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Mira Mesa Town Council Newsletter

School Board Member Mitz Lee to Speak at May MMTC Meeting

School Board member Mitz Lee will be our featured speaker at the May 7, 2007 Mira Mesa Town Council meeting. She was invited to talk about current school district issues, and issues of importance to Mira Mesa. She will discuss three issues in particular:



District A School Board Member Mitz Lee

1. Progress on resolving environmental issues associated with construction of Salk Elementary School. The Salk site was graded for school construction in 1980, but the School District did not proceed with construction of the school until passage of Proposition MM. Vernal pools now exist on the site, and the City and School District are working on a mitigation plan.
2. Social promotion policies.
3. Problems with the No Child Left Behind Act. In spite of exceptional academic performance, Wangenheim Middle School recently appeared on a list of schools "in need of improvement." This is one of an increasing number of cases in which good schools did not make their "Adequate Yearly Progress" goals due to bureaucratic reasons unrelated to academic performance.

Mitz Lee was elected to the San Diego Unified School District Board of Education in November 2004. In the past, she has served on the California State Testing and Reporting Performance Setting Panel for English/Language Arts and was a leader in San Diego City Schools' advisory groups including Parent Involvement Task Force and Citizens' Budget Advisory Committee. Born in the Republic of the Philippines, Mitz Lee became a U.S. citizen in 1988 and has lived in San Diego for 20 years. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of the City of Manila, and an MBA with an emphasis in Financial Management from National University.

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Mira Mesa Town Council Meetings

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 usually held the first Monday of each month at the Mira Mesa Public Library from 7 to 9 p.m., with no meeting held in July.

The agenda for the **May 7, 2007** meeting includes:

- School Board Member Mitz Lee
- Reports from government representatives
- MMTC committee reports
- Items of public concern

Visit us online at www.miramesatowncouncil.org

The next MMTC meeting is **Monday, June 4.**

President's Message

By Jeff Stevens

The Mira Mesa Town Council Board is actively working to make the Town Council as effective an organization as possible. To accomplish this, we need to increase membership and participation in the Town Council. We have over 75,000 people in the Mira Mesa community, and so have the opportunity to increase membership substantially. The problem is that most people have a lot of demands on their time, and need some extra incentive to participate in MMTC meetings and functions. Historically, the most powerful incentive has been a really hot issue that brings out hundreds of angry people for a few meetings. A few of these people always remain and become active members after the fury dies down. This has been an effective, but painful, way to increase membership. A better method is for our current members to encourage their friends, neighbors and anyone else interested to attend an MMTC meeting. Our regular meetings provide an opportunity to hear from and interact with our elected officials and their representatives, the police and fire department, and our other community groups. Much of the information provided at these meetings is unavailable from other sources. Information about future public facilities and park and recreation projects is generally presented well in advance of construction, providing the opportunity for public input and review.

We are also working to identify community issues that MMTC can help to resolve. MMTC members are invited to submit issues that the Town Council should address. Issues and comments can be sent to a special email address set up for that purpose: issues@miramesatowncouncil.org, or you can call me at (858) 566-2261, or talk to any Board member. Because our elected officials or their representatives participate in MMTC meetings, we have developed good relationships that can be (and have been) very helpful in resolving community issues. This requires that the community is united about a solution. Elected officials generally will stay on the sidelines if the community is divided and wait for the community to resolve its own differences. The Town Council can be a good forum for accomplishing this.

For current information about Town Council news and activities, links to other community groups and background information about the community, please refer to the the MMTC web site, <http://www.miramesatowncouncil.org>.

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Want to help your community, but don't know how?

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:

- COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
- COMMUNITY PRIDE COMMITTEE
- MMTC STREET FAIR COMMITTEE
- MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT COMMITTEE
- RECREATION COUNCIL
- HEROES
- FOURTH OF JULY COMMITTEE

Come to a Mira Mesa Town Council general meeting or contact one of our directors for more information. Also see page 6 for specific meeting times and locations.

Meet Chuck Sweet, 2006 Mira Mesa Town Council Volunteer of the Year

By Arlette Ballew

Charles "Chuck" Sweet has actively and faithfully served the communities in which he has lived. Born in Providence, Rhode Island, he lived for many years in the Boston, Massachusetts area and came to San Diego when he retired. Chuck and his wife, Joann, moved to Mira Mesa in 1985.

