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Special points of interest:

- MHNC Board of Governors & Stakeholders' Meeting, Thursday, Feb 3, 6:30 p.m.
- Mission Hills has a new Senior Lead Officer—Philip Ruiz.
- Volunteers Need for MHNC Outreach and Senior Outreach Committees

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Board to Hold Final Vote on Church Proposal

The Board of Governors of the Mission Hills Neighborhood Council will hold a final vote at the February 3, 2011 board meeting on the Proposal and request for a Conditional Use Permit by St. Ephraim Syriac Orthodox Church for construction at 10635 Woodman Avenue.

The proposed project will consist of several multi-level buildings ranging in elevation from 26 feet high to 55

foot high bell tower that includes a two story church; chapel; fellowship hall; multi-purpose room; offices; administration rooms; library and a Bishop's residence.

A Zone Variance has been requested to allow for a two story, 23,000 square foot apartment building for senior citizen residents with 28 one bedroom rental units. The total proposed developed floor area is 72,250 square

feet. Off street parking in accordance with the Los Angeles Municipal Code will provide 288 parking spaces.

The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council Board Meeting on February 3 will be your last opportunity to voice your opinion on this matter. We encourage you to attend this meeting and provide your feedback.

MHNC Senior Outreach Committee Seeks Volunteers

The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council Senior Outreach Committee is at the beginning stages of planning activities and events for the seniors of Mission Hills. Joyce Sipes, who heads up this committee, is asking for volunteers who are willing to help in anyway. This committee is just now forming and the only requirement for you to be on this committee is your willingness to help.

We currently need people to help in the following areas: Welcome Committee, decorating, phone calls, clean-up and games. This is a great opportunity for you to be involved and get to meet your neighbors. Please call Joyce Sipes at 818 429-8468.

Public Safety Committee Report

Greetings neighbors! The Mission Hills Public Safety Committee is excited for the new year as we welcome our new Senior Lead Officer, Philip Ruiz. We are very excited to have his leadership and we share in his vision for making Mission Hills safe for everyone. In the coming year, we will be working closely with Officer Ruiz and the Neighborhood Watch in strengthening community-policing efforts.

One of the first initiatives the committee is working on is placing Neighborhood Watch signs throughout 30 of Mission Hills' more crime-prone areas. In doing so, we hope to create a more visible community-policing presence and deter crime before it happens. If you have any location suggestions please feel free to email the committee chairman (email link below).

If you are looking for a way to be active within the community, we are still looking for committee members that can assist the Public Safety Committee. Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7pm at the Mission Police Station. If you are interested, please contact Joseph Chicas, MHNC Public Safety Chair at:

joseph.chicas@gmail.com

We are looking forward to a safe and prosperous 2011!

A Note From Our New Senior Lead Officer—Philip Ruiz

Hello everyone.

My name is Officer Philip Ruiz. I was fortunate enough to meet many of you while filling in as the interim SLO for Basic Car 19A43 during the absence of SLO Mike Braun. I really enjoyed working with you and representing the Mission Hills Area.

Senior Lead Officer Braun has since retired from the department and is off enjoying his retirement. I am very glad to announce that I was recently selected to be the next Senior Lead Officer for Basic Car 19A43. I am very excited about being chosen and look forward to working with and assisting the community in any way I

can. If I can help you in any way, you can reach me at (818) 838-9843.

I look forward to meeting and assisting you.

Thank You

Senior Lead Officer Philip Ruiz.

“You get the government that you deserve.”

An editorial by Fred Ginsburg

I think the original quote dates back to Thomas Jefferson or one of the founding fathers, but the promise or threat still holds true today. Threat? Oh yes. If you just sit back and let the corrupt politicians take charge, then you will have to PAY for the consequences. And I do mean, PAY with a check. We have already seen taxes and fees raise up over and over again. And bonds (just another word for taxes!) keep getting passed, but the promised improvements never come. They just take away part of the existing budget, and fill in the gap with the new money. Our money. Our savings.

Alright, so enough ranting. I'll save it for AM Talk Radio. My point is: Please stop sitting around complaining and GET INVOLVED. The concept of the Neighborhood Council is democracy at its roots. We, the stakeholders, get to influence City Hall about what happens here on our streets .

