

VILLAGE GREEN

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HIGHLIGHTS

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NEWS FROM THE BOARD

Compiled by Patrick Comiskey

The February Board meeting reflected the post-election Board, with new director Reba Glover and new officers: President Gila Brown, Vice President Chris Scornaienchi, Secretary Daniel Millner, and Treasurer Ashley Fondrevay. It was attended by 45 residents, 8 Board members and management staff.



PRIORITIES FOR 2025

The Board discussed priorities for the year. Topping the list: the continued appeal of non-warrantable status for Fannie Mae loans; hiring for the open management, landscaping, and maintenance positions; developing plans and budgets for property-wide electrical and roofing repairs; and onboarding and implementing the uManage software system.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES

To facilitate continuity across rotating positions, Director Haleh Shoa recommended creating dedicated, Village Green-owned email addresses for the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. This was passed unanimously.



ALL THINGS ELECTRICAL

Director Steve Haggerty presented a resolution to proceed with the next three building types in the Electrical Pilot Project. Buildings 14, 16, and 86 have been selected for the work, at an estimated cost of \$476,323, and a resolution to hire a temporary Coordinator for the project at a cost not to exceed \$28,000. Both resolutions were passed 7 to 1.

VILLAGE GREEN HIGHLIGHTS ONLINE

The Communications Committee received a request from a resident, who, citing privacy concerns, asked that two archived issues of *The Village Green Highlights* be removed from the website, which they were. Concerned about resident privacy more broadly, the Committee submitted a discussion resolution to the Board asking it to weigh in on whether Highlights should be removed from the website until it can be password-protected. In a straw poll, a majority of the Directors agreed with this approach. Director Daniel Millner will convey this news to the Committee.

COURT COUNCIL CORNER



by Alicia Thompson, VG Court Council Chair

The Court Council would like to congratulate the recently elected Board of Directors and extend a heartfelt thank you to the outgoing members for their service to the Village Green. We also welcome longtime Court Council Secretary Reba Glover as our new liaison.

THE LAUNDRY ROOM: INFORMATION HUB

There, you'll find a list of your Court Council representatives, Board meeting agendas, event and office closure notifications, instructions for large item disposal, and important security updates. Most importantly, you'll find information about LA City and County agencies that can assist you, including an outreach line for veterans.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE GREEN

ART SHOW VG

Friday, April 4, 6 to 8pm, Clubhouse

Come celebrate the community's artists and connect with their creative work at a Clubhouse show.

Opening reception Friday April 4th 6-8pm.

Exhibit will stay open to visitors **Saturday, April 5th, noon til 6pm.**

VG ANNUAL EGG HUNT and BRUNCH

Saturday, April 5, 10am, Main Green

Hop to it—the hunt's at 10:05 sharp!

Find the eggs, then meet by the coral tree,

For a little BYOB—Brunch, Your Own Bite, maybe?

Bring a dish if you'd like to share,

A springtime feast with neighbors who care!

GAME NIGHT

Friday, March 28, 7pm, Clubhouse

Bring Games, and Snacks!



MANAGEMENT REPORT

compiled by Sherri Giles; edited by P.J.C.



ELECTRICAL UPGRADES, CONT'D

As presented in an earlier resolution, Buildings 14, 16, and 86, representing building types 3, 7, and 5, have been selected for the replacement of electrical wiring in 2025. An informational meeting with residents will be scheduled in the spring, and work will start soon after.



RESIDENTIAL PAINTING/INSULATION

Residential building painting and insulation have been completed for 2024, pending the repair of a roofing issue uncovered during painting prep. Management will determine the next group of buildings for the 2025 paint cycle and present a resolution for this work at the March Board meeting.

Concerns about the painters' work during rain have been addressed. The vendor confirmed it does not paint on rainy days but can and does perform non-painting tasks in wet weather. All painting occurs at least three dry days after rain. The vendor provides a three-year warranty on work and materials.

GARAGE WORK, CONT'D



The work on garages in Courts 3, 7, and 11 is nearly complete. Management will begin evaluating garage courts to identify the next structures for the 2025 paint cycle and will present a resolution for this work at the March Board meeting.

GARAGE STRUCTURES TREE DAMAGE

Repairs on garages damaged by trees will begin in March.

TRESTON SECURITY REPORT

January 23 to February 18, 2025; compiled & edited by P.J.C.

Total Patrols: 2,622 | Total Calls: 223

Escorts: 43 | Suspicious persons: 8 | Suspicious activity: 3 |

Theft/Break-in: 4 | Disturbance: 21 | Auto: 3 | Maintenance: 14 |

Medical/Welfare check: 2 | Property damage: 2 | Pet violation: 4



PROPERTY DAMAGE, Court 1, January 23, 8:08am

A resident reported that a black metal pipe was thrown into the rear window of his car.

