

# VILLAGE GREEN

NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

## Monthly Highlights

### Board Highlights

*by Lucy Fried*

At its meeting on Jan. 27, the Board of Directors:

- ♦ Approved revisions clarifying and slightly changing some parking rules.
- ♦ Scheduled a special Board meeting on Feb. 7 to consider action to render the Co-owner Notice included in the election packet unnecessary.
- ♦ Approved a contract to be offered to a security company.
- ♦ Approved a Landscape Committee proposal for landscape installation at Buildings 8 and 14.
- ♦ Okayed unrelated requests for a September wedding on the West Green and a non-profit 2-minute film shoot with a digital camera, no lights, and a crew of eight people on Feb. 19 in Court 1. No Village Green parking will be used by the film crew.



The 2015 Village Green Board of Directors: *From left:* Steve Haggerty (re-elected); Ethan Markowitz; Joe Khoury; Lucy Fried; Jerri Allyn (re-elected); Norma Alvarado-Miller (newly elected); Claire Joyce (newly elected); Ben Ginsburg (re-elected); and Malcolm Carson. *Photo by Gregory Gilmer.*

### *Village Green Voters Return Three Incumbents, Elect Two New Directors to Board*

*By Lucy Fried*

Village Green's hard-fought 2015 Board of Directors election is over, and five victorious candidates have joined four incumbents on the nine-member board and pledged to do their best to fulfill their fiduciary responsibility to the Green.

With the election of Norma Alvarado-Miller and Claire Joyce, women now occupy four of nine director seats. This election also restored the staggered 5/4 open seats rotation, lost in 2013-14 because of director resignations. *Continued on page 3*



## Platt Security Report

*Dec. 8 - Jan. 18*

*Edited by Jeanne Gaignard*

- ♦ Dec. 9 PROPERTY DAMAGE. Court 3, 8:35 a.m. A resident backed into a garage, causing minor damage.
- ♦ Dec. 9 CAR DAMAGE. Court 12, 8:50 a.m. A resident reported damage to her car's fender caused by a driver who left incorrect contact information.
- ♦ Dec. 13 VANDALISM. Village Green Office, 3:10 p.m. A Platt officer discovered a broken, possibly smashed window in the lobby.
- ♦ Dec. 16 LA FIRE DEPARTMENT ON THE PROPERTY. Court 11, 10:10 a.m. A caregiver, a relative of a resident, called LAFD to gain entry into the home of the resident who had refused to let her in. LAFD advised the caregiver she lacked the proper legal authority to allow them to do so.
- ♦ Dec. 17 TWO MALES SHOT. Perimeter of the property, 4:43 a.m. A Platt officer observed occupants of a car off Rodeo shooting at another car. Two males asked the Platt officer for help. He called LAPD, and the injured men were taken by paramedics to a hospital.
- ♦ Dec. 25 HANGING TREE BRANCH. Court 1, 11:01 a.m. A Platt officer responded to a report of a hanging tree branch.
- ♦ Dec. 30 THEFT. Court 1, 7:48 a.m. A resident reported his van was broken into and ransacked, and a tool was missing. He was told to contact LAPD.
- ♦ Jan. 2 COMPLAINT. West Circle, 4:30 p.m. A resident reported minor damage to her unit and suggested that workmen may have left it unsecured.
- ♦ Jan. 5 VANDALISM. West Circle, 4:53 p.m. Unable to unlock his car, a resident discovered and reported that the lock had been vandalized.
- ♦ Jan. 15 STOLEN CAR. Court 16, 12:30 a.m. A resident reported that his unlocked car, which had been parked in the common area, had been stolen. He was advised to file a report with LAPD.

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## *Birders Thank Village Green*

Since birder Don Sterba's discovery in December of a Worm-eating Warbler at the Village Green, birders have been flocking here to catch a glimpse of the bird. A handful have written notes of gratitude for being able to visit the Green, including Dick Barth, a West Hollywood resident and longtime Village Green birder. "We very much appreciate being able to bird your beautiful Village Green property... quite a special place," he wrote. "I believe the species list for the grounds is now up to 123." For a compilation of birder thank-you notes and a current list of our bird species, visit the Village Green website at [villagegreenla.net](http://villagegreenla.net).