Since moving to San Diego, Chuck Sweet has been a very active volunteer with the senior community as well as with the whole Mira Mesa community. He has been a member of the Board of Governors of the Mira Mesa-Verne Goodwin Senior Center for seven years and currently serves as the Vice Chair. He was president of the Senior Center's Golden Friends association for six years. He can often be found polishing the woodwork or otherwise improving the facility and is always ready to help any group that is meeting there.

Chuck has been very involved with the Mira Mesa Town Council as well. He served as MMTC treasurer for two years and was a member-at-large of the Board in 2006. He has served on the Budget Review Committee and recently joined the Banner District Committee. He has been a member of the Mira Mesa Town Council's Street Fair Committee for the last five years, helping to set up the street cones and barricades and the Mira Mesa Town Council booth, setting up the Marine Service Dog Exhibition area, delivering the generators and other supplies, and performing other important tasks. In addition, he has been a member of the Mira Mesa Maintenance Assessment District Committee for the past four years.

Chuck has been an active member of the Mira Mesa Recreation Council for eight years.

He has taken the lead in organizing the Mira Mesa Community Halloween Carnival for the last nine years, as a way to provide wholesome entertainment for the younger children in a safe environment. He also helped to set up the Monster Manor, which provides entertainment for the older children and raises funds for community programs, for several years.

Chuck was instrumental in getting a California flag for the Mira Mesa Library. He is also very active with the First Baptist Church of Mira Mesa and has been involved with its Senior Program, serving as its senior trip coordinator for the last fourteen years.

In the larger community, Chuck served as a visitor at area nursing homes and Children's Hospital in San Diego for seven years and was instrumental in starting an ongoing program through J. C. Penney to deliver Teddy bears to patients at Children's Hospital.

We are sure that Chuck's wife, Joann, and their two children, Monica Ann and Charles W., Jr., are proud of Chuck's service and accomplishments. Congratulations to Chuck Sweet, 2006 Mira Mesa Volunteer of the Year!



Chuck Sweet, January 8, 2007

Welcome to Lien Dao, New Mira Mesa Library Branch Manager

Lien Dao, a Mira Mesa resident who has been the Branch Manager of the University Community Branch Library in University City, is the new Branch Manager of the Mira Mesa Library. Former Mira Mesa Library Branch Manager Laurie Macrae is now the Branch Manager of the University Community Branch Library. The Mira Mesa Town Council extends best wishes to Laurie Macrae in her new assignment, and welcomes Lien Dao to her new position at the Mira Mesa Library. Contact Lien at the Mira Mesa Library, (858)538-8165.

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MMTC Scholarship Applications Due

May 14 is the deadline to apply for MMTC's College Scholarships for Community Service. Graduating high school seniors who live in Mira Mesa and have been involved with community service are invited to apply for the 2007 Mira Mesa Town Council's Verne Goodwin Scholarships. Six \$500 scholarships will be awarded based not on grade point average but on a commitment to volunteering and community service in Mira Mesa or San Diego as a whole. The application deadline is Monday, May 14. Applications are available in the counseling offices at Mira Mesa and Scripps Ranch High schools, and an application can also be downloaded from the Mira Mesa Town Council website.

Eligibility is based on meeting the following criteria: the student must be a resident of Mira Mesa and a graduating senior of an area High School's Senior Class of 2007. The candidate must also be planning to further his or her education within the next year at a community college, university, or technical school. Candidates write an essay on their volunteer experience, which is submitted to the Town Council and evaluated by the Scholarship Committee. Beth Davis is this year's chair of the Scholarship Committee. For further details see www.miramesatowncouncil.org.

Auto Waste Recycling Event

The City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department will sponsor an Auto Waste Recycling event May 12 at the Mira Mesa High School parking lot. Up to ten gallons of used motor oil and antifreeze, as well as oil filters and automobile batteries may be recycled. The event is limited to City of San Diego residents, and no business waste will be accepted. For more information, call 858-694-7000.

