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Mira Mesa Town Council Newsletter

San Diego Police Panel on "Fighting Crime in Mira Mesa"
By Jeff Stevens

The main topic of the February 4 Mira Mesa Town Council meeting will be a presentation/discussion with representatives of the San Diego police department on fighting crime in Mira Mesa. We expect to have Police Detective Dave Collins, who specializes in gang problems, as well as other police department representatives. The goals of the meeting are to get a clear picture of what problems we have, and to form a partnership with the police department to address those problems.

How much crime is there in Mira Mesa? Compared to most of San Diego, not very much. Consequently the police presence in Mira Mesa is small compared to areas of the City with higher crime rates. The lack of police presence does cause some problems, however, as low-level criminal activities are less likely to be observed. Among other things, this makes gang activities and gang recruitment easier. Are there gangs in Mira Mesa? Yes, there are, but according to the Police Department they are much less visible than in other parts of the City. In Mira Mesa, gang members may be good students who get along well with their parents, and their parents may have no idea about their gang involvement.

The San Diego Commission on Crime Prevention and Intervention recently released a Strategic Action Plan, which recommended establishing Technical Teams (teams of multi-disciplinary, multi agency groups) in several areas of the City, including Mira Mesa, to implement a pilot program of neighborhood based collaborative strategies for dealing with this issue. This program is focused mostly on developing positive activities for at-risk kids. While this is a worthwhile effort, we also need increased, focused police efforts that pay more attention to criminal activities that are occurring.

The Commission's report can be found online at http://www.sandiego.gov/gangcommission/pdf/07strategicplan.pdf. Although the report is focused on reducing crime in San Diego, it also points out that San Diego is the safest U.S. city with population over 500,000. If you want short-term notification of criminal activity at any location in the City, you can sign up for email messages at http://apps.sandiego.gov:80/ewatch/begin.jsp.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR 2007
Congratulations to Mike Davis Mira Mesa's Volunteer of the Year 2007 — . Mark your calendars for the Volunteer of the Year dinner to be held at the Mira Mesa Senior Center on May 24, 2008. More information will be forthcoming.

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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 **February 4, 2008** meeting:

- MMTC Budget 2008
- Presentation by the San Diego Police Department

The next MMTC meeting is **Monday, Mar. 3, 2008**

Visit us online at www.miramesatowncouncil.org

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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.

Meet the 2008 MMTC Board of Directors

Fifth District City Councilmember Brian Maienschein officiated at a swearing-in ceremony for the 2008 Mira Mesa Town Council Board of Directors at the Jan. 8 MMTC meeting. From left: Councilmember Maienschein; MMTC President Jeff Stevens; First Vice-president (Programs) Pam O'Donohoe; Secretary Albertine Feurer-Young; Parliamentarian Courtland Young; Treasurer Alan Philpott; Board member at large Stephen Sluyter; Board member at large Jon Labaw; Newsletter editor Maria Pankau; Second Vice-president (Membership) Ted Brengel; Board member at large Marlon Austria; and Board member at large John Daley.

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

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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.

A Taste of *Three Cups of Tea*

Travel to the world of *Three Cups of Tea*, by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin, via a lecture and slide show by Donald M. Gragg, M.D., past president of the San Diego World Affairs Council, on Saturday, Feb. 23, in the Mira Mesa Branch Library community meeting room at 1 p.m.

Dr. Gragg recounts the experiences of Greg Mortenson in his adventurous attempt to climb Pakistan's K2, the earth's second highest mountain, and his subsequent building of a rural village school as detailed in the best-selling book and "One Book, One San Diego" selection, *Three Cups of Tea*. Mortenson's efforts resulted in the building of over 55 schools in remote mountain areas of Pakistan and Afghanistan with a focus on providing basic education for girls.

In his presentation, Dr. Gragg, who traveled through these remote mountain areas at the time the first school was built, will share his own photos plus others; highlights from the book, *Three Cups of Tea;* and insights into the significance of Greg Mortenson's ambitious efforts, including comments on the importance of Mortenson's work as a model for foreign assistance. This program can be enjoyed by all, with or without prior knowledge of the book. At the conclusion of the presentation, light refreshments will be served, including tea! For more information, call the Mira Mesa Branch Library, (858) 538-8165.

New San Diego School District Superintendent Appointed

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Unified School District Board of Education has voted unanimously to appoint Dr. Terry Grier as the next Superintendent of Schools. Grier currently serves as Superintendent for the Guilford County School District in Greensboro, North Carolina.

