June 2007

Mira Mesa Town Council Newsletter

Mira Mesa Town Council Scholarship Recipients at June 2007 Meeting

Applications for the Mira Mesa Town Council scholarship have been received and are being evaluated by the Scholarship Committee, which is chaired by Beth Davis. The decisions will be made prior to the June meeting, and scholarship recipients will be invited to attend and to introduce themselves to the MMTC membership.

Chuck Sweet with family and firefighters.

Every year since 1985 the Mira Mesa Town Council has provided scholarships to graduating high school students based on community service. The Scholarship Fund was formed in honor of Verne Goodwin at the first Volunteer of the Year Dinner in 1984. Since then the Volunteer of the Year Dinner has served a dual purpose: to honor a volunteer, and to collect money for the Scholarship Fund. This year's dinner in honor of Chuck Sweet generated more than $2,000 in donations.

The dinner took place April 28 at the Mira Mesa Senior Center, where Sweet is the vice-chair of the Board of Governors. About 80 people attended the event, Mayor Jerry Sanders, Fifth District San Diego City Councilmember Brian Maienschein, San Diego School Board Member Mitz Lee, and San Diego Community College Board Member Bill Schwandt presented commendations to Sweet during the evening, as did firefighters from San Diego Engine Co. No. 38. (Sweet was a firefighter in Boston, MA for 33 years). MMTC Board member Courtland Young was the chair of this year's Dinner Committee. The meal was catered by Stir Fresh Mongolian Grill, who provided two large grills for on-the-spot outdoor cooking of their traditional mix of meats and vegetables that diners selected themselves from a buffet array.

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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 **June 4, 2007** meeting includes:

- 2007 MMTC Scholarship Recipients
- Reports from government representatives
- MMTC committee reports
- Items of public concern

The next MMTC meeting is **Monday, August 6**.

The MMTC would like to thank the Mira Mesa Shopping Center, LLC for their continuing support in provisding postage for the MMTC newsletter.

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There will be a $25 charge for all returned checks.

Check #_____ Amount: $_____.00

The Mira Mesa Town Council is a nonprofit 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.

President's Message

By Jeff Stevens

Among the Mira Mesa Town Council's most important functions are to promote interaction with our elected officials, and to distribute information about other community groups to help them be more effective.

Last month we invited our School Board member, Mitz Lee, to give an extended presentation at the May MMTC meeting. She discussed several important issues currently before the Board, including environmental mitigation plans so that Salk Elementary School can be constructed, Social Promotion policies, and issues with the Federal No Child Left Behind Program. This presentation was the first of a new program to increase communication between the community and our elected officials, and to provide time for issues to be discussed in more depth than is possible in a typical monthly report. Invitations to give similar presentations are being sent to our other elected officials, and we expect to see most of them at our meetings over the next year.

We also invite other community groups to submit articles to this newsletter. In this issue, we have articles from HEROES, Kiwanis, and Mira Mesa Girls Softball. We will have more articles in future issues. If you would like to submit an article, please send it to jeffstev@san.rr.com. The articles in this newsletter provide good examples of the approximate length of the articles, although longer articles may be accommodated or distributed over more than one issue. Shorter announcements of news and upcoming events are also encouraged and time sensitive announcements will have high priority in the next newsletter.

Finally, we are looking for a new newsletter editor. That Board position is currently vacant, and so the newsletter is being assembled on a volunteer basis by other Board members. The newsletter editor is responsible for assembling the newsletter and for soliciting and occasionally writing articles. The newsletter is submitted electronically to the printer, and then distributed by other volunteers. If you are interested in becoming newsletter editor, or want more information about the position, please contact me by email as above, or by telephone at (858) 566-2261.

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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**
- **Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol (RSVP)**

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.

Mira Mesa Girls Softball hosts Runway Classic Tournament
By Shannon Daley

MMGS ballplayer at bat!

