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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Stakeholder,

I want to start off by reminding you that the Mission Hills Neighborhood Council is having elections on March 27, 2010. Your participation in this election is crucial because you should set the tone for the Board of Governors and not the other way around.

Despite the financial challenges that we are expecting for the coming fiscal year (July 2010-June 2011) the MHNC plans to continue with a proactive agenda for the community. We still plan to hold the 3rd Annual Movie-In-The-Park Event, the C.E.R.T. Training Courses, and to continue assisting organizations that make a difference in Mission Hills to the best of our financial ability.

Make a note on your calendar for the April 13 meeting because we will have Chief Kirk Albanese and Capt. William "Bill" Scott from the L.A.P.D. as our special guests.

I want to thank all of you for showing enormous passion for our community and for your continued support. Please visit our website at MHNCONLINE.ORG for the latest information. The monthly MHNC Board of Directors meeting is every second Tuesday of the month at the Mission Community Police Station.

Sincerely,

David Guzman
President, Board of Directors
Mission Hills Neighborhood Council

FEATURED BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

GALPIN HONDA OF MISSION HILLS

The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council would like to thank [Galpin Honda of Mission Hills](#) for hosting our elections at their showroom.

Galpin Honda is proud to be part of the Mission Hills community and committed to our friends, neighbors and fellow citizens here. We proudly support our local schools, churches and such important events as the Mission Hills Veterans Day Parade, among other facets of Mission Hills life. Galpin Honda feels confident that you will enjoy the renowned "Galpin Experience" that made us #1 in our district in the first year of operations and every year since. We invite you to visit us for all your Honda sales and service needs!

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Providence Holy Cross Medical Center Expansion On Target to Open in 2011

The four-story, 142-bed expansion at Providence Holy Cross Medical Center is quickly taking shape as crews work steadily to meet the goal of opening the new Patient Care Wing early next year.

The finished eastern exterior wall of the new wing offers a glimpse of what the expansion will look like when it opens. In these final months of construction, some services within the hospital will be moved temporarily to accommodate the work. Signage will be added to help visitors make their way around the hospital and staff members are available to offer direction.

"I'd like to thank our patients, our visitors and, of course, our employees for their patience during construction," said Larry Bowe, chief executive of Providence Holy Cross. "This can be a disruptive process, but I think people overlook the small inconveniences because they're really excited about what's to come."

The expansion, funded in large part by generous donations from the community, will bring a new state-of-the-art Women's Pavilion, a 12-bed neonatal intensive-care unit for the most fragile newborns and a new lab for gastroenterology exams,

The sweeping first-floor wall on western side of the expansion marks the site of the new 100-seat chapel, a very important addition for Providence Holy Cross and its goal of not only physical healing but spiritual healing.



Providence Holy Cross broke ground in spring 2008 on the expansion with the promise of expanding health care at a time when other hospitals in the region have closed their doors. At the suggestion of the community, the hospital pledged to build a "green" – environmentally friendly – building. And the new patient care wing will meet the state's most stringent earthquake safety requirements. It not only is being designed to withstand a powerful temblor but to remain operational to serve the community's needs in times of disaster.

Be Safe In the Neighborhood

Remember when you used to play at being spy or pretended to be Sherlock Holmes as a kid? We'd like to recruit you to become a member of the Mission Hills Neighborhood Watch. Mission Hills **Basic Car 19A43 Neighborhood Watch** meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm at Mission Community Police Station. If you are concerned about keeping our neighborhood safe and would like to join or form a watch group for your block, please come and volunteer. But even if you cannot join a watch, your suggestions, observations, and comments are encouraged and welcomed.

Did you realize that pet owners (dog walkers) are naturals for neighborhood watching? Since you are out once or twice a day pounding the pavement with your beloved canine, you are probably more aware of when something "isn't quite right" than most of us, who just drive home and head right for our front doors. Please, if you see something that seems out of place, notify the LAPD non-emergency number so that a patrol can check it out.

Our March meeting will be March 23, 2010. Address: 11121 Sepulveda Blvd, Mission Hills, in the Timothy M. Falco Community Room. Refreshments will be served.

And from our local **Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB)** comes these words to the wise:

Be very wary about opening doors to strangers, especially those claiming to be from utility companies, alarm companies, and bogus "high school" fundraisers. Just because someone has an embroidered polo shirt or a colored name tag dangling from their neck, holding a clipboard -- does not mean that they actually are who they say they are. Anyone can order polo shirts and print out fake name tags (I used to do it for the movie industry all the time).

It is extremely rare that a bona fide representative needs to "inspect" something inside of your house, without said company making prior arrangements with you. If you are not sure, phone the company in question to confirm legitimacy (and don't be silly enough to only call the phone number that the "representative" tells you; look up the phone number yourself!). If in doubt, then tell them that they have to come back at another time, and only after you personally verify that it is legitimate. Be especially suspicious if they did not drive up in an officially painted truck. **BUT DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR**, even just a little, to look at their clipboard or ID. That is what the bad guys want you to do, so that they can gain entrance or get a peek inside. There have been past instances of criminals impersonating GE, Verizon, and magazine sales people. If the "representative" gets aggressive in any way or tries to rattle the side gate – call 911 immediately. But if they just appear suspicious, then please call the LAPD non-emergency number 818-734-2223.

