January 2008

Mira Mesa Town Council Newsletter

Councilman Brian Maienschein to Speak at January MMTC Meeting

5th District Councilman Brian Maienschein will be our featured speaker at the January 7 Mira Mesa Town Council meeting. He will perform the annual swearing in ceremony for the 2008 MMTC Board of Directors, and will then provide an update on the state of the City and the Council District.

Councilman Brian Mainschein (right) and his Mira Mesa Representative Khoa Nguyen at the Mira Mesa Street Fair.

Brian Maienschein was elected to the City Council in November 2000, and was re-elected without opposition in 2004 to represent the San Diego City Council's Fifth District. The Fifth District includes the communities of Carmel Mountain Ranch, Mira Mesa, Rancho Bernardo, Sabre Springs, Scripps Ranch and San Pasqual.

Together with his able representative Khoa Nguyen, he has paid close attention to issues of importance to Mira Mesa and has been an effective problem solver. Among his accomplishments are completion of long-delayed State Route 56 on July 19th, 2004, and construction of Breen and Camino Ruiz neighborhood parks. Brian is also a strong supporter of volunteer efforts and volunteer groups such as the Mira Mesa Town Council.

Prior to election to the City Council, Brian was a business attorney who worked extensively with small business owners and high-tech companies. Brian served as Executive Director of Youth Court, an innovative program that has forged a partnership between law enforcement, schools and community groups to get first-time juvenile offenders back on track. Brian is a graduate of the University of California, Santa Barbara and California Western Law School in San Diego.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR 2007

In January, we select the Volunteer of the Year. Please see page 7 for biographies of this year's nominees.

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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.

Agenda for the **January 7, 2008** meeting:

- Induction of 2008 MMTC Board of Directors
- Brian Maienschein speaks
- Volunteer of the Year Selection

The next MMTC meeting is **Monday, Feb. 4, 2008**

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

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Mira Mesa Town Council

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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.

Mark your Calendar for these upcoming events

Mira Mesa 4th of July Fundraiser

The 4th of July Fireworks Casino Night, the kick-off fundraiser to raise money for this year's fireworks display, sponsored by the Mira Mesa Community 4th of July Committee and Scripps-Mesa Fireworks, Inc., co-sponsored by the Knights of Columbus at Good Shepherd Parish, has just been set for Saturday, March 29, 2008, in the Good Shepherd Parish Social Hall. Plan on an entertaining evening for a good cause, with "just for fun" casino games, a silent auction, and raffle. For more information, contact MM 4th of July Committee president Debbie Vincent, 858-566-6749, or secretary Joan Reder, catmom1@worldnet.att.net. More volunteers are needed to help plan and publicize this special event to make it a success, so if you're interested in helping, please come to the Jan. 9 Mira Mesa 4th of July Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Mira Mesa Senior Center.

Taste of Mira Mesa Scheduled

This year's Mira Mesa High School Foundation "Taste of Mira Mesa" fundraiser to support programs at MMHS will take place Tuesday evening, April 1, 2008, once again in the elegant atrium at Gen-Probe, Inc., in western Mira Mesa. For further details, check the Mira Mesa High School Foundation website, www.miramesahighschoolfoundation.org in mid-January or contact MMHS Foundation president Kathy Madsen, 858-578-4110.

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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 International Festival and Community Wellness Fair

January 26, 2008
3:00pm - 7:00pm
Mira Mesa High School Gym

Dance Performances by:

- Capoeira Mandinga San Diego
- San Diego Union Samba School
- Flamenco and Tango by Latin Grooves Dance Studios
- Ballet Folklorico Tapatio de San Diego
- Soma Mishra's Bengali Indian Dance Group
- In Cahoots Country Western Dance Team
- Samahan Philippine Dance Company
- Urban Tribal Belly Dancing
- Mira Mesa High School Marauder Step Team

Hip Hop and House DJs

and more.....

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- International cuisines!
- Information about financial literacy, homeownership education, health, children and youth, and other programs, services, and campaigns!

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President's Message

By MMTC President Jeff Stevens

I would like to welcome MMTC members back for another year, and I particularly want to thank our Board members for their leadership of the Town Council.

We have a lot going on this year. First, there are two very important local elections, for 5th District City Council and for School Board. Both seats will be vacant since our current Councilmember, Brian Maienschein, cannot run again because of term limits, and our current School Board member, Mitz Lee, is running for City Council. The Mira Mesa Town Council will host candidates' forums for both of these important races.

During 2007, the Town Council initiated the Banner District, which started by placing approximately 60 banners along Mira Mesa Blvd. The Banner District committee will monitor the banners and replace some of them periodically with new banners announcing community events. The Mira Mesa Maintenance Assessment District, which is funded by a $10/year assessment, is managed by another MMTC committee. The MMMAD committee decides how to spend the annual budget and is responsible for the upkeep of trees and landscaping along Mira Mesa Blvd and other major streets. The Community Pride committee monitors the community for illegal signs and code violations.

