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Mira Mesa Town Council

June 2010

The year is half over, and the last half will probably go just as fast as the first. The June Town Council meeting will bring the Oxy Task Force to us to impart some vital information to the community. There was a recent article about the task force in our newsletter so some of you may be familiar with what they are doing, have done. It's a concern for everyone and we need to get the information out to as many as possible. Please feel free to invite a friend or neighbor to this important community meeting. See you there.

Oxy Task Force of San Diego County



The Oxy Task Force of San Diego County formed in 2008 to reduce the access to and abuse of prescription drugs, particularly the brand name prescription OxyContin. The task force is a multi-agency collaborative effort between the offices of the San Diego County Sheriff's Department, the District Attorney, Health and Human Services, the County Board of Supervisors, and the Drug Enforcement Administration, along with more than 50 other elected leaders, law enforcement, and drug treatment and prevention entities.

Our featured speaker, Deputy District Attorney Matt Williams, is a founding member of the Oxy Task Force. He represents the District Attorney's Office on the Executive Committee and prosecutes prescription-drug related cases. As a member of the Oxy Task Force's Education Committee, Williams has traveled nationwide to educate a variety of groups—from law enforcement and prosecutors to educators and medical professionals—on the Oxy Task Force and the problems related to prescription drug abuse and crime. You can learn more about the Oxy Task Force on Facebook (www.Facebook.com—search "Oxy Task Force"), and follow them on Twitter (www.twitter.com/@OxyAbuseKills).

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The Mira Mesa Town Council is a non-profit volunteer organization. Membership dues are used to defray the costs of operation, such as printing and distributing the Newsletter, maintaining the website (www.MiraMesaTownCouncil.org) and other approved council activities.

Mira Mesa Spring Cleaning, with Councilmember Carl DeMaio



City Councilmember Carl DeMaio has organized a "Spring Cleaning" event on Saturday, June 19, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at Mira Mesa High School. Mira Mesa residents are invited to drop off their eWaste (computers, monitors, TV's, etc.), tree trimmings and yard waste, and old furniture, mattresses, or other clutter, free of charge. For further information, please call 619-236-6655 or e-mail John Ly at jwly@sandiego.gov.

Councilmember DeMaio's "Spring Cleaning" event is presented in cooperation with the City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department and sponsored by the following Mira Mesa organizations: Mira Mesa Town Council, Mira Mesa Chamber of Commerce, and Mira Mesa High School.

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Mira Mesa Town Council Meetings

Mira Mesa Town Council meetings provide a public forum for community issues relating to civic, cultural, social, educational and recreational development and improvement in the area. Regular meetings are held the first Monday of each month at the *Mira Mesa Senior Center* from 7 to 9 p.m., with no meeting held in July.

Agenda for the June 7, 2010 meeting:

- ◆ Presentation of MMTC Scholarships
- ◆ Deputy District Attorney Matt Williams, Oxy Task Force

The next MMTC meeting is **Monday, August 2, 2010**

Please note: there is no MMTC Meeting in July

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Street, pothole 619-527-7500
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Mira Mesa is made up of people just like you who are looking for ways to get involved in the community. Whether you are interested in local planning, parks and recreation, community appearance, family events or something completely new, there's a place for you.

Ongoing community groups include:

- BANNER DISTRICT COMMITTEE
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President's Message

By Ted Brengel, MMTC President

Well, one major community event is behind us. The Volunteer of the Year Dinner was absolutely magnificent in every respect. For those who missed it, it was absolutely wonderful—an opportunity to honor our volunteer of the year, Sandy Smith, and a chance to see everyone at their very best. Everyone had a great time. My hat's off to those who made this wonderful event possible. Pamela Stevens, Robin Stutsman, Debbie Vincent, and Bari Vaz worked tirelessly on all the arrangements necessary for the event to come off without a hitch. And if anyone wonders where those fabulous centerpieces came from, look no further than the Teen Center. A group under the direction of Meredith Foelimi made all of them. We had singing by Cat Jefferson accompanied by the keyboard of Dave Smith. Wow! What a special evening it was.

The next major event is the 4th of July celebration headed by none other than our volunteer of the year, Sandy Smith. Lest anyone forget, most communities have abandoned their fireworks in these troubled times. Ours, however, thanks to the tireless efforts of Sandy will go off as usual. Despite the fact that the 4th is on Sunday, the events will be held that day. Keep your eye on the MMTC website (www.MiraMesaTownCouncil.org) for schedule information. The most important thing to remember about this fantastic celebration of our Nation's independence is that it runs on cash. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all those who have donated funds to make our celebration (including fireworks) possible and ask anyone who hasn't donated to consider doing so as soon as possible.

