



MISSION HILLS



NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Of Special Interest:

The MHNC Board of Governors/Stakeholders General Meeting is held the 1st Thursday of each month - 6:30p.m. at Mission Area Police Station in the Timothy M. Falco Community Room. PLEASE JOIN US

⚠ Changes in 3-1-1 operating hours: Effective Tuesday July 19, 2011, the 3-1-1 Call Center will be closed from 4:45 pm to 8:00 am. The new operating hours will be 8:00 am to 4:45 pm daily, including weekends and holidays.

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Graffiti abatement funding cutbacks began July 1, 2011



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The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council extends a **Big**

Thank You

To

**Hamer Toyota * Mission Hills Nissan
 Boy Scout Troop 104 * Holy Cross Hospital
 Livingstone Christian Fellowship
 Kaiser Permanente * Andres Pico Adobe
 Smart & Final Granada Hills
 (L.E.C.P.) Law Enforcement Cadet Post 409
 Russell Mulcahy * Council District 7**

We salute and thank the above businesses & organizations for their generosity in helping the MHNC bring our community together for another wonderful night under the stars at our

4th Annual Movies in the Park



Brad Klimovitch, Community Outreach Chair

ZONING & LAND USE

Tidbits from the Zoning & Land Use Committee.

Case # ZA-2009-4028 CU-ZV-ZAA-F ? 10635 Woodman Ave. St Ephraim Syrian Orthodox Church

At this time the MHNC has not received a determination letter from Nick Brown, zoning administrator assigned to this case. **Case # ZA-2011-0053-CUB- 14666 W. San Fernando Mission Blvd.**

At this time the MHNC has not received a determination letter from the Zoning Administrator assigned to this case. There are currently no new cases from the Planning Department at this time, however, there are two new owners who purchased commercial property here in Mission Hills that the MNHC would like to welcome to our community. They are Primestor LLC and Luxurious Properties. Primestor LLC has purchased a major section of the Mission Hills Plaza. A redevelopment is planned for this property. Arturo Snyder the owner of Primestor expressed at our August MHNC meeting that he looks forward to working with our community by considering our requests for a variety of retail stores as current leases expire and existing tenants decide not to renew leases.

In an effort to get feedback from the community the ZALUC has posted a survey on our web site, www.mhnconline.org, This is your opportunity to be a part of designing a part of Mission Hills. The surveys scope asks for input about retail stores, landscaping, hardscaping and the exterior style. This is a big project and will impact our community. We do have hard copies available of the survey, if you need one please contact me through e-mail Jerrilyn@mhnconline.org or leave a message on the MHNC answering service @ 818-902-2361.

Luxurious Properties has purchased the Gas Mart, 10259 Sepulveda Blvd., corner of Sepulveda and Devonshire. The ZALUC has sent Luxurious Properties a welcome letter and invited them to attend our next Board meeting. The welcome letter is on file for your viewing.

If you would like you can be notified of upcoming ZALUC meetings please subscribe to our e-mail blasts at www.mhnconline.org. Stakeholder input is needed and valued. Thank you to Albert Sanchez our local mail carrier on his new route in North Hills. He has serviced our community for the past 12 years and provided the community with great support.

Jerrilyn Hayahsi
Chairperson, Zoning and Land Use Committee



Our mhnconline newsletter
is available on line at
www.mhnconline.org

PUBLIC SAFETY



*Of ghosties & ghoulies & Things that go
Bump in the Night.....Have a Happy, Fun,
Spooky and "Safe" Halloween!*

If "Trick or Treating", please make certain an adult will accompany small children. Be sure kid's costumes are safe, non-flammable and masks do not obstruct vision. If driving, be on high alert for low flying ghosts and witches.

Public Safety Tips

Lock It, Hide It, Keep It:

The LAPD reminds you to Lock It, Hide It & Keep It! Please do not leave anything valuable in your car when you park it for any length of time. It only takes criminals a few seconds to take your wallet, purse, phone, iPod or briefcase so even if you are just going into the house for a minute you should be sure to lock your car with the windows closed. If you must leave your car unattended for an extended period of time take a few seconds to hide your valuables from plain sight. If the criminals can't see your valuables they will not be tempted to break into your car and will move on to the next one. Also, be sure to lock your car whenever you leave it unattended!

Graffiti Removal – Free and Easy:

If you see any graffiti on your property, in your neighborhood or anywhere in the city of Los Angeles you can have it removed quickly, safely and for free. Simply call 3-1-1* and let them know where the graffiti is. They will pass the information along to their graffiti removal team who will respond as soon as possible to take care of the problem. The quicker you call the quicker they can remove it and if we all report graffiti we can help keep our property and neighborhoods looking beautiful.