Natural Disaster Kit

By Arlette Ballew

Once again, fire season approaches, and San Diego experienced a minor earthquake on April 15. A natural disaster can occur at any time and in any place, but you can create a kit of supplies that will help your family to hold out in case of a disaster. The kit should contain the following items:

- First aid kit and first aid manual
- Flashlight and extra batteries (make sure the batteries are fully charged)
- Battery-operated radio
- Supply of prescription medicines (keep track of expiration date)
- Credit cards and cash
- Identification for each family member
- Extra set of car keys
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Signal flare
- Phone numbers and a map identifying safe places to go
- Special needs, such as diapers, formula, hearing aids, spare eyeglasses, etc.
- Three gallons of water per person
- Three-day supply of nonperishable food
- Kitchen tools (mechanical can opener, utensils, etc.)
- Complete change of clothes for each family member
- Tools and other accessories
- Sanitation- and other personal-hygiene products, such as toilet paper, soap, toothbrushes, and toothpaste
- Entertainment, such as games, books, compact discs/tapes with battery-operated player

This kit should be stored in a plastic tub, suitcase, or other container and put in an easily accessible place that you can get to in any emergency.

Highlights of the April 2, 2007 MMTC Meeting

Submitted by Beth Davis

Board Reports

President's Report (Jeff):

Jeff sent a letter of support for the Philippine Fair, sponsored by the Aquinaldo Foundation and scheduled for Saturday, June 2 at the Mira Mesa Community Park.

If anyone has any issues that they feel the town council could help with, contact a board member, come to a meeting and present it at Open Forum time or e-mail the council at: issues@MiraMesaTownCouncil.org.

Treasurer's Report (Alan):

Account balances: Checking: \$19,405.04; Savings: \$29,719.59; Street Fair: \$22,488.87; CD: \$11,708.58

Police and Elected Representative Reports

Police Department (Officer Paul Lennon):

3/10 8500 block of Taurus: a robbery. One of the suspects was caught. Later, another suspect was observed going into another home. A SWAT action occurred and a hand grenade was found and that suspect was captured.

3/10 8100 block of Mira Mesa Blvd. in the Marshall's parking lot: a man was jumped in the parking lot and his car keys were grabbed. The police were able to tow his car before the suspect could steal it.

3/10 San Diego National Bank was robbed. Suspects are two black males driving a teal colored Mercury Cougar.

3/17 PMB Remittance was burglarized.

3/26 The Plaza Wine & Spirits was robbed at gunpoint.

3/31 Quality Suites was robbed.

City Councilman Brian Maienschein (Khoa Nguyen):

Call Khoa at 619-236-6655 with any issues you would like to discuss.

There will be a clean up at Sandburg Elementary School on Saturday, April 21.

On Thursday, April 26 from 5:30PM until 7:00PM at the Senior Center there will be a shopping cart forum.

Mira Mesa will possibly have another clean and green day in June.

Funds were found to install a solar powered, stand alone speed sign to be put on Sorrento Valley Rd.

Khoa will look into the traffic light at Calle Cristobal and Camino Ruiz that some residents found confusing.

County Supervisor Ron Roberts (Rebecca Leister):

Rebecca brought along some brochures on safe tire pressure.

A new Circuit Program for libraries has been initiated. You can now search online for a book you need, and if it is at one of the colleges or universities, that book can be shipped to your local library branch.

Project "Helmets for Kids" has given out over 3,000 bicycle and skateboard helmets to children. This is a non-profit, free event. A "mini city" is erected and firefighters and police are there to give health and safety presentations.

Mira Mesa is interested in partnering with Ron's office to hold an event.

Open Forum

A resident was concerned over a light post in front of her house that recently had a box put on it with the letters "NEXTEL". That is possibly a new cell tower and would be legal. Jeff will see what he can find out about it.

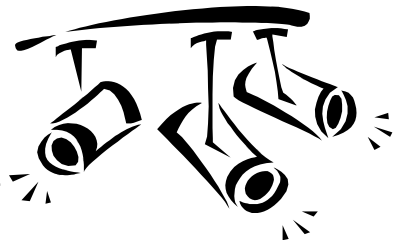
Chuck has contacted the Veterans organization about changing out the frayed American flag at the Senior Center but was unable to get help from them. The new area director of the Rec. Council needs to be contacted to see when it will be put up.