As soon as the July 4th celebration is complete you will start seeing advertising for the Mira Mesa Street Fair to be held on Saturday, September 25. It will be loads of fun as always with booths for the adults and games and rides for the kids. Mark your calendars!

In closing I would like to remind everyone that we are about to switch everyone's membership so that all of them start on July 1 and end on June 30. Please address any questions on membership to our Second Vice President and Membership Chairman, Maria Pankau.

Mira Mesa Theatre Guild Prepares for "Monster Manor 2010"

By Alexander Nguyen

This year marks 10 years of terror at Mira Mesa's own Monster Manor. Starting as a small community haunted attraction, it has grown to become the fourth largest haunted house in the county, and we could not have done it without our volunteers. To make our 10th anniversary the best it can be, we need your help in the following departments:

Actors: We utilize a staff of about 40 volunteer actors to perform as the residents of the Manor. We offer nourishment, provide costumes and makeup, and coach you for your position. We will be holding the first set of Monster Manor auditions on June 11 and 12, 2010. These auditions will give you the chance to try out for a part in Monster Manor or sign up to help with another aspect of the haunt. Dates and times are: Friday, June 11—5:30 pm—6:30 pm, and Saturday, June 12—1 pm to 3 pm. Auditions will be held in the Arts and Crafts room at the Mira Mesa Rec Center, 8575 New Salem St., San Diego, CA 92126. Please be prepared to act and move, and wear appropriate clothing. Please bring a resume and headshot if you have one (not required). If you would like to be placed on the e-mail list of potential actors, please send an e-mail to casting@monstermanor.org. Please include your name and contact information (address, phone and e-mail, etc.).

Artists: We do quite a bit of detail painting, sculpting, and creating of props. If you want to let your creative juices loose in an environment where it is OK to be twisted, then join us. We can also use musical and sound effects artists. Please send an e-mail to design@monstermanor.org. Please be sure to include your contact info.

Builders: If you can use a hammer, a screw gun, a screwdriver, a paint roller, a saw or a bottle of glue, we can teach you how to build walls and sets for Monster Manor. If you would like to be on the e-mail list for potential builders and be notified of when building days are scheduled, please send an e-mail to construction@monstermanor.org. Please be sure to include your contact info.

Security: If you really think you can't build, scream, or paint, but you would like to help us out in securing the site while we have victims...er, guests on site, the YOU can be a security staff member for Monster Manor! You will be trained and no previous security experience is required. Contact our security recruiter at security@monstermanor.org.

Donation Requests: As we head towards the construction phase of Monster Manor, we are in need of the following items: Lumber (2x4, 4x4, etc.), Plywood sheets, Wood screws, Power tools (any), Saw Horses, Paint (any color), Lamps, Colored Light Bulbs, Older (vintage) clothing (especially plus sizes and petites), Folding tables, Extension cords, Power Strips, Security Cameras, Speakers, mp3 Players, Stereos, Brooms (push), Steamer Trunks, Microphones, 2-way radios.

Please contact Trey Barkley at 619-993-5143 or e-mail Tbarkley32@gmail.com, or Alexander Nguyen at 858-754-9228 or e-mail secretary@miramesatheatreguild.org, to arrange for pick up.

Monetary donations are also welcome. We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, so your donation is tax deductible. Please send your check or money order to: Mira Mesa Theatre Guild, PO Box 261264, San Diego, CA 92126-1264. For more information about the Mira Mesa Theatre Guild, visit our website at www.MiraMesaTheatreGuild.org.

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Celebrate National Trails Day June 5 at Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve By Pam Stevens

Celebrate National Trails Day in Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve Saturday, June 5, by helping with a morning trail or park maintenance project (volunteers register between 8 and 9 a.m. at the adobe ranch house, work projects in the preserve from 9 to 11:30 a.m.), then enjoy a free “thank you” lunch for all volunteers from 11:30 to 2 p.m. at the ranch house courtyard while listening to live music by Trails and Rails. All ages welcome!