"My colleagues and I are thrilled to welcome Dr. Grier to San Diego," said Board President Katherine Nakamura, "He is an innovative educational leader with a strong commitment to community outreach and an unparalleled work ethic.

"His focus on data driven instruction and the use of technology to help all students succeed are exactly what we are seeking in a superintendent. Beyond that, he is a truly gracious and kind individual, who always remembers that people come first and that our children come first of all."

Grier replaces Dr. Carl Cohn, who retired December 31, 2007.

Article reprinted from San Diego Unified School District Press Release

Congratulations to Mike Davis, 2007 Mira Mesa Volunteer of the Year!

By Pam Stevens

Mira Mesa Town Council members voted at the Jan. 8 MMTC meeting to select Mike Davis as the 2007 Mira Mesa Volunteer of the Year. This annual award recognizes 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.

Mike Davis is the founder and leader of HEROES (Hometown Efforts to Recover Our Endangered Society), a group of volunteers who get together for monthly Saturday morning work parties to assist needy individuals, organizations, and public spaces that need clean-up and fix-it-up support to make them safe and livable. He is also an active member and past first vice president of MMTC, among other volunteer involvements.

Mike Davis is a "do-er,"whether it's painting the Epicentre (San Diego Regional Teen Center) with HEROES, serving lumpia at the Mira Mesa High School Foundation's "Taste of Mira Mesa," or helping out in a variety of ways at the Mira Mesa Street Fair. Mike's energy and enthusiasm can't be curbed, not even by a broken leg (a result of a recent motorcycle accident) that caused him to attend the January MMTC meeting with his leg in a cast. Mike, his wife, Beth, and their daughter, Sarah, a Mira Mesa High School senior, are all active Mira Mesa Town Council members.

Mike Davis will be honored as 2007 Mira Mesa Volunteer of the Year by the MMTC at the non-profit group's Volunteer of the Year Dinner in spring 2008. Courtland Young, MMTC Parliamentarian and last year's Volunteer of the Year Dinner Committee chair, again volunteered to lead the subcommittee planning this year's event. Watch for further details at www.miramesatowncouncil.org.

Correction Mira Mesa 4th of July Committee president Debbie Vincent requested that MMTC correct the minutes of the December 2007 meeting to clarify that the $5,000.00 given to the 4th of July Committee was payment for the purchase of the Monster Manor event, rather than a donation.

Mira Mesa High School to present Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" February 27— March 8.
For information contact MMHS drama instructor Daniel Kriley, (858)566-2262, dkriley@sandi.net

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MMTC Upcoming Meeting Discussions

The monthly Mira Mesa Town Council meetings for the first half of 2008 have now been planned. Come and meet the candidates for the upcoming City Council race, as well as, the School Board race. You can hear the latest ideas from the MM Planning Group and be aware of what is going on in the community as seen by the San Diego Police Department. Here is your chance to mark your calendars ahead of time and attend those meetings that interest you the most. All meetings are held on the first Monday of every month (exceptions: there is no meeting in July and the meeting is held on the second Monday in September) at the Mira Mesa Public Library public meeting room at 7:00PM.

The scheduled 2008 meetings are:

February - San Diego Police Presentation
What are the main problems in the community?
How can you help solve them?
Who do you contact?

March - City Council Candidates
Who are they?
What are their plans for the community?

April - Planning Group
What is being planned for Mira Mesa?

May - School Board Candidates
Who is running?
What do they plan for our school district?

The schedule may change due to presenters' requirements and/or community issues. Please check this newsletter or the MMTC website for schedule changes and meeting agendas.
If you have any questions/interests regarding issues that affect our community and would be of interest to the general public or issues that affect the health and welfare of our area, please let us know via email, telephone or in person at an upcoming meeting.

New Special Events Recycling Requirements

Beginning February 11, 2008, the City of San Diego Recycling Ordinance requires that the responsible person for a community special event must provide recycling containers throughout the venue.
The ordinance applies to special events held on public property that require a permit from the City of San Diego. Typical events include runs, walks, triathlons, festivals and parades. For more information on special event permits, contact the Office of Special Events.
The recycling ordinance requires that:

1. The number of recyclable containers at special events be equal to the number of trash containers.
2. Recycling and trash containers must be placed next to each other throughout the event.
3. Each recyclable container must be clearly identified as a recycling receptacle and display a list of types of recyclable materials accepted.
4. Organizers can determine types of recyclables to be collected, as long as the recyclables include aluminum and metal cans, glass and plastic bottles and jars.
5. The event's coordinator must ensure that all recyclable materials are delivered to a recycling facility, and not to a landfill.