Mira Mesa Girls Softball (MMGS) will host its 9th annual Runway Classic fastpitch softball tournament at Hourglass Field and Wangenheim Middle School, June 7-10 of this year under the direction of MMGS President Tony Gonzalez and MMGS Vice President Kim Ratza.

Hourglass Field is located on the south side of Miramar College on Black Mountain Road; Wangenheim's fields are across the street from Miramar College. The schedule of games will be posted outside the snack bar near the traffic circle south of the Ned Baumer Aquatic Center. Ample parking for spectators is available at the college.

Teams from Bonita Valley, Clairemont, Glendora, Coronado, Escondido, La Costa Youth, Mission Viejo, Mission Bay, North Shore, Peninsula, Poway, Peñasquitos, Ramona, Serra Mesa, Temecula, Valley Center, Valley Wide, and Mira Mesa will play a minimum of four games each in bracket play on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, June 7 - 9. Championship games in each age division will be played on Sunday, June 10.

Mira Mesa Girls Softball is open to all girls aged 5 to 14. Registration begins in August for the developmental Winterball season which runs September through October, and in December for the recreational season played the early spring. As the recreational season ends, the best of the best are invited to join the MMGS All-star teams.

Seventy-five of Mira Mesa's best fastpitch softball players will represent MMGS as All-star teams in tournaments around southern California during June and July, including their own Runway Classic.

Mira Mesa's girls in the 12U age division won the California State Championship in 2005 and again in 2006.

MMGS is a non-profit, volunteer organization. They are a member of the Southern California Amateur Softball Association, and are certified by the Amateur Softball Association, the National Governing Body of Softball in the United States.

Miramar Dam Path to Re-Open
Received from Khoa Nguyen, Councilman Maienschein's office

Councilmember Brian Maienschein has announced a plan to re-open the path across Miramar Dam, which was closed as a security precaution in 2001. In an effort to secure the area and protect the City's drinking water supply, construction will begin today on installation of an 8-foot, 6-gauge chain link fence adjacent to the dam on the perimeter of the path. "No Trespassing" signs will also be installed. "The goal is to have the path across the dam open by July 1," Maienschein said. "This means everyone who uses the path for walking, jogging, biking and rollerblading will once again be able to circle the entire stretch. No longer will you reach the dead-end at the dam and have to turn around!" Once the fence and "no trespassing" signs are installed, the state Department of Health Services will issue an amendment to the water department's permit, which will once again allow public access to the road across the dam. The plan is to open the path each day, depending on national terror threat levels. "For example, if the U.S. Department of Homeland Security issues a red alert (the most severe alert) the path will be closed until the threat of terror has passed," Maienschein said. There are plans to further secure the path across the dam by installing a 24-hour video surveillance system and security lighting. In addition, the state has requested regular patrols of the site. For further information, contact Maienschein's office at 619-236-6655.

Thank you to Argus-Mira Mesa Trophies for donating the name plates each year for our Volunteer of the Year plaques. These plaques, which list all VOY honorees, are hanging in the Mira Mesa Library. Argus-Mira Mesa Trophies is located at 9446 Miramar Road.

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HEROES Organization Helps Mira Mesa, Solicits Volunteers

By Mike Davis

HEROES Volunteers paint the Teen Center on May 19.

Who is your hero? The community of Mira Mesa is filled with individuals, all willing to help out those in need – our very own hometown heroes – YOU! For a sense of belonging, friendship, "giving back" to society or community camaraderie, we have the group for you – your very own community's **HEROES** ("**H**ometown **E**fforts to **R**escue **O**ur **E**ndangered **S**ociety")(and a 501C3 corporation). **Simply put, it's neighbors helping less fortunate neighbors**. The group's main goal is to assist the greater Mira Mesa and surrounding areas disadvantaged individuals, organizations and public spaces that need clean-up and fix-it-up support to make them safe.

