

# VILLAGE GREEN

NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

## Monthly Highlights

### News from the Board of Directors November 17 Meeting

*Claire Joyce, Board Secretary*

#### Operations Manager

Board president Jerri Allyn announced that Ms. Sherri Giles has accepted a position as operations manager. (See president's message this page.)

#### Director Resignation

Director Malcolm Carson took a new job in Northern California and has resigned from the board.

#### Tree Planting

A tree replacement proposal was unanimously approved, subject to an arborist review, for 11 olive trees near the Clubhouse and 10 sycamores for the West and East Green allees. The proposal is based upon original 1940s designs and plantings.

#### New Diffuser Plates for Number Lights

The board funded a proposal for 150 patio/porch light diffusers to replace broken or missing ones. The plates improve unit numbers' legibility.

#### Small Claims Suit

The board discussed a small claims lawsuit filed by an owner against VGOA and two individual owners (the volunteer chief election inspector and a volunteer alternate election inspector). The owner alleges violations of election laws and other matters arising from the February 2015 annual election and seeks \$5,000 in damages. □

### Message from VGOA President

The Association's Board of Directors has been hard at work the last few months considering next steps that will best meet the community's needs. I am pleased to announce that the directors have unanimously offered Ms. Sherri Giles the top position of Operations Manager, and she has accepted.

Some of you have been here over 15 years and remember Sherri starting at the front desk. She has worked up through the ranks, was tapped as Interim Manager at three different times, and has been overseeing this 64 acre property and serving the owners expertly.

In the coming months, we will hire another key management position, and staff will be in training until we are fully operational once again. I speak for all of the directors in telling you we deeply appreciate your cooperation and patience during this transition period.

*Jerri Allyn, President, VGOA Board of Directors*



New Village Green Operations Manager Sherri Giles. Photo by Jeanne Gagnard

VGOA members are invited to attend a power point presentation December 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Clubhouse on the new management structure the board has adopted. The December board meeting follows at 7:00 p.m.



## Public Security Report

October 13 – November 9

*Edited by Jeanne Gaignard*

- Oct 13 VEHICLE DAMAGE. Ct. 10, time unknown.**  
Resident's vehicle was damaged when his garage door fell onto it.
- Oct 23 NOISE COMPLAINT. Ct. 7, 12:30pm**  
Public Security advised resident of a neighbor's complaint of loud noise.
- Oct 25 GARAGE RULE VIOLATION. Ct. 9, 9:17pm**  
Public Security responded to a resident's complaint of a neighbor working on his motorcycle and leaving parts in the driveway.
- Oct 27 POSSIBLE FIGHT. Ct. 7, 4:18pm**  
Public Security responded to a report of a fight on Coliseum but saw none.
- Oct 27 SUSPICIOUS PERSON. Cts. 1, 2, 3, 9:40pm**  
An African-American male wearing black jeans and T-shirt and carrying a white box was observed walking onto and off the property near several courts, peering into patios and windows. He left when he saw security approaching.
- Oct 29 PROWLER STOPPED. Ct.10, 3:10am**  
An African-American male approximately 6' tall, slim, wearing a gray hooded jacket was reported looking over a resident's patio fence. Public Security located the subject in Ct. 9, relieved him of an envelope belonging to a resident, photographed him and told him not to return to the property. The owner of the envelope welcomed its return.
- Nov 02 GRAFFITI. East Circle, 9:00am**  
A resident reported graffiti on a storage container near the office.
- Nov 05 BABY IN BATHROOM. Court 15, 10:05am**  
Public Security responded to a request to rescue a baby locked in a bathroom. With assistance from Village Green maintenance, the baby was rescued. □

### If You See or Hear...

Something suspicious:

Call **213-703-0540** or **323-293-9884**

Crime in progress:

Call **911** first & then call the numbers above.

## What Is Foot Beats?

*By John Howell, Safety Committee Chair*

Foot Beats is a walking activity for crime deterrence. It was initiated at the Village Green by LAPD Senior Lead Officer Tynisha King in April of 2015 and has been carried on by the safety committee with her continuing support.

