



# VILLAGE GREEN

NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

# HIGHLIGHTS

Spring  
is in  
the Air!

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## NEWS FROM THE BOARD *Compiled by Patrick Comiskey*

Forty-five people attended the Board Meeting held February 27, 2024, including five Directors, Management representatives, and invited guests. The meeting was preceded by two presentations: Village Green resident and liaison for the California Resources Board's SNAPs program Jesse Christensen shared information on CARB's air pollution monitoring device that will be located at the Village Green clubhouse; and Dan Peters of the All Valley Washer Service, Inc. introduced his company to the community.

**THE BOARD PUTS IT ON A CALENDAR:** Board Treasurer Claire Knowlton presented a detailed calendar to assist the Board in addressing various issues over the coming year, including a potential change to the CC&Rs to ameliorate the cost of the Association's property insurance. Board members were encouraged to add to the calendar to help manage additional projects.

**BOARD SEEKS TO FILL AN OPEN SEAT:** Board President Laura Civiello proposed a process for the Board to follow when appointing Directors for open positions. The process includes a call for candidates, collecting candidate statements, and having candidates present during an open session of a Board meeting. The Directors passed the resolution and agreed to use the process to fill the current open position by the April Board meeting.

**INSURANCE RATE HIKE PROTEST LETTER:** The Communications Committee sought approval for, and the Board approved, a letter that both residents and the Board can use to protest the egregious insurance rate hikes recently leveled on the property. Interested residents can individually email or send the letter to elected officials and the state's insurance commissioner.

**NEW LAUNDRY COMPANY HIRED:** The Board resolved to change laundry services. All Valley Service, Inc. will install new equipment. To pay for a load, residents will use either a credit card or a phone app. The option to pay by cash was rejected for security reasons.

**MASTER PLANTING GUIDELINES APPROVED:** The Board approved the master planting guidelines presented to the Board at the September 2022 meeting, with an emphasis on turf reduction, so that planning can commence when funding for the irrigation replacement project is secured.

**TREATING THE EVERGREEN PEARS:** The property's 41 evergreen pear trees are infected by a disease called fire blight. There is no cure, but the Association's arborist has recommended an injection treatment to reduce the spread, at a total cost of \$3,800, or \$90 per tree. The Board approved the expenditure.

**INTERIOR & EXTERIOR MODIFICATIONS APPROVED:** Facilities Engineer Linda Pollari sought and received Board approval for interior modifications and rooftop venting designs for Type 1, Type 7, and Type 8 buildings encountering water condensation problems in the original furnace venting. These modifications, which were also approved by LAOHR, are only called for when a unit's furnace needs replacing.

**COMCOM CHANGES:** The Committee welcomed Molly O'Brien as a new member and asked that the Board approve appointing Kelly Wilson Samojlik as webmaster for the VGOA website. CommComm Board Liaison Daniel Milner also requested each committee submit a group picture—even Zoom pictures—for posting on the Village Green website, by April 1. □



### *Call for Candidates for the Village Green Board of Directors*



**The Board needs one more Director to reach nine members.**

- Do You Want to Make a Difference?
- Do You Want to Serve Your Community?
- Do You Have Valuable Skills You Can Contribute?

**If so, Please Consider Throwing Your Hat in the Ring!**

If you are interested in the role, please send a brief letter or email to [info@villagegreenla.net](mailto:info@villagegreenla.net) to declare your intentions, stating why you think you would be a good fit.

**Deadline for entry is Friday, April 12. Candidates will be reviewed and selected at the April 23rd Board Meeting.**

# MANAGEMENT REPORT *Compiled by Sherri Giles; edited by P.J.C.*

**ELECTRICAL UPGRADE PROJECT:** A presentation on the upcoming electrical upgrades in Building 1 (a Type 1) and Building 88 (a Type 8), has been moved to the March 26 Board meeting. Representatives of Triple C, Hariton Engineering, and Architectural Resources Group will attend and present.