In only a little over a 18 months, HEROES has painted over six senior citizens homes/trailers, cleaned out several dozen yards/lots, spruced up the senior citizen center (twice), cleaned two local parks and the SALK Elementary school fenceline, painted our local Fire Station 38, and we recently helped with the Sandburg Elementary School beautification day as well. HEROES also partnered with "Rebuilding Together San Diego" to paint the Walker Child Development Center and Fire Station 24 in Kearny Mesa. **Together we can better our neighborhood – one family/person at a time – and have fun doing it!**

Several individuals and organizations, including City Councilman Brian Maienschein, County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price and the Mira Mesa Town Council and Stakeholders endorse HEROES, and we are continually solidifying additional support and endorsement from our community leaders and businesses. **Yet, it's the people, like YOU, that make HEROES work**. What more could we ask in exchange for giving at most a few hours each month and where better than in your own backyard? Our motto is "*pass it on and pay it forward*. Please feel free to contact us at (858) 549-0392 or volunteer@miramesaheroes.org or visit http://miramesaheroes.org.

Scripps-Mira Mesa KIWANIS Club is Active In Mira Mesa

By Courtland Young and Mark Branning

Service Projects—25 Years and Counting—We are pleased to be acknowledged for our groundbreaking and ongoing formal school partnership programs. Recently the San Diego Unified School District honored many of the businesses and organizations who support local schools through the District's "Partnerships in Education" program. The program started 25 years ago with 90 partnerships and has grown to over 1400. In the beginning, our club formed a formal partnership with Twain High School. We were honored as 1 of only 4 partnerships that have endured for 25 years. The other recipients were SeaWorld, Solar Turbines, and San Diego Firefighters Local 145. In addition, we were acknowledged for our 10 Year Partnership with Jerabek Elementary. Special thanks to Kiwanis members Roy Hosaka and Jim Felix for being the consistent thread throughout the years.

Mira Mesa Epicenter gets facelift—Last month the Mira Mesa "HEROES" organization led the effort to paint and clean up the inside of the Epicenter. This month it was the outside. We had fun helping even if our painting skills were marginal. Frazee donated the paint.

Miramar Ranch Spaghetti Dinner – May 24th—This was a fund raiser with the funds split between our club and the school. Filippi's supplied the spaghetti. No one supplied sauce deflecting shields.

Interested in "Serving the Children of the World"?—Want to find out what else you can do to help children and other members of our local community? Join our meetings every Wednesday from 7:15-8:15 a.m. at Mimi's Café in Mira Mesa—we'll buy you breakfast! Each week we have interesting speakers, which makes up for the early start.

For more information, check our website www.scripps-miramesakiwanis.org or call me at (858) 536-9821.

Highlights of the May 7, 2007 MMTC Meeting

Submitted by Beth Davis

Board Reports

President's Report (Jeff Stevens):

Jeff reported that we are looking for a new second vice-president/membership chair, and a new newsletter editor following Glen Clarkson's resignation. Ted Brengel volunteered to be second VP/membership chair, and was appointed to that position. We still need to find a permanent newsletter editor.

The Board approved hiring Gary Goehring and Shelli Brunk as Planners for this year's Street Fair. Gary and Shelli were the Street Fair event coordinators for the first several years of the Street Fair.

Treasurer's Report (Jeff, for Alan Philpott):

Account balances: Checking $19,600; Savings $29,719; Street Fair $22,488; CD/Scholarship $11,708

Elected Representative Reports

City Councilman Brian Maienschein (Khoa Nguyen):

Mira Mesa High School will be the location for the next Clean and Green day on Saturday, June 30. Khoa is also trying to get a Goodwill truck to be there. The event will be from 8:00AM until 1:30PM or until full.

There will be a shopping cart discussion on Wednesday May 9 at 5:30PM at the Senior Center. Local retailers have been invited to attend.

Brian is working with the Department of Health Services to open up the Miramar Dam path and hopes to have it open by July 1.

An archaeological document is nearing completion on the Camino Ruiz Trails Park. Construction should only take a few weeks. The funding is available.

