

VILLAGE GREEN

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HIGHLIGHTS

A Monthly Publication of the VGOA

September 2017

Board of Directors August Meeting News

By Ethan Markowitz, Board secretary

After six homeowner comments, the Board considered 12 business items, one design review committee recommendation, homeowner correspondence, and reports.

Actions included:

Re-pipe of Water Supply Lines...

Approved a contract for \$175,385.00 to replace water supply lines in Cts 4 & 14.

Pet Rule Violation Inquiry... Authorized formation of an ad hoc committee to conduct an inquiry about our pet rules and violation practices. Director Diann Dumas will head the committee.

Dusk Until Dawn Work Orders...

Approved the purchase of LED Dusk Until Dawn lightbulbs that will be installed free of charge on owners' patios by Village Green maintenance staff upon request via work order

Wine Appreciation Class... Approved a no-charge wine appreciation class to be held in the Clubhouse and conducted by a Village Green resident who is a noted wine critic.

Arborist Tree Inventory Presentation...

Approved a town hall presentation by Village Green consulting arborist Cy Carlberg to share the results of the Tree Inventory Report. □

VG Presents at Office of Historic Resources

By Jerri Allyn, Board president

Thursday, September 7, 10:00 am

Office of Historic Resources, City Hall, Room 1010

Village Green representatives will present an information report to the L.A. Office of Historic Resources September 7 at 10:00 am about the Association's continuing efforts to rehabilitate our urban forest. The report will highlight the recently approved East Green tree planting project and use of the Cultural Landscape Report and Barlow blueprints as planning guides.

Board director Ethan Markowitz and tree committee member David Weisenbloom will make the presentation. All interested residents are invited to attend. This meeting is the only public forum in which residents can voice their support or concerns on this matter to the commissioners. □

Residents find the Green a good place to watch the August 21 solar eclipse.

Photo by Zig



Editorial Statement

Highlights is the community newsletter of the Village Green Owners Association (VGOA) and is produced by the communications committee. The committee makes every effort to ensure the accuracy of all information; however, we are not responsible for errors, omissions, or inaccuracies.

Highlights content may include perspectives of thoughtful owners and renters as well as information from the Board of Directors, management, and committees.

"Letters to the Editor" and proposals for articles are welcome. The editor reserves the right to edit articles and letters for tone, clarity, and length. Please send submissions to villagegreenhighlights@gmail.com or bring to the Village Green office. □



Crescent shadows during the Eclipse

Photo by Kelly Wilson Samojlik

AUGUST MANAGER'S REPORT



Sherri Giles,
Operations Manager

Greetings,

I hope this report finds you well. August projects included:

Replacement of Courts 4 & 14 Water Supply Lines

Management has presented a contract to the Board. If approved, the work is tentatively scheduled to begin in early October.

Residential Re-Piping and Building Painting

Re-piping remains on schedule, with Building 11 started on August 21. Painting is also on schedule, with Building 47 power washed on August 21-22.

Disposal Service

Following an onsite assessment the last week of August, Republic Services will determine the type, size, and number of recycling and trash containers the property needs. They will then finalize a contract price.

Digital Work Order System

Management is evaluating the Fluke Corporation's E-Maint computerized work order system. We will bring a recommendation to the Board in September.

Landscape Maintenance

Clean-ups: In Greencrew's first three months, it has completed the initial "clean-up" of the property, focusing on weed removal and cutting back overgrown shrubbery - while maintaining the daily tasks of lawn care, watering, and litter pick-up. They have begun again in Court 1 and will complete Court 17 by the end of November. This phase will include mulching and some hand-pruning.

Blowers:

In response to complaints about the lawn and leaf blowers, Greencrew has researched the possibility of purchasing a vacuum to reduce the amount of dirt blowing in the garage courts. There would be an additional expense for purchasing the vacuum, but the greater cost would be the increase in man hours to operate it, as it is a slower process than using the backpack blower. The matter remains pending.

Irrigation: Two watering days were lost in early August when the pump became non-operational due to a DWI-initiated power surge which activated our pump system's "over-current" protection device (Motor Saver). There were two irrigation pipe failures which were able to be repaired quickly and resulted in minimal irrigation down time. Greencrew has been repairing and replacing non-functioning sprinkler nozzles as they are discovered. □

Public Security Report *Edited by Jordan Deglise Moore*

July 15-August 16, 2017

Jul 27 GARAGE BREAK IN. Court 4, 6:20 pm. Residents reported forced entry into two adjacent garages, resulting in damage to the garages and one of the cars, but no theft.