This is a great opportunity for families to volunteer together. Parents should be prepared to supervise their own children. Work projects include tree planting and pruning, chip spreading, ranch house maintenance, tree trimming and repair. Recommended items to wear or bring along include: sturdy shoes; long pants; long-sleeved shirt; sunglasses or other protective eyewear; sunscreen; gloves; hat; reusable water bottle; snacks; allergy medicine. During lunch there will be free pony rides and a petting zoo for the kids!

Meeting place is Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve Adobe, 12122 Canyonside Dr., San Diego, CA 92129. For more information see the Friends of Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve website, www.penasquitos.org, the San Diego County Parks website, www.sdparks.org, or call the County Ranger office at Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve, 858-484-7504.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND SPECIAL DAYS

June is “National Rose Month”
 June 1—Atlantic Hurricane Season Begins
June 5—National Trails Day
 June 5—“World Environment Day”
June 7—Verne Goodwin/MMTC Scholarship Presentation
 June 11—Philippines Independence Day
 June 12—Philippine-American Festival, Mira Mesa Rec Park, 10-6
June 11/12—Monster Manor Auditions

June 14—“Flag Day”
June 19—Mira Mesa “Spring Cleaning” Day
 June 20—“Father’s Day”
 June 21—“First Day of Summer”
 June 24—St. Baptiste Day
July 4—Mira Mesa Community 4th of July
 (Items in bold are associated with stories in the Newsletter)

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

1ST TUESDAY / June 1	GOLDEN FRIENDS (SENIOR CENTER) — Every Tuesday (business meeting on 1st Tuesday) - Mira Mesa Senior Center—10:00 a.m. MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT — 1st Tuesday, — Mira Mesa Senior Center— 7:00 p.m. (subject to change)
1ST WEDNESDAY / June 2	KIWANIS, SCRIPPS-MIRA BRANCH — Every Wednesday —Mimi’s Restaurant — 7:00 a.m.
1ST MONDAY / June 7	TOWN COUNCIL MEETING (MMTC) — 1st Monday (no meeting in July) — Mira Mesa Senior Center — 7:00 p.m.
2ND TUESDAY / June 8	GOLDEN FRIENDS (SENIOR CENTER) — Every Tuesday (business meeting on 1st Tuesday) - Mira Mesa Senior Center—10:00 am RECREATION COUNCIL (PARKS) — 2nd Tuesday —Lopez Ridge Rec. Center — 7:00 p.m. BLACK MOUNTAIN MASONIC LODGE #845 F.&A.M — 2nd Tuesday — Mission Valley Scottish Rites Center — 7:30 pm
2ND WEDNESDAY / June 9	KIWANIS, SCRIPPS-MIRA BRANCH — Every Wednesday —Mimi’s Restaurant — 7:00 a.m. 4TH OF JULY COMMITTEE — Mira Mesa Senior Center — 6:30 p.m. EXCHANGE CLUB OF SAN DIEGO—2nd and 4th Wednesday—Mandarin Garden Restaurant (Mira Mesa Blvd) — 6:30 pm
2ND SATURDAY / June 12	FIL-AM SR. CITIZENS ASSN — 2nd Saturday — Mira Mesa Senior Center — 10:00 a.m.
2ND SUNDAY / June 13	FAASDNC Meeting—12:00pm—Mira Mesa Recreation Center
2ND MONDAY June 14	Mira Mesa Town Council Board of Directors—Mira Mesa Senior Center—6:45 pm MIRA MESA CLUSTER SCHOOLS COUNCIL—Mira Mesa High School Media Room—6:00 pm
3RD TUESDAY / June 15	GOLDEN FRIENDS (SENIOR CENTER) — Every Tuesday (business meeting on 1st Tuesday) - Mira Mesa Senior Center—10:00 a.m. MIRA MESA WOMEN’S CLUB —3rd Tuesday - Mira Mesa Senior Center — 7:00 p.m. FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY —3rd Tuesday — Mira Mesa Library — 7:00 p.m. TEEN CENTER (THE EPICENTRE) OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE — Call Epicenter for next meeting date and time.
3RD WEDNESDAY / June 16	KIWANIS, SCRIPPS-MIRA BRANCH — Every Wednesday —Mimi’s Restaurant — 7:00 a.m. MIRA MESA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE—Location Varies—6:00pm
3RD THURSDAY/ June 17	COMMUNITY PRIDE — 3rd Thursday — 8605 Pagoda Way — 6:30 p.m. LOS PENASQUITOS CANYON PRESERVE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE —3rd Thursday, odd months — Penasquitos Adobe Ranch House, 7 p.m. SR CENTER BOARD OF GOVERNORS— 3rd Thursday— Mira Mesa Senior Center Black Mountain Democratic Club-3rd Thursday-7-9 p.m., 10550 Caminito Flores (Mesa Village Rec. Hall 1) HALLOWEEN COMMITTEE — 3rd Thursday — Mira Mesa Rec. Center — 12:00 p.m. (June, August, September, October only) MIRA MESA THEATRE GUILD — 3rd Thursday — Location Varies — 6:00 p.m. (4th Thursday in April, No Mtg Sept/Oct)
3RD MONDAY / June 21	COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP—3rd Tuesday —Epicentre Teen Center—7:00 p.m.
4TH TUESDAY / June 22	GOLDEN FRIENDS (SENIOR CENTER) — Every Tuesday (business meeting on 1st Tuesday) - Mira Mesa Senior Center—10:00 a.m. NON-PROFIT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL —4th Tuesday of each month—Mira Mesa Senior Center. 6:30 PM BANNED BOOK CLUB —Last Tuesday of each month except December at the Mira Mesa Library. 7 PM
4TH WEDNESDAY / June 23	KIWANIS, SCRIPPS-MIRA BRANCH — Every Wednesday —Mimi’s Restaurant — 7:00 a.m. STAKE HOLDERS — 4th Wednesday, every other month —Mira Mesa Library, small conference room — 6:00 p.m. EXCHANGE CLUB OF SAN DIEGO—2nd and 4th Wednesday—Mandarin Garden Restaurant (Mira Mesa Blvd) — 6:30 pm
4TH THURSDAY June 24	STREET FAIR COMMITTEE (SENIOR CENTER)—4th. Thursday—6:45 PM April through October