For more information please go to the City of San Diego environmental services website at: www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/recycling/ro/events/

Banned Book Club To Discuss "Huckleberry Finn"

Feb. 25: The Mira Mesa Banned Book Club, a monthly book discussion group with a "freedom to read" theme, will meet on Monday, Feb. 25, to discuss Mark Twain's classic, "Huckleberry Finn." The Banned Book Club is now in its fourth year of reading and discussing books that have been banned or challenged (i.e. a formal complaint was filed about them being on library shelves in a public or school library, or part of a teacher's syllabus of readings for a class) somewhere in the past. The group meets the fourth Monday of the month from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Mira Mesa Library community meeting room "Drop-in" visitors who'd simply like to discuss a particular title are encouraged, as well as regular participants. All interested readers are welcome! On March 24 the group will discuss "Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man," by James Joyce. For more information, contact the Mira Mesa Branch Library, (858) 538-8165, or email book group facilitator Pam Stevens at pstevens@san.rr.com.

Highlights of the January 7, 2008 MMTC Meeting

POLICE AND FIRE REPORTS

Officer Paul Lennon

- Preparing for the Biotech Conference in June
- Fires kept them busy. Rancho Bernardo – things are settling down. Patrol is working the fire scenes to make sure there is no looting of new building parts (plumbing Cop per/Brass theft is still going on and is on the rise. Stealing valves off the streets for the brass.
- January 15, 8500 block of New Salem. Officer smelled burnt marijuana. Individual had 1 lb. of marijuana and was arrested for possession and transporting
- January 16th, 10000 block of Caminito Jovial. Woman crashed party and was told to leave. After leaving, she was assaulted and her car was stolen. The car was recovered.
- January 1st, 6 PM, 10500 block of Greenford Drive. Two people were confronted by 15 individuals; one was assaulted and robbed; wallet was taken.
- 10:20 AM, 8300 block of Mira Mesa by Fuddruckers. Four African-American men assaulted a man, called him a skinhead, and took his wallet.
- January 4th, 12:58AM 6700 block of Mira Mesa. White guy stole woman's purse and took off.
- Jeff Stevens expressed a concern regarding the lack of a police presence. Paul Lennon responded that staffing is improving compared to a year ago, where it was at 46%. 45 new officers are graduating tomorrow. He advises to be observant, to not leave things in cars, to be careful when walking, and that women alone should consider getting mace.
- There are 10 officers out there at any time.
- Pam O'Donohoe mentioned that every weekend there has been vandalism on the site of the middle school beautification project, including tagging. According to Paul Lennon, security responsibilities fall on the school police, but if not available, then cops would deal with it.
- If anyone witnesses vandalism, the police should be called immediately and the person vandalizing will be arrested.
- Jeff Stevens will schedule a separate meeting to discuss issues.
- A gentleman mentioned that a few months ago, a man seemed to be selling drugs at 10 in the morning in front of Blockbuster.
- A gentleman mentioned that there is a problem with motorcycles going 60-80 miles an hour racing down Camino Ruiz between the hours of 8 PM to 2 AM.

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

City Councilman Brian Maienschein

- Installation and Swearing-In of the 2008 MMTC board.

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Member at Large	John Daley

- State of the City address is Thursday at Balboa Theater at 6 PM

Recap of past year

January – Necessary funding received to complete the Carroll Canyon Road Extension by working with the Mayor, Caltrans, and Sandag; the ground breaking will be early next year. City Council approved the hiring of Stanley Keller (Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge) to provide the City with independent monitoring services called for in the SEC order as well as the Kroll Report.

February – We lost Tim Allen in a horrible accident. We must remember Tim and all the wonderful things he did for Mira Mesa. Brian also worked with Park and Rec. to find funding for the constructions of the Camino Ruiz Trail. $172,000 of Regional Park Infrastructure Funds was allocated to the project. Construction should begin soon. The groundbreaking for the Miramar College Field House was possible thanks to funds from MM FBA; the Field House will be completed this year. Volunteer of the year dinner – Chuck Sweet is to be congratulated for this accomplishment.

June – Second Community Clean Up at Mira Mesa High School. 60 tons of trash and recyclables were collected. Goodwill participated and thank you to Mike Davis of the HEROES, for all his efforts. Brian stood against amending the City Code to prohibit Superstores at City Council; after the Mayor's veto, the Council failed to override that veto.