Another resident had a formal request for a streetlight on her street and was referred to Khoa.

Old Business

Banner District (Linda Goycochea): The resolution approving the Banner District was waiting for approval from the city council and city attorney's office when Khoa found a 2000 ordinance already recorded. Linda will be sending a letter to the offices of Supervisors Pam Slater-Price and Ron Roberts to get a six-month extension on the use of the grant money we received for the banners. The committee is working with the banner designer as well as volunteers

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 Animal, dead 858-492-5060
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 Animal manure (dog) 619-338-2283
 Animal, rodents/rats 858-694-2888
 Building abandoned or dangerous 619-236-5500
 Car abandoned or inoperative 858-495-7856
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and will try to have some designs ready for the May meeting.

New Business

San Diego Hunger Coalition (Tia Anzellotti):

This is a countywide anti-hunger organization. The Food Stamp Program helps people with little or no income by providing them with an electronic card that can be used to purchase groceries. The amount of benefits received varies according to household income and number of people in the house. Currently, there are over 800,000 people in the county who could qualify, but only 26% are actually receiving this benefit. This is a federal program that is funded according to the level of participation. April is Food Stamp Awareness month. The SDHC hopes to increase awareness of this program by putting information in SDG&E bills and putting out flyers in both English and Spanish.

Meals on Wheels (Ruth Ann Michelson):

Meals on Wheels is a non-profit program that has been in existence for over 45 years and provides up to two meals a day, seven days a week, to seniors in need. Clients pay for the meals based on their ability. With over 100 daily routes, this program is in need of caring volunteers. Community Bible Church has allowed their parking lot to be used as a distribution point for Mira Mesa. In addition to delivering hot, nutritious meals to seniors, the volunteers also do a daily safety check. For more information, call 619-260-6110 or visit www.meals-on-wheels.org.

Community Group Reports

Shopping Carts Update (Terry Forshey): Last year, this group got re-organized to tackle the problem of abandoned shopping carts and is making some headway. Their main goal is to try to get the city council to pass an ordinance, as many other cities have done, to help regulate this problem. This would require grocers to pay attention to where their carts go and to come up with a plan to keep control of them. The group is trying to gather data to present to Councilman Maienschein to prove the need. Mira Mesa would be the test case since we are the primary complaining community. Khoa is trying to get the 800-number for the Shopping Cart Retrieval Service publicized. At the last meeting, only 2 of 21 invited grocers attended. The next meeting will be on April 26 at the Senior Center.

Volunteer of the Year Recognition Committee (Courtland Young): The town council will be honoring Volunteer of the Year, Chuck Sweet, on Saturday, April 28 from 6:00 –11:00PM at the Senior Center. Invitations will be out this week. Stir Fresh catering will be setting up a Mongolian Barbeque center and the Kiwanis will host the wine and beer bar. Mayor Sanders is scheduled to be present during the first hour, so come early!

Mira Mesa Planning Group (Jeff Stevens): This group recently held elections and there are still three vacancies. They decide on all future development and traffic concerns for the Mira Mesa community and are seeking additional volunteers.

Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve (Pam Stevens): At the March meeting, the city ranger reported that work was underway to connect a trail from the Camino Ruiz Park to the canyon.

Mira Mesa Library (Pam Stevens): The Banned Book club will meet on Monday, April 26 at 7:00PM at the library to discuss the book of poetry by Lawrence Ferlinghetti called A Coney Island of the Mind.

Theatre Guild (Sandy Smith): The Theatre Guild is already starting work on designs for the Monster Manor. In September, they will be looking for more volunteers.

H.E.R.O.E.S. (Beth Davis for Mike Davis): Upcoming events include:

April 14: Cleaning the major areas inside the Epicentre and painting selected interior areas starting at 8:00AM. There will also be a brief volunteer appreciation ceremony around 10:00AM to kick off volunteer appreciation week.

April 21: Painting benches and staining concrete at the Sandberg Elementary Beautification Day.