The Power of TEAM = NEC

By Mike Davis

Does your nonprofit need a little help? Would you like to get the word out for your cause to a wider audience or know what's going on in your community? Would your group like to contribute to the quality of life improvement for Mira Mesa? Then join the Mira Mesa Nonprofit Executive Council (NEC). Additionally, nothing speaks louder for any cause or mission, than the influence and power of a large, well organized TEAM. The numerous Mira Mesa (MM) nonprofits groups will do that collectively with our MM NEC.

The NEC is a loosely "federated" group of all nonprofit groups in MM, where the leadership within each organization will coordinate understanding and adequately resolving our collective community issues and special needs in a collaborative, open communications, information sharing manner. Thus bringing the extensive influential power and visibility to our community's needs, and the ability to coordinate between our triad of government, commercial / business and nonprofit (citizens) entities, in fair sharing of all resources therein.

We will accomplish this as a TEAM principally by periodically sharing information with each other (mostly using a common web site and e-mail list for the bulk of the communications and leverage common opportunities and resources as well as banding together to prioritize our collective community issues for more effective resolutions between our local triad (MMTC, Chamber and NEC). While the NEC will primarily be a virtual organization (to minimize meetings, overhead, communications volume, etc), we meet periodically to formalize our prioritized needs assessments, common actions and group's recommendations, as well as community recognition events.

OUR collective NEC purpose is to *enhance ALL our MM nonprofit's effectiveness in supporting their cause / mission AND collaboratively make our community a better place to live, work, shop and play.* NEC is aligned with our local government entities (5th city district and MM Town Council (MMTC)), and the business entity (MM Chamber of Commerce), as the triad of major oversight and support entities in our community and surrounding areas. Collaboratively this triad will continue the mantra of the 70's... and BE the "Gateway to the American Dream." To join, ask questions or offer your suggestions / issues, contact Mike at mike.davis.sd@mail.com.

Mira Mesa Community 4th of July

By Sandy Smith

The Mira Mesa community will come together this year for our 36th annual Mira Mesa Community 4th of July celebration. The event begins with a pancake breakfast, continues with a Family Fun Day and the Mira Mesa 4th of July Parade, and concludes with the annual Fireworks celebration. The Pancake Breakfast, hosted by the Black Mountain Masonic Lodge, will take place at the Epicentre from 7 a.m. until 11 a.m. Family Fun Day kicks off at 11 a.m. at the nearby Gil Johnson Recreation Center, with carnival rides, food and craft booths, and two stages of entertainment. Our 4th of July Parade begins at 1 p.m., with the route running along Mira Mesa Boulevard from Greenford Drive to Camino Ruiz. And our evening is concluded with the Mira Mesa 4th of July Fireworks Show, with a musical score coordinated with KXYX FM 96.5. And as is our tradition, this year's event will be FREE to the public.