Foot Beats provide a presence on the property of residents who have a legitimate purpose on the property. Walkers get to know each other and our neighbors and raise crime prevention awareness. As we walk, we look for burned out light bulbs or areas where the landscaping can be trimmed to improve safety, and we follow up by submitting work orders. Going forward, we will also identify areas where additional lighting will be useful. Please take a look at the schedule below and see if there is a time you can join us for a Foot Beat in December.

### DECEMBER FOOTBEATS SCHEDULE

#### **Tuesday, Dec. 8, 7pm:**

Meet at the Clubhouse, Walk East Circle - Court 17

#### **Friday Dec. 18, 9am:**

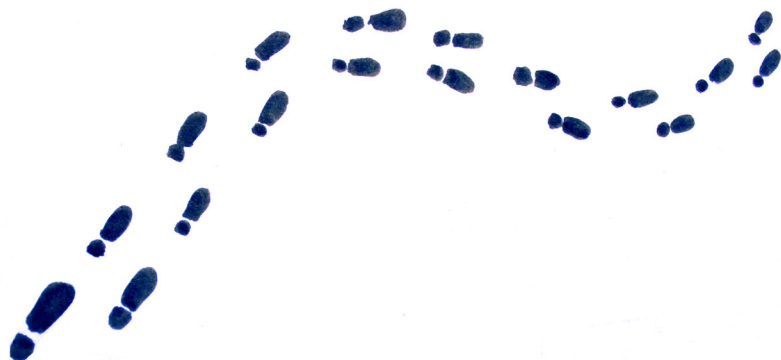
Meet at entrance to Court 1, Walk Courts 1-4

#### **Monday Dec. 21, 7pm:**

Meet at the Corner of Hauser & Coliseum, Walk Courts 9-5

#### **Tuesday Dec. 29, 7pm:**

Meet at the Clubhouse, Walk West Circle - Court 10 □



## READERS' COLUMN

**Dear Editor,**

I ride my bike around the Green and am very frequently not seen as drivers speed to the street. Also, we have many young children here, and the little ones can be difficult to see and their movements can be unpredictable.

For some reason, only Court 1 has a stop sign where the driveway meets the sidewalk. I don't know why Court 1 was exclusively selected. I'd like to see a stop sign at every driveway, but especially those where visibility is poor.

In the event the VG doesn't put stop signs at the other court-yards' driveways, I'd like to ask residents to slow down, especially when exiting and entering their driveways, and look for pedestrians, cyclists, scooters, skateboarders, etc. Thank you.

*Liz W., Court 1*

**Dear Editor,**

This is how the Court 1 stop sign came to be.

After watching many a cringe-inducing dash out of the Court 1 driveway by resident drivers intent on making up for lost time, I felt it was time for the board to step in and impose some restrictions.

Over the years, the danger of an accident where the driveway and sidewalk meet has grown because foot traffic on Coliseum has increased noticeably. More pedestrians are walking home from the bus stop, more residents walking their dogs, and more kids riding bikes or skateboards. And visibility is restricted by the hedge to the left of our driveway.

I proposed to the board that a stop sign be erected at the entrance of the court that would give drivers a chance to let foot traffic go by before their cars actually hit the sidewalk. My proposal was accepted without a problem, and I am hopeful that it may have contributed to the overall safety of the Green.

*Dagmar Buck, Court 1 Representative*

**Dear Editor,**

It seems we are in for some serious weather this winter in the form of El Nino. Although most of the predicted rain forecasts skirt around us, El Nino by most accounts will be a sure thing.

Some of my concerns include insurance in the event of flooding. Should I get insurance? Does the Village Green have flood insurance and what does it cover?

As a community, is there anything we can do to plan in advance? Any ideas, comments, questions, and concerns as to what we can do to stay safe and dry?

*Dianne Rhodes, Court 1*

## Help Wanted

*Monthly Highlights* is looking for a volunteer **designer** to do the page layout of the newsletter.

