August 2008

# Mira Mesa Town Council Newsletter

## President's Message

By MMTC President Jeff Stevens

As we head into prime fire season, fire safety is particularly important. At our August meeting we will have a presentation by the San Diego Fire Department, and a presentation by Greg Rubin on Fire Safe landscaping. Greg Rubin's company "California's Own Native Landscape Design" is a contracting company that designs, installs, and maintains California native landscapes. He has studied ways to reduce fire danger to homes through fire-resistant native landscaping, and will describe his techniques at our meeting.

We will also have a presentation on the new Mira Mesa Chamber of Commerce that is now being formed. As a bit of background, there was a Mira Mesa/Scripps Ranch Chamber of Commerce that formed in the mid-1980's. It merged into the I-15 Diamond Gateway Chamber of Commerce in the mid-1990's, which merged with the Rancho Bernardo Chamber of Commerce to form the San Diego North Chamber of Commerce a couple of years ago. Now the feeling in the local business community is that the more regional Chamber is too remote from the community, so the new local Chamber of Commerce will focus on Mira Mesa businesses.

At our last meeting we had a presentation by Fresh and Easy Market. They are planning a new market in the shopping center at Mira Mesa Blvd. and Camino Santa Fe (replacing Bally's, which has closed). However, as with most grocery stores, they plan to sell beer, wine and liquor, and ran into problems getting a liquor license. The problem was primarily caused by the fact that the police department reviews the number of liquor licenses in each census tract, and they are in a large census tract containing mostly businesses, so there are more existing licenses than in a more residential census tract. MMTC voted to support them at our meeting, and I am pleased to report that they now have all of the approvals they need and should open soon.

We are also continuing preparations for the Mira Mesa Street Fair which will be held on Saturday, September 27th. Vendor booth applications are now posted on the MMTC web site, and we are looking for sponsors to help support the event. Mira Mesa Street Fair committee meetings are held at 6:30 PM on the Fourth Thursday of each month at the Mira Mesa Senior Center. See http://www.miramesatowncouncil.org/mira_mesa_street_fair.htm for more information.

Mark your calendars for our September 8 meeting (the second Monday since the first is Labor Day), when we will have a candidates forum with candidates for City Attorney Mike Aguirre and Jan Goldsmith.

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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 **August 4, 2008** meeting:

- Fire Department Presentation
- Fire Proof Landscaping—Greg Rubin
- Chamber of Commerce
- 4th of July parade winners

The next MMTC meeting is **Monday, September 8, 2008**

Visit us online at www.miramesatowncouncil.org


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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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.

## September Presentation Features Fire Safety

In a precautionary mode, the town council meeting scheduled for Monday, August 5 will present the local fire station firefighters to discuss what we can do should we experience, again, what we have in the past couple of years. There are preliminary steps we can take to safe guard our yards, our homes, and our families in the event of a serious fire threat. Information is the key in any situation and what we learn from these fine men will be helpful to every home, in any situation. *Please be aware that if the fire department is on call this segment of the program will not be presented but we will do what we can to reschedule at a future meeting.*

Greg Rubin, from California's Own Native Landscape Design, will also be with us to present ways to take care of our yards environmentally and to offer suggestions in establishing a fire tolerant yard. Whether you are redoing your yard or not, this could also be useful information to all of us. Visit his website, www.calown.com, to take a look at some completed projects. Bring any questions you have to help you make your yard save your home in case of a fire.

A member of our board has heard Greg speak and recommended him, and his presentation, highly.

As we face another fire season, we hope you consider, prepare and execute the valuable information you garner from these two presentations.

**Greg Rubin**, owner of California's Own Native Landscape Design, started working with native plants back in 1985, while renovating his parent's home in Chatsworth, CA. Although educated and subsequently employed in a successful engineering career, Greg maintained a fascination with natives based on this early experience. Soon, he was landscaping for friends and family on weekends and holidays. Demand continued to rise, and by 1993, Greg was able to start his successful and unusual landscaping business. Since that time, his company has designed over 400 native landscapes in San Diego County.