(Be Safe in the Neighborhood, continued)

Regarding these so-called "student" fundraisers -- no local high school encourages their students to go door to door soliciting sales, especially at night. These so called students will claim to be from a local school and "need points" for some worthwhile endeavor (camp, scholarship, leadership, etc.) Challenge them with questions that every student would know, like what is the name of your principal? They will not respond immediately, while they think of something to say, which is a dead give-away that they are bands of imposters who have been trucked in by scam companies or burglars trying to assess future targets. When these solicitors "leave," watch them to make sure that they do not stop to "check out" the insides of parked vehicles, perhaps to identify future targets of opportunity. Try to recall as many details about their description as possible so our patrol officers can keep a better eye out for them.



Remember, if you see suspicious activity in the neighborhood, call the LAPD at 818-734-2223 (and store this number on your cell phone or speed dial).

Another Safety Note

If you have not done so, please go to www.nixle.com and sign up for local emergency alerts for our area. It is not SPAM, but notifications from your local police dept and emergency services about stuff in our vicinity that you should know about (storm warnings, criminals on the streets, and they can send email blurbs and text/SMS messages.

Stay vigilant, stay alert, and stay in the loop. Don't wait until you hear about it that night on the news; know about important stuff right away when it matters.

You can also subscribe for alerts from other areas besides your residence or place of work, such as older relatives, or kids away at college.

MHNC Board of Governors/General Meeting

Tuesday, 13 April 2010

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Mission Area Police Station

Timothy M. Falco Community Room

11121 Sepulveda Boulevard

Mission Hills, CA 91345

WITH SPECIAL GUEST

Deputy Chief Kirk Albanese

Commander, Valley Bureau

and

Capt. Wm. Scott

Mission Area Commanding Officer.

Captain Scott will provide a report on the State of the Division. Followed by Q & A. This will be an opportunity to have an open discussion with the Captain about our **hopes** and **vision** for protecting and maintaining the safety and quality of life in our communities. Join us as we welcome Dep. Chief Kirk Albanese back to our Valley Communities.

Notice from Zoning and Land Use Committee:

Every citizen must get involved with the cell phone tower issue now to demand the City Attorney and the City Council's Public Works Committee, chaired by Councilman Huizar, fast track a new or revised Ordinance governing cell tower installations as per Councilman Rosendahl's motion CF No. 09-2645/Pole Regulation.

If you are Homeowners Assoc. please contact Chris Spitz, Pacific Palisades Residents Association for info: ppfriends3@hotmail.com.

If you are a concerned citizen, contact your councilmember immediately and your local Neighborhood Council and tell them you want action right now!

Your house or street may be targeted next and there will be nothing you can do about this ugly site. Act now to prevent this in your area:



ELECTION REMINDER

Be sure to mark your calendar for Saturday March 27, 2010 as Election Day for the Mission Hills Neighborhood Council. Voting will take place from 2:00 pm. to 8:00 p.m. at the following location:

Galpin Honda Showroom at 11151 Laurel Canyon Boulevard in Mission Hills.

We urge you to support your community by voting for the candidates of your choice for membership on the Mission Hills Neighborhood Council. Thank you for caring about your neighborhood and having your voice be heard.

We wish to thank the current members of the Mission Hills Neighborhood Council Board for their exemplary service:

David Guzman, Council Chairman

Jerrilyn Paley, Chairwoman, Zoning and Land Use Committee

Joseph Chicas, Vice-Chairman, Public Safety Committee

Yolanda Anguiano, Chairwoman, Beautification and Cultural Affairs Committee

John Samuelson, Treasurer

Julia Neiman, Chairwoman, Outreach Committee

Patricia Aidem, Board Member

Fred Ginsburg, Board Member

Irma Chaidez, Board Member

Joyce Sipes, Board Member

Randy Kuluva, Board Member

Tuesday Sipes, Youth Representative

UPCOMING MHNC COMMITTEE MEETINGS

(All meetings are held at the Mission Community Police Station, 11121 Sepulveda Blvd, Mission Hills, CA).

The Board of Governors' Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Please check the MHNC website at www.mhnconline.org for the dates of upcoming meetings, events, and important community news.

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

Do you have comments? Would you like to volunteer? Do you have a story to tell? Need help? Visit the website at www.mhnconline.org to leave your comments or questions.

The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council would like to extend an opportunity to the community to submit information pertaining to Mission Hills to be published in upcoming newsletters or listed on our website. The newsletter is delivered to nearly 8,000 addresses in Mission Hills. Have your voice heard - submit your news or suggestions at www.mhnconline.org.

Sign up for the MHNC eNewsletter and to receive timely updates or email us at: mhnc@mhnconline.org.