

VILLAGE GREEN

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HIGHLIGHTS

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NEWS FROM VG's BOARD & MANAGEMENT

— Compiled by Lucy Fried and Patrick Comiskey

The April Board of Directors meeting had a slim agenda with only three resolutions to consider, and they passed all three. First was a lien. Next was a proposal to spend up to \$2,000 for supplies to protect and store hundreds of blueprints and other documents related to Village Green's construction and history.

Then, the Board accepted the 2022 VG Audit conducted by Creighton Tevlin, C.P.A. (Each year, the Village Green's Owner Association is obliged to execute an audit of its financial reports from the previous year and convey the results to homeowners.) He reported that, "... the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects," i.e., the reporting is accurate and sound.

Ensuring FDIC Protections on Operating Funds During the financial reporting, it was noted that at certain times, it is difficult to keep operating cash below the federal government's \$250,000 insured threshold. Board treasurer Claire Knowlton proposed a solution using Sweep accounts – FDIC insured, high-earning reserves accounts linked to checking accounts. Funds automatically transfer into Sweep as needed, while maintaining high interest earning rates.

Letters The Board received seven letters, including several about fee waivers for Clubhouse usage. The directors did not find agreement on that subject and tabled it...

Another letter expressed concern about this year's tree trimming during bird-nesting season. Because of the large number of trees marked as high priority by the arborist, Operations Manager Sherri Giles said it was necessary this year but did not expect it to happen again next year.

MANAGEMENT NEWS

Electrical Upgrade Project Village Green and our contractor, Triple C, have confirmed that the electrical panels in four of Building 92's eight units are in non-code-compliant locations. Meanwhile, Architectural Resources Group (ARG) has drafted an initial solution for modernizing essential electrical infrastructure for various building types.

MORE MANAGEMENT NEWS

Residential Building Painting, Insulation, and Carpentry This project is tentatively scheduled to start in June for buildings 2, 17, 21, 23, 51, 53, 55, 65, 92, and 96. Residents of these buildings will receive a detailed schedule.

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BABY OWL "The crows alerted me that this taloned fluff was in a small tree just outside our door."
Karen Bragg, 4/21/23, Court 14

ABOUT HIGHLIGHTS

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Garage Inspections Residents who did not allow inspections or did not correct violations by April 21st will receive Notices of Hearing.

Laundry Machine Maintenance WASH arrived a day earlier than scheduled to perform deep cleaning and installation of machines and finished a day later than planned. Coordination of both projects required intensive effort from VG Management to ensure residents had minimal inconvenience and that the machines were fully functional. Ms. Giles said Management will continue monitoring the machines' performance and the company's service responses.

Greencrew With the rains over and the earth no longer saturated, the company returned to its mowing schedule and attempts to remove the weeds from beds, sidewalks, and service roads. Three irrigation mainlines had been broken, two due to tree removals.

Trees Carlberg Associates' inspections of trees in courts 7, 8, and 9 and rapid visual assessment walk-through of the property did not disclose any trees needing immediate action. They recommended two trees for removal and replacement – a declining Brazilian pepper and a young black locust that has succumbed to a beetle infestation.

Wynstan Security Screen Door Price Increase: The company informed Management that it has raised its price for the pre-approved screen door from \$1,375 to \$1,607, including taxes and installation.

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Luther Stowe in 2014, Photo by Sherri Giles

In Memory of Luther Stowe

By Village Green Manager Sherri Giles

It is with a heavy heart that I write to inform you that Luther Stowe has passed away.

Luther spent 24 years working at Village Green, and he will be missed dearly by his VG family. He was at times stubborn and cantankerous, but those of you who knew him know that was his well-practiced exterior and that underneath there was a very sweet, funny, thoughtful, and caring person.

He will be remembered at a tree-planting dedication ceremony later this year. □



PUBLIC SECURITY REPORT March 21, 2023 - April 21, 2023

Edited by Jordan Deglise Moore

RESIDENT COMPLAINT March 22, near Court 8 laundry room, 6:43 pm. A resident who had received a parking ticket for parking in a red "no parking" zone called Security, demanding an apology and insisting the officer was culturally insensitive.

TRESPASSING/LOITERING March 27, Sycamore Ave. outside the fence, 12:45 am. Security ordered a man drinking alcohol to leave the property, which he did.

TRESPASSING/DISTURBANCE March 29, Court 1 driveway, 12:22 pm. Responding to a resident's report of a group of

teens fighting, Security escorted them out and continued surveilling them until they crossed Obama Blvd.

POSSIBLE FRAUD April 17, Court 4 driveway, 6:58 pm. Security provided extra patrols for the next few days after a resident said she had given her address to someone who told her she had won a free car in a contest.

TRESPASSING/LOITERING April 20, Court 1 garages, 8:34 am. A resident reported a man charging his phone at a VG outlet and Security escorted him from the property. □

🍀 March and April showers bring flowers! 🍀



photo by Bobby Dupre



Society Garlic



California Poppy



Artichoke with Daisies



Spider Wort



Redvein Flowering Maple



Letters



... To the Editor ...

April 9, 2023

Dear Village Green Highlights Peeps,

I just want all of you to know how much I LOVE reading each and every issue. The importance of this "town crier" rag cannot be underestimated. Your love and care for our community comes through loud and clear. Please keep going!!

Thank you!!

Kay Kollar, Court 7

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!



... From the Editor ...

Thank you for your kind letter, Kay. We appreciate it beyond words.

For years, our three volunteer designers have given their time and talent month after month. Kelly Samojlik works and has been designing HIGHLIGHTS since 2016! Sophia Beauvy, who designed pages 1 and 2, is a full-time high school teacher. Terry also works full time. However, the lives of these three dedicated neighbors are changing, and reinforcements are urgently needed.

We want to continue bringing our community's news and pictures to our mailboxes every month, but there is a real possibility we will not be able to offer a professionally designed paper version unless some alternate designers step forward.

Anyone interested in helping, please contact us at villagegreenhighlights@gmail.com or vgcomcom@villagegreenla.net.

Sincerely,
Lucy Fried



Resident Appointed to Mayor's Task Force

VG's Safety Committee reported that longtime Court Council chair Nat Hutton has been appointed to Mayor Bass' Homeless Task Force. Years ago, Nat operated L.A. Family Housing, the largest homeless shelter in the San Fernando Valley. Here at the Green, he informally monitors the homeless situation on our perimeters and stays in touch with LAPD officers. □



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Metal Window frame Repair/Replacement

A contractor inspected the windows in one unit and informed Management that they do not meet Title 24 energy requirements because of their metal frames, which allow too much energy transfer. Double-glazing may help in meeting a portion of the requirements. The Office will meet with the LA Office of Historic Resources to determine whether, as an historic property, Village Green is subject to Title 24.



LADWP's Commercial Direct Install Program

Management is considering an itemized proposal from the DWP to replace lamps which could result in substantial energy savings of up to 65% for some structures, including maintenance buildings, the Clubhouse, and inside and outside the laundry rooms. Warranty expiration and replacement of the lamps must be clarified. □



VILLAGE GREEN YARD SALE

Saturday, June 17
8am - 3pm

Little Obama, Hauser,
and Coliseum

Commence Spring
Cleaning! 😊 😊