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HIGHLIGHTS

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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE GREEN BOARD

— Compiled by P.J.C.

The February 28 Board meeting drew 38 people, including the nine Board members, staff, residents, and guests Gina Fields and Kathy Guyton from the Empowerment Congress West Area (ECWA).

Fields and Guyton explained that ECWA is an organized voice for residents in Los Angeles' 10th Council District. As a recognized community advocate, it is designed to give the community more clout and a unified voice. They welcomed the participation of Village Green residents. For more information, visit their website. www.ecwandc.org

SHERRI GILES WELCOMES NEW FACILITIES ENGINEER:

Operations Manager Sherri Giles welcomed new Facilities Engineer Linda Pollari to her first Board meeting. Ms. Giles announced that Pollari, who will be overseeing the management of various projects and maintenance staff, has already proven to be a tremendous help.

SERPENTINE WALL REPAIR:

The Board discussed a resolution to repair five of the property's serpentine walls. The cost is significant: approximately \$142,428, partly because bricks used for these walls are not of a standard size and must be cut to fit. The resolution was passed, with the caveat that Management inquire of the Office of Historic Resources whether some accommodation could be made.

SYCAMORE AVENUE RESTORATION:

The Board heard an update on the Sycamore Avenue restoration project. Some small planting adjustments have been made to accommodate the existing foliage. Planting will begin shortly.



photo: Avelene Schodorf

A packed audience viewed resident Adisa Septuri's latest film, "Ifine", in the Fire-side Room on February 26, with a lively question and comment period afterwards adeptly managed by moderator Carolyn ("Fruity") Middleton.

The film, winner of the Best Short Documentary at this year's Pan African Film Festival, exposes the health risks young people in Sierra Leone take in pursuit of a light skinned beauty idea and provoked reminders of the physical and emotional damage "whitening" wreaks here in the United States.

Afterwards, guests chatted and enjoyed an array of delicious pies. Village Green's Cultural Affairs Committee sponsored this event in honor of Black History Month.

—Lucy Fried

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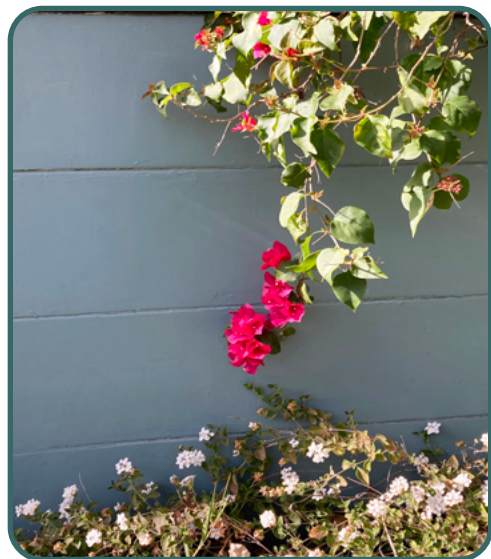
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Editor's Note

As we reported last month, our paper **HIGHLIGHTS** is reduced to two pages, and Patrick Comiskey resigned as editor. Please know that we are busily re-designing the VG website to create an ONLINE HIGHLIGHTS with full reporting capability. Enjoy this issue and stay with us...

— Lucy Fried

MANAGEMENT NEWS from Operations Manager Sherri Giles

Compiled by Lucy Fried

GARAGE INSPECTIONS

Residents whose garages were not inspected yet or who have a non-compliance letter, take notice! Management has sent letters with the new inspection date or dates.

LAUNDRY MACHINE MAINTENANCE

WASH has finally announced April 7 as the tentative date to replace the ten laundry machines not working properly in courts 4, 5, 6, 7, 13, 16 (washers) and 6, 9, 11, and 15 (dryers). They also tentatively scheduled deep cleanings of all machines on April 10-14.

LADWP COMMERCIAL DIRECT INSTALL PROGRAM

Management is scheduling an evaluation of Village Green's energy use by a trained DWP representative who will recommend locations where existing lamps can be upgraded for more efficiency. If VG agrees with the

recommendations, DWP will install new lamps free of charge and guaranteed for five years. This program could potentially dovetail with the Safety Committee's Court Lighting Upgrade.

METAL WINDOW FRAME REPAIR/REPLACEMENT

In response to calls from owners, Management has been looking into potential new vendors for window repair and custom double-paned windows and can provide some contact information

ELECTRICAL UPGRADE PROJECT Our electrical contractor, Triple C, is working with L.A.'s Department of Building and Safety to obtain approval for electrical repair work in each of the eight units in Building 91 (the overhaul's pilot building). The DWP has already reviewed the limit of electrical usage for the building and is awaiting the Green's approval. □



PUBLIC SECURITY REPORT January 19, 2023 - February 22, 2023

Edited by Jordan Deglise Moore and Lucy Fried

SUSPICIOUS PERSON January 24, Court 10, 10 am. A resident reported a male hanging around the Court 9 laundry room, and neighbors added that he had been jumping fences into various patios. Security escorted him off the property with a warning not to return.

RESIDENT SMOKING ON PATIO: February 1, Court 6, 6 pm. After a call brought Security to the unit, the resident apologized and promised to refrain in future.

POLICE PURSUIT OF ROBBERY SUSPECTS February 4, between Court 2 and West Circle, 9:30 pm. LAPD pursued two male suspects who had entered VG at Court 2 and captured them in Court 13 at about 10:00 pm. They also cordoned off the court to search for the suspects' guns. After finding them, they released the court at about 2:00 am.

POLICE ACTIVITY/ARREST February 5, Court 13, 10 am. LAPD informed Security about a male resident arrested for sex crimes. The unit's owner was escorted by Security while she oversaw the changing of the unit's locks.

HOMELESS MAN TRESPASSING February 7, East Circle, 5:35 pm. After receiving two reports of a male acting strangely near the Clubhouse and East Circle, Security escorted him to the perimeter and warned him not to return.

RECOVERED STOLEN VEHICLE February 13, Court 8, 1:10 am. Security found a vehicle which had been broken into. They notified LAPD, which used the VIN to identify it as stolen and have it towed away.

SECURITY FINDS TODDLER February 14, Court 5, 12:30 am. An officer found a crying diaper-clad toddler emerging from the trash area alone. After covering and placing the child in the patrol car, he notified LAPD, who canvassed the area, found the parent, and returned the child.

UNRULY TEENS TRESPASSING February 14, Court 16 near East Green, 12:30 pm. Security escorted a group of unruly, smoking teens off the property after warning them that they were trespassing and could be arrested.

MAJOR POLICE ACTIVITY : February 23, Obama Blvd., Coliseum Street, VG Maintenance Yard, 1:30 pm - 4:14 pm. A police helicopter circled the Green for almost three hours, surveilling a house at Redondo and Coliseum regarding a break-in and an armed suspect between Redondo and La Brea. The suspects also came onto VG property, apparently to change their clothes in the maintenance yard. Security believes they were apprehended and is reaching out to LAPD for some sort of report. □