



MISSION HILLS



NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Summer 2014
Of Special Interest:

The MHNC Board of Governors/Stakeholders General Meeting is held the 1st Monday of each month - 6:45p.m. at Mission Area Police Station in the Timothy M. Falco Community Room.

Please Join Us

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ALL FIREWORKS ARE **ILLEGAL**; EVEN THE "SAFE & SANE" VARIETY. 2014 IS THE START OF A CAMPAIGN TO BRING ORDER BACK TO THE 4TH OF JULY

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MHNC Presents 7th Annual Movies-in-the Park

Saturday, June 7, 2014

(Begins at Sunset)

Andres Pico Adobe

10940 Sepulveda Blvd. (at Brand Blvd.)

FREE POPCORN & SODA

BRING BLANKETS & LAWN CHAIRS. DON'T FORGET THE KIDS!!

This is a truly great community event. No pets please!

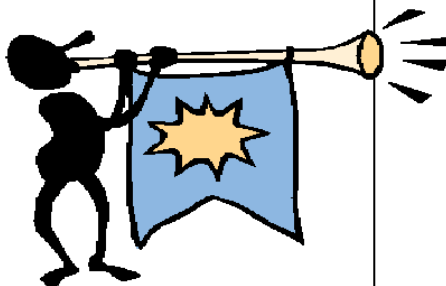
Before the movie - Please join us for the MHNC Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the newly installed "Welcome to Mission Hills" gateway sign.

Saturday, June 7, 2014 - 5:00 p.m.

(On West end of Brand Blvd. as it intersects with Sepulveda Blvd.)

Gateway sign sponsored by:

Past Councilmember, Richard Alarcón & Mission Hills Neighborhood Council



President's Message

When I accepted a position with the MHNC, it took a while to understand this job, in this 'volunteer arena'. My head was so full of how things 'should be'; there was very little room for how things 'were'. The gap in the early days between what I thought I needed to do and what the community actually needed was wide. There were times when bridging it was difficult. There were even times when it seemed impossible.

Now, three years later, I know that, while I gave a gift of myself; my commitment, dedication, enthusiasm, honesty and respect, to the community of Mission Hills; I feel I have received so much more in return.

I have been privileged to have had so many who have been so willing and eager to help and assist me in this effort; always motivated by their true desire to strive for what they believe is true and right and best for their community.

As I prepare to step down from the Board in July, it is with gratitude that I look back and, as I leave, I'll always remember the things we achieved together: Bringing relevant and important issues to the community has brought back a much needed and deserved credibility and attendance to our monthly Board meetings. Two council elections have been highly successful, bringing qualified and highly committed new volunteers to our Board. April saw the MHNC celebrate ten years of committed service to Mission Hills. A beautiful "Welcome to Mission Hills" gateway sign will be dedicated on the 7th of June.

Lastly, I leave you with this thought. There is still much work to be done. Volunteers are our most valued resource and our biggest challenge. Please support the MHNC. We are in critical need of volunteers to support our committees. We have wonderful community groups in Mission Hills; Neighborhood Watch, Community Police Advisory Board, and all our wonderful community events like National Night Out, Movies-in-the-Park, Officer Appreciation Day and the Veterans Day Parade. Please celebrate and support these gifts to your community.

Brad Klimovitch

President

The MHNC Board of Governors Register

Executive Board

- Brad Klimovitch, President
 - Jesse Martinez, Vice President
 - Richard Flores, Secretary
 - Maribel Carrilo, Treasurer
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- Jose Arevalo, Outreach Chair
 - Ray Garcia, Zoning & Land Use Chair
 - Mooshy Ghassedi, Outreach
 - Tom Johnson, Budget & Finance
 - Borzou Rahimi, Zoning & Land Use
 - Guillermo Salamanca, Outreach
 - Clint Scott, Zoning & Land Use
 - Richard Tocher, Beautification Chair

Contact Board Members at:

818-639-2071

Or

board@mhnconline.org

To sign up to receive regular updates on community issues:

Visit us at: www.mhnconline.org

The power to make changes and improvements in Mission Hills comes from within our own neighborhoods.



Congratulations to

Mission Hills Neighborhood Council
And Stakeholders

On Your 10 Year Anniversary.

