May 2008

Mira Mesa Town Council Newsletter

President's Message

By MMTC President Jeff Stevens

We will hold a Candidates Forum at our May meeting with this year's candidates for the San Diego City School Board, Sub-district A, which includes Mira Mesa. There are only two candidates for School Board, but unlike the City Council race, this election will not be decided in the primary. For the School Board, the June primary election is held in sub-district A only, while the final election in November is held District-wide , with the top two candidates from the primary running in the general election. Since there are only two candidates, nothing will actually be decided by the June election, except that the results will tell the larger community how our local sub-district feels about the candidates.

The two candidates are Mitz Lee and John Lee Evans. Both candidates have provided biographies which are included in this newsletter, and both will be present at the May Candidates Forum. The forum will follow the same format as the City Council candidate's forum in March. Each candidate will start with a 5 minute opening statement. This will be followed by a question and answer session, using questions from the audience. Members of the audience will write questions on 3x5 cards, which will be collected by MMTC Board members and organized to cover as broad a range of subjects as possible. Candidates will have two minutes to answer each question, followed at the end by a 3 minute closing statement. Please think about what questions to ask, as this is an excellent opportunity to find out what our School Board candidates are thinking.

At our June 2 meeting, we will have a presentation on the Mira Mesa Recreation Council and recreational opportunities in Mira Mesa. This is the second meeting (following the presentation about the Planning Group in April) at which we will have an extended presentation by one of our community groups. We will make the opportunity available to other community groups and committees at future meetings. If you are interested in doing so, contact MMTC program chair Pam O'Donohoe (pam1220@aol.com).

Many thanks to Bruce Brown, Marv Miles, Ted Brengel, Mike Davis and the HEROES crew and other volunteers for painting the brick fence along Mira Mesa Blvd. Paint and supplies were provided by Frazee Paint and the Mira Mesa Town Council.

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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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 **May 5, 2008** meeting:

- Meet the San Diego School Board Race Candidates

The next MMTC meeting is **Monday, June 2, 2008**

Visit us online at www.miramesatowncouncil.org

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2008 Town Council / Verne Goodwin Scholarship Awards Are available NOW visit www.MiraMesaTownCouncil.org Three thousand dollars available

Six $500.00 scholarships will be awarded to students based on Volunteer Service
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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.

Volunteer of the Year Dinner/Dance Update
The Mira Mesa Volunteer of the Year dinner/dance will be held at the Verne Goodwin/Mira Mesa Senior Center on Saturday, May 3, 2008. Tickets are $25.00 per person and include a fabulous dinner, dancing and a short program which will be attended by many of our city's leaders. Don't miss this opportunity to congratulate Mike Davis, Mira Mesa's 2007 Volunteer of the Year, and get to know your neighbors .For more information or to purchase your tickets visit the Mira Mesa Town Council website at www.miramesatowncouncil.org.

HEROES (Hometown Efforts to Rescue Our Endangered Society) Update
This "Good Samaritan" group has a few upcoming items on their agenda and they would appreciate your help. Mark your calendar for at least one of these: See MMTC website for further information.
Saturday, **May 3**, 5:30pm to 11:00pm—Volunteer of the Year Dinner/Dance. Help congratulate HEROES own Mike Davis.
Saturday, **May 17**, 5:00am to 7:00pm—Travel to south of Ensenada, Mexico to help erect a "loft home" for the Hands of Mercy charity.
Ongoing—Planning and installation of a Senior Resource Center at the Mira Mesa Senior Center. Individuals with knowledge of IT/PC stuff/skills are needed.

"Chalk the Walk" Seeks Volunteer Sidewalk Artists, Sponsors for May 10 Festival:

"Chalk the Walk," a fun-for-all ages day of sidewalk art with entertainment and a community information fair at the Mira Mesa Recreation Center in Mira Mesa Community Park, will take place on Saturday, May 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Artists of all ages and skill levels will create works of art by drawing with pastels directly on the sidewalk. Artists have from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to work on their chalk drawings. The public is invited to view this art in progress throughout the day until 4 p.m. Volunteer artists and sponsors can download applications from the Mira Mesa Women's Club website, www.mmwomensclub.com

The Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens Advisory Committee
will meet on Thursday, May 15, 7 p.m. in the historic Penasquitos Adobe Ranch House, at the end of Canyonside Park Drive west of Black Mountain Road. Public welcome! Mark your calendar on Saturday, June 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the celebration of National Trails Day in Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve, an all-day outdoor festival with hikes, children's activities, a trails fair with vendors and exhibitors, and live music by "Trails and Rails." Bring the family and join the fun! Visit www.sdparks.org or call (858) 484-7504 for more information.