## Board Election

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Seven candidates ran for five open seats and received the following votes:

**Jerri Allyn – 219**

**Steve Haggerty – 209**

**Ben Ginsburg – 205**

**Norma Alvarado-Miller – 195**

**Claire Joyce – 155**

Rob Eiseman – 132

George Rheault – 95

The top five vote-getters will each serve two-year terms. The four incumbents not up for re-election this year – Malcolm Carson, Lucy Fried, Joe Khoury, and Ethan Markowitz – each have one year remaining of their terms.

The new board met briefly after the Annual Meeting on Feb. 7 and elected its officers: President – Jerri Allyn; Vice President – Joe Khoury; Secretary – Claire Joyce; Treasurer – Steve Haggerty. All were elected unanimously, perhaps presaging a harmonious and productive year ahead.

### *Annual Meeting Roundup*

Board President Jerri Allyn opened the well-attended VGOA Annual Meeting on Feb. 7 with a JFK paraphrase, calling on owners to, “Ask not what your homeowners association can do for you, but what you can do for your association.” She concluded with a plea to move away from gossip and heed Dr. King’s challenge to, “Turn toward the light.” (See her entire speech on the Village Green website at [villagegreenla.net](http://villagegreenla.net).)

Treasurer Steve Haggerty reported that in 2014 we spent less than we took in and started 2015 with more than \$757,000 in reserves for this year’s projects.

Prior to the Annual Meeting, the board had amended the Bylaws to make unnecessary the confusing co-owner notice previously sent and instructed the election inspectors accordingly. The changes can be viewed on the Clubhouse window and soon will be available on our website.



The 2015 Election Inspectors on Election Day: Cynthia Cyrus (left); Steven Keylon; and Susan Hamric. Photo by Gregory Gilmer.

### *Voting Process Conducted Successfully*

At 10:21 a.m. at the Annual Meeting, Chief Election Inspector Cynthia Cyrus reported that a quorum of 300 had been reached. In an interview after the election, she said that this year’s voting process had been a successful one. The inspectors were able to do their due diligence before Election Day, including “monitoring, in pairs, incoming unopened ballots to organize and count them and to prep the master list to ensure that the names on the ballots matched the recorded owner names.” For more information about the election inspectors’ work, see Jeanne Gaignard’s recent Q&A with Cynthia on the Village Green website at [villagegreenla.net](http://villagegreenla.net).





"Drinks on the Green: Fireside Edition" in January at the Clubhouse was packed, bountiful, and fun. The event organizers, clockwise from top left: event flyer designer and photographer Gregory Gilmer; Bernie Altman; John Oropallo; and Melanie Lee.

### *January Report from General Manager Peter Fay*

**Sewer replacements** in Courts 1, 14, 15, and 17 are on schedule for completion by fall. Courts 1 and 17 are finished, Court 14 is underway and should be done in April, and Court 15 will be completed in September.

**Phase 2 trimming** of 233 trees commenced Jan. 5 and is on schedule for completion within eight weeks. The work has proceeded smoothly.

**All 2014 residential and garage roof replacements and repairs** have been completed, as have all garage inspections.

**Work order systems:** We hope to soon recommend to the Board an efficient, cost-effective system with online capabilities that can be accessed by owners.

**The 2015 VG Handbook**, with slightly updated parking rules, has been posted to the website and is available from the office.

### *Upcoming Events*

**Dads' Game Night** - Feb. 28 and April 18 (Saturdays) at 8:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse. Village Green dads are invited to an evening of relaxation, hanging out and games. Co-sponsored by the Cultural Affairs Committee.

**Early Spring Landscape Tour** - Saturday, Feb. 28 at 10:00 a.m., starting at the Clubhouse. Join this guided tour of our trees and flowering landscape conducted by Jeffrey Mintz, chair of the Tree Committee. Co-sponsored by the Landscape and Tree Committees.

**"Restoring Habitat, One Yard at a Time"** - Saturday, March 14 at 10:00 a.m. at the Clubhouse. You're invited to this presentation by Allan Pollack, a National Wildlife and Habitat steward, landscape designer and local Audubon Society leader. He will show us how to create human and wildlife friendly spaces and utilize sustainable garden practices. Sponsored by the Landscape Committee.

**Black History Month Presentation - "African American History and Culture on U.S. Postage Stamps"** - A talk by Rosalind Goddard, Village Green resident and Los Angeles City College librarian. Dinner will follow. Sunday, March 22 at 3:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse. Sponsored by the Cultural Affairs Committee.

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