County Supervisor Ron Roberts (Rebecca Leister):

Rebecca brought a sample kit from First Five California. The kit provides valuable information for new parents.

The 8th annual Lawnmower Trade-In will be Saturday, May 19 at the County Administration Center. You can trade in your gas-powered mower towards the discounted purchase of a battery-powered mower. The cost will be $150.00 instead of the normal $449.00.

Ron's office is still working on putting on the Helmet Safety Fair with Mira Mesa.

Rebecca brought brochures on Aging and Independent Living and on the new library circuit program.

"A Time to Remember", honoring all San Diego Law Enforcement Officers killed in the line of duty, will be May 9 at noon at the Balboa Park Organ Pavilion.

State Assemblyman George Plescia (Sarah Sykes)

The Republicans in both the House and the Senate voted on the Americans For Taxpayers Protection Pledge, which is for no additional taxes.

Assembly Bill 900, which will create more state prison beds and provide increased rehabilitation programs for criminals passed and was signed by Governor Schwarzenegger.

State Senator Dennis Hollingsworth (Ellen Malin)

Senator Hollingsworth is serving as Vice-Chair of the Fiscal Committee and has concerns with some of Governor Schwarzenegger's budget assumptions.

SB 148, the "freeze-relief" bill will be moving to the Assembly for committee hearings.

SB 947 was introduced to provide an exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act requirements on overpasses, on-ramps and off-ramps to facilitate their improvement.

The Senate Public Safety Committee has killed or held several of Senator Hollingsworth bills regarding: tracking sex offenders, extending the statute of limitations for certain forms of felony manslaughter, falsifying sex registration information, unlawful business entry, rejection of treatment for sexually violent predators, and sex offender group homes.

On April 18, California celebrated its second Fragile X Awareness Day to help raise awareness about this genetic condition that causes inherited mental impairment and is the most common known cause of autism.

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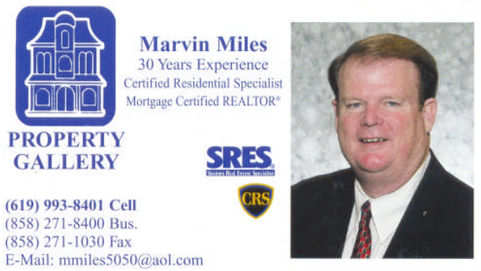

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New Business

Mitz Lee, our representative on the Board of Education was our featured speaker. Ms. Lee has been a Mira Mesa resident since 1983 and was elected to the Board of Education in 2004, representing the University City, Mira Mesa, and Claremont areas. Although Wangenheim Middle School is the third highest ranked school in San Diego, it was identified as needing improvement because of certain criteria regarding testing students with special needs. Ms. Lee is committed to working to change those conflicting provisions. In January 2007, the No Social Promotion Policy was passed. Eighth grade students with two or more "F" grades will be recommended for retention. Although parents can appeal the decision, it makes summer school mandatory. Ms. Lee feels this needs to begin in Kindergarten with benchmarks at the end of third and fifth grades also. Mira Mesa High School and the local middle and elementary schools are having regular monthly meetings to discuss common issues to help improve the transition between grades and schools. Ms. Lee wants to see more vocational elective programs and options to help prevent students from dropping out of high school and is talking with business leaders. She is hoping for a July roll out. She is also involved with the Gang Prevention Task Force and will be meeting to discuss how to work with the city to have dead trees and shrubs removed as a deterrent to illegal activity and to be a good neighbor. There will be a meeting on May 21 with the city, school district, and Fish and Wildlife regarding the Jonas Salk school site issue. Right now, the city and the school district are in agreement with respect to a plan for mitigation land. It now appears no school would be constructed before 2010. This school was promised as a result of the passage of Prop. MM and Mitz is committed to having this school built. The Town Council will send a letter of support. This month's Planning Group meeting will be devoted to this topic. Finally, Mitz is trying to lobby for more funds for special education.