April 2005 - April 2014



FOR INFORMATION ON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH
CALL

BETTY LEY AT 818-837-3664

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



→August 5, 2014←

National Night Out is an annual event that promotes community, brings neighbors together, and promotes public safety. Our local event takes place at Brand Park between Columbus & Nobel from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. This is an opportunity to meet your neighbors and learn about our local Mission Hills Neighborhood Watch.

Free Food! ★ Raffle The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council & Lots of fun for everyone!
★ Free admission! Sorry, no pets in event area.

The MHNC is proud to be a sponsor of
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

For more information or to volunteer call:
 Betty Ley at 818-837-3664.

Community Beautification

There's a new 'app' in town



With MyLA311, City of Los Angeles information and services are just a few taps away.

MyLA311 links Angelinos with the services and information they need to beautify their community and stay connected with their local government. The **'Submit Service Request'** feature allows you to quickly and easily request the City's most popular services, including **graffiti removal, pothole repair, and bulky-item pickup** - All from your smart phone or computer.

If ignored, graffiti becomes a terrible blight on our community. Fast removal is proven to be the best deterrent. Report graffiti at MYLA311 or call the Mission Hills graffiti franchise, Graffiti Busters, at 818-767-7711 or Fax to 818-767-7737 or email: Rogelio@negraffitibusters.com.

Zoning & Land Use

The following cases are currently on the Zoning & Land Use Committee calendar

- **Case No. N/A: Hope of the Valley, 11134 Sepulveda Blvd. Mission Hills. Owner/Developer, Ken Kraft.**

This is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit. A presentation by Ken Kraft was on the agenda at the May MHNC Public meeting. This case was City approved under the By-right* development zoning code.

As a 'Closed Door' Care facility, homeless individuals will receive curative and recuperative care after discharge from local hospitals. Other services will be provided by case managers and social workers including transition from the street to permanent-supportive housing.

"By-right" development. The zoning code spells out what can be built on a particular parcel. The zoning code sets out both the maximum physical dimensions of the building, the parking requirements, and the permissible activities or uses on a parcel by parcel basis. If a developer wants to build something that fits within the zoning code, then the City's role is ministerial, meaning the City doesn't exercise any discretion over whether the building is desirable or not, but simply whether the minimum requirements of the zoning and building code are being met. The City does not have a legal means of stopping the development. A building permit and various inspections are still required but as long as the developer meets the technical requirements the City is legally obligated to issue building permits.

- **Case No. Not Provided 14800 Devonshire St., Mission Hills Local 300 Union Hall (Parking lot)**

Verizon has submitted a request for a conditional use permit for a new wireless communication facility. The proposed facility consists of a 60' tall faux eucalyptus tree, which houses the proposed antennas, the associated ground equipment, all within a 630 SF lease area.

A Verizon Representative will provide a presentation to include renderings and answer stakeholder questions re this proposal at the MHNC Board meeting on Monday, June 2, 2014.

community begins here

Public Safety

Say **NO** to illegal consumer fireworks.

Fire investigators and police officers will be out in force this year. Violators risk serious fines, confiscation of fireworks, and jail time. It is unlawful to purchase fireworks in any city for use within the City of Los Angeles. Possession and/or use of fireworks within Los Angeles are a violation of Municipal Code 57.55.01A, or Section 12677 of the Health and Safety Code.

The public is requested to report the sale or use of fireworks within the City of Los Angeles by calling 9-1-1

“The American City should be a collection of communities where every member has a right to belong. It should be a place where every individual feels safe on his street and in his house. It should be a place where each individual’s dignity and self-respect is strengthened by the respect and affection of his neighbors.” ~Lyndon Johnson

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Fireworks can be traumatic and create stress for many seniors, children and even pets. Problems that result from the use of illegal fireworks place an extra burden on LAPD and LAFD responders. Choose to have a Safe & Sane Independence Day!

Message from LAPD Senior Lead Officer, Phil Ruiz

“With July 4th approaching, send me the exact addresses of residents who have used fireworks in the past year so we can “pin-point” the exact locations and go speak with those residents and WARN them before the fact. **(Your identity will be protected)**”

Senior Lead Officer, Phil Ruiz - 818-838-9843

4th of July Outreach Campaign Sponsored by:

Congressman Tony Cardenas ■ State Senator Alex Padilla

Assemblymember Raul Bocanegra ■ Councilmember Felipe Fuentes

LAPD Mission Area ■ Mission Hills Neighborhood Council

Mission Hills Neighborhood Watch ■ Mission Hills South East Watch