Jul 27 ASSAULT WITH A PAINTBALL GUN. Court 12, 6:05 pm. Resident reported that a pizza delivery person was shot multiple times with a paintball gun by three male juveniles who fled the property. The delivery person was not injured.

Jul 27 STOLEN PROPERTY. Court 12, 7:29 pm. Resident reported a male suspect hiding children's scooters in bushes. The suspect fled the property when spotted and two of the three scooters were identified and returned to resident children.

Jul 28 THEFT FROM VEHICLE. Court 12, 7:40 am. Resident reported petty theft from his unlocked vehicle.

Aug 4 STRONG ODOR. Court 10, 8:20 am. Resident reported a strong foul odor. Security and

maintenance personnel investigated but neither smelled anything unusual and by that time, neither did the resident.

Aug 7 NOISE COMPLAINT. Court 5, 4:07 am. Resident reported a loud TV.

Aug 8 OPEN DOOR AT RESIDENCE. Court 7, 12:54 am. Officers noticed an open front door, knocked but got no response. With permission from their superior, they entered the unit and were met on the stairs by a surprised resident who thanked them and then secured his door.

Aug 8 LOST VISITOR. Court 7, 12:45 am. Resident reported someone making noise and dragging trash bags down a walkway. After speaking with the man, officers realized he was lost and helped him find the unit he was looking for.

Aug 15 THEFT FROM VEHICLE. Court 2, noon. A contractor reported theft of tools from his unlocked vehicle. □

Meet Jason Williams

By Linda Nicolai

[Village Green is filled with people of all ages whose deeds have moved society forward yet often remain unknown to their neighbors. We thank East Circle neighbor Jason Williams for coming forward and sharing his story.]

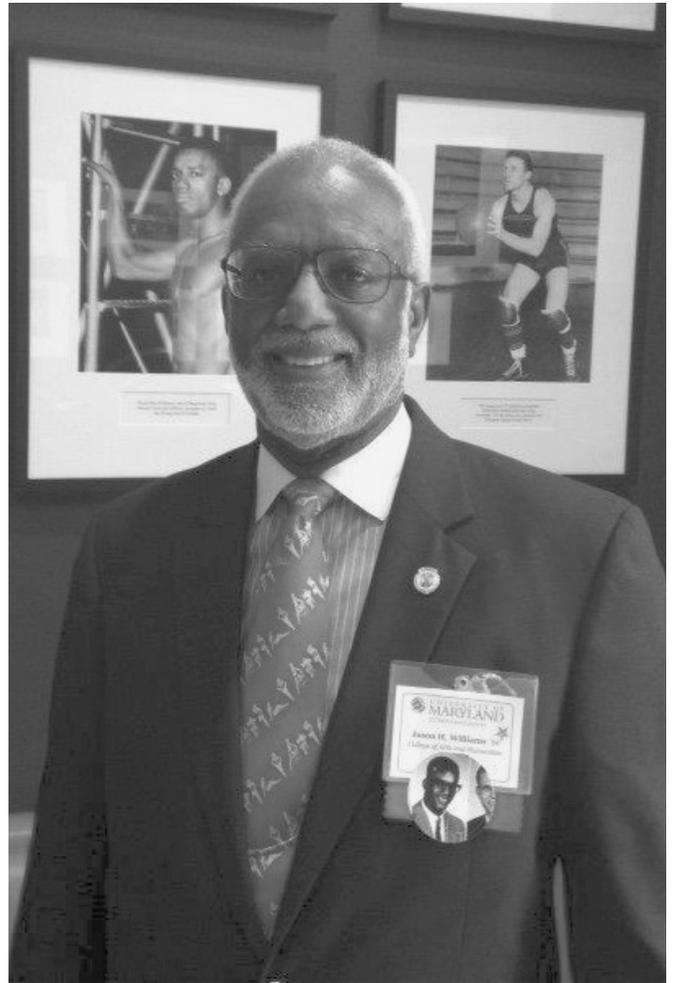
Jason H. Williams, a Village Green owner for 36 years, is a trail blazer. In an era when swimming pools were often segregated and many white people believed that black people could not swim, he pursued a passion for swimming and diving, winning the Baltimore City Championship as a high school senior. By 1962, he had become the first African-American varsity athlete at the University of Maryland and the Atlantic Coast Conference, where he competed as a springboard diver with the swim team.

In a recent interview with the University of Maryland's Alumni Association magazine, he recounted an experience after a competition in North Carolina. His team had gone to a restaurant where Jason was refused service. The team canceled its meal orders and departed without incident, but the experience was never to be forgotten.

After leaving Maryland, Jason found employment with L.A. County, and at 35, he became the youngest person to be appointed to a directorship with the County. After retirement, he served almost five years on the board of the Retired Employees of L.A. County.

