December 2008

Mira Mesa Town Council Newsletter

President's Message

By MMTC President Jeff Stevens

Our December meeting will open with music by an ensemble from the Mira Mesa High School Band, directed by their new music director John Dally. Following that MMTC members will select the Volunteer of the Year for 2008. We have two outstanding nominees for Volunteer of the Year: Ted Brengel and John Daley. A summary of their volunteer work is presented in this newsletter.

We will start 2009 with presentations by several of our elected officials. In January, we will have our new City Councilmember Carl DeMaio; in February our new School Board member John Lee Evans; and in March we plan to have our Congressman Brian Bilbray. These meetings will be a great opportunity to find out what our elected representatives are thinking, what they have observed as elected officials, and what the future looks like.

As I write this, both the City and the State are reporting grim financial projections and major cutbacks either have been or will be proposed. In the City of San Diego, Mayor Sanders has proposed a set of budget cuts unlike anything we have seen in the City before. A complete list is available online at http://www.sandiego.gov/fm/pdf/budgetreport.pdf. It includes closing of 7 libraries and nine recreation centers, including the Lopez Ridge Recreation Center. It includes eliminating supervision of skate parks, closing restrooms at beaches during the winter, reduction of maintenance at parks and beaches, and more. Next year could be even worse. So we really have to rely on the creativity of our elected officials to navigate the City, State and Country through the financial crisis without too much damage.
Finally, I want to thank our new and continuing Board members elected at the November meeting for their service and commitment to Mira Mesa.

New Councilmember to be Sworn In

Fifth District City Councilmember-elect Carl DeMaio will be sworn into office on Monday, December 8, 2008, to represent Mira Mesa (among other areas) on the San Diego City Council. Councilmember DeMaio will be the main speaker at the January 5, 2009, Mira Mesa Town Council meeting.

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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 **December 1, 2008** meeting:

- Sapphire Sound, the MMHS band, Performs
- VOY Selection
- SAY San Diego Presentation

The next MMTC meeting is **Monday, January 5, 2009**

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

December Meeting

By Pam O'Donohoe

Kathleen Lippitt, from SAY San Diego (Social Advocates for Youth) will be with us for the December meeting to speak on headshops in the San Diego community. She works for the North City Prevention Coalition and will be telling us how they use an environmental prevention approach to improve our physical and social environment in order to advance public health and safety. Their goal is for children to grown up in environments that encourage health and safe choices, while making unhealthy and unsafe choices more difficult. They tell chidren they want them to grow up drug-free, but we have allowed headshops to locate in communities where they sell items to use illegal drugs. Headshops provide easy access to drug paraphernalia and promote a pro-drug use message that drugs are okay, just a normal part of life.

In December, we also have with us a small ensemble of the Mira Mesa High School Band, who will be providing us with some beautiful Christmas music as well as the National Anthem before the meeting.

We hope you will join us as we close out another year of business and look to the future.

Mira Mesa High School Band has New Director

John Dally is a Southern California native who began playing trumpet in the third grade. During high school he realized his calling was to become a band director. He came to San Diego to attend Point Loma Nazarene University, and began working with the Point Loma High School band before finishing his degree. During his tenure at Point Loma HS, the music program flourished from a single band of 30 into a music program of 180 students. In addition to recording 6 professionally recorded CDs, Mr. Dally was recognized three times as teacher of the year at both the school and district levels. In August 2008 Mr. Dally moved to Mira Mesa HS to take over the Mira Mesa Sapphire Sound Band and Color Guard. In this short period of time he and his students have continued the great tradition of excellence. With the mission of "Connecting Students, School, and Community through Music", Mr. Dally hopes to establish Mira Mesa High School as a Nationally Recognized Music Program. In his spare time, Mr. Dally enjoys beating his students at video games, playing rugby, and spending time with his wife Emily.

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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)**
- **Banner District Committee**

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.

Happy Holidays

Studs Terkel's "Working" is Next Title for Banned Book Club

by Pam Stevens

The next book that the Mira Mesa Banned Book Club, a book group with a "freedom to read" theme, will discuss is Studs Terkel's "Working," a collection of interviews with a variety of people talking about their jobs and lives. The meeting will take place on Monday, Jan. 26, in the Mira Mesa Library small conference room.