Dyanna Smith from the **Mira Mesa Women's Club** spoke about a proposed Sidewalk Chalk Art Festival the club would like to host at Hourglass Park. This would be a community spirit event and fundraiser for the Women's Club to help raise money for school arts programs. They are requesting support from the Town Council with help and organizational pointers we can give them. Jeff advised Dyanna to make a presentation to the Recreation Council.

The **Aguinaldo Foundation** is hosting the second annual Philippine Festival on Saturday, June 2 at the Mira Mesa Recreation Park. This event will be from 10:00AM to 5:30PM. There will be cultural shows and exhibits along with food booths and rides.

COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS
The Banner District's meeting with the designer has been rescheduled to May 8. (Stephen Sluyter)
The Mira Mesa Library has a new branch manager. Steve Barrera is the new president of the Friends of the Mira Mesa Library. The Banned Book Club will meet on Monday, June 11 to discuss the book Native Son. (Pam Stevens)
Mira Mesa High School will hold its annual Spring Showcase on May 31 at 6:00PM. There will also be a student and faculty basketball game. (Kathy Madsen)
The Scholarship Committee will meet on Saturday, May 26 at Christ the Cornerstone Academy (Room 1) at 9:00AM to read the submitted scholarship essays. (Beth Davis)
The Fourth of July Committee will meet at 6:30PM on Wed., May 9 at the Senior Center to finalize plans. Parade applications will be available on our website. (John Daley)
Tom Derr has organized a Relay For Life team and is requesting donations. The MMTC website has a link.
The Kiwanis will host a spaghetti dinner at Miramar Ranch Elementary on May 24 at 5:00PM. (Courtland Young)
H.E.R.O.E.S. will be painting the Epicenter on Saturday, May 19 beginning at 8:00AM. Once again, Frazee Paints will be donating the paint. They have been a big sponsor of HEROES projects in our local community. We encourage you to consider them for any of your painting needs. (Mike & Beth Davis)
There will be a big soccer tournament with over 200 teams participating and playing at all of the local Mira Mesa parks on Memorial Day. (Joe Frichtel).

The meeting adjourned at 8:42PM.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN June

June 2— National Trails Day in Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve
June 2— Philippine Fair in Mira Mesa Community Park
June 17— Father's Day.
June 21— First day of Summer.
June 30— Clean and Green Day.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

1ST SATURDAY / June 2	**FIL-AM SR. CITIZENS BOARD MEETING**—Mira Mesa Senior Center, 9:00 AM
1ST SUNDAY/ June 3	**FAASDNC Meeting**—12:00pm—Mira Mesa Recreation Center
1ST MONDAY / June 4	**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING (MMTC)** — 1st Monday (no meeting in July & 2nd Monday in September) — Mira Mesa Library — 7:00 p.m.
1ST TUESDAY / June 5	**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 6	**KIWANIS, SCRIPPS-MIRA BRANCH** — Every Wednesday —Mimi's Restaurant — 7:00 a.m.
2ND SATURDAY / June 9	**FIL-AM SR. CITIZENS ASSN** — 2nd Saturday — Mira Mesa Senior Center — 10:00 a.m.
2ND Monday/ June 11	**BANNED BOOK GROUP** — (normally 4th Monday) — Mira Mesa Library — 7:00 p.m.
2ND TUESDAY / June 12	**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 / June 13	**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 THURSDAY/ June 14	**Mira Mesa Town Council Board of Directors**—Mira Mesa Senior Center—6:45 p.m.
3RD MONDAY / June 18	**COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP** — 3rd Monday — Mira Mesa Library — 7:00 p.m.
3RD TUESDAY / June 19	**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 / June 20	**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 / June 21	**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)
4TH TUESDAY / June 26	**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 / June 27	**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. (no June meeting) **BUSINESS EXCHANGE CLUB OF SAN DIEGO**—2nd and 4th Wednesday—Holiday Inn (Murphy Canyon Road) — 6:30 pm
4TH THURSDAY/ June 28	**Mira Mesa Street Fair Committee**—Mira Mesa Senior Center, 6:45 PM.