You would work with the editor the last week of the month to prepare the newsletter for printing. You can work from existing templates (Adobe Indesign or MS Word) or create your own. Commitment would be approx. 5 hours of flexible work time a month. Some layout experience is necessary.

Contribute to the community and help keep Highlights going! If interested, please email [lucyh@ca.rr.com](mailto:lucyh@ca.rr.com) as soon as possible.





## IN MEMORIAM

**Dale Streeter  
(1918-2015)**

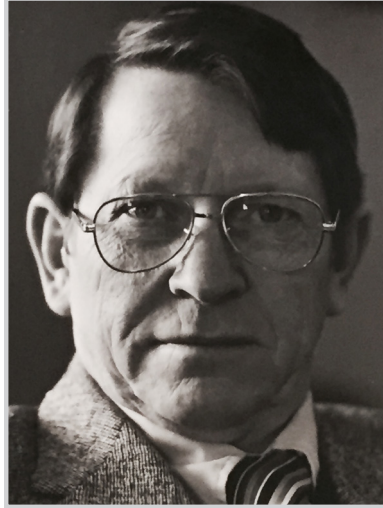
Highlights sadly notes the passing of Dale Streeter, who had lived in Court 8 since 1978. He died in July of this year and will be missed by many.

Dale was known for his practicality and inventiveness and will be remembered especially for two contributions he made to functionality at the Green. Several residents still have the patio mailboxes he designed and built with plexi-glass doors that allow residents to see from inside their unit whether or not they have mail. He even placed an "out basket" on top for packages.

During a spate of burglaries in the 1990's, Dale placed a single bar in each of his window openings to prevent entry. It is an effective installation, and when painted white is not aesthetically jarring. Many residents recognized their utility and have over the years installed "Dale's bars."

Several years ago, the Association required him to remove the bars from his windows before clarifying that the rule only applied to bars on upstairs windows. Ironically, last year while in the hospital following a heart attack, burglars broke into his unit through his kitchen window.

If you needed to know the name of a tree, you could ask Dale. According to his daughter, Kelly Streeter, he knew the name of every tree on the property and all the particulars about each of them. □



## Upcoming Events

### Holiday Activities

#### **Sunday, Dec. 13, Clubhouse**

3:00pm: Kids' Cookie Decorating Party

4:30pm: Drinks on the (Red) and Green

– the Holiday Edition!

featuring caroling and ugly sweater contest. Please bring your favorite beverages and snacks to share

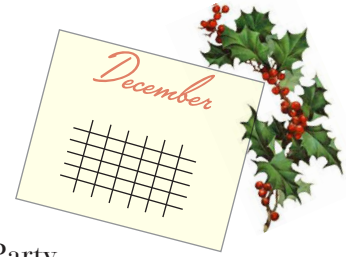
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### Board of Directors Meeting

#### **Tuesday, Dec. 15, Clubhouse**

6:30pm: Special presentation of new management structure

7:00pm: BOD meeting starts with Homeowner Comments □



## Manager's Report

*Sherri Giles, Operations Manager*

### **Painting:**

Buildings 73 and 77 are expected to be completed by November 20.

### **Sewers:**

The Court 4 sewer line replacement and repairs are complete. The work in Court 5, Building 24, was unable to pass inspection because of an inverted lateral line which does not allow the elevation for adequate flow between buildings required by city code. A solution is being sought.

In addition, workers encountered a main electrical conduit against the clay sewer main on the south end of the building. They could not burst this location due to the fragile type of conduit there. To complete this portion of the sewer, they had to trench by hand into a patio until they had the required clearance to complete the bursting.

### **Garage Restoration:**

Work in Courts 2 and 3 is complete. Court 12 is complete except for painting in progress.

### **Wall Cracks in Buildings 8 and 14:**

The expected report from the architect was delayed until November 20.

### **Roof Cleaning:**

The annual roof cleaning is tentatively scheduled to begin on December 14 and will take about one week to complete.

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***Peace  
on Earth!***