Greg has been featured in a number of periodicals including the North County Times, Union Tribune, and magazines such as Sunset, San Diego Home and Garden, San Diego Reader, and California Gardener. Media coverage includes appearances on KGTV, KUSI, and KFMB. He has also been a repeat guest on KPBS radio's *These Days* with Tom Fudge. Greg regularly gives presentations on native plants to garden clubs and other organizations throughout San Diego County.

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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.



## 4th of July Fun Day at the Park 2008

Rubio's, Extreme Pita, Matheney's Wagon Works, Domino's Pizza, Betchay's Filipino Food, Robeks Smoothies and an ice cram truck were just some of the twenty food booths participating in this year's 4th of July Fun Day. The food was excellent as were the free game booths, which were sponsored by various MM businesses. Joining them were sellers of clothing, toys, home improvement and even a palm reader. A pancake breakfast started off the day, the mid day parade was outstanding while live entertainment at the fun day was a great precursor to the grand finale—fireworks.

This yearly event is just one of the ways that the Mira Mesa 4th of July Committee raises funds for the Independence Day fireworks display in Mira Mesa. The cost of this year's display was over $18,000.00 so raising money is a year long proposition. The committee is already planning next year's Parade and Fun Day.

The committee is looking for individuals, or groups, interested in sharing their time and ideas for next year's event, (or making a donation to the firework fund) can do so by contacting :

http://www.miramesatowncouncil.org/fourth_of_july_donations.html. Donations for Mira Mesa Fireworks go to Scripps Mesa Fireworks, a 501c(3) organization set up specifically to collect money for the Fourth of July celebration, and all contributions are tax deductible

**MMTC congratulates the winners of the 2008 4th of July Parade**.

Trophies will be presented at the August MMTC meeting.

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| Commercial : Hanson Aggregates | Marching Team : Mira Mesa High School JROTC |
| Marching Bands : Mira Mesa High School Band | Non-Marching Bands : Community Bible Church |
| Car Club : Model A Restorers | Decorated Floats : Praise Fellowship |
| Decorated Vehicle : Knights of Columbus | Comedy Entry : Moose Clown Club |
| 2008 Float of the Year : Red Carpet Realty | Judges Choice -Trophy (Best use of theme) : Boy Scout Troop 1212 |

**FYI - MCAS - evening flying times**

Wednesday, July 23rd from 6 pm to midnight. Similar activities are also scheduled on July 29th and July 30th from 9 pm to 10 pm, or later

## MMHS Principal Jeff Olivero Takes Post as High School Improvement Officer – New Principal Search Underway

Excerpts from an articleby Pam Stevens

On Tuesday, July 8, the San Diego Unified School District Board of Education approved the promotion of Mira Mesa High School principal Jeff Olivero to become a District High School Improvement Officer. The primary responsibility of his new position will be to "support high schools and to raise student achievement," Olivero stated in an open letter to MMHS students, parents, staff and community members, posted on the MMHS website, www.miramesahigh.org. Jeff Olivero served as principal of Mira Mesa High School for the past five years and as MMHS vice-principal for two years prior to that.

At a July 17 meeting at MMHS, Mira Mesa High School staff, parents, and community members gave input on selection criteria for a new principal. The meeting was led by SDUSD Chief High School Improvement Officer Nellie Meyer, whose job title recently changed from Assistant Superintendent for High Schools, along with another recently-appointed High School Improvement Officer, Donna Campbell, who is the immediate past principal of Scripps Ranch High School.

Campbell is now the High School Improvement Officer for Mira Mesa High School, while Olivero will assume the responsibility of being High School Improvement Officer for Scripps Ranch High School, among other sites. Jennifer Kvalvik, Employer Outreach Specialist and liaison in general between MMHS and the community, was among those who attended the July 17 meeting. According to Kvalvik, the meeting, which lasted a couple of hours, was well attended by a variety of MMHS parents, staff, and others from the community.