The MMTC community pride committee (led by Bruce Brown,) **and HEROES volunteer group** (led by Mike Davis and our steadfast "heroine" Theresa!)
teamed up to clean up our local teen center (called the Epicenter, across from the MMHS) on 12 April. We had well over 30 folks lend a hand to give the Epicenter a much needed landscape face lift. The young men from the Sigma Chi Fraternity at SDSU were great and really came through (Bruce is their Chapter Advisor!). Fraternity president Erik Till really organized a superb and energetic clean up crew. We also had representatives from RSVP (John, Bruce, etc) and a few others as well (Steve, Mark, etc). Meredith and Cliff from Harmonium (who manage the place) were there to provide lots of support as well. Additionally, the Allied Waste company was gracious enough to donate a large trash bin, which we almost filled up, and Council member Brian Maienschein's office got them a free pass to the dump! Great job Mira Mesa Community, we collectively came through again - just drive by the place and you'll immediately see a superb positive visual difference! If you want to help with other HEROES efforts go to http://www.miramesaheroes.org/ and register as a volunteer! We guarantee it's a good cause and you'll have fun helping others AND meeting new folks -really!

Attention all Music Lovers:
The Mira Mesa High School Band Spring Concert will be held at the Poway Performing Arts Center, on Espola Road, on Saturday, May 24, 2008.
Tickets for the event, which is slated to begin at 3:00pm, can be purchased from band members for $10.00 per person.
For more information please visit the band website at www.miramesaband.org.

2008 Philippine Festival and Faire June 7:
The 2008 Philippine Festival and Faire will take place on Saturday, June 7 in Mira Mesa Community Park. The event, jointly sponsored by the Aguinaldo Foundation and the Council of Philippine American Organizations of San Diego (COPAO), is scheduled to take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Mira Mesa Community Park. Food vendors and booths for businesses and non-profit groups will be open all day, with live entertainment on stage from 12 noon to 5 p.m., and a 9 a.m. "Festival of Festivals" Philippine Independence Parade down Mira Mesa Boulevard and Camino Ruiz. The parade will follow the same route as the Mira Mesa 4th of July parade.
For more information about the Philippine Festival and Faire or its sponsoring groups in general, see www.aguinaldofoundation.org or www.copao-sandiego.org; or contact Zeny Ravelo, (858) 484-2277 (h) or (858) 776-0977 (cell), or send email to Zeny Ravelo at auginaldofoundation@yahoo.com.

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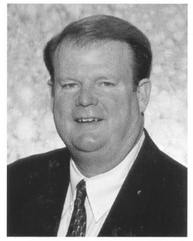

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Meet the School Board Candidates

By Pam O'Donohoe

The Mira Mesa Town Council is pleased to provide an evening with school board candidates John Evans and Mitz Lee at the May 5, 2008 meeting. Everyone has a vested interest in what these candidates have to say in regards to our current district problems, and what we can expect them to do to remedy the situation and provide positive learning environments for our children. Please join us at 7:00 PM on Monday the 5th at the Mira Mesa Library to make your decision making easier.

John Lee Evans, Ph.D., School Board Candidate District A, San Diego Unified

Are you satisfied with our San Diego Schools? Or do you believe that we can do much better? In 2008 we will have a new Superintendent and the majority of the seats on the school board are up for election. Our schools affect all of us. School board races really matter.

"An excellent public education system is the lifeblood of democracy. The American dream is lost if our communities are divided by good schools and bad schools, by haves and have nots. Our community is only as strong as our weakest school."

Mitz Lee, Member, Board of Education-District A, San Diego Unified School District

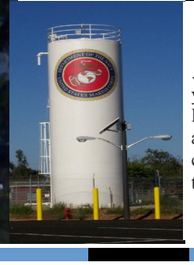
I am running for re-election to the San Diego Unified School District Board of Education in 2008 because we must continue to move forward to ensure every school is a good school because every child counts. You helped me become a member of the Board of Education at San Diego Unified School District in 2004. We received almost 166,000 votes and won 94% of all precincts citywide. The public mandate then was for a return to academic common sense, civility on the Board, to find an educator for Superintendent, fiscal restraint and responsibility and increased parent involvement in children's education. These goals were accomplished. There is more to do. I will need your help to continue to move our schools and our school district forward.

