m.—Officer heard loud voices from garage and smelled marijuana.
- Aug. 10 Theft, Court 12, 9 a.m.—Resident reported that a laptop was stolen from a car. Car window was smashed.
- Aug. 14 Medical, Court 6, 8:30 a.m.—Resident transported to hospital by LAFD after a slip and fall.

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- Aug. 20 Complaint, Court 7, 8:30 a.m.—Report of marijuana smoking. Officer responded and did not smell anything, attempted to make contact.
- Aug. 20 Fallen Tree Branch, Court 15, 9:45 p.m.—Branch from tree #105 fell onto a car.
- Sept. 7 Court 2, 6:05 p.m.—Someone defecated by bushes near a sidewalk.
- Sept. 8 Theft, Court 3, 10:20 p.m.—Resident reported that his car was broken into. A GPS system and CDs were taken.
- Sept. 8 Vandalism, Court 5, 7:55 p.m.—Resident reported that her car was ransacked but nothing was taken.
- Sept. 12 Transient, Court 15, 8:45 a.m.—Suspect was searching through recyclables and asked to leave the property.
- Sept. 13 Dead Body, East Circle, 12:25 p.m.—While trying to assist a contractor perform maintenance to a unit, officer entered unit and found his body decomposing on the bathroom floor.
- Sept. 13 Rule Violation, Court 5, 11:55 a.m.—Resident was performing work inside a garage.
- Sept. 14 Medical, Court 15, 11:25 a.m.—Resident transported to hospital by LAFD.

Noise Complaints—Officers responded to complaints of a barking dog in Court 15 on July 9, August 10, August 12, August 19 and August 19; and to Court 11 on July 21, August 6, September 4 and September 5.

Officers responded to general noise complaints to Court 4 on June 16

Fallen branches were reported on July 11, tree #63 in Court 16/17, and tree #165 in East Green; on July 20, tree #55; on August 5, tree #1122 in Court 11; on August 10, tree #786 in Court 12; on August 21 in Court 1; on August 22, tree #981 in Court 9, on August 25, tree #118 in between Courts 11 and 12, on September 1 to tree #975 in Court 10,