Abandoned Shopping Carts: A Community Forum on this issue organized by Councilman Maienschein's office was held at the Mira Mesa Senior Center on May 9, 2007. Several approaches to reducing the problem are being pursued. Until a more effective solution is found, abandoned shopping carts can be reported to the shopping cart retrieval service at (800) 252-4613, or online at http://www.cscrc.net/location.asp.

Unfortunately, the shopping cart retrieval service is slow and ineffective (see pictured example). Because of this a local group, San Diegans Against Abandoned Shopping Carts, has proposed that the City pass an ordinance regulating abandoned shopping carts. The exact nature of the ordinance is not yet defined, but could include fines for taking shopping carts, and penalties against stores that do not take steps to prevent them from being taken.

The abandoned shopping carts shown above, on Gold Coast Drive, were reported to the shopping cart retrieval service on May 10, and were still present when this picture was taken on May 19th.

Several other options that could reduce the problem were discussed at the meeting. These include:

1. Labels and warnings printed on each shopping cart.
2. Improvements to, or replacement of, the cart retrieval service.
3. A "granny cart" program to provide people who walk to stores with carts they can keep at home and take to and from stores.
4. Security guards to monitor parking lots where carts are present.

Mira Mesa Clean and Green Day, June 30 2007

Back by popular demand, Mira Mesa Clean & Green Day will be Saturday, June 30, from 8 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. In addition to providing large trash bins in the Mira Mesa High School parking lot for disposing of large household items, there will also be electronic waste recycling.

National Trails Day in Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve, June 2, 2007

Come to Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve on Saturday, June 2 to celebrate National Trails Day and the 150th anniversary of the first Transcontinental Mail Line. There will be live music, food, information booths about trails and outdoor adventures, trail construction demonstrations, children's activities, and mountain bike and equestrian rides. From 10 a.m. to noon, there will be a reenactment of life at the historic Rancho de los Peñasquitos Adobe and a mail delivery by stagecoach. One of the oldest existing structures in the county, the adobe ranch house has a long history of Spanish, Mexican, and early American inhabitants. The Rancho was also a stop along the San Antonio and San Diego Mail Line, the first intercontinental communication link joining the East and Midwest with the new territories in the west. Among the booths at Trails Day will be a living history camp set up by members of the "Frontier Army of the West," a reenactment group. The celebration will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 2, 2007. Parking and admission are free. For more information please call 858-484-7504, or see www.sdparks.org.

Philippine Festival in Mira Mesa Community Park, June 2, 2007

The Second Annual Philippine Festival will be held at Mira Mesa Community Park on Saturday, June 2, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The Festival celebrates Philippine independence from Spain (June 12, 1898), and has a focus on the history and culture of the Philippines, but is also designed to be a multi-cultural celebration. A variety of performers will be part of the all-day entertainment schedule. The Aguinaldo Foundation is a non-profit group that hopes to build a cultural and performing arts center somewhere in San Diego, named after the first president of the Philippines, General Emilio Aguinaldo. For more information about the Philippine Festival contact Zeny Ravelo at (858) 484-2277, or see www.aguinaldofoundation.org.

Mira Mesa Fourth of July Celebration

Application forms for the Fourth of July parade and Fun Day are now online at http://www.miramesatowncouncil.org/fourth_of_july.htm. The parade theme is "A Salute to Our Military." The Fourth of July celebration is supported entirely by donations. Donations to support the Fourth of July fireworks and activities can be mailed to: Mira Mesa Community Fourth of July Committee, PO Box 261264, San Diego, CA 92196. The Fourth of July Committee meets year-round on the second Wednesday of the month and every Wednesday in June at 6:30 PM at the Mira Mesa Senior Center. More volunteers are always needed. If you'd like to help with the day's events, come to a meeting and find out more!