Although the group doesn't meet in December, anyone interested in joining in the discussion may want to get hold of a copy of "Working" now (try the "place hold" feature at www.sandiegolibrary.org to have a book sent from another branch so you can pick it up at the Mira Mesa Library) and start reading it during the holidays, since it's a 589 page book! Everyone who'd like to talk about this thought-provoking title is welcome. "Working" was adapted as a Broadway musical in 1978. In March 2009 the Old Globe Theatre is bringing a revised version of the musical to San Diego, with two new songs by Tony Award winning composer Lin-Manuel Miranda.

The Banned Book Club focuses on reading and discussing books from the American Library Association's list of books that have been banned or challenged (i.e. someone filed a protest to have them removed from a public or school library) somewhere in the past or present, as well as other titles that tie into the theme. Regular meetings are the last Monday of the month in the Mira Mesa Library community meeting room from 7 to 8 p.m. There will be no meeting in December or May. Following "Working" on Jan. 26, the Feb. 23 title will be Robert Heinlein's science fiction classic, "Stranger in a Strange Land"; on March 30, "The Joy Luck Club," by Amy Tan; on April 27, "And Still I Rise - Poems," by Maya Angelou; on June 8 (second Monday), "Doctor Zhivago," by Boris Pasternak; and on July 27, "The Last Lecture," by Randy Pausch (not banned/challenged).

Drop-in visitors who'd like to discuss a particular title are welcome each month, and new regular participants are encouraged to join the group at any time. Questions? Call the Mira Mesa Branch Library, (858) 538-8165, or email book group facilitator Pam Stevens, pstevens@san.rr.com.

Talent is alive and well at Mira Mesa High School

MMHS Band and Color Guard Winter Concert Dec. 11

The Mira Mesa High School Band and Color Guard Winter Concert will take place on Thursday, Dec. 11, 7 p.m. in the MMHS gym. For more information, contact MMHS band director John Dally, Jr., at the MMHS band room, (858) 578-5143.

MMHS Drama Presents "Little Women" Dec. 12

The Mira Mesa High School Drama Department presents the play, "Little Women," based on the classic novel by Louisa May Alcott, on Friday, Dec. 12, in the MMHS Black Box Theatre, Room 401. For further details, contact drama instructor Daniel Kriley, (858) 566-2262 x4401.

MMHS Choral/Orchestra Concert Dec. 17

The Mira Mesa High School Choral/Orchestra Concert will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 17, 7 p.m. in the MMHS auditorium. For more information, contact choir and orchestra instructor Julie Szweda, (858) 566-2262.

"Breakfast with Mrs. Claus" Dec. 6

by Pam Stevens

Bring your family to enjoy "Breakfast with Mrs. Claus," on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at HomeTown Buffet in Mira Mesa, 10660 Camino Ruiz in the Target Shopping Center. A seasonal community tradition begun in 2001 by the Mira Mesa Theatre Guild, now presented by Mira Mesa's Boy Scout Troop 1212, "Breakfast with Mrs. Claus" features an all-you-can-eat breakfast, holiday music, and gifts for the kids. Bring your camera and wish list to visit with Santa. Admission is $9 per person. Tickets are available in advance at the Mira Mesa Recreation Center on Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. or at HomeTown Buffet on the day of the event. Experience magical memories that will last a lifetime! For more information, call (858) 693-8722.

MM Youth Lacrosse 2009

I am organizing parents and boys in Middle School in Mira Mesa to start a boys lacrosse team for 6th, 7th and 8th graders in the spring of 2009. The team will play about 10-12 games in the San Diego County Lacrosse Association – virtually every community around Mira Mesa has middle school teams feeding into their high school teams. Boys and their parents can check out our Player Registration tent at the Mira Mesa Recreation Center on Saturdays, 9am-noon on Dec. 6 and 13 – MMHS players will be there in full uniform to demonstrate and teach basic lacrosse skills to any interested. Full registration information will also be available. Questions: contact Bob Klein at 858.442.4459

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Volunteer of the Year Nominees for 2008

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

TED BRENGEL

Ted Brengel has been a member of the Mira Mesa Community Planning Group since 1995. He was elected vice-chair in 1998 and became chair in 1999 when previous chair Bruce Brown was appointed to the San Diego Planning Commission. He is currently serving his fourth term as Planning Group chair. He has also served on many Planning Group subcommittees, which work in detail on specific projects and issues. Ted is currently Mira Mesa Town Council second vice president (membership chair), a position he held from 1996-2000 and in 2002 and 2007, also serving in 2001 as MMTC Board Member at Large. He also served as the Fifth City Council District representative to the San Diego Government Transition Committee, which worked on implementation of the strong mayor form of government. Ted is one of those volunteers who is "always there" whenever there's a need for someone to represent Town Council or Planning Group at a meeting or event, and he has spent many hours as a volunteer photographer documenting community events such as the Street Fair. He has served on many ad hoc committees such as the anti-graffiti committee and has volunteered for litter removal and many other worthy community projects.

