

# VILLAGE GREEN

NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

## Monthly Highlights

### Board Highlights

*by Board Secretary Lucy Fried*

At its meeting on August 26, the Board of Directors:

- ♦ Approved a resolution to complete the sewer lines replacement project by the end of 2015, one year sooner than previously planned. East/West Circles and Courts 1, 14, 15, and 17 will receive new sewers. The total cost of \$1,038,300 will be paid through Special Assessment funds.
- ♦ Directed the manager within 30 days to put out a request for proposals for escort and patrol services. Platt Security will be included.
- ♦ Authorized a Pancake Breakfast and Disaster Preparedness Fair on Saturday, Oct. 11 at the Clubhouse.
- ♦ Accepted a request from the Los Angeles Conservancy to participate in their Garden Apartments Tour in early November.

### Manager's Report

*September update from General Manager Peter Fay*

#### ♦ Building Stabilization

**Final Report:** Village Green's Building Stabilization Project, which stabilized and repaired Buildings 8 (Court 2) and 14 (Court 3), is now complete, with only the re-landscaping still to be done. The project's total cost is \$1,147,994.50, paid through homeowners' Special Assessments.



Building 8 is stabilized, repaired, and repainted, and awaits new landscaping. *Photo by Joseph Taylor.*

The project got under way in 2013 after years of studies amid resident complaints of building shifting. Helical piles were chosen as the stabilizer, a project services company was hired, and the Village Green office became the project manager.

♦ **Painting:** Residential Building 33 (eight units) is scheduled for painting on Sept. 15, and Court 13 garages on Sept. 4.

♦ **Trash Bins:** Village Green's trash disposal company, NASA, reports that trash bins refurbishment has been completed.

♦ **Patio Trees:** If you have or are thinking of buying a patio tree, please see the Village Green Handbook, Section 8.3, "Trees and Plants in Patios," for conditions and limitations. Also please note that care of patio trees, including pruning, is the owner's responsibility. If the manager determines that pruning or removal is needed to maintain the integrity of common area or a building, the Association will prune or remove it.



## Platt Security Report

*July 16 - August 18*

*Edited by Jeanne Gagnard*

- ♦ July 16 FIRE IN TRASH BIN. Court 11, 9:45 a.m. A resident reported a fire in the court trash bin and extinguished it. The responding Platt officer observed charcoal on top of plastic in the bin.
  
- ♦ July 24 COMPLAINT. Court 10, 3:15 p.m. A resident reported being physically threatened by another resident in the laundry room. He filed a report with LAPD.
  
- ♦ July 24 VANDALISM. Court 11, June 24. 7:15 a.m. A resident reported the back window of his vehicle smashed. No items were taken.
  
- ♦ July 25 NOISE COMPLAINT. Court 4, 8:10 a.m. A resident complaint of loud music coming from a nearby unit that was not audible when the officer arrived.
  
- ♦ July 26 PARKING ISSUE. Court 2, 2:30 a.m. A resident reported that a parked car was blocking an area DWP needed to access. Following company policy regarding parked cars, the responding Platt officer called her dispatch. Access was restored when the vehicle's owner was located and moved the vehicle.
  
- ♦ July 29 ATTEMPTED BREAK-IN. Court 15, 11:50 a.m. A resident reported signs of an attempted break-in she had observed a week earlier. The Platt officer observed scratches on her screen door.
  
- ♦ Late July MISSING CHILD. Court 1, 2:25 p.m. A grandfather supervising his young granddaughter while she rode her bike lost sight of her and could not find her. Residents and Platt Security helped the grandfather in his search and the little girl was eventually found and escorted home.
  
- ♦ August 5 PROPERTY DAMAGE. Court 8, 3:45 p.m. A Platt officer responded to a report of a car backing into a garage resulting in minor paint damage and a broken side light on the vehicle. The driver, a non-resident, refused to provide any identifying information.
  
- ♦ August 5 DISCOVERY OF A DECEASED RESIDENT. Court 4, 8:00 a.m. An LAPD officer advised Platt Security that LAPD and the coroner's office was on the property after a resident was found dead on the grounds in the area of Court 4.
  
- ♦ August 7 FALLEN TREE BRANCH AND DAMAGE COMPLAINT. Court 15, 10:45 p.m. A Platt officer observed a fallen tree branch near a parked car. And on Aug. 9 at 3:42 p.m. in Court 15, a resident reported scratches on her car caused by the branch.
  