"Everyone spoke very passionately about what they'd like to see in a new principal. One thing several people said is that the principal needs to be very community oriented. I think that's necessary for Mira Mesa," Kvalvik said.

Other criteria mentioned at the meeting, said Kvalvik, were experience in administration of a very large secondary school campus, since MMHS is one of the largest high schools in the District; someone who is going to respect faculty department chairs and not micro-manage what goes on in the classroom; and someone who "truly loves kids" and will be visible on campus with the students.

Nellie Meyer took names of those interested in being on a Search Committee for the new principal. The committee, which will consist of 8 - 10 people, will meet as often as needed in late July/early August to make its recommendation to the SDUSD School Board at the August 5 School Board meeting. The goal is to have a new principal in place by the start of school this fall.

Jennifer Kvalvik will present an update on the principal search at the Mira Mesa Town Council meeting on August 4.

For more information, contact SDUSD Chief High School Improvement Officer Nellie Meyer, 619-725-7237; nmeyer@sandi.net.

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### DeMaio Holds "Open Houses" To Solicit Input from District 5 Residents

*Public Invited to Share Concerns and Provide Ideas for New Councilman*
By Mike Davis

SAN DIEGO – City Councilman-elect Carl DeMaio announced today that he will hold several "open houses" for residents to discuss their concerns and provide ideas as he works to shape his agenda and priorities for his first year in office.

"I am looking forward to hearing concerns and ideas from the residents in each community as we put together our strategic plan to guide our first year in office," said DeMaio. "These open houses are just one way we are soliciting community input and we will be holding sessions like these on a regular basis." Three "open house" sessions are slated across District 5 at the following times and locations:

- **Monday, July 28 5:30-7:30pm**
  Rancho Bernardo Home of Carl DeMaio
  18295 High Mesa Court, San Diego 92127
- **Thursday, July 31, 6:00-7:30pm**
  Mira Mesa Home of Mike Davis
  7545 Dancy Road, San Diego 92126
- **Tuesday, August 5, 5:30-7:00pm**
  Scripps Ranch Information Center
  11885 Cypress Canyon Road, San Diego, 92131

Residents can also email Councilman-elect DeMaio at carl@carldemaio.com with their ideas and concerns.

On June 3, 2008 Carl DeMaio was elected to the San Diego City Council to represent District 5—comprised of the communities of Rancho Bernardo, Mira Mesa, Scripps Ranch, Sabre Springs, Sorrento Mesa, Carmel Mountain Ranch, and San Pasqual Valley. DeMaio takes office on December 8, 2008. For more information, visit www.CleanUpCityHall.com.

### Sign Up Now for Booth Space at Mira Mesa Street Fair

by Pam Stevens

Calling all crafters, non-profits, local businesses, restaurants and other food vendors from near and far: sign up now for booth space at the 10th Annual Mira Mesa Street Fair! The Street Fair offers a day of family fun on Saturday, Sept. 27, 2008, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., on the block of Camino Ruiz north from Mira Mesa Boulevard to New Salem Street.

Hosted by the Mira Mesa Town Council, the Street Fair will feature a variety of crafters, other vendors, non-profit group and business information booths, live entertainment on two stages, children's rides and games, special displays such as military vehicles from MCAS Miramar, and food, food, food!

Applications for booth space are available at www.miramesatowncouncil.org. Click on "Street Fair" at the left, then click on "Download the 2008 Mira Mesa Street Fair Vendor Application."

Fill out and return the application by mail to the Mira Mesa Town Council, PMB 230, 10606-8 Camino Ruiz, San Diego CA 92126. Payment can be made by check along with the application or online via credit card from the "Street Fair" page link at www.miramesatowncouncil.org. The deadline to apply is Aug. 18. Applications can be accepted until Aug. 27 with a $50 late fee.