July - Miramar Dam Pathway opened; it was closed down after 9/11. It is a great amenity to the community.

August – City Council passed the Tobacco Retailers Ordinance. Brian, as Chair of the Public Safety and Neighborhood services Committee, brought this ordinance to the Council. Retailers have to apply for a tobacco license. License fees to go towards police stings to hold

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LOCAL NUMBERS

General County Services Information

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Criminal Activity

Police Community Relations Office	858-538-8120
Suspected Arson	1-800-472-7766 (47ARSON)
Gangs	619-531-2847
Graffiti	619-525-8522
Non-emergency crime or suspicious activity e.g. belligerent person, car/building alarm, nuisance bar, underage drinking	858-484-3154

Nuisances

Animal, dangerous	619-236-2341
Animal, dead	858-492-5060
5pm-7am or weekends & holidays:	619-573-1276
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
Noise (loud)	619-236-5564 or 619-236-5500
Trash: uncollected, overflowing dumpster, trash-strewn lot, or recyclables	858-492-5055

Streets & Environment

Bus shelter damaged	619-231-1466
Manhole cover missing or damaged	619-515-3525
Street, flooded	619-527-7500
Street, light out (see below for traffic lights)	619-527-7500
Street, pothole	619-527-7500
Street, sink hole or collapse	619-515-3525
Street, traffic light non-functioning	619-525-8650
Swimming Pools	858-689-6296
Weeds overgrown, fallen trees, or clogged storm drain	619-527-7500

Utilities

Fire hydrant open	619-515-3525
Gas leak	800-411-7343
Power/phone line downed	619-811-8081
Tree limbs in power lines	800-411-7343

Ad Rates (business card size)

One Time Placement	$40.00
Three Times per Year	$75.00
Full Year Subscription (11 issues)	$150.00

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retailers accountable. Council passed measures against mini-dorm, landscaping regulations, regulated leases or sub-leases. This April, party houses will begin being charged $1000 fine for chronic parties.

September – Council and Brian voted unanimously to pass the establishment of the Mira Mesa Banner District. All parties involved in the Salk Elementary School project met – the School District, the Fish and Wildlife, the City's Park and Rec., and Development Services Departments. The City Attorney's Office was also present.

– Proud to nominate Bruce Brown to Park and Rec Board.

Past few months - Fires. Remarkable how quickly we got things under control. We set up a one stop shop for survivors in two days. We took over Rancho Bernardo gym. 65 organizations were there instead of having people having to drive to these 65 organizations. DMV, birth certificate, FEMA, insurance companies. Last time with the Cedar fires, we were turning permits around in 10 days. Our goal now is to do it in 5 days. Very quick rebuilding process in Rancho Bernardo. City Council created a new committee on fire that Brian is chairing – Ad-Hoc Committee on Fire Prevention and Recovery.

- This is Brian's last year in office after having the job for 7 years. It was a huge honor to work with the MMTC.

Questions for Brian Maienschein

- How are the City's Finances?
  Maienschein – Mayor will go into more depth Thursday night. Significant improvements. He will go through what those are. Paul touched on that (police). More people. More equipment. Replacing every single fire truck. Police are graduating from academy. Certainly not doom and gloom the Union Tribune portrays.
- When are we going to get a red light camera Mira Mesa Blvd and Camino Ruiz? (George Bailey)
  Maienschein - Khoa will get an answer.
- What can we do to speed up the city's response to the torn flags at the Senior Center.
  Maienschein will take charge of this instead of Park and Rec.
  Chuck Sweet responded have a new flag. 6 months old at a cost of $800.00 each. Reduce flag size to one size since the smaller flags are cheaper. Flag is huge and does look terrible.
- What will be the impact of water restrictions?
  Maienschein - In his view, it's going to be the next energy issue. Something will happen in the course of next year. Something must change over the next year or next ten year.
- What is the status of the landfill? (Alan Philpott)
  Maienschein – we did a number of things to extend the life of the landfill – construction and demolition debris that needs to be recycled. Success of city of recycling plan. Goal is 50%. City is right at 50%. Ultimately, there is only so much space in the landfill. It should last to 2019 – past 2012.