On the last Saturday in September, we again plan to host the Mira Mesa Street Fair, and a Street Fair committee will be forming soon to plan and carry out that major annual event. In January MMTC members will vote to select the honoree for 2007 Mira Mesa Volunteer of the Year, and a Dinner committee will form to plan the annual Volunteer of the Year Dinner scheduled to take place in late winter or spring. The Scholarship committee also goes into action in the first half of the year, leading up to the June meeting when MMTC awards college scholarships to graduating high school seniors based on their community service.

Along with all the good things, we still have problems in the community that the MMTC is working to resolve, including abandoned shopping carts, fire risk, too much traffic, too little public transportation, and a small but troublesome amount of crime, graffiti and gang activity. Future MMTC meetings will address these issues.

In addition to our own committees, MMTC facilitates communication and cooperation with our other community organizations including the Planning Group, Recreation Council, HEROES, RSVP and the Fourth of July Committee. As always, MMTC and all of our other volunteer groups need more active members, so please encourage your friends and neighbors to join us to make Mira Mesa an even better community.

Attention Mira Mesa Town Council Members

Do you look forward to your monthly MMTC newsletter?
Is your membership ready to expire?
Please look at your newsletter label and check your membership expiration date.
Remember to renew your membership. Don't be left out!!!
Not a member yet? You can sign-up at any MMTC meeting or visit the website for more information

Highlights of the December 3, 2007 MMTC Meeting

POLICE AND FIRE REPORTS

- None were available.

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

City Councilman Brian Maienschein (Khoa Nguyen):

- Camino Ruiz Trail has been delayed 30 days because of the fires. Work should begin right after the first of the year.
- Jonas Salk school update: Fish and Wildlife and the school district have met and agree in principal to several items. They are moving forward on a schedule.
- Jim Madaffer was elected President Pro Tem of the City Council and Scott Peters is the President.
- Brian is heading the committee on public services, specifically fire prevention and recovery.

County Supervisor Ron Roberts (Rebecca Leister)

- Ron is taking the lead on reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the county.
- Fire cleanup is moving forward. If you need assistance, mental health, food, etc., or know someone who does, call Ron's office.
- Ron's office is partnering with others to provide 500 bikes and helmets, and 800 new stuffed animals to the children who were victims of the wildfires.
- Ron reports that he has reached 98% of his goals in office this year.
- The county is filling volunteer positions. If you want to be involved in policies and procedures in the county, contact Ron's office.
- Ron is planning to get the state, city, and county together in a few months to review the fires.

State Assemblyman George Plescia (Liz Saidkhanian)

- Deadline for voter registration is January 21.
- FEEMA has extended their departure date to January 29.
- Cal-Fires still has not responded to questions regarding aircraft assistance during the fires.
- George has not taking a stand on the new proposal for term limits, essentially allowing state senators and assemblymen to serve up to 12 years.

OPEN FORUM

-George Bailey -I have NO problems with the Front Line Fire Fighters (our Boots on the ground) and their heroic actions in Saving Property and Lives in the recent County fires! I DO have problems with CalFire's Management of the available resources! To some degree ALL Fire Fighting Schools (Military & Civilian) have the same motto, "Learn or Burn" . Also, the Prim Rule for ALL Fires is to hit the fire EARLY and HEAVY! Well, the Cities and the County of San Diego DID learn and while our actions were not perfect we learned from the Cedar Fire. It appears the ONLY thing the State learned to do was to change the name of CDF to CalFire. As we all know by now the Cedar Fire and the Witch Creek Fire were Twins-the weather conditions were the same-the flash point location was the same-Early Air resources were NOT USED! Let us set the stage for the FIRST DAY OF the Witch Creek Fire**.** City and County A/C's were in the AIR; as well as TV choppers. State A/C's were on the GROUND**.** 3 or 5 FF C-130's were in Northern Cal., but NOT FOR USE in California-CalFire had not Certified them for use. They could be used for 'OUT of State' Fires. C-130's were on the way from OUT of State BEFORE CalFire requested them. There were 19 Military FF A/C's in Southern California-waiting for CalFire Riders. There were 38 CalFire Safety Riders in the State-6 here IN THE S.D AREA. These are FF Battalion Chiefs who direct the 'Boots on the Ground' and if they are in the air there is no one on the ground. NONE WERE CALLED!!!!!! None of the 'Heavy' A/C's in the L.A. Area were called in until LATE in the Fire Event. Military A/C's sat on the ground for DAYS WAITING FOR CalFIRE! CalFire does not appear to understand the dynamics of OUR Mountain/Canyon Santa Anna fires. CalFire does not appear to understand Military Capabilities. Calfire appears to be protecting their Civilian A/C Contracts. The Head of CalFire is a 33 year Veteran in fighting fires, but he appears not to have the ability to LEAD!!! The tone of the Senate investigation here is that we in San Diego did not give the Fire Fighters enough money. I agree the need more people-more pay-more equipment, BUT if they had all this; as heroic as they are; without the Air Resources they would not have been able to do more than was done.

