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Of Special Interest:

The MHNC Board of Governors/Stakeholders General Meeting is held the 1st Monday of each month - 6:30p.m. Mission Police Station Timothy M. Falco Community Room.

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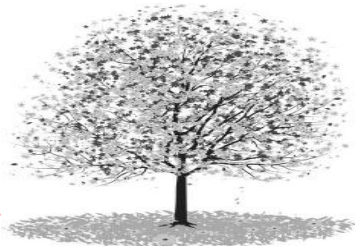
Community Begins Here



FROM THE BOARD

The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council

extends its sincere appreciation to out-going President David Guzman. David was appointed to the Board in April 2008. Although stepping down as president, his dedication and commitment to our community remain strong. At the February 6, 2012 Board meeting, David was appointed by unanimous vote to Chair the Beautification Committee. Thank you, David, for your continued service to the MHNC and your community.



"The Community We Deserve"

We all want to live in a beautiful, well-tended community. As a community, we can all work together to significantly improve everyone's quality of life. Keeping our neighborhoods free from blight actually increases public safety and **property values**.

Nothing sends a more powerful message to would-be criminals than a neglected neighborhood [***the sense of mutual regard and the obligations of civility are lowered by actions that seem to signal that no one cares***] ~Broken Windows White Paper by George L. Kelling]. Blight and neglect opens the door to an environment of crime and a community can soon become fair game for **the bad guys**.

Graffiti, run down properties, abandoned vehicles, trash, illegal dumping, neglected alleys, weed infested medians and the ever-present shopping cart abandoned on someone's parkway; these are just a few of the problems we hear about. Working together as a community to identify, reduce and eventually eliminate this blight from our community is a team effort.

The MHNC Beautification Committee will be **working together with residents, Council District 7, Mission Community Police Station, Neighborhood Watch and local businesses** to maintain and enhance the appearance of our Community. Working together as a community we can help each other protect our quality of life.

While the Committee works on structuring our mission and goals, we would like to begin by scheduling the first in a **series of community clean-ups** for 2012. Planned for **late spring, we invite stakeholders to offer input for potential locations** for our first clean-up event. Please send your recommendations to "Operation Beautiful Neighborhoods" c/o David Guzman at d.guzman@mhnconline.org or leave a voice message at 818-902-2236. NOTE: Recommended locations will be inspected, given careful consideration and chosen based on criteria set by the committee. We would also appreciate your ideas for future community beautification projects. We are accepting volunteers to serve on this committee - Send contact information as referenced above.

David Guzman. Beautification Committee Chair



IN THE NEWS



Brad Klimovitch

Mission Hills Neighborhood Council appoints new President

I would like to thank the stakeholders of Mission Hills and our Board of Governors as I succeed David Guzman as your new Neighborhood Council President. I was honored to be appointed by the members of our dedicated Board of Governors at our monthly stakeholder meeting on January 9, 2012.

Pursuant to our MHNC Bylaws and the Plan for a City Wide System of Neighborhood Councils; the MHNC's primary focus is advocating on behalf of our stakeholders and lobbying our CD7 Councilmember and City Hall to bring needed services to Mission Hills. As President, with input from the community, I will continue to advance such important and relevant issues as the recent Street Tree Ordinance, Best Friends Animal Shelter, the Dept. of Water & Power MHNC Liaison and the Mission Hills Plaza proposed redevelopment by Primestor.

With that in mind, as springtime approaches and potential candidates for public office begin to clamor for your vote, the MHNC Board would like to hear your voice. While the MHNC does not support or endorse any candidate running for public office, we can, however, offer all candidates a venue in the form of a Candidate Forum; thereby allowing candidates to bring forward their platform and provide stakeholders an opportunity to ask questions regarding what candidates plan to offer our community and the City of L.A.

We have scores of community issues to consider on an ongoing basis. What our elected officials promise and actually do is another story. I welcome your thoughts, ideas and concerns to help formulate some of the tough questions our public officials need to address regarding current and future issues and concerns. Please stay tuned for updates on our planned candidate forums. Information will be made available on our website at www.mhnconline.org, in our MHNC newsletter and through our E-Blast Alert System.

As I contemplate future BOG meeting agendas, it became very clear to me that I must consider the input and requests of all MHNC stakeholders. In order to do so, I must have your communication and participation in this process. Whether planning a candidate forum or other community matters such as land use, public safety, beautification, and quality of life issues, I believe working together on common goals with a collaborative spirit is the key to success and will serve to reinforce our ability to maintain and improve our community.

I promise to respect the dignity and expression of viewpoints of all individuals, groups, and organizations involved in the MHNC. I encourage all Community Stakeholders to participate in all activities of the MHNC and invite you to attend our monthly BOG/Stakeholders meetings. I urge you to consider an appointment to one of our open Board seats or volunteer to serve on one of our committees. Our next meeting is scheduled for March 5 and will begin at 6:30p.m. in the Timothy M. Falco Community Room at Mission Community Police Station located at 11121 Sepulveda Blvd., Mission Hills.

The MHNC is a community based team and resource for all MHNC stakeholder members. Pride in our community should inspire us, neighbor to neighbor, to share ideas and concerns and bring them to the MHNC Board of Governors. Team work and community spirit will help maintain Mission Hills as a safe place in which to live, work and play. We encourage and welcome your ideas, recommendations and participation.

Warmest Regards,
Brad Klimovitch, President
Mission Hills Neighborhood Council
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SENIOR OUTREACH

Back by popular demand is our third "Senior Meet and Greet". This is a wonderful opportunity for seniors in the area to come together to meet other seniors in their community. For those of you who have never attended this fun event, we provide good company, entertainment and lunch. The best part of all, **IT'S FREE!** So Mark your calendars for **Thursday, May 24th 2012 from 12 noon to 3:00 p.m.** This event is located at the **Valley Inn Conference Center located at 10621 Sepulveda Blvd. Mission Hills, CA 91345.** Call (818) 902-2361 or you may **email me** at jsipes@mhnconline.org to make your reservation.