Booth space for crafters is $125 ($75 for MMTC members). Community service clubs, religious groups, and other non-profits can get booth space for $100 ($50 for MMTC members), and businesses selling other than handcrafted items or doing informational displays (including political campaign displays) can get booth space for $200 ($150 for MMTC members.) All spaces in those categories are 10' x 10".

Vendors bring their own tables, chairs, and canopies, or may rent them for an additional fee: $20 for one table and two chairs; $90 for a 10 x 10 foot canopy. For anyone requiring power, the fee for an electrical hookup is $100 (no personal generators allowed, due to Fire Department rules.)

Food vendors will receive a 15'x10' space for $250 ($200 for MMTC members.) All food vendors must show proof they have (or have applied for) a TFF (Temporary Food Facility) Health Permit from the County, by attaching to their Street Fair application either a copy of a multiple events annual permit or their application for a 1-day TFF permit for the Mira Mesa Street Fair. (See County TFF application for rules and fees.) A catering wagon or ice cream truck's regular annual County Health permit is sufficient.

Any non-profit group wishing to do a food booth can call (858) 566-0288 to discuss a discount. Non-profits can also obtain their TFF permit from the County at no charge, but must do so if they are selling anything that is considered food, even completely packaged snacks or beverages. For further information call (858) 566-0288 or email StreetFair@miramesatowncouncil.org.

**Mira Mesa Chamber of Commerce**
efforts at the next MMTC meeting, 4 August - www.miramesa.biz We're moving forward quite nicely, with our next meeting 7 August at 6PM at Callahan's

## Highlights of the June 2, 2008 MMTC Meeting

**POLICE AND FIRE REPORTS**
**Police Department** (LT. Rick O'Hanlon/Officer Paul Lennon)
No report
**SD Fire Department** (Capt. Myers) –
**NO REPORT**
**ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**
**State Assemblyman George Plescia** (Liz Saidkhanian)

- Education was fully funded through Prop 98.
- Small Business of the Year is the La Jolla Veterinary Hospital.
- Copper is being stolen; a bill is in place to put a three-day hold on all sales of copper.
- George Plescia's office is looking for an intern.

**State Senator Christine Kehoe** (Andrew Kennerly)

- Fire related bills just passed the senate. Three bills are in the assembly. One bill will reimburse the local government for fire response and recovery, and the county would work with CalFire more closely. Another bill has to do with voice-over- IP and calling 911 and is to go into effect the following year.

**State Senator Hollingsworth** (Ellen Malin)

- "Republicans unveil" handout – California has a very big deficit; this is to push for budget reform.
- Form on education shows what the state has spent on education and lists issues related to education.
- The Senator is against using a lottery to fix the budget.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION – MMTC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS** (Robin Stutsman)

The following high-school seniors received scholarship award checks, based on their community service:

- Jessica Even,Christina Harrison, Katelyn Mitchell, Alice Chung, and Evaline Trevias

**OPEN FORUM**
**Brick Sale & Pathway at MMHS** – Kathy Madsen

- Selling bricks to brick in the entryway to the stadium.
- $100 per brick – 4"x 8" 3 lines of copy, 21 characters per line
- $75 per brick for current students and faculty members

More information: www.bricksrus.com/order/mmhsf or E-mail: Mmhsfoundation@att.net.
**Patrick Hunter – Executive Director, Citizens' Review Board on Police Practices**

- Independent organization to review complaints against the police department.
- 75 cases are reviewed per year on average.
- 23 volunteers, working an average of 20 hours per month, review the cases.
- There are two levels of complaints: serious and not serious. Internal Affairs handles the serious complaints.
- All case documentation is available to the reviewers.
- He will return to make a longer presentation.
- More information: www.sandiego.gov/citizensreviewboard or call 619-236-6296.