JOHN DALEY

John Daley started his volunteer career in Mira Mesa by running the popcorn machine at a PTA event at Ericson Elementary School in 2003. Since then he was elected to the executive board of Ericson PTA and served two terms as their PTA president 2005-07. He has also volunteered with PTA at the local, state, and national level. John has assisted the Mira Mesa 4th of July committee by announcing the parade every year since 2004, organizing the entertainment stage at the Fun Day In The Park in 2005 and 2006, and working at the annual Casino Night fundraiser since 2006. John has been a softball coach for Mira Mesa Girls Softball since 2003, and was elected to the executive board of that organization this year. He has served on the executive board of Mira Mesa Town council since 2004, serving as the parliamentarian for three years. He is currently member-at-large. He has been the Entertainment chairman for the annual Mira Mesa Street Fair for the past four years, being responsible for organizing the musical and performing acts on the two stages. John is well known for appearing at Mira Mesa events dressed as Elvis, and will perform songs upon request.

Christmas Candlelight Dinner

The Mira Mesa Presbyterian Church is excited to announce that Nationally acclaimed pianist, Ben Toth will be providing the entertainment for MMPC's annual Christmas Candlelight Dinner on December 6th at 6 pm. The cost is $20 per person and child care will be provided. For more information call Patrick Hubbard @ 858-271-0194

HEROS Update

By Mike Davis

If you know of "needy" folks / projects, let me know—davismh@san.rr.com, we'll consider pretty much anyone in our community who needs help or any "public" area that could use some improvement.
We are planning to paint Fire Station 41 (near MM Blvd and Hwy 805) - date TBD, but probably within 4 - 6 weeks, where we will need lots of help again! (as we did when we painted FS 38)

Highlights of the November 3, 2008 MMTC Meeting

POLICE AND FIRE REPORTS

Police Department (Officer Alan Karsh)
- This and Scripps Ranch are his new area
- Car break-ins and robberies are a problem, but two people are in custody for the robberies
- Dogs are the #1 successful crime prevention tool
- The park by the library is a hot spot for gangs
  - Comment: In Boston, they were able to drop the crime rate drastically by having citizens keep their car alarm remote near the bed to use in case of a break-in.
  - Comment – Jeff Stevens: We would like to have the gang team and the Captain back to speak with us; it made a big difference in the community.

SD Fire Department (Capt. Myers) –
- A lot of the preserve's area was cleaned out and very defensible
- Homes on the cliff should keep their yards clean and debris picked up
- Monster Manor was incredibly impressive and very safe
- Be careful when cooking for the holidays
- Keep an eye on candles
  - Question: Do you take any official position on prop A?
    The fire chief spoke about it. Money will be used to create a pool of equipment to support additional firemen in case of large fires.

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price (Erica Holloway)
- Tomorrow is election day
  There has been a lot of early voting and mailing ballots
  Results will start coming in at 8 PM
- Super scoopers for fire prevention are giant planes that carry four times the amount of water helicopters can. They are leased from Quebec; there is no money in the budget for them next year.
- There are significant cuts in the budget for the county next year.
- Last month was Domestic Violence Month
- Brian Maienschein has done an outstanding job.