-Bob Ilko - local candidate for school board introduced himself.

-Chuck Sweet - Los Penasquitos Canyon is wet all year around, on the bottom, as it is a riverbed. A saltwater sprinkler system installed on the floor of the canyon will preserve the canyon on both sides. Rancho Sante Fe has a similar sprinkler system that should be investigated.

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NEW BUSINESS

- ByLaw Change. It was proposed and passed (Daley/Sweet) that the bylaws under Article II – Membership be changed to reflect that owners of member businesses be allowed only one vote, either for their business or individually, on the Mira Mesa Town Council.

-Election of 2008 Board of Directors. With no new nominations for the floor it was moved and passed (Sweet/Bailey) that we elect the slate of officers as nominated. John Daley nominated the following officers and they were elected:

President : Jeff Stevens
1st.Vice President – Programs: Pam O'Donohoe
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Member at Large: Steven Sluyter
Member at Large: John Daley
Member at Large: Jon Labaw

Board Meeting for new and old board will be January 3, 2008.
Next general meeting will be January 7, 2008.
January Board meeting for new board will be January 17, 2008.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Banner District. The banners look good. The word Welcome is hard for some to read.
- RSVP: The new administrator is John Sunde. They need new members. Call 858-538-8156 if you can help. Leave your name and phone number and you will be contacted.

- Community Pride: There is new graffiti on houses down by Arby's. It is disappointing that the local television stations did an article on graffiti and essentially gave free publicity to the taggers. If you see graffiti in action, call 911. It is a crime in progress.
- Planning Group: No meeting in December. Traffic issues regarding access to I-15 from Hillary were discussed. These issues have not been brought before the planning group; they are in study by the city right now. The planning group will report back after they receive the results of the studies. They will invite the traffic engineers to come to the Town Council with their proposals.
- Recreation Council: December 11 is an oil and car battery recycle event at the high school.
- PQ Canyon Preserve: Group meets the third Thursday of each month. Recent rain closed the trails over the weekend. Saturday, December 8, noon – 4 open house at the preserve.
- Library: Banned/challenged book club meets the fourth Monday of January. *Forever Amber* is being discussed this month and *Huck Fin* will be discussed in February.
- Fourth of July Committee meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Senior Center. They need volunteers now to begin preparations for next year's celebration. For December, they will have a Holiday Party at Karen Burger's home.
- Halloween Committee meets at the Recreation Center at noon, every other month. They are planning a pizza party for January.
- Senior Center is waiting for the lettering for the building. A soon as it gets here a dedication will be planned.
- Theatre Guild: $5000 from Monster Manner was donated to the July 4 Committee. $2,100.00 in Shared Wealth was divided among various community groups. They would like to do a production in the spring, perhaps at the Epicenter.
- Jr. Women's Club is sponsoring a Chalk the Walk on May 10.
- MMHS Foundation: Taste of Mira Mesa will be April 1, 2008 at Gen-Probe. It will be outside on their patio, between the two buildings – a beautiful setting.
- HEROES:- 17 November we finished painting Challenger middle school (except for the Tables) - we will finish the tables this next Saturday, the 8th, with the help of their "dad's club"
- Met with Carl DeMaio - he is interested in supporting HEROES and starting a regional virtual volunteer initiative for the 5th district... I said I'd help with him with both.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN JANUARY

January 1—New Year's Day
January 7 —Mira Mesa Town Council Meeting
January 21—Martin Luther King's Birthday
January 22 — Last Day to Register to Vote
January 29—Last Day to Register as Absentee Voter

