

NEWSLETTER

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Congratulations Board Members

On behalf of the residents and other stakeholders in Mission Hills, we congratulate the reelected, the newly elected and the appointed members of the board of the Mission Hills Neighborhood Council. The members are:

David Guzman, President

Yolanda Anguiano, Chairperson, Beautification & Cultural Affairs Committee

Jerrilyn Hayashi, Chairperson Zoning and Land Use Committee

Julia Neiman, appointed Chairperson, Outreach Committee

John Samuelson, appointed Treasurer

Tuesday Sipes, Youth Governor

Joyce A. Sipes	Randy Kuluva	Fred Ginsburg
Irma Chaidez	Patricia Aidem	Nicholas Marlas
Young Lee		

Induction of board members will take place at our regular MNHC Board of Directors' Meeting on Tuesday, May 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mission Police Station. We encourage you to track upcoming events and important news concerning the Mission Hills community at our website www.mhnconline.org.

Be Safe In the Neighborhood



The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council asks that you join us in welcoming LAPD's Melissa Zak as our new Patrol Captain. Captain Zak replaces Captain Hayakawa, who was recently transferred. She joins Captain William Scott in commanding our station.

Vehicle related theft, which includes breaking into cars to steal what is inside them as well as stealing the cars themselves, remains the biggest crime issue in our area. Stay alert, lock your cars and keep your valuables out of sight. If you don't have a trunk, use a blanket or tarp to conceal the things in the back of your SUV. Anti-theft deterrents such as anti-steering locks such as The Club, and effective car alarms certainly help. Park your vehicles in easy sight of your windows, and in lighted areas. Motion detector lighting above your garage to illuminate your driveway is inexpensive and easy to install.



Most importantly, keep your eyes and ears open. If you notice anything out of the ordinary, please phone it in and report it. You know who your neighbors are, and who the regular kids are. Our neighborhood doesn't get much foot traffic, so if you see strangers lurking around, or going from car to car, or pretending to solicit door to door -- report it. Be especially alert for youths or younger adults who are concealing their faces by wearing hoodies or brimmed hats low over their eyes for concealment.

Pay attention to your pets. Trust their instincts. Dogs and cats know who belongs and who doesn't. If your pets react to the presence of strangers close by, then maybe you should too.

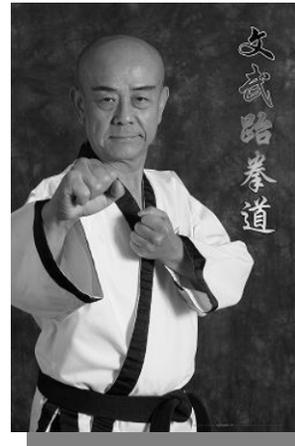
Above all, avoid confrontation. Keep your doors and windows locked, and let the police deal with suspicious persons. There is a myth that it takes forever for our police to respond. In actuality, our Mission police have an excellent response time. In a few recent cases, they have actually apprehended crooks still at the crime scenes.

Report crimes anonymously to
Crime Stoppers
800-222-TIPS or text to 274637
online at <http://lacrimestoppers.org>

Featured Neighborhood Business of the Month

Moon Moo Taekwondo

Mission Hills is lucky to have the very experienced Master Bruce Oh teaching taekwondo in our neighborhood. With 40 years of experience teaching in Korea, Pakistan and Los Angeles, Master Oh is a 9th degree black belt with extensive knowledge and a passion for martial arts.



"I am so glad to teach in my own neighborhood," said Master Oh. "After traveling in Europe, Asia and parts of Los Angeles for 40 years teaching taekwondo, opening a studio less than a mile away from my home is like retiring."

Master Oh began practicing taekwondo at the age of twelve and started his career in the Korean air force in 1970 to train soldiers in martial arts. He became the senior taekwondo master and trained air force units for twenty years.

He founded Pakistan's taekwondo association, created a national team and opened dozens of studios. His students in Pakistan call him their "grandfather of taekwondo."