***For Mission Hills call Graffiti Busters at: 818-767-7711**

Prevent Burglars:

Home burglaries are an unfortunate reality but there is a way you can help prevent burglars from breaking into your home. If you are at home and someone comes to the door that you do not know **do not open the door**. Simply ignore him or her and hope they will go away. The person may be a burglar checking to see if someone is home and, if you do not let him or her know you are home, they may break in and put you in danger. What you should do instead is let them know that you are home while at the same time asking them to leave. Yell through the door, wave them away through a window...make sure you let them know you are home and that you are not interested in talking to them and you can help save yourself from becoming a possible victim of crime

Doug Stolhand, Public Safety Chair

SENIOR OUTREACH

coming soon!

Back by popular demand will be our second annual **“Senior Meet and Greet”**. This is a wonderful opportunity for seniors in our community to come together to meet other residents in their community and enjoy great entertainment, good company and a bite to eat at “no charge”.

I thank all volunteers who helped organize our last event. The turnout was fantastic and everyone had a wonderful time.

At this time a date has not been set for our **upcoming** “Meet and Greet”. Unfortunately because our newsletter is distributed quarterly, the next newsletter will not be released until January. **If you are interested in attending the next event which we anticipate in the next two months, please contact the Neighborhood Council’s office at 818 902-2361 and provide your contact information.** Joyce Sipes, Chair of the Senior Outreach Committee will contact you once a date has been confirmed and provide you with further details.

The Senior Outreach Committee will be brainstorming to put together a series of presentations specific to seniors. Some ideas already suggested have been topics such as “aging and exercise”, “the role of the mind”, “keeping seniors safe” and “options for seniors”.

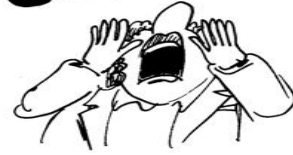
Again the focus of the Mission Hills Neighborhood Council is to provide a forum for community participation through means of discussion of issues and projects (new developments) facing Mission Hills and will make recommendations to their City Council representative. In addition they will consider funding requests and seek grants for community projects. **We invite you to consider being involved in any way that you can to make a difference in your community.**

For more information you may contact **Joyce Sipes, Chair of Senior Outreach Committee** at (818) 902-2361 or by email JJSIPES@HOTMAIL.COM

“A winner is always part of the answer”.



Volunteers!



Help Wanted

Get Involved! The MHNC is looking for a volunteer to serve as our Acting Secretary to take minutes at our monthly meeting. This is a great opportunity for a stakeholder to become active in the community. The position is also open to students as an Internship, which may be worth academic credit (ask your faculty). The role of Acting Secretary is not a Board Member position; however, if it works out, you could be nominated to the Board later in the year.



Fred Ginsburg
Vice President and Treasurer
David Guzman
Council President

Our **MISSION** is to serve all members as the coordinating and information clearinghouse for community issues. The issues to be addressed will be determined by the MHNC Board of Governors (Board) with input from the stakeholders; and to provide an inclusive open forum for public discussion of strategic issues concerning City governance, the needs of this community, the delivery of City services to the Mission Hills area, and on matters of a citywide nature.

“Boy Scout Troop 104 serving our Community”





Los Angeles City Council approves Best Friends Animal Society, a National non-profit animal rescue group, to operate long closed Northeast Valley Animal Care Center.

When up and running, Best Friends will provide adoption and spay and neuter services at the Animal Care Center. Although there has been some debate about the privatization of this taxpayer-funded facility, CD7 Councilmember Richard Alarcón was the dissenting vote when the motion came before the Los Angeles City Council.

Located at Brand and Stranwood in Mission Hills, the \$19.5 million Center was funded by the 2000 voter-approved \$150 million Proposition F Animal Facilities Bond. The facility was completed three years ago but was never fully opened or staffed due to budget constraints. While on the Los Angeles City Council representing District 7, now-State-Senator Alex Padilla played a key role in the successful construction of the new Animal Care Center.

For upcoming information on the North East Valley Animal Care Center and additional issues in our community, please check the MHNC website at www.mhnconline.org



You Can Make a Difference!
Adopt, Foster, Volunteer!

To Learn How – Call L.A. Dept. of Animal Services at 888-452-7381

The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council attends Bbq at Fire Station 75

In appreciation of MHNC's donation of a new professional BBQ for the station, The brave men & women at fire station 75 were hosts to the MHNC at a great bbq on Sunday, Sept. 25. Below, Outreach chair, Brad Klimovitch, Brad's Daughter & Vice president/treasurer, Fred Ginsburg