This year our theme is "United We Stand," and united we must stand to continue this much anticipated event that draws thousands of visitors from all over San Diego. Our 2010 event will cost a little over \$40,000, and will be staffed by volunteers and supported through fundraisers, donations, and sponsorships. There are various ways that you can support this community event:

1. **Make a donation** Go to our website, www.MiraMesaFireworks.com, and click on the donation link. Online payments are accepted through PayPal.
2. **Sponsor a Booth at the Family Fun Day** Booth sponsorships are \$250 and allow you to display your banner on the booth at Family Fun Day
3. **Goods and Supplies** Material donations are required to support our volunteers. Donated items include such essentials as food, water, Gatorade, energy bars, grapes, watermelon, and ice chests.
4. **Entertainment** Your band, theater group, or other entertainment can donate their services to our Family Fun Day.
5. **EVENT SPONSOR** We are seeking an event sponsor for our 4th of July Celebration.

To make a material donation, to contribute to our entertainment, or to become our Event Sponsor, please contact 4th of July Chairperson Sandy Smith at (858) 361-5229, or e-mail her at sandysmith92126@gmail.com.

Mira Mesa Community Vision - Who Are We?

By Bari Vaz

When you think of Mira Mesa, what are your impressions? The first phase of the Mira Mesa Community Vision - our Logo Contest - is under way. Through the generosity of HEROES, students at Mira Mesa High School recently competed to design a logo that was representative of the Mira Mesa community. These logos will be displayed at the Mira Mesa Town Council meeting, and will move forward into the community-wide "Mira Mesa Logo Contest" starting this month.

Look for contest information at our website - www.MiraMesaCommunityVision.org - beginning Monday, June 7.

2010 Mira Mesa Street Fair, Saturday September 25

By Pam Stevens



Crafters, vendors, non-profit group and business information booths, and food from around the world will be at the 12th annual Mira Mesa Street Fair, hosted by the Mira Mesa Town Council, Saturday, September 25, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., on Camino Ruiz from Mira Mesa Blvd to New Salem St. Enjoy entertainment on two stages, a carnival, children's crafts, and special displays.

Booth sign-ups by August 14 to avoid late fee, final deadline August 28. Applications and info: www.MiraMesaTownCouncil.org

Banned Book Club to Discuss Kurt Vonnegut's "Cat's Cradle" June 29

By Pam Stevens

On Tuesday, June 29, the Mira Mesa Library's Banned Book Club, a book group with a focus on reading and talking about books that have been banned or challenged, as well as other thought-provoking titles that tie into a "freedom to read" theme, will discuss *Cat's Cradle*, the classic 1963 novel by Kurt Vonnegut that explores issues of science, technology and religion, satirizing the arms race and other topics. All are welcome to attend the discussion, 7 to 8 p.m. in the Mira Mesa Library community room.

The Banned Book club meets the last Tuesday of the month at the Mira Mesa Library. On July 26 the group will discuss *The Bookseller of Kabul*, by Asne Seirstad. There is no meeting in August. On Tuesday, September 28 (the Tuesday of "Banned Books Week", a yearly celebration of the freedom to read sponsored by the American Library Association), the group will hold its annual book selection meeting to choose titles for the months to come. If you enjoy reading and talking about books and ideas, please join us. What would YOU like to read next?

For more information, email Banned Book Club facilitator Pam Stevens, pstevens@san.rr.com, or call the Mira Mesa Branch Library, 858-538-8165.

Verne Goodwin—Mira Mesa Town Council Scholarship Winners Announced

By Jon Labaw

The presentation of the \$500 Verne Goodwin-Mira Mesa Town Council College Scholarships, based on community service, will take place at the June 7 Mira Mesa Town Council meeting. This year's winners are:

Jeanie Nguyen	- Mt. Carmel High School	Jake Steams	- Mira Mesa High School
Jake Portugal	- Mira Mesa High School	Lindsey Sweeney	- Mira Mesa High School
Katherine Shortill	- Mira Mesa High School	Umar Usman	- Preuss School

These high school graduates have included many hours of volunteerism into their busy lives. All of them live in Mira Mesa. We hope that they continue to give back to their community wherever they may be.