**Brian Maienschein**

- He and his office staff have served for 8 years without one of them missing a MMTC meeting. Khoa is unavailable tonight, so Brian came.
- He wants to thank us for the honor of being our councilman for the past eight years.

**Sadia Haleem**

- She was nominated for the National Youth Leadership Forum.
- She has a 3.8 GPA and does volunteer work.

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# LOCAL NUMBERS

**General County Services Information**
2-1-1 San Diego ..... 2-1-1

**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

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- She needs to raise $2,500 to participate in the NYLF and is looking for sponsors; she has raised $125 so far.
- Motion made to donate $200 to sponsor Sadia; motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MM Recreation Council Presentation – Bruce Brown and Joe Frichtel**

- Parks & Recreation Dept., along with MMRC, designed and built many parks in MM since 1986.
- There is a large deficit in developable acres for parks; Mira Mesa is 80 acres short.
- Mira Mesa Community Park will expand across street to old Carroll School site; construction might start as soon as July 08, or as late as July 09, due to the recession.
- Challenger Middle School Park is 33 acres; only 9 acres is usable due to fairy shrimp.
- MMRC is a 501(c)3; donations are tax deductable.
- Carroll Canyon development is an ongoing project; will be a park there eventually.
- Cell phone towers built in parks have been paying $50,000 per tower to local parks. Real Estate Assets decided to not charge to have cell phone towers put up, so the companies could put them up for free. MMRC looking into this.
- Some current projects:
  - Canyon Hills is designated to be a regional park; it cost Mira Mesa $12,000,000 to buy the land, but the state should pay for improvements and maintenance.
  - Westview Park was expanded from 5 acres to 9 acres.
  - Camino Ruiz Trail will allow access to Penasquitos canyon.
- To get involved:
  - Be at least 21.
  - Have between 2 and 4 hours a month to volunteer.
  - Show up at the meetings on the second Tuesday of every month at 7pm at Lopez Ridge Park.
- More information: www.miramesatowncouncil.org – click on "Recreation Council."
- Donate to the graffiti fund by going to the miramesatowncouncil.org website.
- Questions:
  - Q: Is there a time frame to fix playground equipment at Maddox Park?
    - A: Existing equipment maintenance comes from the general fund, but the general fund is not funded.
  - Q: Is there a solution to the fairy shrimp dilemma for Salk School?
    - A: An agreement is in the works and the funding is available.

**Neighborhoods for Clean Elections** – Newt Ferris

- The purpose of the group is to get support from town councils and to gather signatures for petitions to be on the 2010 ballot to have the City of San Diego have "Clean Elections."
- A Clean Candidate must pledge to raise no funds from special interests or anyone else.
- In return, a Clean Candidate will be eligible for campaign funding from the Clean Elections Fund.
- A Clean Elections Ordinance would create a Clean Elections Fund.
- More information: www.sdcleanelections.org.
- A candidate for Mayor, City Attorney or Council may chose to run as a Clean Candidate.
- Clean Candidates will be designated as such on the ballot and in the voter pamphlet.
- The cost of this program to the people of San Diego will be approximately $6 per resident per year.
  - Clean Elections measures are already in force in Arizona, Maine, and several cities across the country. Arizona funded the pro gram by increasing traffic tickets by 10

**Fresh and Easy Market coming to Mira Mesa** – Bruce Evans

- ABC license depends on whether the license would meet the "Public Convenience or Necessity.". The police department makes this finding based on the number of existing licenses in the census tract, crime rate, etc. Public support is an important considera tion.
- 5% of the store will have alcohol.
- The Mira Mesa Community Planning Group supported the ABC license.
- Motion: The MMTC voted to support the ABC license for Fresh and Easy (23 in favor, 1 opposed).

