



# MISSION HILLS



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### Special points of interest:

- VOTE—Tues. Nov 2.
- MHNC Board of Governors & Stakeholders' Meeting, Thursday, Nov 4, 6:30 p.m.
- Veteran's Day Parade – November 11, 2010
- New Feature on our website lists community resources

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## Celebrating Our Veterans

It's that time of year when we celebrate our veterans. This year's Veterans' Day Parade will feature Admiral Michael G. Mullen, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, as the Grand Marshall. Adm. Mullen is a San Fernando Valley Native, having been born here and graduated from Notre Dame High School in Sherman Oaks.

**PARADE HIGHLIGHTS:** The parade will involve more than 60 veterans groups (including one equestrian team), marching high school bands, the San Diego-based Navy Band Southwest and



Admiral Mike Mullen

the 1st Marine Division Band from Camp Pendleton, and the Air National Guard Band of the Southwest. All of the wartime eras will be specifically represented (from WWII to Iraqi Freedom) as well as all branches of the military. The WWII era flying Condor squadron from Van Nuys will decorate the sky.

Highway off-ramps and local streets will be shut down to traffic. The parade will be televised on Channel 35.

**LOCATION:** The parade will begin at the corner of Laurel Canyon Blvd. and San Fernando Mission Blvd, proceed down Laurel Canyon Blvd. 1.1 miles and culminate at the Ritchie Valens Recreation Center and Park, 10736 Laurel Canyon Blvd. at Paxton in Pacoima.

There will be a carnival at the Ritchie Valens Recreation Center.

## Learn about little known benefit for War Vets at the next MHNC meeting, Nov. 4

The War Era Veterans Alliance in Glendale is helping Veterans, surviving spouses and their families to access the Aid and Attendance Pension Program.

What is this Benefit? It assists wartime veterans

and surviving spouses who have in-home care or who live in nursing-homes or assisted-living facilities.

**Mark Lizer from the War Era Veterans Alliance will be at the MHNC Board of Governors & Stakeholders**

**meeting on Thurs., Nov 4 to educate us about this little known benefit.**

Obtain more information from War Era Veterans Alliance by calling 1800-901-0940 or visit [www.warervet.com](http://www.warervet.com).

# Zoning and Land Use Committee Report:

A presentation, including recommendations of the ZALUC on the St. Ephraim Syriac Orthodox Church project will be made at the Board of Governors and Stakeholders' meeting on Nov. 4. This will be your last chance to be heard regarding this project so come to this meeting.

Other issues:

The City Planning Commission (CPC) is holding a hearing regarding an ordinance proposed by the City of Los Angeles. The ordinance amends the LAMC to update common findings for condi-

tional uses, adjustments, and other quasi-judicial land use approvals to provide a better framework for analyzing the merits of proposed development projects and eliminate redundancy in case processing.

**Protect Mission Hills zoning and land use ordinances— it is imperative that you attend the MHNC meetings to provide feedback and make recommendations for the City Planning Commission.**

These LAMCV have been enacted since June 1, 1946 and will affect

all the Council Districts. The next Hearing is scheduled for January 13, 2011.

In addition, there is a motion to amend the Proposed Community Care Facility Ordinances. Examples of these are sober living homes and group homes.

These amendments can significantly impact the way we live in our communities forever. In fact, opponents to the changes recently ran a full page article in the Daily News. Attend the Nov. 4th meeting and express your views on these issues.

## More from ZALUC

**FYI: LAMC Article 6 General Noise, section 1160.1; LOUD, UNNECESSARY, AND UNUSAL NOISE** states that; *it shall be unlawful for any person to willfully make or continue, or cause to be made or continued, any loud, unnecessary, and unusual noise which disturbs the peace or quiet of any neighborhood or which causes discomfort or annoyance to any reasonable person of normal sensitiveness residing in the area.*

**Section 111.05** covers who is responsible for enforcement of the Noise Ordinances. For **Section 1160.1**. The Police Department shall have the power and duty to enforce the following noise control provisions of this Code.

ZALUC would like to thank 7/Eleven for complying with the mural ordinance and removing the mural in a timely manner.

New ZALUC Committee Member: Linda Romney comes to our committee with experience from GHNC Land Use Committee and is an active participant of the Mission Hills community. We are very fortunate to have her volunteer her time to our committee. She was unanimously approved by the Board of Governors to vote on decisions of the ZALUC committee makes. Thank you Linda and welcome!

## Mission Hills Neighborhood Council to Honor War Era Vets with a Special Page on the Website

**Mission Hills wants to honor our local War Era Veterans**, living or deceased! We are creating a special section at the MHNC website dedicated to our brave neighbors. It will feature an Honors Roll, as well as an area for news and resources.

If you, a family member, or close friend served our country in an armed

conflict please send us your information: name, rank, branch of service, which war or conflict, photo (if available), and any other brief information (medals earned, etc.).

If you are a Veteran, and have important news to share with your fellow Vets, or have an issue that the MHNC Board may be able to help you with,

send it to us! You will be able to leave comments on the page as well.