April 28: "Rebuilding Together San Diego", a countywide nonprofit organization will hold their yearly event that covers all of San Diego. This group has helped HEROES in several ways, and we request that you visit their website: www.rebuildingtogethersd.org/volunteer.html

The meeting adjourned at 8:34PM.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN May

May 9, Shopping Cart Task Force meeting, Mira Mesa Senior Center, 5:30 PM
 May 13, Mother's Day
 May 14, Deadline for MMTC Scholarship applications.
 May 19-20, 2007, Relay for Life, 10 AM to 10 AM at Hilltop Park in Penasquitos
 May 28, Memorial Day
 May 31, Mira Mesa High School Open House and Faculty/Student basketball game

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

These groups meet regularly on the days shown (subject to change).

1ST TUESDAY / May 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 / May 2	KIWANIS, SCRIPPS-MIRA BRANCH — Every Wednesday —Mimi's Restaurant — 7:00 a.m.
1ST SATURDAY / May 5	FIL-AM SR. CITIZENS BOARD MEETING—Mira Mesa Senior Center, 9:00 AM
1ST MONDAY / May 7	TOWN COUNCIL MEETING (MMTC) — 1st Monday (no meeting in July & 2nd Monday in September) — Mira Mesa Library — 7:00 p.m.
2ND TUESDAY / May 8	GOLDEN FRIENDS (SENIOR CENTER) — Every Tuesday (business meeting on 1st Tuesday) - Mira Mesa Senior Center—10 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 BUSINESS EXCHANGE CLUB OF SAN DIEGO—2nd and 4th Tuesday — Courtyard by Marriott in Kearny Mesa — 6:30 pm
2ND WEDNESDAY / May 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.
2ND SATURDAY / May 14	FIL-AM SR. CITIZENS ASSN — 2nd Saturday — Mira Mesa Senior Center — 10:00 a.m.
2ND THURSDAY/ May 10	Mira Mesa Town Council Board of Directors—Mira Mesa Senior Center—6:45 p.m.
3RD TUESDAY / May 15	GOLDEN FRIENDS (SENIOR CENTER) — Every Tuesday (business meeting on 1st Tuesday) - Mira Mesa Senior Center—10:00 a.m. JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB (MM BRANCH) —3rd Tuesday - Mira Mesa Presbyterian Church — 7:00 p.m. TEEN CENTER (THE EPICENTRE) OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE — 3rd Tuesday, bimonthly (even-numbered months) -- Mira Mesa Senior Center — 7 p.m.
3RD WEDNESDAY / May 16	KIWANIS, SCRIPPS-MIRA BRANCH — Every Wednesday —Mimi's Restaurant — 7:00 a.m. FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY —3rd Wednesday — Mira Mesa Library — 7:00 p.m. HALLOWEEN COMMITTEE — 3rd Wednesday — Mira Mesa Senior Center — 7:00 p.m.
3RD THURSDAY / May 17	COMMUNITY PRIDE — 3rd Thursday — 8605 Pagoda Way — 6:30 p.m. LOS PENASQUITOS CANYON PRESERVE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE —3rd Thursday, bimonthly (odd-numbered months) — Penasquitos Adobe Ranch House, — 7 p.m. SR CENTER BOARD OF GOVERNORS— 3rd Thursday— Mira Mesa Senior Center MIRA MESA THEATRE GUILD — 3rd Thursday — Lopez Ridge Rec. Center — 6:30 p.m. (Board), 7:00 p.m. (General)
3RD SUNDAY/ May 20	FAASDNC Meeting—12:00pm—Mira Mesa Recreation Center
3RD MONDAY / May 21	COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP — 3rd Monday — Mira Mesa Library — 7:00 p.m.
4TH TUESDAY / May 22	GOLDEN FRIENDS (SENIOR CENTER) — Every Tuesday (business meeting on 1st Tuesday) - Mira Mesa Senior Center—10:00 a.m. BUSINESS EXCHANGE CLUB OF SAN DIEGO—2nd and 4th Tuesday — Courtyard by Marriott in Kearny Mesa — 6:30 pm
4TH WEDNESDAY / May 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. BUSINESS EXCHANGE CLUB OF SAN DIEGO—2nd and 4th Wednesday—Holiday Inn (Murphy Canyon Road) — 6:30 pm
4TH THURSDAY/ May 24	Mira Mesa Street Fair Committee—Mira Mesa Senior Center, 6:45 PM.
4TH MONDAY / May 28	BANNED BOOK GROUP — 4th Monday — Mira Mesa Library — No meeting in May because of Memorial Day