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

August 4 — Mira Mesa Town Council Meeting
June 3 — Don't forget to vote
June 5 — Mira Mesa Business Mixer
June 7 — MMHS Senior Prom
June 14 —Flag Day; Sand Diego County Fair Opens
June 15 —Father's Day
June 20 —First Day of Summer

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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| **1ST MONDAY / August 4** | **Town Council Meeting (MMTC)** — 1st Monday (**no meeting in July** & 2nd Monday in September) — Mira Mesa Library — 7:00 p.m. |
| **1ST TUESDAY / August 5** | **Golden Friends (Senior Center)** — Every Tuesday (business meeting on 1st Tuesday) - Mira Mesa Senior Center—10:00 a.m.<br>**Maintenance Assessment District** — 1st Tuesday, — Mira Mesa Senior Center— 7:00 p.m. (subject to change |
| **1ST WEDNESDAY / August 6** | **Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch** — Every Wednesday —Mimi's Restaurant — 7:00 a.m.<br>**4th of July Committee** — Mira Mesa Senior Center — 6:30 p.m. |
| **2ND SATURDAY / August 9** | **Fil-Am Sr. Citizens Assn** — 2nd Saturday — Mira Mesa Senior Center — 10:00 a.m. |
| **2ND SUNDAY/ August 19** | **FAASDNC Meeting**—12:00pm—Mira Mesa Recreation Center |
| **2ND TUESDAY / August 12** | **Golden Friends (Senior Center)** — Every Tuesday (business meeting on 1st Tuesday) - Mira Mesa Senior Center—10:00 am<br>**Recreation Council (Parks)** — 2nd Tuesday —Lopez Ridge Rec. Center — 7:00 p.m.<br>**Black Mountain Masonic Lodge #845 F.&A.M** — 2nd Tuesday — Mission Valley Scottish Rites Center — 7:30 pm<br>**Business Exchange Club of San Diego**—2nd and 4th Tuesday — Courtyard by Marriott in Kearny Mesa — 6:30 pm |
| **2ND WEDNESDAY / August 13** | **Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch** — Every Wednesday —Mimi's Restaurant — 7:00 a.m.<br>**4th of July Committee** — Mira Mesa Senior Center — 6:30 p.m. |
| **2ND THURSDAY/ August 14** | **Mira Mesa Town Council Board of Directors**—Mira Mesa Senior Center—6:45 pm<br>**Mira Mesa Street Fair Committee**—Watch calendar for next meeting date. |
| **3RD MONDAY / August 18** | **Community Planning Group** — 3rd Monday — Mira Mesa Library — 7:00 p.m. |
| **3RD TUESDAY / August 19** | **Golden Friends (Senior Center)** — Every Tuesday (business meeting on 1st Tuesday) - Mira Mesa Senior Center—10:00 a.m.<br>**Junior Women's Club (MM Branch)** —3rd Tuesday - Mira Mesa Presbyterian Church — 7:00 p.m.<br>**Teen Center (The Epicentre) Oversight Committee** — Call Epicenter for next meeting date and time. |
| **3RD WEDNESDAY / August 20** | **Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch** — Every Wednesday —Mimi's Restaurant — 7:00 a.m.<br>**Friends of the Library** —3rd Wednesday — Mira Mesa Library — 7:00 p.m.<br>**Halloween Committee** — 3rd Wednesday — Mira Mesa Senior Center — 7:00 p.m.<br>**4th of July Committee** — Mira Mesa Senior Center — 6:30 p.m. |
| **3RD THURSDAY/ August 21** | **Community Pride** — 3rd Thursday — 8605 Pagoda Way — 6:30 p.m.<br>**Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens Advisory Committee** —3rd Thursday, odd months — Penasquitos Adobe Ranch House, — 7 p.m.<br>**SR Center Board of Governors**— 3rd Thursday— Mira Mesa Senior Center<br>**Mira Mesa Theatre Guild** — 3rd Thursday — Lopez Ridge Rec. Center — 6:30 p.m. (Board), 7:00 p.m. (General)<br>**Black Mountain Democratic Club**-3rd Thursday-7-9 p.m., 10550 Caminito Flores (Mesa Village Rec. Hall 1) |
| **4TH MONDAY/ August 25** | **Banned Book Club**—Last Monday of each month except December at the Mira Mesa Library. 7 PM.<br>Will not meet in May due to Memorial Day |
| **4TH TUESDAY / August 26** | **Golden Friends (Senior Center)** — Every Tuesday (business meeting on 1st Tuesday) - Mira Mesa Senior Center—10:00 a.m.<br>**Business Exchange Club of San Diego**—2nd and 4th Tuesday — Courtyard by Marriott in Kearny Mesa — 6:30 pm |
| **4TH WEDNESDAY / August 27** | **Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch** — Every Wednesday —Mimi's Restaurant — 7:00 a.m.<br>**Stake Holders** — 4th Wednesday, every other month —Mira Mesa Library, small conference room — 6:00 p.m.<br>**Business Exchange Club of San Diego**—2nd and 4th Wednesday—Holiday Inn (Murphy Canyon Road) — 6:30 pm<br>**4th of July Committee** — Mira Mesa Senior Center — 6:30 p.m. |
| **4TH THURSDAY August 28** | Mira Mesa Street Fair Committee—Fourth Thursday—Mira Mesa Senior Center—6:30 p.m. |