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Victory in Fight Against Mobile Ad Trailers: Trailers Being Towed Under New City Ordinance Spearheaded by Councilman Smith

In a major victory for the community, the City began towing mobile advertising trailers from L.A. streets after Councilman Smith's legislation to regulate the blight of unhitched trailer billboards went into effect on Jan. 1, 2011.

"This is a huge success in our efforts to protect the quality of life in our community," Councilman Smith said. "This ordinance is long overdue, but now with local control over this issue, we can finally rid our streets of these nuisances."

The ordinance to strictly regulate

the mobile advertising trailers was approved by City Council on Friday, Dec. 17, 2010. On Thursday, Sept. 30, 2010 Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed AB 2756 into law, a bill to ban or regulate the mobile advertising trailers that have become a plague on San Fernando Valley streets. Los Angeles introduced a sister motion in July 2010 that would be automatically triggered if AB 2756 would pass, directing the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to regulate the unhitched trailer billboards. To see the full ordinance, visit

http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2009/09-2140-s1_ord_181495.pdf.

The weekend that the enforcement action began, more than a dozen unhitched advertising trailers were impounded and towed and over 30 were cited. Owners of the trailers face misdemeanor fines from \$250 to \$1,000 and up to six months in jail.

To report a mobile ad trailer, call the DOT Parking Enforcement Communications Division at 818-752-5100 or 213-485-4181. Immediately Press "2" to report a parking violation. Be ready to provide the trailer license plate number and the street block location.

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Whether it is to endorse or veto a new construction project, which could be anything from a custom fence to a church campus, or a proposed shopping center; or to get some safer street lighting or speed humps.

Our Zoning & Land Use Committee monitors applications and proposals to physically change our neighborhood. They allow all of us to provide feedback, and then send our recommendations to the City.

Public Safety is always a concern. As the budget cuts reduce police manpower, we need to rely on our own Neighborhood Watch eyes & ears to alert our police patrols of anything or anyone unusual, if not suspicious.

We need to reach out to our Seniors and Veterans. Find out their immediate problems, and see if we can help them directly or at least refer them to people who can.

What can we do to improve the overall look of our community? Maybe it is landscaping along Devonshire, or banning those ugly trailer signs. Present your ideas to the Beautification Committee!

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The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council is made up entirely of volunteers. There are no political party affiliations; only the local stakeholders. But nothing can be accomplished without folks like yourselves stepping up and getting involved. Your current Board of Governors are only a handful of individuals, and we all have jobs and family that take up most of our time. We cannot do it all just by ourselves.

Please attend our monthly stakeholders meetings. Come out to a Committee Meeting that perks your interest, such as Zoning & Land Use, Public Safety, Seniors, Veterans, Outreach, or Beautification. We need new faces on the Board, and fresh minds on our committees.

Mainly, we need YOU. This is our community. Don't let the politicians pillage it.

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Mission Hills Neighborhood Council to Honor War Era Vets with a Special Page on 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 or bring your submissions to the meetings on the first Thursday of each month.

Studio Loren Glez Hair Glamor announces their first anniversary celebration. We would like to thank the community for your continued support on our growing business. It's been a year of great new friends and experiences. Our studio offers innovative services and products from fashion forward haircuts to dimensional color, highlights, and special engagements like up-do's & make-up & more. Each of our expert stylists respond with solutions that complete your image and works with your lifestyle to create the result you desire.

As a token of our appreciation to Mission Hills community we are giving a \$5 voucher for you and a friend on any hair service over \$20 dollars (must bring newsletter) as our way of saying thank you. In addition we invite you to join us for a reception at the studio on Sat Feb 26th from 4-7 for complimentary beauty, hair and skin consultations as well as several guest speakers, music and refreshment.

We look forward to getting to know you and make the beauty changes you seek. You can contact us at 818-894-4526.

Moon Moo Taekwondo Studio is very happy to celebrate one year of serving the Mission Hills community.

Grand Master Bruce Oh has helped children and adults begin their education in Martial Arts, providing after school group classes and private sessions.

To kick off the new year, Moon Moo is offering a 9-week special for \$99.99-- unlimited classes Monday through Friday--during the month of February.

We hope to serve the Mission Hills community for many years to come.

We are located on the South West corner of Chatsworth and Sepulveda at 15416 Chatsworth St.

To contact us, please call 818.895.6450 or visit our new website moonmootkd.com.