- ♦ Aug 11 THEFT. Court 17, 10:30 a.m. A resident reported that someone he knew had stolen tax documents from his unit, setting off the burglar alarm.

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A local fireman shares information with young Village Green residents at last year's Platt Pancake Breakfast. According to the U.S. Geological Survey, fire is a major hazard after an earthquake. *Photo by Ethan Markowitz.*

## Safety at Village Green

### *Preparing for a Citywide Emergency*

*By Ethan Markowitz, Board Liaison to the Safety Committee, and Penny Bannerman, Acting Safety Committee Chair*

The recent Napa earthquake is a reminder that Village Green residents need to prepare for a similar event here. In the last 52 years, Village Green has weathered several large earthquakes, a flood, and the civil unrest of the LA riots. Yet despite these city-wide emergencies, few of our residents are ready for one.

Do you have the recommended three gallons of water per person? An emergency kit? A second emergency kit in your car? Access to a working fire extinguisher? A plan to reunite with your family if you are separated?

For many Village Green residents, the answer is “no,” and the Ad Hoc Disaster Preparedness Committee is trying to do something about it. Focused on helping neighbors help themselves and each other, this group will be encouraging

Village Green residents to prepare themselves for the next disaster. Please join us at the Platt Pancake Breakfast and Disaster Preparedness Fair on Saturday, Oct. 11, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (See page 4 for details.)

Preparing yourself and your family should be the first step. The City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department (EMD) offers an online brochure guiding residents to create an emergency kit and a plan to address the needs of the household. In addition, the Great California Shakeout, taking place this year on Thursday, Oct. 16, is a wonderful annual event that encourages all California residents to role play as if a major earthquake has struck.

The layout of Village Green actually makes preparing for an emergency much easier than it would be for owners of single family homes. Our courts and greens are natural meeting areas to offer and receive help from your neighbors. According to the EMD, defining a meeting place is a key step for a community to be prepared.

Our various committees connect our residents in ways that many LA neighborhoods cannot. This enables us to identify residents who may need assistance in the event of a disaster. Also, residents with important skills, such as nurses or general contractors, can be identified in advance. So, work with your Court Council reps and the Safety Committee to get to know your neighbors—they will be your best resources.

Keep in mind that there is no opting out once a disaster occurs. Please do your part to be in a position to help yourself, your family, and your neighbors. Prepare for a citywide emergency. For more information, visit the EMD website at [emergency.lacity.org](http://emergency.lacity.org).

## *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 and how to responsibly assist your neighbors. After a catastrophic event, such as a major earthquake or fire, we may not be able to rely on public agencies or our staff to provide emergency assistance. We need to help ourselves and each other.

Don't miss this special, expanded event!

- ♦ Platt's famous pancake breakfast (served from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.).
- ♦ Speakers, activities, information booths, free fire extinguisher refills, and more.

And, get ready to be a part of California's biggest earthquake drill, the Great California Shakeout, on Thursday, Oct. 16.

## *A Security Reminder*

### **Call 911 in Emergency**

A reminder that in an emergency at the Village Green, call 911 *before* calling Platt Security. Such situations include when you feel threatened or experience or witness any criminal or suspicious activity or medical emergency. Report any suspicious activity you see to Platt Security by calling 800-986-3868. However, be advised that Platt Security is a private security company hired by Village Green and not an enforcement entity; the primary function of its officers is to observe and report. In an emergency, you should rely on 911 emergency services such as the police or fire department.



## **Drinks on the Green**

End of Summer Edition

Sunday, Sept. 21, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., at the west end of the Central Green. Featuring both alcoholic and nonalcoholic drinks. Bring drinks, hors d'oeuvres, friends and kids.



Residents and friends enjoying Drinks on the Green on August 2. Photo by Gregory Gilmer.

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- ♦ August 12 TIRE DAMAGE. Court 2, 7:21 p.m. A resident reported getting a flat tire when he drove over a broken un-retrieved trash dumpster wheel on Coliseum.
- ♦ August 13 FALLEN TREE BRANCH WITH BEE HIVE. Central Green, 1:15 p.m. A partially severed tree branch containing a bee hive fell. The Village Green office called a pest control company, which removed the hive.
- ♦ Aug 16 FALLEN TREE BRANCH. Court 1, 2:00 p.m. A Platt officer observed a fallen tree branch.