Mira Mesa Living

By Michelle Tsai

Mira Mesa Living is a community publication with the goal of bringing together our diverse community. San Diego's Mira Mesa neighborhood incorporates Mira Mesa, Miramar and Sorrento Valley. About 80,000 people call the area home. More than 5,000 businesses, everything from small independent shops to multi-national corporations, are in the neighborhood.

Our objective at *Mira Mesa Living* is to provide the centerpiece for the information table. We will highlight the community's events, whether the 4th of July parade or a day of volunteering to clean up the neighborhood. Our readers will learn about the amazing things their neighbors are doing and the wonderful events happening in their streets. Our advertisers will be able to reach a massive base of potential customers who are all within a few miles of their shops.

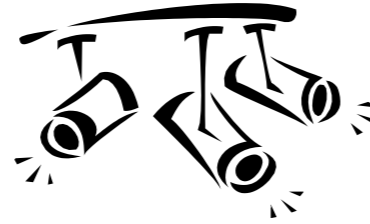
Our premiere issue will hit the streets of Mira Mesa in late June. Inside the pages of *Mira Mesa Living* and online at www.MiraMesaLiving.com you can expect to find information on everything related to one of San Diego's most diverse neighborhoods. New issues will come out every other month and will also be available online at www.MiraMesaLiving.com, your electronic source for everything Mira Mesa. Check back often for updated stories, events and to make sure you know exactly what is happening in your neighborhood. We are also always looking to get the community involved. If you have a story idea, planning an event, know of a neighbor doing something unique, or just want to see some changes to the format, then we want to hear from you. Email us at News@MiraMesaLiving.com

We cannot wait to hear from you! And we'll see you on the street.

P.S. Look for July 4th program in July/Aug issue of Mira Mesa Living!

Highlights of the March 1, 2010 MMTC Meeting**CALL TO ORDER**

- ◆ Pledge of Allegiance (Boy Scour Troop 1203)
- ◆ Welcome and introduction of Board Members
Absent: First Vice-President, Pam O'Donohoe; Member-At-Large Marlon Austria
- ◆ Minutes approved; no changes
- ◆ Board reports: Treasurer (Jeff Stevens) - Additions to last month's budget, \$200 donation to Taste of Mira Mesa and \$500 to Miramar College Scholarship; Balance: \$78,349.80, Income: \$443.98, Expenses: \$1,951.30
- ◆ Recording Secretary Nominations: Please submit nominations for a new Recording Secretary to MMTC President Ted Brengel at ted@tedbrengel.com; also looking for temporary volunteers to fill this duty.

**OPEN FORUM**

- ◆ Craig Radke, Mira Mesa Resident, noted that everyone will be looking at paintings on utility boxes and would like to see more consideration made on types of paintings.

SPECIAL PROGRAM ITEM**John H. Mishalanie, Advanced Particle Therapy, LLC; Jason Perry, Signet Development**

- ◆ New Cancer Treatment Center, construction is scheduled to begin July 2010.
- ◆ Companies involved include: Signet Development, Haskell Design Builder, Scripps will be health manager, Varian Medical Systems will provide proton treatment.
- ◆ Location: Camino Santa Fe, on Summer Ridge Rd.
- ◆ Will be only the seventh proton treatment center in the nation. Treatment is a 40 day process. Plan is to treat 2,400 patients annually.
- ◆ Costs? 10% more than radiation. Side effects? Virtually none. Mechanism? Interaction between cell and proton that breaks the DNA. Covered by Medicare? All insurance companies cover it.

POLICE AND FIRE REPORTS**SD Fire Department** (Capt. Tim O'Malley - Station 38)

- ◆ Earthquake Awareness
- ◆ Memorial Day - water safety issues, police the area, ensure that gates are secured around pool. Keep cordless phone nearby outdoors, take CPR classes, never swim alone, swim by lifeguard station. Rip currents - swim sideways and to shore. Stay clear of coastal bluffs and never turn back on ocean. (Handouts—available at the back table)
- ◆ Maximize utilization of resources, trucks and engines carry different apparatus. A few of the trucks have been switched around.