"I loved everything I did in life," said Jason. "I didn't feel like I was a trailblazer then... you just take it a day at a time..." He credits, "a good education, hard work, and many supporters along the way. It was never just about me. I am a team player."

Jason plans to go into local schools to share his journey and inspire young people to succeed with a passion. By the way, Jason is an archer who can hit a target from 120 yds. Way to go, Jason! □



Sign the Petition!

By Daniel Millner

Kimani Black, Assistant District Director for City Council President Herb Wesson, attended the Homeowner Comments period before the Village Green Board of Directors meeting Tuesday, Sept. 22. He was there to discuss Overnight Parking District (ODP) #560, an initiative to make Coliseum Street safer with "Permit Parking" from 2AM to 6AM. The street has become congested at night, with up-ticks in loitering, trash accumulation, drug activity, and other unwelcome behavior, and residents view the OPD as a partial solution.

Once implemented, permits for parking on Coliseum will cost \$15 annually (limit three per household). Guest passes for visitors needing temporary parking from 2AM to 6AM will be available online for \$1 per night.

To secure permit parking, Mr. Black explained, VG volunteers will need to collect signatures from all residents in Courts 1-9. That is over 250 signatures, and we need your help. If you live anywhere in Courts 1-9, we need your condo accounted for. You can sign the petition at the VG office, or by contacting Daniel Millner at villagegreen90016@gmail.com.

Residents near Hauser, Rodeo, and Sycamore also voiced concerns to Mr. Black, including large parked commercial vehicles; vehicles parked for sleeping; and increased traffic and speeding. Mr. Black said that vehicle height restricted zones on Sycamore and Hauser (currently in process) may ease residents' concerns. He also noted that GPS-based mapping systems are negatively affecting the community. □

Special Events at The Green

Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, September 26,
Clubhouse.

Homeowner comments begin promptly at 7:00 pm.

Village Green FAIR

Saturday, September 23, 10 am-1 pm, Central Green



NUNO PINHEIRA REMEMBRANCE

Neighbors and friends will hold a fond remembrance of long-time Village Green resident Nuno Pinheira, who passed in May. This informal gathering will be held on Sunday, October 8th from 2 – 4 pm, at 5435 ½ Village Green (Court 13). Please stop by and bring a Nuno story or just listen as we share memories.

Your RSVP via phone or email by September 24 will help us get a sense of how many people will join us in toasting Nuno.

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Petra Blum: 310-498-9013 or vgn@petrab.com □

Community Report

By Cynthia Singleton

Coliseum Permit Parking OPD560

Residents' petitions for permit parking on Coliseum were not accepted last month by Councilman Wesson's deputy, Kimani Black, because they were not official City petitions. Mr. Black provided copies of the official petition to Board president Jerri Allyn and activists, and all concerned residents are urged to sign it. Mr. Black also offered to advise the community regarding additional steps that can be taken to request permit parking.

Electric Car Charging Stations

DWP is installing 10 electric car charging stations at the Crenshaw & Martin Luther King parking lot.

New Medical and Commercial Development

The new Kaiser Permanente Baldwin Hills-Crenshaw Medical Center opens this month. Nearby and in the Marlton Square area, Sprouts and Smart & Final are expected to open new stores. □

September Foot Beats

Friday, 9/8 10 am: Meet at Clubhouse, walk central section of the Green.

Thursday, 9/14, 7 pm: Meet at Court 4 entrance, walk east section of the Green.

Wednesday, 9/20, 9 am: Meet at Court 7 entrance, walk west section of VG.

Monday, 9/25, 7 pm: Meet at Clubhouse, walk central section of the Green. □



VILLAGE GREEN COURT COUNCIL INVITES YOU TO



SEPTEMBER 23, 2017, 10 AM - 1 PM
ON THE CENTER GREEN

Meet Your Neighbors & Learn More about VG
Balloon Animals, Magic, Raffles
Refreshments
Bring a chair or blanket

We hope to see you there!

Drinks on the Green

Sunday, September 24, 4:00-7:00pm

Center Green, west end

DON'T MISS THE LAST OUTDOORS DOTG OF 2017!



HOLD THIS DATE!



VILLAGE GREEN ARBORIST SPEAKS ABOUT OUR TREES

Saturday, October 21, 10:00 am,
Clubhouse

Sponsor: Board of Directors

HALLOWEEN IS COMING... TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31!

Plan to meet at the coral tree in the Central Green at 6 pm for stories. Trick- or- treating starts at dusk. Sponsor: Cultural Affairs Committee. □