Friends of the Mira Mesa Library Elect 2007 Officers

By Pam Stevens

The Friends of the Mira Mesa Library, a non-profit volunteer group which meets the third Wednesday of each month, has elected new officers for 2007: Steve Barrera, president; Mike Potter, treasurer. The Mira Mesa Branch Library is one of the busiest in the San Diego Public Library system. The library has served the community at its present location at 8405 New Salem Street since July 10, 1994. The Friends of the Mira Mesa Library raise funds to help the library purchase new books and other materials through their periodic book sales. The Friends of the Mira Mesa Library raised \$15,480.11 in calendar year 2006, according to the group's 2006 Executive Board. The money funded Mira Mesa's Summer Reading Program, several in-library celebrations and childrens' programs, as well as cultural enrichment events such as the Lunar New Year celebration. For further information, call the library, (858) 538-8165.

County Offers New Aging and Disability Resource Connection

Press Release from the County of San Diego

The County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency Aging & Independence Services (AIS) is offering a new connection to resources for aging and disability services. The resource is available to all San Diego County residents looking for information for themselves or a loved one, on a professional or personal basis. The Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) is a one-stop shop for services, health information, assistive products, Medicare Part D updates, relevant legislation, fall prevention techniques, home and community-based care planning, and a protected site to store your own health-related information. The resources are available at www.sandiego.networkofcare.org/aging. The Web site is backed up by both the AIS Call Center at 1-800-510-2020 and Access to Independence, the local Independent Living Center for people with disabilities, at 1-800-300-4326. The ADRC is part of a larger national initiative sponsored by the Administration on Aging and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to improve access to information and resources to help support elderly and disabled persons and prevent unnecessary hospital and nursing home stays.

Graffiti Ordinance Proposed by Councilman Maienschein

Press Release from Brian Maienschein's office

Councilmember Brian Maienschein announced his commitment to strengthen the City's laws on graffiti and to enact a zero tolerance policy of graffiti taggers. As Chair of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee, Maienschein will introduce the ordinance during this week's committee hearing. "We must treat graffiti as a crime, and not as an obnoxious act. Graffiti is a crime and a part of the gang culture. It also causes financial damages to law-abiding San Diegan's property. Tagging is a crime that is a natural progression for juveniles and young adults to get involved in gangs. This proposal will guarantee that every tagger will receive mandatory penalties and will focus on introducing juveniles and young adults to consequences from their actions," said Maienschein. Not only is graffiti a gang activity that often introduces teens to the gang culture, but it causes millions of dollars of property damage every year. The City spends more than one million dollars each year on graffiti abatement education and enforcement. This does not include the millions that other public agencies, utility companies, and victims of graffiti must pay to clean up their property. "Graffiti and gang activity often go hand-in-hand," said Maienschein. "From downtown San Diego to increased incidents of graffiti in Scripps Ranch, it is clear the City's current laws are not working. It is time to strengthen the law." Graffiti is also a crime that involves financial damages affecting law-abiding San Diegans. Instead of a strict zero-tolerance policy on graffiti, the City's laws further penalize the victims of vandalism by requiring them to pay for the clean-up. The proposed ordinance will be voted on in the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee as soon as possible.

MMHS Students Vs. Faculty & Staff Basketball Game May 31

The Mira Mesa High School Foundation invites the public to enjoy the Third Annual MMHS Students vs. Faculty & Staff Basketball Game on Thursday, May 31, 2007, at the conclusion of the MMHS Spring Open House. The game will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the gym at Mira Mesa High, 10510 Reagan Road, San Diego CA 92126. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students, and \$1 for children under 10. Proceeds from the friendly competition benefit the MMHS Foundation, a non-profit group incorporated in 2004, which supports a variety of academic and extracurricular programs. The game follows the Mira Mesa High Spring Open House from 6 to 7 p.m., when parents and the community can meet with teachers in the media center and see student performances in the quad. Campus clubs will sell refreshments so you can buy dinner on campus. For more information, see www.miramessahighschoolfoundation.org.

New Principal at Challenger Middle School

Welcome to Sheelagh Moran, the new Principal of Challenger Middle School!