SD Police Department (Ofc. Susan Steffan)

- ◆ Two bank robberies within the week, Pacific Marine Credit Union (3 suspects, armed)
- ◆ Business parks in Miramar have continued to have series of burglaries. Undercover officers have been surveying the area. One suspect caught with several pieces of computer equipment in his vehicle.
- ◆ Interest in Neighborhood Watch Programs in Rancho Bernardo and Scripps Ranch as day time burglary series has risen.
- ◆ Getting to know your neighbors is important during disasters, neighbors can exchange e-mails regularly. Officer Steffen regularly communicates with block captains.
- ◆ Officer Steffen is a member of the Oxy Task Force. Presentation at the MMTC June general meeting.

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**City Councilman Carl DeMaio** (John Ly)

- ◆ "Spring Cleaning": E-waste/all recycling event, June 19th, Mira Mesa High School
- ◆ May 21, Happy Hour with Carl, 5-6:30 pm at Callahan's.
- ◆ Fire Chief announced change on Wednesday, City has 3 "quints" - hybrid trucks that carry water and ladders.
- ◆ Station 38, public safety and neighborhoods gave \$48,000 SDFD to build ambulance
- ◆ Budget hearings started last Friday. Mayor forgot to fund Police Academy, approx. \$4.5 million.

County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price (Erica Holloway)

- ◆ Oxy Task Force, April 17th, 2,550 lbs of drugs were collected from 6 locations. Looking for county-wide ordinance to have drop-off boxes for prescription drugs (\$25-30,000).

- ◆ State budgets are under review. Governor's May revision will impact health & human services, and fire. Lobby emergency fire staffing necessary during regional fire season.
- ◆ County commissioned fire study last year to find out what fire needs are and expecting final report next month.
- ◆ Pam granted \$6,000 for annual 4th of July Parade

COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS**4th of July** (Sandy Smith)

- ◆ This year's focus in on multicultural diversity. Please contact Sandy if you know of groups
- ◆ Theme - "United We Stand", starts 1 pm; donation sign outside of Senior Center is being updated. Event cost - \$40,000

Non-Profit Executive Council (Mike Davis)

- ◆ Logo contest winners - 2 high school winners selected. More to come on abandoned shopping carts. Community Calendar—Michelle Tsai, Mira Mesa Town Planner, is working on web version. Mira Mesa HEROES painted on April 24th - next event is May 15th in Encinitas

Mira Mesa Street Fair (Jeff Stevens)

- ◆ Planning has started, first meeting was last month. Applications for vendors have been mailed out.
- ◆ Event is on September 25, 2010; meetings will be 4th Thursday of each month, 6:45 pm at Senior Center.

Mira Mesa Maintenance Assessment District (Tom Durr)

- ◆ Meeting is May 4th, 7 pm.

Scholarship Committee (Jon Labaw)

- ◆ Applications are being submitted; form is on the website, and due by Friday, May 21.

Volunteer of the Year Dinner (Pam Stevens)

- ◆ Date is May 15th; theme is "Old Hollywood".

Membership (Maria Pankau)

- ◆ Selecting business to present at next monthly meeting.

MIRA MESA TOWN COUNCIL BUSINESS**OLD BUSINESS****Painting of Utility Boxes** (Mike Davis and Leo Reyes)

- ◆ Strategic pause in painting, all photos are on website.
- ◆ Looking for specific comments on specific boxes, there are 40 painted boxes, 6 are left out. Online photos are numbered.
- ◆ Mira Mesa High School Art Dept. has been included
- ◆ Leo is in charge of painters; random artists have made requests, but only Mira Mesa artists will be selected.
- ◆ Comments should be sent to volunteer@miramesaheroes.org or issues@miramesatowncouncil.org

Proposed Bylaw Revisions (Jon Labaw)

- ◆ Article 2, Section 2B, nonprofit org. may join as business member with privileges or as individual member at lower rate.
- ◆ Article 4, Section 8A6, change committee
- ◆ Article 6, Section 1A, any mailings must be approved
- ◆ Article 4, Section 1C, make more concise all funds deposited with MMTC
- ◆ Section 3, Article 3B added 4th of July Committee as standing committee rather than separate committee.
- ◆ Remove 2 signature requirement for checks under \$250
- ◆ Events under insurance policy
- ◆ Motion to accept by Mike Davis, Second from Tom Derr; 16-0-0 vote, motion carries. Bylaw changes will be reflected in next edition of bylaws.

Meeting adjourned 8:35 p.m.—Next meeting Monday, June 7, 7 PM, at the Mira Mesa Senior Center.