The View from Interstate 15 is a Little Nicer Now

New Digital Graphics for Marine Corps Air Station - Miramar Water Towers

Early this month, as the sun rose to shine its light on the Marine Corps Air Station at Miramar, a new landmark was born in the City of San Diego. What once were simply utilitarian water storage tanks were transformed, in one day, into reminders of our enduring freedom and selfless soldiers who protect those freedoms.

From either north or southbound Interstate 15, between the Miramar Road and Miramar Way exits, as you look to the west, you can see magnificent Old Glory ...



...and, to the north, you can see the Marine Corps logo adorning newly constructed water towers.

Highlights of the April 7, 2008 MMTC Meeting

POLICE AND FIRE REPORTS

Police Department (LT. Rick O'Hanlon/Officer Paul Lennon) – not present. Rick mentioned to Jeff that we had an increase in burglaries in MM.

SD Fire Department (Capt. Myers) – HEROES helped paint the fire station**;** they made a great difference for the fire department. Jason Diaz, Brad DeSalle, and George Andy Cornel from Fire Station 38 are present tonight. San Diego is short 200-300 firefighters, but this community is well covered by the stations in Sorrento Valley, on Black Mountain Road, and in Scripps Ranch. Capt. Myers showed a video presentation about the fire department needing 200 additional firefighters as well as additional trucks, stations, and equipment. San Diego firefighters are not well paid and face many dangers – from on-the-job-dangers to heightened risks of cancer and heart attacks. A wellness program has been put in place to support the firefighters and help them remain healthier. Firefighters give a portion of their salaries to charities and give a lot of time to the community through community service programs. Visit www.SDFire.org for more information. Captain Myers also mentioned the Africanized honey bee risk; these bees are known to be more reactive, sting faster, and actually attack people. This is not life threatening unless the person stung is allergic to bee stings.

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

City Councilman Brian Maienschein (Khoa Nguyen)

- The upcoming Budget Town Hall is at 6 pm on 4/24 at the Scripps Ranch library.
- The Camino Ruiz trail project was approved on 3/5; the earliest possible construction date is 4/10.
- The City will be receiving $24 million from FEMA for brush management; the Mayor will match $2.4 million.

County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price (Erica Holloway)

- The Supervisor is hosting a Seniors Health Fair next Thursday in Escondido.
- The current Action Report includes communication; media alerts have changed. During the fires in 2003, 27 media alerts were released; in 2007, 229 were released. 211 is the number people called to get information after evacuation. Reverse 911 includes cell phones; they are working on using that system to let people know they can go home. All shelter locations and communication will be posted on central boards. Fire codes are mandatory only for new homes, not existing ones.
- Call Erica if needed at 619-531-5758.
- Question: A lot of the emergency supplies were supposed to go to LA, but remained in San Diego; did any go up to Los Angeles? Answer: FEMA was in charge of it.

State Assemblyman George Plescia (Liz Saidkhanian)

- April 15 is tax day.
- Home-schooling decision: a parent cannot home school his/her child without proper accreditation.
- Question: How will the schools keep their teachers and educate children without increasing taxes? Answer: There are options other than raising taxes to manage this issue. Question: What is the solution? Answer: Spending control through the removal of unnecessary programs.
- If the budget is not passed by 6/25, payments to MediCal patients will be placed on hold.

OPEN FORUM

- *Nathan Fletcher* – State Assembly candidate/75th Dist. He is the candidate for George Plescia's seat. He has been in the Marine Corps for ten years. His dad was a police officer, and his mother ran shelters for battered women. He is an active member of the Veterans Committee. In order to level out some of the funding issues related to the budget deficit, we could tie our revenue to a 10-year average of tax income so that the excess can be put aside for harder times. www.NathanFletcher.com. Call him with any questions at 858-547-1393

- *Kevin Tran for One Step Outreach*. Michael and Kevin are students at UCSD. One Step Outreach is a nonprofit tutoring organi zation. UCSD students help kids with their homework. They also have a high school internship program in which high school students can intern with the organization. There is an event on Saturday, 4/12 – Math and Science Experiment – 11 am to 1 pm, outside the children's area in the Mira Mesa library (for children 5 and above). Children will be able to participate. Look for the college students in lab coats.

