

Monthly Newsletter – April 2006  
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Notes from the Board

*Approved Board Meeting Minutes are posted on the board by the Clubhouse door.*

*Board Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM in the Clubhouse.*

The Board of Directors is really excited to announce that Robert Bonfiglio joined Village Green as Property Manager effective April 24, 2006. Robert has extensive Facilities Management experience which includes creating and overseeing preventive maintenance programs, building overhead budgets, recycling programs, construction projects and the management of a Class A hi-rise office building. His knowledge and expertise will be a tremendous asset to the Village Green. The Board of Directors would also like to acknowledge the commitment and dedication demonstrated by our Village Green Staff during the past 3 months. Thank you all for a job well done.

Notes from the Manager

As reported by Sherri Giles, Assistant Manager - All work connected with Re-piping of Ct. 3 has been completed as of 4/24. Cal-Coast is scheduled to begin the re-pipe project in Ct. 9. Homeowner informational meetings are scheduled on 5/4 & 5/6. The exterior building painting project is continuing on schedule. Removal of dead and hazardous trees by Bennett Landscape previously approved by the Board and documented by the Tree Committee will begin on 04/26. Garages in Courts 2, 3, & 15 are scheduled for fumigation and termite at treatment beginning this week. Revised bids for wood repair and painting for these courts will be submitted to the Board for approval. The Serpentine wall repairs previously approved by the Board are continuing.

Allied-Barton Security Services Incident Reports

Reports included: On 3/8 Security in Ct. 2 reported a tree branch fall on hood of vehicle. On 3/13 resident reported suspicious car parked in driveway leading to Ct. 9. On 3/15 resident reported individual knocking at door and refusing to leave. On 3/16 report from homeowner in Ct. 4 that vehicle was taking up two parking spaces and car owner was not a resident. The visitor immediately moved the car. On 3/27 Maintenance Supv. HG requested Security call Sherri Giles about emergency water leak in upper unit and leaking into lower unit. On 3/29 VG office reported a resident called to complain about loud hammering in Ct. 6 which was determined to be patio remodeling work being done. On 4/5 resident reported man sleeping in his car on the Hauser perimeter of the street, city property. Security approached the car and spoke with driver and the car was moved. On 4/12 resident noticed neighbor's front door was wide open. Allied/Barton investigated and found burglars had entered through bathroom window, burglarized the unit and exited the front door. On 4/18 LAPD notified Security that they had performed a welfare check at unit where an alarm had been activated. The resident was not at home and LAPD used a lock company to enter. No evidence of a burglary found.

Committee News and Reports

**Budget and Finance Committee** (Chair: Alice Haggerty, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 6:30 p.m.) – The Committee continues to discuss its role and responsibilities. A unanimous Motion is being sent to BOD requesting responses to questions prior to next meeting.

**Communications Committee** (Chair: Susan Edwards, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.) – Committee launched a newly designed VG Web site in March. Updating information will be much easier. In the coming months the CC&Rs, Bylaws and Monthly Board Minutes will be added. Website: [www.villagegreenla.net](http://www.villagegreenla.net)

**Court Council** (Chair: Kathryn Carr, 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 7:00 p.m.) – At the March meeting Lorraine Secor, Chair of the Landscape Committee, gave a briefing on Bennett, soil, plants and mulch. At the April meeting, committee received feedback about the success of the Know Your Neighbor pot luck held by Crt

8. Thanks to the diligent efforts of Kathryn Carr, Nat Hutton and assistance of Steven Keylon, the draft revision of the VG Handbook will be presented to the Board at the April meeting. This was a mammoth undertaking which took hours of research and editing.

**Cultural Affairs** (Chair: Molly O'Brien, 1st Wednesday 5:30 p.m.) – Both the Motown Christmas holiday dance and the Black History Month Celebration were well attended. The annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, 4/15. Our first summer concert is planned for Sunday, 6/25, 3:00pm to 6:00pm with the Billy Mitchell Band. Our second VG Resident Art Show is planned for 5/21 at the Clubhouse.

**Cultural Landscape Report Committee** (Chair: Ted Lumpkin, 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 7:00 p.m.) – Inventory data collection is proceeding well, thanks to the efforts of willing volunteers. It is recommended that when courts are being inventoried, flyers be put in the laundry rooms and Court Council notified.

**Design Review** (Co-Chairs Kathleen Louw, Francie Moore, 1st Monday 7:30 p.m.) – The Committee continues to process requests for approval for modifications within individual units. Also, DRC continues to advise BOD on painting, architectural guidelines, painting warranties, tile, awning, security door violations, benches.

**Grant Ad Hoc Committee** (Chair: Susan Edwards, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 8:00 p.m.) - **The** application to the Cultural Landscape Foundation for the Landslide issue of *Garden Design* magazine was accepted. Committee members have been working to provide images and edit and fact check of the article about VG that will appear in the June issue of *Garden Design*, a landscape magazine.

**Landscape Committee** (Chair: Lorraine Secor, 2nd Monday 7:30 p.m.) – The BOD approved both Committee resolutions regarding ending the Bennett contract and hiring TrueGreen Landscape effective May 1<sup>st</sup>. The Committee has decided that plant replacement in front of the clubhouse will be Begonia Richmondensis and Lamium and will ask the new vendor for recommendations for the area in front of the office. Discussion continued on urging residents to upgrade and enhance their patios to help increase real estate values and improve the overall look of VG.

**National Historic Landmark** (Chair: Robert Nicolais, 2nd Tuesday 7:30 p.m.) – The Committee discussed the specific roles played by the Committee and the question of a new Chair. There are concerns that the Committee is not working well, but no resolutions were made. The Committee is submitting a recommendation to the BOD that Robert Nicolas continue as Chair because of the invaluable leadership and knowledge he brings to this Committee.

**Safety Committee** (Chair: Drew Furedi, 3rd Monday 7:00 p.m.) – In March a special meeting was held to plan for the Neighborhood Watch project, the objective being to recruit a resident from each court to act as liaison for Neighborhood Watch. NW kick-off meeting was held 3/11 and was a resounding success, with 25 people attending. At April meeting the issue of second floor burglaries was discussed and more information on the subject will be forthcoming. It was agreed that burglar alarms are probably the most effective deterrent to burglars.

**Social Recreation** (Chair: Priscilla Browner, Thursdays) - Three 6-foot folding tables and three folding card tables have been ordered to replace and/or add to existing folding tables at the clubhouse. These new tables will not be available for public use and will be locked in the committee room.

**Tree Committee** (Chair: Gordon Brooks, 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 7:30 p.m.) – Both memorial trees that were planted in November have been staked properly by Bennett. The Committee continues to review and make recommendation on tree removals and is drafting a dead and dangerous tree removal policy.