

# VILLAGE GREEN

NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

## Monthly Update

### Board Highlights

*by Board Secretary Lucy Fried*

At its meeting on March 25, the Board of Directors:

- Approved a new tree care schedule specifying that tree pruning and tree removal will not be done during the prime spring nesting months of April, May, and June. Emergency situations and light trimming are exempted.
- Reviewed a recent energy audit showing that water, sewer, and gas rates have been rising, and price hikes are expected to continue.
- Agreed to invite our 10th District Councilman Herb Wesson's deputy, Kimani Black, to speak briefly at the April Board meeting.
- Appointed three directors to present a proposed eleven-year reserves budget. This special working Board meeting, to be held on Tuesday, April 8 at 7 p.m., is open to the membership.



### Manager's Report

*March update from General Manager Peter Fay*

♦ **Maintenance:** Roof cleaning of all roofs is to begin April 7; schedules will be out when received from the contractor. Painting is planned for Buildings 33, 8, and 14, and all the Court 13 garages; dates are pending the contractor's schedule. The annual phased tree trimming and removal was completed February 28.

♦ **Washers and Dryers:** A reminder that the washers and dryers in the laundry rooms are the property of Wash Multifamily Services (formally WEB). If you discover a problem with any of the machines, please report it by calling (800) 342-5932. If you have lost money in a machine, they will replace it.

♦ **No Smoking:** A reminder that smoking of tobacco products, or any other substance, is prohibited in all common areas, including exclusive use common areas (i.e., patios, balconies, porches and garages). Every agreement for the purchase and sale of a unit and every lease or other rental agreement for the occupancy of a unit that is entered into or renewed after March 1, 2013, must quote this information verbatim in bold print. (See The Village Green Handbook, Article 14, Section 14.7.) If you smoke inside your unit, please be mindful of your neighbor's right not to be affected by your second-hand smoke.

♦ **Insurance:** The Association's insurance provides protection for the common areas of the VGOA. It does not cover you if elements of another unit, such as a broken hot water heater, fire, etc., cause damage or injury. You are also responsible if elements of your unit cause injury or damage to others or common areas.

## Checklist for New Owners

Court Council encourages new owners – and all owners and renters – to use these guidelines to enhance your experience at our condominium community.

- Register at the office.
- Read *The Village Green Handbook*, available at the office and online at [www.villagegreenla.net](http://www.villagegreenla.net).
- Meet your Court Council representative.
- Consider volunteering to enhance the quality of life at Village Green. See committees list and meeting times on page 4 and at [www.villagegreenla.net](http://www.villagegreenla.net).
- Before modifying your unit, consult first with management.
- For safety and security: turn on front and back porch lights after dark; immediately report anything suspicious to Village Green security at 800-986-3868; report crimes to LAPD; call 911 in emergencies; supervise children at all times, especially in the common areas.

Visit [www.villagegreenla.net](http://www.villagegreenla.net) for periodic updates and news.

## Safety Committee Tip

### Be on lookout for suspicious man in laundry rooms

In January, a resident observed a man in the Court 15 laundry room at 5:30a.m. going through women's clothing. His description matches one last summer of a man lurking early morning in the Court 2 laundry room: over 6 feet tall, in his thirties or forties, African-American, and wearing a grey hooded sweatshirt. If you think you see this man in a laundry room, please note his description and call Platt right away at 800-986-3868. Laundry room thefts of women's underwear have occurred intermittently at the Green for several years, and this man may be responsible.

## Platt Security Report

**February 20 – March 16**

*Edited by Jeanne Gaignard*

- ♦Feb. 20 SUSPICIOUS INDIVIDUALS. Court 12. 8:57 p.m. A resident reported two people parked in front of her unit smoking marijuana. The responding Platt officer confirmed the report and cautioned the individuals, who then left the property.
- ♦Feb. 23 NOISE COMPLAINT. Court 8. 8:57 p.m. A resident reported a heated argument between two neighbors centering on loud footsteps in the upstairs unit. The argument persisted for a time after the intervention of the Platt officer.
- ♦Feb. 24 PHYSICALLY INTIMIDATING CONFRONTATION. Court 8. 7:30 p.m. A resident reported that she was physically hemmed in by a male of about twenty to thirty years of age as she was looking for an item in her car. He said something about a phone. She managed to extricate herself and screamed for help from her neighbors.
- ♦Feb. 28 FALLEN SHRUB IN DRIVEWAY. Court 15. 5:50 a.m. A Platt officer observed and reported a large shrub in the driveway.
- ♦March 5 MISSING RESIDENT. Court 9. 11:00 a.m. A Platt officer assisted LAPD in locating the unit of a resident who reported his teenage son missing since the night before.
- ♦March 5 FALLEN TREE BRANCH. Court 15. 9:30 a.m. A construction worker reported a fallen tree branch on a roof.