OLD BUSINESS

- *George George* – City Council Candidate. He has lived in Rancho Bernardo 45 years. He and his wife have been very involved due to raising children and living here for years. He joined the fire department in 1962. He was Assistant Chief in San Diego and

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Police Community Relations Office 858-538-8120
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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

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fire chief in Solana Beach. We have a lot of fire risks here, and there has been no talk of earthquakes. Our help comes from Northern California only. We don't have enough equipment. We do not have enough resources to stop the small fires from becoming bigger. We need to refinance through the bond markets and stop special-interest spending. Public safety, safe streets, and traffic should be our priorities. He has extensive knowledge of traffic issues and fire management. Question: How do you feel about the FCC filing against five city officials? Answer: They mislead the public as well as the FCC. We need honesty and to open the books to the public. We need to eliminate programs that are no longer needed. Question: What will you do to ensure that Salk Elementary School is built as soon as possible? Answer: I would do everything I could to ensure this would happen fast; education is very important. Bonds should be funding it.

- *Bruce Brown* - Request for graffiti paint. The wall on Mira Mesa Blvd from the Presbyterian Church west to Parkdale has been painted. 1763 feet have been painting in the past month. He thought he would be able to get as much paint as they wanted from Frazee, but the goal is to paint all the brick walls on Mira Mesa and Camino Ruiz. Frazee has donated a lot of paint, but due to the volume of paint needed, there is a lot of bureaucracy. He needs $1000 to continue the painting effort. Jeff Stevens mentioned that this additional $1000 will go over the budget, but we have enough in reserves to cover this. The motion was seconded and passed. The painting occurs on Sundays from 8am to 10am. The next wall will be Parkdale west on Mira Mesa on the South side.

NEW BUSINESS
Planning Group – *Ted Brengel and Jeff Stevens*. The Planning Group meets the 3rd Monday, at 7pm at the Library.

Ted Brengel is the chairman of the Planning Group. Mira Mesa has one of 35 separate community plans that detail what should be done and how it should be done in each community. Council Policy 624 governs these community plans; it is available on www.SanDiego.gov. The community bylaws are on the Mira Mesa Town Council website. Developers can come to the Planning Group to present their projects. Subcommittees are created to handle larger projects; these report back to the Planning Group. Regular members are individuals who come to more than two meetings. There are 19 seats on the executive committee. Half of these seats are replaced every other year; positions can be maintained for a maximum of 8 years unless no one else runs for the position. The community liaison from MCAS Miramar has a seat but does not vote. Mira Mesa is a complex community and is the largest community in San Diego, with around 85,000 residents. Some of the highest-paying jobs are in the Biotech industry in Mira Mesa. Current projects include Salk Elementary School, the Stone Creek project, the Crescent Heights project (on hold due to fairy shrimp) and Casa MiraView by Best Buy (a new high-density housing project). Bruce Brown, one of the members, is on the Planning Commission. Mira Mesa spreads over 10,500 acres.

Jeff Stevens, re. future projects. Three areas will have substantial development: 1) Crescent Heights, 2) Casa Mira View, and 3) Stone Creek. Casa Mira View was approved in 1986; it was owned by Pardee, who also built Westview Parkway and Black Mountain Road. Pardee's development agreement is about to expire. Pardee paid to widen Black Mountain Rd. and Westview Pkwy. Casa Mira View will pay for several intersection improvements including Mira Mesa Blvd. and Black Mountain Road, and Mira Mesa Blvd. and Westview Parkway. The Stone Creek project was originally proposed for 10,000 residences; it is now down to 5,500. Mira Mesa has an extensive industrial area because of the Miramar over-flights. Public facilities are population-based. Several projects were not approved: 1) Wal-Mart was not built in Mira Mesa Blvd due to land use incompatibility and potential traffic problems, and 2) some large housing projects near the industrial area were turned down due to potential legal liability be cause of potential odors and noise. All homeowners and developers pay into the Facilities Benefit Assessment. This is different from Mello Roos; the cost is included in new home prices. Question: A community park on top of a hill north of Mira Mesa Blvd. was purchased for $14 million; will it ever be built? Answer: The land is owned, but there is not enough money to develop it. Comment: This planning commission is doing an amazing job.

Relay for Life – is a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. www.cancer.org has a lot of information. Michelle Perry is a volunteer, advocate, and a legislative ambassador for the ACS. A video about Relay for Life (www.RelayForLife.org) was played. 3.5 million people join to battle cancer. A motion for the MMTC to make a $200 donation to Relay for Life was seconded and passed.

COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS
- **Women's Club** – Chalk the Walk: High school volunteers and artists will be there. Tickets are $15. www.MMWomensClub.com. Town Council and Rec Council will share a booth. The event is on May 10.
- **RSVP** – Open house is 4/8 at 8450 Mira Mesa Blvd., Suite A, at the Epicenter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 3 — Volunteer of the Year Dinner/Dance
May 5 — Mira Mesa Town Council Meeting
May 11 — Mothers Day
May 24 — Mira Mesa High School Band Spring Concert
May 26 — Memorial Day

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

1ST MONDAY / May 5	**Town Council Meeting (MMTC)** — 1st Monday (no meeting in July & 2nd Monday in September) — Mira Mesa Library — 7:00 p.m.
1ST TUESDAY / May 6	**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 7	**Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch** — Every Wednesday —Mimi's Restaurant — 7:00 a.m.
2ND THURSDAY/ April 8	**Mira Mesa Town Council Board of Directors**—Mira Mesa Senior Center—6:45 pm **Mira Mesa Street Fair Committee**—Watch calendar for next meeting date.
2ND SATURDAY / May 10	**Fil-Am Sr. Citizens Assn** — 2nd Saturday — Mira Mesa Senior Center — 10:00 a.m.
2ND SUNDAY/ May 11	**FAASDNC Meeting**—12:00pm—Mira Mesa Recreation Center
2ND TUESDAY / May 13	**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 / May 14	**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.
3RD THURSDAY/ May 15	**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)
3RD MONDAY / May 19	**Community Planning Group** — 3rd Monday — Mira Mesa Library — 7:00 p.m.
3RD TUESDAY / May 20	**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** — Call Epicenter for next meeting date and time.
3RD WEDNESDAY / May 21	**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.
4TH MONDAY/ May 26	**Banned Book Club**—Last Monday of each month except December at the Mira Mesa Library. 7 PM. Will not meet in May due to Memorial Day
4TH TUESDAY / May 27	**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 28	**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 22	Mira Mesa Street Fair Committee—Fourth Thursday—Mira Mesa Senior Center

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- **Scholarship/Stakeholders Committees –** (Robin Stutsman), Stakeholders is the 4th Wed., every other month, 6 pm, Library. Applications are out for the 2008 Verne Goodman Scholarship - Award in his memory. The reading of applications will be on 5/28; the application is on www.MiraMesa.org and the MMTC web site. The scholarship fund will award $3000 this year. The next Stakeholder comm. meeting is in June.
- **Street Fair** – (Robin Stutsman), 4th Thursday, Senior Center, 6:45 pm
- **Rec. Council –** The meeting is tomorrow night. The main concern is the budget. The park is only open for 48 hours a week; they would like it to be open for 64 hours a week
- **Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens Advisory Committee** – (Pam Stevens) Meets the 3rd Thurs. of odd-numbered months at the LP Ranch House. Camino Ruiz park trail construction will start this fall due to nesting season. The next meeting is in May. June 7th is Trails Day.
- **MM Library** – (Pam Stevens) Banned Book Club: the next meeting will discuss *House of the Spirits* by Isabel Allende. Second Monday in June is *Grapes of Wrath*, by Steinbeck. A library book sale will occur from 4/15 to 4/24 in the small conference room at the library.
- **4th of July Committee** –(Pam Stevens) 2nd Wednesday, 6:30pm, Senior Center. The fireworks will cost over $19,000. They need volunteers and donations.
- **Mira Mesa High School Foundation** – (Kathy Madsen) She wants to thank everyone for supporting the Taste of Mira Mesa event. Over $14,000 was raised. The next fundraiser will involve selling bricks and putting a new brick walkway at Mira Mesa High School to raise funds for the foundation. Mitz Lee is our representative on the School Board. The next School Board meeting is on 4/8 at 3 pm at Normal Street (Board of Education). Mira Mesa High School won the Ultimate Prom Internet contest - $25,000 prom. The senior class had already raised enough money for the prom, so they will distribute the funds to the other three classes after paying for its after-prom event. The budget cuts are devastating. The budget has been cut $400,000 a year for the past five years.
- **Mira Mesa Theatre Guild** – (Sandy Smith) 3rd Thursday, 6:30 pm.
- **Community Pride** – (Jim Brown) 3rd Thursday, 6:30 pm, Jim's House at 8605 Pagoda Way. We have a great lack of pride in our community. Sweepers used to come once a month; it is now supposed to be every other month, but the streets are not being swept. Homeowners are responsible for the curb area and must sweep in front of their houses.
- **MM Senior Center** – (Chuck Sweet) Verne Goodwin passed away; he was a great man and an outstanding citizen.
- **Volunteer Recognition Committee** – (Courtland Young) The Volunteer of the Year Dinner will be on 5/3 starting at 5:30 pm, with dinner and dancing from 7 to 11 pm. It will be at the Mira Mesa Verne Goodwin Senior Center at 8460 Mira Mesa Blvd. Dinner costs $25 per person; please RSVP by April 12, 2008

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