County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price– Erica Holloway

– County beefing up on sandbagging. Not as much flooding. Contact County for sandbags.
- January 8 State of the state address. Budget has 14 billion shortfall. 10% across the board cut. For country – services will be cut. Education could get a deep cut, but has high lobbying.
– February 13 State of County address.
– Balboa Theatre Horton Plaza
- Absentee voters. Advertising has increased absentee voters by 15%.
- Brush clearance/debris removal. DPW - 670 forms to remove brush. 400 have been processed or completed. 30000 tons were expected. So far, we've cleared 40000 tons. They want us to remove foundations. 2003 was not finished until April. Time frame for 2007 will be met or beat. 45000 tons in 2003. 180000 tons in 2007. Larger floor plan 40-45 million cost to state. Very little reimbursed by insurance companies.

State Assemblyman George Plescia (Liz Saidkhanian)

- Fire issue. CalFire does not have a report out. Attorney General website has info (handout)
– Healthcare/water. New bills coming out. Session has started.

US Representative Brian Bilbray (Andrew Lund)

- House goes back into session January 15. January 16 press releases about Roger Clemens and steroids will be appearing in one of Bilbray's committees.
- State of the Union is coming up soon.
– Fort Rosecrans issue. Has been delayed due to fairy shrimp. Every acre destroyed has to be replaced with 3 acres. State environmental system is one of the strictest in the country. Fort Rosecrans is getting expanded. Only alternative, at this time, is National Cemetery in Riverside.

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OPEN FORUM

-Kim Yourczek – Mira Mesa High School Coach for over 20 years. He started coaching swim and water polo in the 80's. The Polo teams have used racquetball club, the Navy Base, the Kearny Rec. Center, Westview High School, etc as practice facilities. Has been all over for pool use. Finally pool was built, but it's a city run pool at the college. The pool should be used by the community. During the fall season, the college gets #1 choice. Girl water polo season is in the winter and the pool is closed for entire month. Girls have to go to

Tierrasanta from 4 to 6pm. The plans for the new pool do not allow for water polo. The high school will be excluded from using the pool. Jeff Stevens stated that plans were finalized and to change them would require City Council action. Arlette Ballew responded that

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

February 2—Groundhog Day
February 4 —Mira Mesa Town Council Meeting
February 5— Don't forget to Vote
February 6 — Ash Wednesday
February 12— Lincoln's Birthday
February 14 — Valentine's Day
February 18—President's Day Holiday

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

1ST MONDAY / February 4	**Town Council Meeting (MMTC)** — 1st Monday (no meeting in July & 2nd Monday in September) — Mira Mesa Library — 7:00 p.m.
1ST TUESDAY / February 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 / February 6	**Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch** — Every Wednesday —Mimi's Restaurant — 7:00 a.m.
1ST THURSDAY/ February 7	**Mira Mesa Street Fair Committee**—Mira Mesa Senior Center, 6:45 PM.
2ND SATURDAY / February 9	**Fil-Am Sr. Citizens Assn** — 2nd Saturday — Mira Mesa Senior Center — 10:00 a.m.
2ND SUNDAY/ February 10	**FAASDNC Meeting**—12:00pm—Mira Mesa Recreation Center
2ND TUESDAY / February 12	**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 / February 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. **(No December Meeting)**
2ND THURSDAY/ (MMTC changed to February 7)	**Mira Mesa Town Council Board of Directors**—Mira Mesa Senior Center—6:45 p.m. **February Meeting on February 7th** **Mira Mesa Street Fair Committee**—Watch calendar for next meeting date.
3RD TUESDAY / February 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 / February 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/ February 21	**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 February 19 at Senior Center)	**Community Planning Group** — 3rd Monday — Mira Mesa Library — 7:00 p.m. **In February, the meeting will be held at the Senior Center on Tuesday February 19.at 7:00 pm**
4TH MONDAY/ February 25	**Banned Book Club**—Last Monday of each month except December at the Mira Mesa Library. 7 PM.
4TH TUESDAY / February 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 / February 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. **Business Exchange Club of San Diego**—2nd and 4th Wednesday—Holiday Inn (Murphy Canyon Road) — 6:30 pm

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there are a couple of issues; it is not designed for use for competitive swim team. Members of Mira Mesa Community cannot use the pools in Miramar because high school teams have these locked up. Individual students can use it, just not competitive sports.

-Carl DeMaio – debate coming up. Congrats to the board members. Inviting everyone to Community Coffee twice a week in people's homes. Will receive invite in the mail. Wants to be elected to City Council. Mike Davis is opening his house January 24 at 6pm for the Community Coffee.

-Bob Ilko – he is an attorney. Will be out in March. Wants to earn our support in June to be elected to City Council.