HARASSMENT, Court 5, January 24 and January 31

A resident reported harassing behavior from a neighbor and the neighbor's dog. Security could not verify the incident and advised the resident to send recorded evidence to Security's email.

THEFT, GOLF CART, Main Office, January 24, 6:56pm

Between 6:45 and 6:55 p.m., one of Security's golf carts was missing from where it had been parked. After a property-wide search, it was deemed stolen. A report was filed with LAPD.

SERPENTINE WALLS:

Craig Troxler has submitted a revised proposal for serpentine wall repair, reflecting cost increases since the original 2021 estimate. This will be presented for Board review next month.

SB326 BALCONY REPAIRS

Management received estimates from two vendors for carpentry repairs of Level 4 damage in 11 balconies, which provided an average cost of \$800 per balcony, with additional costs for painting. California Balcony Inspections graded 100 balconies at Level 4 due to wood rot and other needed repairs. Four balconies were addressed in 2024; 96 remain and must be repaired before the next SB326 inspection in 2033. A schedule to complete the repairs by then will be presented to the Board for approval.

COURT LIGHTING

Adjustable driveway light fixtures in Courts 1, 2, and 7 are on order.

ROOF INSPECTIONS

Lane Consulting Services began inspecting residential and garage roofs in late February and will make their way around the property over the next five to six weeks. Their assessment will provide a comprehensive evaluation of roof conditions throughout the community and is crucial in planning and budgeting for future repairs.



UNSECURED GARAGE, Court 13, January 24, 8:11pm

A garage was left open with a vehicle inside.

UNSECURED GARAGE, Court 5, January 24, 7:56pm

A garage was left open with a vehicle and belongings inside.

HOME ALARM TRIGGERED, West Circle, January 25, 7:08am

Officers found no unlocked doors, all windows secured. A visual inspection of the patio revealed no suspicious activity.

TRESPASSER, Court 9, January 25, 5:45pm

A non-resident was found sleeping on a doorstep. He appeared inebriated and was escorted off the property.

UNATTENDED PROPERTY, Court 10, January 25, 7:35pm

Unattended go-carts were found outside a resident's unit.

TRESTON SECURITY REPORT CONTINUED

VEHICLE BREAK-IN, Court 12, January 26, 5:09am

A vehicle was broken into, with some of its contents strewn on the pavement. LAPD was called and asked Security to collect the items and leave a note on the vehicle's windshield.

VEHICLE BREAK-IN, Court 14, January 26, 12:33pm

A resident's vehicle was broken into, and prescription sunglasses were stolen.

LOITERING, Court 1, January 29, 3:02pm

Two individuals found drinking and smoking on a neighbor's front lawn were asked to leave.

PARKING COMPLAINT, January 30, 12:19pm

A resident expressed distress over a parking ticket received earlier in the month. The resident was advised to resolve this with the VG office.

ONGOING VIOLATIONS, Court 7, January 30 - February 14

Several alleged incidents this month—including possible drug use, drug trafficking, disruptive visitors, excessive noise, unsafe conditions in outdoor areas, public inebriation, and medical emergencies—occurred in a single unit, affecting adjacent neighbors and court residents. All incidents were recorded and documented for future action.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON, Court 17, January 31, 8:25am

A non-resident was observed snooping. He pretended to be on the phone when Security approached, then left the property.

UNSAFE CONDITIONS, Court 18, January 31, 4:09pm

A large, hazardous metal pole was discovered near the Sycamore perimeter fence.

ANIMAL RESCUE, Court 4, January 31, 8:24pm

A cat was reported stuck in a tree. Security was able to lure the cat down with food.

GARAGE DOOR ISSUES, Court 1, February 1, 12:28pm

A resident was experiencing difficulty accessing their garage. Maintenance was summoned.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, Court 13, February 1, 1:25pm

A resident experiencing chest pain called paramedics. Vitals were stable when EMTs arrived. On a follow-up visit by Security, the resident reported feeling better.

VEHICLE BREAK-IN, Court 15, February 2, 1:33pm

A resident's vehicle was broken into, and papers in the glove box had been removed. No visible damage to the vehicle was noted at the time.

FENDER BENDER, Court 6, February 3, 6:24pm

While on patrol, an officer witnessed a resident's car strike a parked vehicle. The resident was unharmed.

SUSPECTED THEFT, Court 7, February 4, 12:55pm

A resident suspected package theft from her patio and contacted Security and LAPD. LAPD officers recovered the missing package.