**Highlights of the June 2, 2008 MMTC Meeting**
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**COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS**
**4th of July Committee (Sandy Smith)**

- They meet every Wednesday in June, at 6:30 PM, at the Senior Center
- They are raising money for next year. Bank of America will match donations up to $10,000 for activities in Mira Mesa.
- Black Mountain Masonic Lodge holds a pancake breakfast at 7 AM on July 4th at the Teen Center. The tickets are $5; $3 will go to the Fireworks Fund and will be matched by Bank of America.
- The Town Council will donate some funds as well.

**Banner District** (Steve Sluyter)

- He needs volunteers!

**Community Pride** (Jim Brown)

- Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30 PM, Jim's House: 8605 Pagoda Way

**Maintenance Advisory District Committee** (Tom Derr)

- Meets the 1st Tuesday of each month, 7:30 PM, at the Senior Center

**Planning Group** (Ted Brengel)

- Meets the 3rd Monday of each month, 7pm, at the Library.
- Discussing: Water project; Stone Creek/Carroll Canyon; Casa Mira View; access to managed lanes on I-15.

**Recreation Council** (Joe Frichtel/Bruce Brown)

- Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month , 7 PM, Lopez Ridge Park

**Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol (RSVP)** (John Sunde)

- He needs volunteers!

**Online donations now being accepted at the MMTC website**

For some time now, we have accepted online membership payments, and starting with this year we are accepting online Street Fair payments. Now we have also set up online donations for the Graffiti removal/Adopt-A-Wall program and for the Mira Mesa Fourth of July celebration. 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 east and west of Parkdale. Paint and supplies were provided by Frazee Paint and the Mira Mesa Town Council. You can now donate money to the "Adopt-A-Wall" program to paint the walls along major Mira Mesa streets and paint out graffiti throughout Mira Mesa at http://www.miramesatowncouncil.org/PaintDonations.htm. By all accounts, the 2008 Mira Mesa Fourth of July celebration was the best ever. To have a Fourth of July celebration in 2009 we will need to raise considerable money and need more volunteers, so please donate, encourage your friends, neighbors and relatives to donate, and volunteer! We can now accept online donations for the Fourth of July celebration at http://www.miramesatowncouncil.org/fourth_of_july_donations.html. Donations for Mira Mesa Fireworks go to Scripps Mesa Fireworks, a 501c(3) organization set up specifically to collect money for the Fourth of July celebration, and all contributions are tax deductible

**Mira Mesa's 4th of July Fun Day at the Park 2008**