

VILLAGE GREEN

NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

Monthly Highlights

Board Highlights

by Board Secretary Lucy Fried

At its meeting on Nov. 18, the Board of Directors:

- ♦ Approved a 2015 operating budget of just over \$3.5 million. No changes in dues or other assessments were made.
- ♦ Restored a 20-year practice and approved a Landscape Committee proposal to allocate \$1,200 in 2015 for a horticulturist to advise the Board and committee on conditions and health of planted areas and turf and maintenance practices.
- ♦ Noted Buildings 8 and 14 landscaping proposals on view in office through Dec. 18; comments welcome.
- ♦ Noted the calendar for the 2015 election and advised owners to check their mailboxes for the Annual Policy Statement and Budget Report and important election information.

Trees, Glorious Trees

"By Dec. 31, the Village Green will be home to 33 new trees! Species will include coast live oaks, evergreen pears, Brazilian peppers, Brisbane box and dawn redwoods!" - *Tamora Thomas, Tree Committee*



Summer sun and shadows at Village Green.
Photo by Gregory Gilmer.



Standing tall in spring. *Photo by Patrice Fisher.*

Platt Security Report

Oct. 20 - Nov. 10

Edited by Jeanne Gaignard

- ✦ Oct. 23 SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY. Court 4, 4:35 p.m. A resident reported seeing an individual attempting to enter some units. The responding Platt officer was unable to find the subject, following a sweep of the area.
- ✦ Oct. 29 SUSPICIOUS PERSONS. Court 4, 9:50 p.m. A resident informed Platt Security that she overheard two males planning a break-in in Court 15. No evidence of a break-in was found after a thorough check of the area.
- ✦ Oct. 31 TRESPASSERS. Outside VG Office, 1:00 a.m. A Platt officer and his manager observed a male and female transient on the property. The pair was spotted again after being asked to leave the property. They were advised that LAPD would be called if they returned again.
- ✦ Nov. 1 FALLEN TREE BRANCH. Court 16, 4:22 p.m. A Platt officer observed a cordoned off area around a large fallen tree branch after a rainstorm.
- ✦ Nov. 1 BREAK-IN. Court 3, 11:30 a.m. A Platt officer investigated a report of a possible break-in of a unit and found its kitchen window had been forced open. The burglars ransacked the unit and took several items of value, including car keys. LAPD was called.
- ✦ Nov. 4 BURGLARY. Court 4, 9:10 p.m. A Platt officer responded to a neighbor's report of break-in. The resident reported being awakened by loud noises and the theft of several items of value including car keys and a bank book. No evidence of forced entry was found. LAPD was called.
- ✦ Nov. 4 TRESPASSER. Court 2, Trash Area, 2:10 p.m. A Platt officer saw a male trespasser in the trash area and escorted him from the property.
- ✦ Nov. 6 INCREASED PATROLS BY LAPD. LAPD advised Platt Security that as a result of the recent rash of break-ins at Village Green, police will increase patrols within the property.
- ✦ Nov. 7 GRAFFITI. Court 10, 9:45 p.m. A neighbor reported graffiti on his neighbor's gate with the words "Village Gang."



"Woman in a Tree"
watches Court 7.

Photo by Patrice Fisher.

"With the spate of recent burglaries, criminals have gained access through kitchen windows. Please lock your kitchen windows and consider buying a home alarm."

- Safety Committee

Transitions and Reflections



The Village Green is a constant in our lives, a refuge of beauty and comfort and memories, here for all us through all our sorrows and joys, past and present.

Magic Moments: “Lindsey (left), wrapped in white, walked sycamore allée from our rental in Court 6 to a crowd of loved ones beneath the ash on the West Green. On our third anniversary: news of our first home. A few months after move-in: pregnant with our first kids. Twins. The Village Green is the centerpiece of every one of our dreams come true. There is real magic here.” - *Matt Barr*

All Smiles: Lindsey and Matt Barr of Court 3, above, holding their newborn twin girls Hero (with Lindsey) and Max (with Matt).



In Memoriam: Village Green sadly notes the passing of owner and longtime Court 2 representative Marjorie Ellis, who died last January at age 98. “Marjorie was wonderful,” said former Court Council Chair Nat Hutton. “She was a very devoted rep, loving and kind and responsive to her court neighbors.” Friends remember how she loved to walk the Green, especially out on the grass, plastic bag in hand for trash.



Over the Years: Longtime Village Green volunteer Marcia (Marcy) Thelemaque, above, plants a tree with the help of Village Green landscape workers in 2000 in honor of her first son and grandson, “both gone too soon,” she says. She bought her condo here in 1984 and began walking one morning, an activity she continues to this day. “Neighbors pass by always with a ‘good morning,’ a ‘hi,’ or a warm smile,” she says. “As long as I’m fortunate enough to continue living here, I know I will never have a case of the blues for very long.”



Fourth of July morning, in Court 13. *Photo by Bridget Ritter.*

Manager's Report

November report from

General Manager Peter Fay

- ♦ **Staff welcome:** Management welcomes our new facilities coordinator, Steven Parker, who is ably rounding out the office staff while he continues to learn the position.
- ♦ **Maintenance:** All sewer replacements, patio repairs and roof work are on schedule for the year. Major sewer backups have occurred in Courts 4 and 5, and management is monitoring the situation.
- ♦ **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). If you do smoke, please be mindful of your neighbors' rights not to be affected by your second-hand smoke.

Events Calendar

Annual Holiday Dance Party

Saturday, Dec. 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse
Open to residents of all ages.

Annual Family Cookie Decorating Party

Sunday, Dec. 14 at 3:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse

Board of Directors Meeting

Due to the holidays, the December Board meeting will be on Tues., Dec. 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Election Info and Dates

- ♦ Nominations for Board director are due by Dec. 15, and candidate statements must be in by Dec. 31 to be included in the ballot package.
- ♦ "Meet the Candidates" forums will be Tues., Jan. 20, 6:30 p.m. and Sat., Jan. 24, 10:00 a.m.
- ♦ The Annual Meeting will be Feb. 7 at 10:00 a.m.



Flame Tree, West Green. *Photo by Patrice Fisher.*

Happy Holidays!

- *Your Ad Hoc Communications Group*

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