

VILLAGE GREEN

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Monthly Highlights

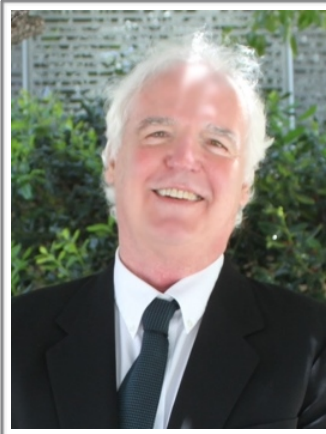
Board Highlights

by Board Secretary Lucy Fried

At its meeting on Sept. 23, the Board of Directors:

- ♦ Heard a report from our arborist, Dan Jensen, on the state of Village Green's urban forest. He stated that we have lost 450 trees - mainly to pests and old age - and recommended launching a planting program of varied species, moderately sized, aggressive-growing trees as soon as possible.
- ♦ Thanked the Landscape Committee for its Buildings 8 and 14 landscaping proposals. Copies are available in the Clubhouse for interested owners' perusal and comments. Pricing is still being finalized.
- ♦ Set Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 7:00 p.m. for a special Board meeting on the 2015 operating budget.

Complete minutes of Board meetings are posted at the Clubhouse entrance.



Manager's Report

*September update from
General Manager Peter Fay*

- ♦ **Garages Inspections** for Courts 2 - 9 are scheduled for Sept. 30 - Oct. 3. Court 1 will be inspected after the sewer project in that court is completed. Commencing next year we will endeavor to conduct inspections of one-fourth of the garages on a quarterly basis.
- ♦ **Roof Repairs** to Garage Building 6 in Court 13 are complete. We will be scheduling the rest of the 2014 repairs pending management time constraints and vendor input. Owners will be given advanced notice of the repair schedule.
- ♦ **The 2014 Painting Program** is underway. Buildings 8 (ten units) and 14 (six units) are complete. Building 33 (eight units) and Court 13 garages (37 garages) are in progress.

A few residents have requested that their window frames and/or doors be "stripped" to bare metal or wood prior to HOA scheduled painting. Residents may contract directly with Alex Painting to have this work done at their own expense. Their number is (818) 755-9511.
- ♦ **Pet Reminders:** We all love our pets, but it is important that pet owners comply with the rules set by the Association. When outside the unit, pets must always be carried or on a leash, are not allowed on the garden courts or central greens, and may not be restrained to any stationary object such as a fence. Pets may not be left unattended on any patio or balcony. Also, residents may not allow guests to bring pets when they visit the Village Green.



Platt Security Report

August 15 - Sept. 18

Edited by Jeanne Gagnard

Security note: Please remember to lock your laundry room door to prevent unwanted entries.

- ♦ August 20 BURGLARY/VANDALISM. Court 2 laundry room, 1:50 p.m. Two Platt officers joined a maintenance staffer already in pursuit of two teenagers who escaped after vandalizing the coin-operated machines in the laundry room and stealing the money. There had been no forced entry. LAPD was contacted.
- ♦ August 21 ATTEMPTED BURGLARY/ARMED INTRUDERS. Court 15 laundry room, 10:11 a.m. A resident reported three males breaking into a laundry cash box. When the Platt officer arrived, one male drew a gun. Another had a crowbar. The three withdrew and left the property, and the officer called 911. There had been no forced entry.
- ♦ August 26 FALLEN TREE BRANCH. Court 5, 3:35 p.m. The Village Green office reported a fallen tree branch near a unit on the Central Green. The Platt officer moved the branch away from the unit.
- ♦ August 28 PROPERTY DAMAGE. Court 16, 7:07 a.m. A resident reported damage to her garage door from a car backing into it. She stated the damage was not present the night before.
- ♦ Sept. 2 FALLEN TREE BRANCH. West Green, 8:30 a.m. TruGreen reported a cracking and dangling tree branch. The area around the tree was cordoned off.
- ♦ Sept. 3 SLIP AND FALL. Court 15, 8:30 a.m. A Platt officer observed LA paramedics responding to a visitor who had tripped and fallen and sustained minor cuts. She was taken to a local hospital.
- ♦ Sept. 5 ACCIDENT INVOLVING A CHILD. Court 15, 8:18 a.m. A Platt officer responded to a group of residents yelling for help as they were trying to help another resident's son. His foot had become stuck in the rim of a bicycle. A maintenance worker assisted the mother in dislodging the child's foot. The boy was taken to a local hospital with injuries.
- ♦ Sept. 6 VANDALISM. Court 5, 10:20 p.m. A resident reported eggs were thrown through her window onto her walls and ceiling.
- ♦ Sept. 10 PIT BULL ATTACK. Court 7, 4:40 p.m. A resident using a walker was bitten by an untethered pit bull as she walked from her garage. The dog belonged to the grandson of another resident who had been previously warned that the dog was not allowed on the property. The other responded that she did not know the dog was on the property and that her grandson no longer lives with her because of the dog. The injured resident was taken to a local hospital.