## INTERVIEW

### New Court Council Chair Jordan Moore and Vice Chair Teresa Markowitz discuss Council agenda

*At February's Court Council meeting, Jordan Moore was elected chair and Teresa Markowitz vice chair. Former Chair Nat Hutton will continue as Court 11 Representative.*

*Update: Congratulations, Jordan. Why did you agree to take on the job of Court Council Chair?*

*Jordan:* After Nat stepped down, no one else came forward. There was a need, so I had to fill it. It's the same reason I offered to take minutes last year.... Frankly, I hope it will not become too time-consuming, since I work full time and have a young daughter. But I'm hoping that when Rosalie (age 8) gets older and becomes more independent, I'll have more time to give to the Green.

*Update: Why did you accept the nomination for vice chair, Teresa?*

*Teresa:* The recent election for Board directors showed me that people care about what happens here. It energized me and motivated me to want to do more.

*Update: What is Court Council, and what does it do?*

*Jordan:* Court Council is a group of volunteers who live here in our 18 courts and try to represent the concerns of their neighbors in those courts. Each court has a representative and an alternate. They provide an extra pair of eyes to bring attention to landscape and infrastructure conditions, safety issues, laundry room problems, etc.



Court Council leaders Jordan Moore and Teresa Markowitz. Photo by Gregory Gilmer.

The Council is a conduit for information from and to the Board. At each monthly meeting, the reps receive their bundle of *Updates* and other materials to distribute to their court neighbors. Sometimes the Council also produces flyers to remind residents of important rules such as pet policies and bicycle safety regulations.

*Update: What are your goals for Court Council this year?*

*Jordan:* At minimum, we hope to maintain the Court Council in at least as good a condition as Nat Hutton left it. We hope to be fully represented and are currently looking for reps and alternates for Courts 3, 10, and 14.

*Teresa:* We also want to promote court get-togethers. These events encourage awareness and positive interaction among neighbors and improve morale and safety.

*Court Council meets at 7:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. Owners and residents are welcome to attend. Contact Jordan at [jordan@laemmle.com](mailto:jordan@laemmle.com).*



## Village Green Committee Meeting Schedule

- **Budget and Finance Committee:**  
Second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.  
Nat Hutton, Chair; Cynthia Singleton, Board Liaison.
- **Communications Committee:**  
Currently on hiatus. Lucy Fried, Liaison.
- **Court Council:**  
First Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.  
Jordan Moore, Chair, Teresa Markowitz, Vice Chair; Cynthia Singleton, Liaison.
- **Cultural Affairs Committee:**  
Fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.  
Allison Grover-Khoury, Chair; Jerri Allyn, Liaison.
- **Design Review Committee:**  
First Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.  
Wendell Conn, Acting Chair; Malcolm Carson, Liaison.
- **Landscape Committee:**  
Second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.  
Wendell Conn and Matt Redman, Acting Co-chairs, Lucy Fried, Liaison.
- **Safety Committee:**  
Fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.  
Penny Bannerman, Acting Chair; Ethan Markowitz, Liaison
- **Tree Committee:**  
Third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.  
Jeffrey Mintz, Chair, Tamorah Thomas, Co-chair; Steve Haggerty, Liaison.

Committees meet at the Clubhouse. Meetings are open to all residents and owners.



SPRING IS IN THE AIR: Enni Harlan, 7, flies a rainbow kite with her father, Brian Harlan (not pictured), in mid-March. Photo by Joseph Taylor. To see *Update* issues in color, visit [www.villagegreenla.net](http://www.villagegreenla.net).

### *Back by Popular Demand*

### Movies on the Green!

Hold these tentative dates: **May 24, July 12, August 23**  
Films are shown outdoors on Saturdays, and start after sunset.  
Watch for flyers with movie titles and details.

### Annual Yard Sale

Hold the date: **Saturday, June 21**



Greenies Claudia Bestor and Dagmar Buck joined 4,000 Californians at a Sacramento rally in March calling on Governor Brown to ban fracking in the state.