-John Sunde – RSVP Volunteers needed

-Orlando – pool was a community pool; not a college pool. Community allows school to use pool because school let us use the land.

-Volunteer of the Year – Courtland Young counted the ballots and the Volunteer of the Year is Mike Davis.

-Tom Derr – Mira Mesa Maintenance Assessment District. Nothing has changed in budget from 2008. No proceeds were applied. 2009 budget is available. One change made to budget – construction services build (line 24) added $55000 concrete work on Camino Ruiz. Zone three 87 to 110 landscaping has gone up. Living wage has taken effect. We are responsible for the flag 30x50 foot flag is being replaced. Chuck Sweet has other flag. $840 per flag. Next size down is five feet shorter and is half the price $426. They can buy two flags for the price of one.

-Question - Are you responsible for cutting trees on Calle Cristobal? No – Calle Cristobal Maintenance Assessment is.

-Bob Ilko – management fees have decreased. Good job.

NEW BUSINESS

-Budget

Budget approved (Chuck Sweet/Arlette Ballew) - 1 opposed/all in favor/Approved

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

--Banner District. Steve Sluyter – No update. Banners are still up; it will be a while until they will need to be replaced or repaired. Sandy Smith asked if any private businesses requested to sponsor banners and who they should they contact if they do? Banner District Committee needs volunteers.

-Jeff Stevens responded that a plan was needed.

-Alan Philpott, stated we have $2500 allocated for maintenance.

-Chuck Sweet – can we post it on the website so that businesses can go on there to get information to get their own banners.

-Jeff Stevens – Banner District Committee needs to meet.

-Scholarship Committee – Beth Davis will continue as Chair

-Clean and Green Events/ HEROES (Mike Davis) Need volunteers to finish up projects. Working on Senior Resource Center. Miramesa.com will donate space for senior blog. Another home in Encinitas. Clean and Green – annual day. Set day is better. Miramar is on track

-Planning Group - Ted – Brengel - 3rd Monday is Federal Holiday. They will meet the 22nd at the Senior Center. Same thing in February because third Monday is also a holiday. They will meet the Tuesday after the third Monday. A boy went to planning commission to have a bridge built; this was the wrong place to go so he was invited to the planning group. SD County Water Authority – several projects will affect Mira Mesa. President Jeff Stevens wants to know if people would be interested in a planning group presentation discussing new things. Orlando asked if anything was new in making street boulevards; he is against it. There is too much traffic as it is. Ted Brengel responded that they just started traffic study; there is nothing to do right now. Hillary is already very impacted.

– Recreation Council meeting is tomorrow night January 8.

-Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens Advisory Committee (Pam Stevens) Meeting coming on third Thursday of January. January 17 at 7pm in PCP in the history Adobe house. Discussing whether to switch meetings from odd numbered months to even numbered months. Workshop discussion about connection trail from Camino Ruiz Park to Rancho Penasquitos preserve. New ranger station - County rangers are in the Adobe ranch house. Project was delayed, but is back on track. Trails are closed because of the rain; if you want to go hiking, call the ranger's office to find out first.

-Mira Mesa Library (Pam Stevens)

Banned book club meets at library the 4th Monday January 28 at 7pm. This month is Forever Amber

-4th of July Committee (Debbie Vincent) Pam Stevens – meeting this coming Wednesday at 6:30 at Mira Mesa Senior Center January 9. Anyone who wants to help plan is welcome. Volunteers are needed. March 29, 2008 Casino night with silent auction – see Newsletter for more details. Raise money to fireworks.

-Mira Mesa High School Foundation (Kathy Madsen) Taste of Mira Mesa (date/location from newsletter). Gave back $5000 in grants last week. April 1, 2008

-Halloween committee (Chuck Sweet). Party on January 24, 2008 at Pizza Hut with people who helped out

-MM Senior center (Chuck Sweet). Bid for new lettering on the building. Small dedication. Coffee and donuts. Date and time will be announced.

-Filipino-American Community (Marlon Austria). Elections this march for President. See Marlon. Purpose of organization – 1975 started as a social gathering; now we raise scholarship funds for high school students. To promote awareness.

Filipino American Senior January 12, 2008 Anniversary party 10am Call FASCA office at Senior Center

-MM Women's Club – Dyanna Smith. There is a new website (http://mmwomensclub.com) Chalk the Walk – art festival in park area on May 10, 2008. Need volunteers on May 9 and May 10. Meet the third Tuesday at 7pm at Presbyterian church.