On a Roll

VG's Cultural Affairs Committee

An Interview with
Allison Grover Khoury

In any given year of late, the Cultural Affairs Committee has produced at least eight major events and co-sponsored others. Starting with February's Black History Month program and April's Bird Walk and Easter Egg Hunt, then June's Early Summer Jazz Concert and September's Labor Day Jazz Concert, on to October's Halloween Party, and ending with December's Family Holiday Cookie Decorating Party and Holiday Dance Party, this committee is busy all year long! Add the co-sponsored events, such as "Gentle Just for You" (thrice weekly exercise classes), Drinks on the Green, and Movies on the Green (three or four times each during summer), and various other events, and you have to wonder how this committee is able to do so much. To find out, we sat down with the committee's chair, Allison Grover Khoury, and asked her.

H: How does the Cultural Affairs Committee manage to do so much year after year?

AGK: The members are motivated by their love for Village Green and our community of residents. We are team-oriented and events-oriented. Committee members see Cultural Affairs as responsible for sponsoring and co-sponsoring events that enrich the lives of the community. They take having a diversity of events very seriously and are open to a wide range of ideas and to making a space for creativity of all kinds, as well as events that are just for fun.

The committee as a whole functions like a team, with a core membership of people who come to most meetings and people who work just on specific event or events. Each event is organized by a team which has only one agenda – to create a wonderful event for the community and to stay open to new ideas. They plan, shop, decorate, clean up, etc., and every event is followed by a debriefing.

H: So many residents find committee meetings discouraging. How are your meetings organized?

AGK: Committee meetings last an hour and a half. They consist of the usual minutes and treasurer's report, plus reviews of previous events, events planning, and consideration of requests for new events. We send the minutes out in advance for review so we don't take up much time at the meeting with the details.

As chair, I encourage everyone to stay on topic, and at the same time I try to refrain from talking too much or over-steering the meetings. I also try to encourage those who don't say much to weigh in on every topic by asking them directly what they think or if they have anything to add. Over time, this has created an atmosphere where everyone feels they can contribute something. I think like any group, our biggest challenge is when we start repeating what someone else has said. We are all learning how to not do that.

H: You've been chair for five years, and before that you were a committee member for three years. And, you have two young children! Why are you still there?

AGK: Some members have been on the committee for more than 20 years! It's fun and very satisfying to see Village Greeners coming together and having positive interactions.

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Events Calendar

Halloween Party

Saturday, Oct. 25, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Kids especially welcomed. A potluck will follow.

Trick or Treat

Halloween, Friday, Oct. 31, 6:00 p.m. Bring the kids to the Central Green. (Residents who wish to participate are asked to leave their porch lights on.)

Los Angeles Conservancy "We Heart Garden Apartments" Tour

Saturday, Nov. 1, 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Take a tour of three historic garden apartment sites, including the Village Green (1941), L.A. Chase Knolls (1948), Sherman Oaks and Venice Place (1951) in Venice. Tickets can be purchased at laconservancy.org/node/1819.

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AGK: Some of my favorite events are the "cross-over" gatherings - such as the Black History programs, the Christmas Dance Party, and the Drinks and Movies on the Green - that bring together neighbors of varying ages, ethnicities, and households.

There are lots of things we want to do and can't because we don't have people to organize them. For example, we used to have a lecture series and annual art show. I'd really like to restore those events. The committee meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. We welcome interested residents, both owners and renters.



The well-attended Drinks on the Green event on Sept. 21 takes a twist. Photo by Gregory Gilmer.

Platt Pancake Breakfast and Disaster Preparedness Fair

Saturday, Oct. 11, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Village Green Clubhouse

Learn how to best prepare for a disaster. After a catastrophic event, such as a major earthquake or fire, we may not be able to rely on public agencies or staff to provide emergency assistance. We need to help ourselves and each other. Don't miss this special, expanded event, which includes speakers, activities, and information booths, as well as Platt's famous pancake breakfast.

A Reminder About Unit Alterations

If you are considering making an alteration to your unit, be sure to follow the rules and save yourself time and money by first submitting an Alteration Application for review to the Design Review Committee. Final approval is up to the Board of Directors.