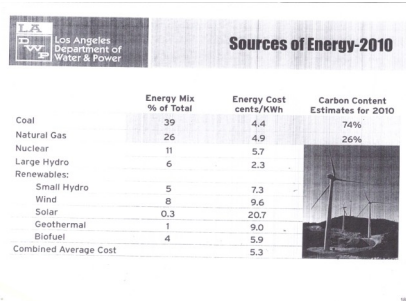
Send your information to the MHNC Outreach Chairperson at [jneiman@mhnconline.org](mailto:jneiman@mhnconline.org) or bring your submissions to the meetings on the first Thursday of each month.

# 25% Electric Rate Increase by LADWP

By Linda Romney

The LADWP conducted seven (7) Public Workshops during the month of September, 2010. Only two were in the Valley, one at East Valley and one at West Valley. The meager attendance at these meetings were interpreted by LADWP as representative of their 4 million customers.

LADWP Draft 2010 IRP presented their Sources of Energy-2010 (refer to the chart). Workshop attendees watched a slide presentation and were told that the Board of Water and Power Commissioners set renewable



energy targets at 20% by 2010 increasing to 35% by 2020. The public was not permitted to ask any questions. Divided into small groups of approximately twelve, rate payers were polled as to how much of an increase they would pay to reduce GHG emissions and for renewable energy.

Each participant was encouraged by LADWP to vote more than once! They explained that if you voted for 25% increase, they would assume that you also

voted for a 15% as well as a 5% increase in electricity. This writer asked why the Bloom Box was not listed as an energy source on their chart. The Bloom Box, which has been featured on 60 Minutes, is currently available to commercial and industrial clients as they are the major source of GHG emissions.

Mr. John R. Dennis, Director of Power System Planning and Development for LADWP stated he was familiar with the Bloom Box and said the LADWP would authorize its use, but offered no explanation as to why it was omitted as a power source from their chart.

Learn more about Bloom Box below.

## Bloom Energy— an affordable alternative to high rates

Imagine being able to easily go off the power grid and not have to pay for electricity. Well, that is possible with the Bloom Box. Currently, the Bloom Box is only available to commercial and industrial customers as they are the worst offenders for GHG emissions. Bloom Energy estimates that the Bloom Box will be available for residential customers within the next five years. The cost of installa-

tion is estimated to be a ONE TIME fee of approximately \$3000. The power generator takes up the size of one parking space and generates power on-site. There are no additional charges for power, ever. That means FREE energy once you've paid for the installation.

Currently commercial users include WalMart, Staples, Ebay, Coca Cola,

FedEx, Bank of America and more.

Learn about this amazing power source at [www.bloomenergy.com](http://www.bloomenergy.com) and at the MHNC Board of Governors and Stakeholders' December 2nd meeting. We plan to have a speaker from Bloom Energy there to answer questions.

## Message from the President of the Board, David Guzman

On behalf of the Board of Governors, I want to wish everyone a great holiday season. The neighborhood council continues to focus on keeping our community a desired place to call home. This year we had a very successful movie in the park event in August in which over 500 residents attended. Also, the council has been extra busy this year with zoning project proposals that have required many hours of work from the board members and stakeholders. The council strives to produce a consistent and relevant newsletter to inform you of the latest news of our community. One of the major goals of the newsletter is to inspire and motivate the community into becoming more active in the governance of our community.

The neighborhood council Board of Governors needs your help in participating more actively with the council. Your feedback and advice helps in framing of the discussions and policies of the neighborhood council. It is imperative that you participate in this process, otherwise, decisions tend to be made by a few instead of a more broader stakeholder base.

On a last note, I want to encourage all of you who have been reading our newsletters to sign-up for our weekly email calendar. It's simple and convenient at [www.mhnconline.org](http://www.mhnconline.org). Click on the "Join our Email List" tab and type in your contact information.

The Board of Governors invites all stakeholders, residential and business, to attend the meetings. Your feedback is essential to making Mission Hills a neighborhood to be proud of, a place to call home and a great place to do business. We are currently developing a survey which we hope to have all of you participate in. We want to know what you like about Mission Hills, what needs to be changed and what we can do to enhance our neighborhood. Please watch for the surveys in a few months and provide your answers so that we can know how you feel and what issues are important for our neighborhood.

**UPCOMING MHNC  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND STAKE-  
HOLDERS' MEETINGS**

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

**The Board of Governors has its meeting on the 1st Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. We both encourage and welcome your participation at these meetings.**

**Please check the Mission Hills Neighborhood Council website at [www.mhnconline.org](http://www.mhnconline.org) for the dates of upcoming meetings, events and important community news.**

**Or call (818) 902-2361.**

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](http://www.mhnconline.org) to leave your comments or questions. Or call our new phone number, (818) 902-2361.

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](http://www.mhnconline.org). Sign up for the MHNC eNewsletter and to receive timely updates or email us at [mhnc@mhnconline.org](mailto:mhnc@mhnconline.org)