If you would like to volunteer on the senior committee please let me know. On a side note, many of you have requested an encore performance by Mr. Charm himself, **Henry Samuels**, who delighted us at our first Senior Meet and Greet event with his vocals, humor and mastery of the chromatic harmonica. Henry has recently been hospitalized and I assure you when he makes it back home, he will be available. We wish him well. Anyone who was fortunate enough to see his performance would agree he was absolutely mesmerizing!

We have just completed a series of classes at Northridge Hospital on topics related to seniors. If you are interested in finding out about the next series of senior related classes, please call (818) 902-2361 or email jsipes@mhnconline.org. I will be happy to forward the new schedule of upcoming classes upon receipt.

As a resident of Mission Hills for 27 years and a board member of the Mission Hills Neighborhood Council of four years, I am often asked "do you get paid for being a board member" No; unless you count the deep sense of gratification that comes from public service and making a difference in the community in which you live. As board members we act as a liaison between the average person and city government. We encourage participation from the community, building on the idea that there is strength in numbers in order to make city government more responsive to local needs and facilitate the delivery of services to the residents. Since hosting the Senior Meet and Greets, we have recruited new board members and seen many new faces at our monthly meetings. I invite all of you to attend at least one meeting to get a sense of what goes on. I feel fortunate to have met so many wonderful people in our community. Board meetings are held the first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Timothy M. Falco Community Room at the Mission Hills Community Police Station located at 11121 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Mission Hills. Additional parking available next door at Facey parking lot.

Hope to see you there!

**"The way I see it, if you want the rainbow,
you gotta put up with the rain."**



Joyce Sipes, Senior Outreach Chair

PUBLIC SAFETY

Bullying Awareness

Would you know if your child was being bullied? Often bullying goes unreported and undetected, yet the damage is still done and can have life altering effects. In 2009, Finklhor, Turner, Ormod & Hamby conducted a national study of United States school children, ages 2—17, and identified 29.5 percent of the youth surveyed had experienced emotional bullying, and 21.6 percent had experienced physical bullying. Knowing the signs and getting immediate assistance to stop the bullying and provide emotional support can make all the difference in the life of a child. The following are warning signs often demonstrated by children being bullied:

- ◆ Comes home with torn, damaged, or missing pieces of clothing, books, or other belongings.
- ◆ Has unexplained cuts, bruises, scratches.
- ◆ Has few, if any friends with whom they spend time.
- ◆ Seems afraid of going to school, walking to and from school, riding the bus, or taking part in organized activities with peers.
- ◆ Takes a long, illogical route to school.
- ◆ Has lost interest in, or suddenly begins to do poorly at school.
- ◆ Appears sad, moody, teary, or depressed when they come home from school.
- ◆ Complains of frequent headaches, stomachaches, or other physical symptoms.
- ◆ Has trouble sleeping or has frequent bad dreams.
- ◆ Demonstrates a loss of appetite.
- ◆ Appears anxious and suffers from low self esteem.

Know the signs and stop bullying today!

Brad Klimovitch

Zoning & Land Use

▪ **Case No. 76954 - Gas Mart**

10259 Sepulveda Blvd. at Devonshire St.

Work of improvement continues after a delay of several months. Owner(s) have submitted an Application for CUB (Conditional Use Beverage) for off-site sale of beer and wine. On 10/27/11 LAPD Mission Area Division requested 18 conditions imposed on this CUB. Application currently on hold.

15505 W. Chatsworth

This Case just came before Z & LU. The committee will provide more information as it becomes available.

Mission Hills Plaza/Primestor proposed development
MHNC continues to communicate with Primestor representatives. No new information imminent. MHNC has appointed a subcommittee to manage this case and approved a case management plan provided by a stakeholder. **Volunteers needed.**



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Mission Hills Business Showcase



LOREN GLEZ HAIR GLAMO'R STUDIO is very happy to celebrate two years of serving the Mission Hills community. Our studio offers innovative services and products from fashion forward Woman & Men. Haircuts to dimensional color, highlights, hair extensions, and special engagements like up-styles, make-up & more. Each of our expert Stylists respond with solutions that complete an image that works with your life style to create the results you desire. As a token of our appreciation, please enjoy our Tuesday & Thursday March & April Special \$20 Haircut, shampoo, blow dry & style. \$10 Men's haircuts, \$10 off any Facial or 25% off any Hair Service (1st time guest only). We also have special monthly rates for booth rental. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to getting to know you and make the beauty changes you seek. Walk-ins welcome. We are located on the South West corner of Chatsworth and Sepulveda at 15422 Chatsworth St. To contact us, Please call 818-894-4526 or visit our website @lorenlezhair.com.



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Thank you to all the Mission Hills businesses that help to support our outreach efforts BY displaying our MHNC newsletters, flyers and surveys.



We're looking for a few good ideas. So put on your thinking cap and then submit your ideas for possible beautification and/or community projects.

Here are some ideas we came up with.

- ✚ Restore San Jose Street School garden aka "Johnny's Garden"
- ✚ Spruce up Sepulveda Boulevard
- ✚ Concerts in the Park
- ✚ Mission Hills Gateway signs
- ✚ MHNC Boulevard Banners sponsored by local businesses
- ✚ Dog Park
- ✚ Bus benches with canopies and trash cans along Sepulveda Boulevard.

Ok, it's your turn. Time is of the essence, so send us your ideas 'A S A P'.

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