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

1ST TUESDAY / January 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 / January 2	**Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch** — Every Wednesday —Mimi's Restaurant — 7:00 a.m.
1ST THURSDAY/ January 3	**Mira Mesa Street Fair Committee**—Mira Mesa Senior Center, 6:45 PM.
1ST MONDAY / January 7	**Town Council Meeting (MMTC)** — 1st Monday (no meeting in July & 2nd Monday in September) — Mira Mesa Library — 7:00 p.m.
2ND TUESDAY / January 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 **Business Exchange Club of San Diego**—2nd and 4th Tuesday — Courtyard by Marriott in Kearny Mesa — 6:30 pm
2ND WEDNESDAY / January 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. **(No December Meeting)**
2ND THURSDAY/ (Change to Jan 17)	**Mira Mesa Town Council Board of Directors**—Mira Mesa Senior Center—6:45 p.m. **December meeting on Jan. 3 for Joint Board January Board Meeting on January 17, 2008** **Mira Mesa Street Fair Committee**—Watch calendar for next meeting date.
2ND SATURDAY / January 12	**Fil-Am Sr. Citizens Assn** — 2nd Saturday — Mira Mesa Senior Center — 10:00 a.m.
2ND SUNDAY/ January 13	**FAASDNC Meeting**—12:00pm—Mira Mesa Recreation Center
3RD TUESDAY / January 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 / January 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/ January 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 **Mira Mesa Theatre Guild** — 3rd Thursday — Lopez Ridge Rec. Center — 6:30 p.m. (Board), 7:00 p.m. (General) **Black Mountain Democratic Club**-3rd Thursday-7-9 p.m., 10550 Caminito Flores (Mesa Village Rec. Hall 1) **Mira Mesa Street Fair Committee**—Mira Mesa Senior Center, 6:45 PM.
3RD MONDAY / (Change to January 22 at Senior Center)	**Community Planning Group** — 3rd Monday — Mira Mesa Library — 7:00 p.m. **In January, the meeting will be held at the Senior Center on Tuesday January 22.at 7:00 pm**
4TH TUESDAY / January 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 / January 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 MONDAY/ January 27	**Banned Book Club**—Last Monday of each month except December at the Mira Mesa Library. 7 PM.

Volunteer of the Year Nominees for 2007

Each year since 1984 the Mira Mesa Town Council has held an annual dinner to recognize special volunteers who make this community a better place. The Volunteer of the Year is someone who has made a significant contribution to Mira Mesa through volunteer work, not just during the past year but over the years s/he has been involved with the community. This year the following volunteers have been nominated for this award:

Ted Brengel – Ted Brengel has been a member of the Mira Mesa Community Planning Group since 1995. He was elected vice-chair in 1998 and became chair in 1999 when previous chair Bruce Brown was appointed to the San Diego Planning Commission. He is currently serving his fourth term as Planning Group chair. He has also served on many Planning Group subcommittees, which work in detail on specific projects and issues. Ted is currently Mira Mesa Town Council second vice president (membership chair), a position he also held in 2002 and from 1996-2000, serving in 2001 as MMTC Board Member at Large. He also served as the Fifth City Council District representative to the San Diego Government Transition Committee, which worked on implementation of the strong mayor form of government. Ted is one of those volunteers who is "always there" whenever there's a need for someone to represent Town Council or Planning Group at a meeting or event, and he has spent many hours as a volunteer photographer documenting community events such as the Street Fair. He has served on many ad hoc committees such as the anti-graffiti committee and has volunteered for litter removal and many other worthy community projects.

Marian Crabtree – Marian Crabtree has been an active volunteer since her two children entered school at Mason Elementary School. She is very committed to Mira Mesa and its children. Marian has directed the Children's Choir at the Mira Mesa First Baptist Church. She has served on the board of the Mira Mesa Instrumental Music Boosters as secretary '99, newsletter editor '00, uniform chair '01- '02 and booster president from '03 to '06. Even as an alumni parent she continues to be actively involved with the Band Tournament and as a chairperson for volunteers. For the past 9 years, she has also been newsletter editor and member at large on the Board of Directors for the San Diego Flute Guild, a volunteer organization dedicated to supporting and encouraging the growth and development of flutists of all ages and levels of ability. She has also directed flute choirs for the guild. This year Marian was asked to judge the musical composition part of the 2007 California PTA "Reflections". Through it all, Marian has been teaching piano and flute to the children of Mira Mesa for over 20 years.

Mike Davis – Mike Davis is well known as the founder and director of HEROES ("Hometown Efforts to Rescue Our Endangered Society"). HEROES' goal is to assist needy individuals, organizations and public spaces that need clean-up and fix-it-up support to make them safe and livable. Since June 2005, HEROES has sponsored more than two dozen events, including painting Fire Station 38 and the Teen Center, and cleaning McAuliffe Park. Mike is an active member of MMTC, serving on the Board as First Vice President in 2005. For years, he has supported the Mira Mesa Street Fair, both in planning and being there all day to set up, execute and take down the event. Mike managed two successful "clean and green" events sponsored by the community pride committee - the last one collecting almost 60 tons of trash. He is the military, USMC/CLF liaison for MMTC. He is a founding and participating member of the Taste of Mira Mesa MMHS Foundation fund raising event. He is on the board of "DOVIA" - a countywide organization aligned with "Volunteer San Diego" to assist volunteer managers in better performing their roles/duties. He recently trained and is in the process of getting assigned as a hospice volunteer for Vitas and the Veterans Hospital.