

VILLAGE GREEN

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HIGHLIGHTS

A Monthly Publication of the VGOA

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News from the Board *Compiled by Patrick Comiskey*

Thirty-two people attended the August 21 Board Meeting including nine board members and the management team.

Baldwin Vista Green Streets Project

Lorena Matos of the L.A. Department of Sanitation presented plans for a rainwater catchment project being developed for the Baldwin Hills. It will involve planting new trees and installing drainage catchment areas called bioswales along the south side of Coliseum between Nicolet and Hauser. If the project is funded, work will begin in 2024.

Art Show Benefit for Cultural Affairs

The Cultural Affairs Committee proposed using the Clubhouse for a show and sale of the artwork of the late

resident artist, Harold Pelster. The Board unanimously approved the use of the Clubhouse for the event and voted 8 to 1 to use all proceeds for the purchase of a new event stage.

White Boards

The Board approved the purchase of two large-scale, custom whiteboards, featuring a graphic map of the buildings and grounds, to assist with project management and maintenance assignments, at a cost of approximately \$1500.

Committee News

Marie Germaine was approved as chair of the Communications Committee; Patrick Comiskey was approved as editor of *Highlights*. □

Management Report *Compiled by Sherri Giles, edited by Patrick Comiskey*

Electrical Upgrade Project: The electrical pilot project in Building 91 proceeds. Work in six of the building's eight units has wrapped up and rewiring for last two units will be finished in September.

Residential Building Painting/Insulation: Building 2 was completed on August 11. On August 14, power washing began at Building 17 in Court 4. Carpentry repairs and insulation began August 16 and is scheduled to be completed by end of August.

Garage Restoration and Painting: Courts 3, 7, and 11 have been selected for Garage Restoration, tentatively scheduled to start in Fall 2023. The garage restoration project will include termite treatment of the garage

buildings, carpentry repairs and new paint; this year the process will also include roof and garage foundation repairs.

Metal Window Frame Repair/Replacement: Four homeowners have volunteered their windows to test the feasibility of rehabilitating existing windows. Facilities Engineer Linda Pollari is working with a vendor to obtain pricing and present a proposal at the September 26 Board meeting.

Serpentine Walls: Contractor Troxler and Sons is still seeking to resolve issues involving the brick used for serpentine wall repairs. LAOHR recommended Troxler obtain samples of Carolina Brick Company's hand-cut brick product. However, Carolina mandates

a minimum order of 34,000 bricks, far more than the approximately 4,000 needed for upcoming wall repairs. Carolina recommended Troxler contact a smaller local distributor that might have a lower minimum.

Security Services: As reported last month, the Association's security contract has been put out to bid. Safety Committee Liaison Steve Haggerty and Board President Laura Civiello hosted a virtual town hall on Thursday, August 3 for residents wishing to offer feedback and suggestions to inform the RFP process. In addition to Public Security, Management solicited and received RFPs from six security companies. The Board will review submitted proposals with the goal of making a final selection at next month's board meeting. □

2024 Budget Open House

Are you curious how the HOA plans to spend your assessments next year?

Come join a conversation about an early draft of the 2024 budget with the board treasurer.

Thursday, 9/28 at 7:00pm via the standard committees Zoom link.

The board approves the final budget during their October meeting.



BURGLARY: Garage Court 13, July 10.

Resident reported a break-in but declined to share details.

NOISE COMPLAINT: Court 14, July 15, 3:30pm.

Loud conversation reported.

NOISE COMPLAINT: East Circle, July 16, 6:15pm.

Loud use of power tools in a garage reported. Resident was reminded work must be done between 8am-5pm.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON THROWING FIREWORKS: Court 5, July 19, 10:05pm.

THEFT: Court 16, July 20, 4:04pm.

A resident reported a package taken from her doorstep.

BARKING DOG: Court 7, July 24, 9:15pm.

RESIDENT INJURY, DOG BITE: July 25, 5:15pm.

A resident was bitten while attempting to collect a loose dog on the property. The resident was treated at Urgent Care; the dog was eventually apprehended.

TRESPASSING: Multiple Courts, July 26, 9:10pm.

Residents reported a group of ten non-resident teenagers making noise. After taunting Security then running inside the property, the youths were eventually confronted and told to leave.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON: Court 2, July 27, 6:21pm.

A non-resident on a bicycle was reported.

TRESPASSING: Court 5, July 27, 10:45pm.

A resident reported a group of teenagers talking loudly and trying door handles. Security located five non-resident juveniles on the property, who fled upon approach.

NOISE DISTURBANCE, SECURITY STAFF: Court 11, July 29, 4:00am.

A resident reported loud music coming from a security vehicle in the wee hours of the morning. Public Security spoke to the officer and assured management that this would not happen again.

GARAGE DAMAGE: Garage Court 4, July 31, 4:05pm.

A support beam for garages #119-120 was reported splintered, presumably by a delivery truck.

NEIGHBOR DISPUTE: Court 2, August 1, 6:00am.

A resident reported that his neighbor was playing music too loud, part of an ongoing dispute.

STOLEN VGOA Property: Sycamore Ave. Gate, August 1, 7:50am.

Security noted a missing lock and chain on the gate near the Maintenance Yard. It was replaced.

NOISE COMPLAINT, VEHICLE REPAIR: Garage Court 7, August 2, 4:15pm.

A resident reported noise from vehicle repairs; the complaint escalated to a heated exchange between residents. The vehicle in question did not have a residential sticker and was cited.

GARAGE DAMAGE: Garage Court 10, August 3.

Damage to Garage #368 was recorded by Security.

BARKING DOG: Court 14, August 3, 10:15pm.

TRESPASSING: Court 17, August 4, 6:15am.

A woman was reported sleeping in the bushes near the Maintenance Yard. She left the premises before Security could make contact.

NOISE DISTURBANCE: West Circle, August 7, 11:29pm.

Loud singing and guitar playing reported. The singer was told to lower the volume.

FATIGUED DRIVER (non-resident): August 8, 5:35pm.

An officer discovered a driver asleep at the wheel with his engine running near the Clubhouse entrance. Initial attempts to rouse him were unsuccessful but eventually the driver woke and drove off. Security reported the driver to LAPD as possibly impaired.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY: Court 5, August 9, 4:05pm.

A resident complained that her security system was being activated and deactivated by someone else. Nothing was reported missing or disturbed.

FALLEN TREE: Court 16, August 9, 6:18pm.

A resident reported a fallen tree, possibly resulting in vehicle damage. The tree was removed the next day.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON: August 9, Court 10, 8:39pm.

A suspicious person was reported ringing doorbells, only to be startled by the Ring camera flash, whereupon he left.

AGGRESSIVE RESIDENT: Court 12, August 14, 5:18pm.

A work order visit by staff erupted into a belligerent confrontation; resident was aggressive and used expletives toward the staff member and security officers, as well as toward a female inside the house. □



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