In 1985 the Southern California Taekwondo Association invited Oh to coach the California team for the national championship. He later took part in choosing the 1988 U.S. Olympic team. For the past 20 years he has trained almost 2,000 students in the valley, 300 of whom achieved the black belt level. Oh is most proud of the positive impact he has had on his students' behavior, attitude and self-confidence. "I hope I can help more kids and adults in the Mission Hills are achieve their dreams by teaching them discipline and perseverance."

Moon Moo taekwondo is located on the south east corner of Sepulveda and Chatsworth. To start your taekwondo education, contact Master Oh at 818-895-6450 or send an email to Mootkd@gmail.com.

Thank You Starbucks!

The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council wants to extend an enthusiastic thank you to our local Starbucks for their generous contribution of coffee for our monthly board of directors' meeting. Starbucks is located at the corner of Devonshire and Langdon. Be sure to stop in and support them like they support our community.

The **MHNC Beautification and Cultural Affairs Committee** is proud to announce that The East San Fernando Valley Nature Parkway Project located on Devonshire Street at Woodman Avenue is well underway. Members of the community are invited to participate in this exciting project. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact the committee (see below for contact information). This picture is actually a projection of what the Parkway will look like when the project is complete.



There are many ways to help:

Help the day of planting

Donate services of any kind: water, food, funding
Outreach

Set up for various activities

And of course anything else you can think of.

We strongly recommend that you participate in this program, have a good time, get a lot of exercise, give back to the neighborhood and of course, have a sense of being part of our vibrant community.

Here is how you can contact the committee:

Email: yanguiana@mhnconline.org

Mail:

9300 Laurel Canyon Blvd, First Floor

Arleta, CA 91331

Phone:

(818) 504 3911

<http://esfvnp.wordpress.com/>

A Message from the Mission Hills Senior Lead Officer, Mike Braun

Spring is here and now that the warm weather is upon us, I know there is a temptation to leave the windows in your home open during the day. This may be a good way to air out your house, but it also is a major invitation for residential burglars. Please secure your home when you leave work for the day and take every precaution to keep your home from being an inviting target.

These burglars mostly roam around the community during the day looking for homes that are not occupied and break in. As we mentioned in our last Neighborhood Watch meeting, sometimes the suspects will knock on doors of the targeted home to see if anyone answers. If not, then it usually means that no one is home and gives them plenty of time to go around the back and break in.

This is where being an active part of Neighborhood Watch plays an important role. **Report suspicious people** in your neighborhood, day or night, by calling the **Non-Emergency** number **818-734- 2223**. Know your immediate neighbors enough to know who is home during the day & can keep an eye on your house. **Report ALL crimes and suspicious activity. To catch the criminals, we have to know where they're at!**

Our next Mission Hills Neighborhood Watch meeting will be May 25, 2010 at 7:00pm at Mission Community Police Station 11121 Sepulveda Blvd., Mission Hills, in the Timothy M. Falco Community Room.

Senior Lead Officer Mike Braun

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(818) 838-9843 Email: 27025@lapd.lacity.org

To join Neighborhood Watch contact:

Co-Chairs: Betty Ley (818) 837-3664

Email: no1leyblondeangel@yahoo.com or

Rachel Baroth (818) 304-4148,

Email: rachel@rachelbaroth.com

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

In an attempt to alleviate the eye sore and crime of some of ongoing yard sales, the Neighbor Hood Council is suggesting community yard sales. To that end, the Block Watch of Minnehaha and Lev Streets will have a community yard sale on Saturday, May 22nd at 14298 Minnehaha St., Mission Hills. Come on over, find some treasures and support crime reduction.

Movie In The Park

It's that time of year again, time for the 3rd annual ***Movie In the Park*** at Andres Pico Adobe Park. We will begin planning this event at our next Outreach Committee Meeting on Monday, May 10, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mission Police Station. You are invited to attend this meeting if you want to participate in planning the event. See you there.

UPCOMING MHNC COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**(All meeting are held at the Mission Community
Police Station, 11121 Sepulveda Blvd).**

**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.**

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.