AUTO BREAK-IN, Court 3, February 6, 6:00am

A resident's car was vandalized; Security noted a broken window and a ransacked glove box.

CIGARETTE SMOKE, Court 9, February 8, 10:48am

A resident complained of cigarette smoke. No smoke was detected; however, Security noted the scent of incense or cologne.

SUSPICIOUS ODOR, Court 9, February 8, 11:50am

Cigarette smoke and possibly incense were detected in the court; the source could not be determined.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY, Court 9, February 8, 3:39pm

A resident called with a medical emergency. Security called 911, who responded immediately.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON, Court 15, February 11, 3:42pm

A resident reported a suspicious person. Security found a non-resident hiding inside an SUV. When asked for proof of ownership and ID, she had none and left the area.

UNLOCKED GARAGES, Court 1, February 15, 8:12am

Several electric garage doors were reported as non-functioning. The circuit breaker for the garages had been tripped, potentially due to an electric car being charged in a garage.

GARAGE POWER OUT, Court 2, February 15, 11:12am

A resident reported that all exterior garage and floodlights were out. The issue was conveyed to Maintenance for immediate attention.

SMOKE, Court 6, February 15, 1:30pm

A resident twice detected the smell of cigarette smoke from an upstairs unit. A new resident was found smoking and was informed of VG's no-smoking policy.

GARAGE BREAK-IN, Maintenance Office, February 17, 10:26am

Security received a call about a break-in at the Maintenance yard. In one of the garages, Maintenance discovered and documented items possibly belonging to the suspect. Security increased patrols in the area overnight.

LOOSE DOG, Main Green, February 18, 1:27pm

A resident reported non-residents with a dog on the Main Green. The individuals were informed of the no-pet policy and left the area without issue.

GRAFFITI, Court 5, February 18, 6:02pm

The clothes drying area in Garage Court 5 was tagged. The incident was documented for Maintenance.

POWER OUTAGE, Court 2, February 18, 8:20pm

A resident reported lights out in Court 2. Maintenance was informed.



DRUMS FOR PEACE RUMBLE AT THE GREEN



By Molly O'Brien, Court 14

The Peace Players, a West African student drum ensemble under the direction of Gerald C. Rivers, made some noise on the clubhouse patio on the last Sunday in February. Sponsored by the Cultural Affairs Committee, this was the main event for the Green's Black History Month celebrations.



The Peace Players represent "Peace, Love, and Positivity" through music and promote the idea of working together and having fun while doing it. A master West African drummer and teacher, Rivers is also a classically trained Shakespearean actor, voiceover artist, and inspirational speaker. He's best known for his renditions of the speeches of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

After the group performed several drumming selections, Rivers recited one of King's speeches. He encouraged the audience to practice acts of kindness and service. In closing, several audience members joined the drum circle. Fun was had by all.

This event was coordinated by Avelene Schodorf, whose daughter, Isla, is a member of the Peace Players. Other members of the CAC who made this event possible include Allison Grover, Susan Di Giulio, Fruity Middleton, and Jenni Sherwood.

Our next scheduled event is a Village Green Art Show on April 4-5. We hope to see you there!



VILLAGE GREEN BULLETIN BOARD HITS FRIEZE

Imagine you're at an art show, *Frieze*, the L.A. art show for the latest, most contemporary art in the city, even the country. And there on the wall, in the corner of the gallery, is a Village Green Laundry Bulletin Board...as an art piece. That's what happened to Ted Robbins (Court 1) last weekend at Frieze. "I wasn't sure if [the artist] was paying homage or making fun. Maybe both." For the full story, visit our website article archive, <https://www.villagegreenla.net/news-and-articles> — P.J.C.



VILLAGE GREEN PITCHES IN TO AID LA FIRE VICTIMS



—by Director Ashley Fondrevay, Court 14

I know that all of us at the Village Green have felt the trauma of the wildfire disaster here in Los Angeles. This was not the way any of us would have thought 2025 was going to start!! But I wanted to highlight the love that many have shown towards our fellow Angelenos during this difficult time. In conversations with neighbors, I have learned of many selfless acts — from opening up their homes to displaced people, families and animals, to volunteering at pop up clothing and food drives, to donations of money and support, or just acknowledging the trauma of those experiencing the loss of everything with a kind word or a hug. In this time of need many of you have shown up in myriad ways and I just wanted to give a shout out to all of those who are helping out during a very challenging time. All gestures, both large and small, matter. I am humbled by how much our community cares, as I have directly experienced. So, to all Village Greeners, stay strong and keep up the amazing work!



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