**GARAGE RESTORATION & PAINTING:** Courts 3, 7, and 11 are slated for garage restoration, a complex project that requires coordinating the work of multiple vendors, including foundation, concrete and roofing repairs, termite control, and city inspections.

**BUILDING PAINTING & INSULATION:** Work on all 2023 buildings has been completed, including patio gates and the Clubhouse. However, leaks were discovered at the Clubhouse, necessitating some roof repair.

**SERPENTINE WALLS:** Contractor Craig Troxler reported that LA Department of Building and Safety has declined to accept the original plans and is requiring updated calculations from a structural engineer. Troxler will be reaching out to an engineer to discuss the necessary steps and specifications and will procure a proposal. □

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## POLITICAL CANDIDATES CAN NOW CANVASS ON OUR PROPERTY *By Tad Daley, Court 6*

Hello neighbors. In January the Village Green Board, seeking to serve both our own community and the larger civic realm, voted to allow political canvassers to engage with the residents in Village Green on behalf of candidates in upcoming elections.

The California primary is on March 5, 2024, with a ballot that includes the U.S. presidential campaign, a rare open seat for the U.S. Senate, and a hotly-contested City Council race.

Canvass activity is subject to several

conditions. Canvassers must register in our office, and sign a form indicating that they will adhere to VG rules. They may canvass between 9am and sundown, seven days a week. They are required to wear nameplate stickers the office provides them upon registering, so that they are clearly identified. Finally, they are not allowed to ask residents for monetary contributions.

The Board asks that any resident preferring not to engage with solicitors post some kind of a "Do Not Disturb"

sign for their front door. Canvassers will be asked to honor these.

Green Knight Security has been informed of these changes. If you feel that canvassers are engaging in any kind of inappropriate activity, we encourage you to call security.

But we hope you'll welcome these dedicated individuals to our community. Let's hope that the new policy provides an avenue for Village Greeners, present and future, to engage in the civic life of our city, our state, and our nation. □

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## GKS SECURITY REPORT: January 17 to February 20, 2024 *Edited by Patrick Comiskey*

### **CAR ACCIDENT, Obama & Cloverdale, January 17, 8pm.**

Two vehicles collided at the intersection, and one of the vehicles struck a city electrical box at the entrance to the property. Paramedics and LAPD were called and responded.

**VEHICLE BREAK-IN, Ct. 3 Garage Court, January 19, between 12:30 - 6:30 am.** The driver's side window was shattered, and the steering column damaged. Nothing was stolen.

**TRESPASSING, VANDALISM & DRUG USE, Court 17, January 29, 3:23pm.** A resident reported the smell of marijuana inside the Court's laundry room, and damage to a washing machine. The following day officers confronted more than a half-dozen non-resident youths in the same laundry room, escorted them off the property and warned them not to return. Officers noted a faulty window latch which allowed easy access. The latch has been secured.

**VEHICLE BREAK-IN, Court 10 Parking, February 3, 5:48am.** A court 10 resident alerted security that his car had been burglarized, with the driver's front window shattered. A cup for loose change was missing.

**ATTEMPTED BURGLARY, Court 2, February 7, 4:00pm.** A resident reported that his patio gate and back door showed signs of forced entry, though the trespasser did not enter the unit. Security increased patrols along the Coliseum corridor.

### **WELFARE CHECK, Court 7, February 10, 9:35pm.**

An officer on patrol heard yelling in a unit; a woman said she had been trapped inside her bedroom for hours. Maintenance came with a ladder and gained access, applying WD-40 to the bedroom door lock.

**NOISE COMPLAINT, February 13, 4:40pm.** A resident complained of the use of an electric sander by another resident. When confronted, the person using the device was verbally abusive to the officer.

### **BREAKING & ENTERING, Court 7, February 15, 1am.**

A resident stated he'd found his patio lights on; someone had entered his unit through a bathroom window. The window screen was found in the bathtub; nothing was taken.

**DISPUTE BETWEEN NEIGHBORS, East Circle, February 20, 7:10pm.** A resident approached a neighbor and began using profanity and making threatening gestures. Security observed the incident and recommended the parties return their respective units. □

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