City Major Jerry Sanders (Steven Lew)

State Assemblyman George Plescia (Liz Saidkhanian)

State Senator Christine Kehoe (Andrew Kennerly)

Congressman Brian Bilbray (Andrew Lund)

County Supervisor Ron Roberts (Rebecca Kelly)

State Senator Hollingsworth (Ellen Malin)

OPEN FORUM
- **Robin Stutsman**
  - Please vote tomorrow

NEW BUSINESS
- **Brian Maienschein addresses the Community**
  - Congratulation on another successful Mira Mesa Street Fair

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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

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- Mira Mesa Blvd and Scranton will get a red light camera
- I-15 direct access ramp project documentation is now available
- Thank you, Khoa; he has done a great job for Brian, his office, and the community
- He is in favor of Prop A; it's not perfect, but it will be effective
- Each year, he was able to return money to the office and has saved over a million dollar on his budget. He is contributing $250,000 to upgrade Station 38.
- He would like to thank us all. He has worked with almost all of us at some point on projects. A lot was accomplished in eight years and it has been a great honor. He wanted to live here and raise his family here and always tried to do his best to make us all proud and is grateful for the opportunity he was given.

♦ A Thank You plaque from the Mira Mesa Town Council was given to Brian
- Comment: Brian has always concentrated on little things to make things better and he has always dedicated himself to making sure he was here for us.
- Comment (Joe Frichtel): There will be a party to thank Brian on November 18th at Callahan's starting at 5 PM

♦ **2009 MMTC Board elections**

Current Nominations:

President	*Jeff Stevens*
First Vice President (program chair)	*Pam O'Donohoe*
Second Vice President (membership)	*Ted Brengel*
Treasurer	*Alan Philpott*
Recording Secretary	*Albertine Feurer-Young*
Newsletter Editor	*Maria Pankau*
Parliamentarian	*Debbie Vincent*
Member at Large	*Marlon Austria*
Member at Large	*Jon Labaw*
Member at Large	*Robin Stutsman*
Member at Large	*John Daley*

There are no other nominations from the floor.
- Arlette – nomination to accept current nomination is seconded
- Nominations approved

COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS

♦ **MMTC Committees**
1. Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol (John Sunde) – looking for volunteers
2. Maintenance Advisory District Committee (Tom Derr) 1st Tues, 7pm, Senior Center San Diego, CA 92126 - next meeting will be about the 2010 budget. Some of the pine trees are dying and are in the process of being removed. The flags at the Senior Center have been replaced by smaller flags.

♦ **Other Community Groups**
1. **HEROES (Mike Davis)** – the group will be painting the power boxes and fire station 41 in the next few weeks.
2. **Halloween Carnival (Chuck Sweet)** – the carnival went very well. The face painting was great. Sixteen kids from the High School joined in.
3. **Mira Mesa Senior Center (Chuck Sweet)** –
   - The city will take the tree down to move the shed; the fence will be replaced.
   - All 55 and up are welcome to join. This is the only senior center that is non-profit and solely run by volunteers. They have saved the city millions of dollars over the years.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 27—Thanksgiving Day—Happy Thanksgiving!
December 1—MMTC Meeting
December 21—First Day of Winter
December 22—Chanukah
December 25—Christmas Day

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

1ST MONDAY / December 1	**Town Council Meeting (MMTC)** — 1st Monday (no meeting in July & 2nd Monday in September) — Mira Mesa Library — 7:00 p.m.
1ST TUESDAY / December 2	**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 / December 3	**Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch** — Every Wednesday —Mimi's Restaurant — 7:00 a.m.
2ND TUESDAY / December 9	**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 / December 10	**Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch** — Every Wednesday —Mimi's Restaurant — 7:00 a.m. **4th of July Committee** — Mira Mesa Senior Center — 6:30 p.m.
2ND THURSDAY/ December 11	**Mira Mesa Town Council Board of Directors**—Mira Mesa Senior Center—6:45 pm
2ND SATURDAY / December 13	**Fil-Am Sr. Citizens Assn** — 2nd Saturday — Mira Mesa Senior Center — 10:00 a.m.
2ND SUNDAY/ December 14	**FAASDNC Meeting**—12:00pm—Mira Mesa Recreation Center
3RD MONDAY / December 15	**Community Planning Group** — 3rd Monday — Mira Mesa Library — 7:00 p.m.
3RD TUESDAY / December 16	**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 / December 17	**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/ December 18	**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)
4TH MONDAY/ December 22	**Banned Book Club**—Last Monday of each month except December at the Mira Mesa Library. 7 PM.
4TH TUESDAY / December 23	**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 / December 24	**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

Highlights of the November 3, 2008 MMTC Meeting
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4. **Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens Advisory Comm. (Pam Stevens)**
   - Meet 3rd Thursday odd months, LP Ranch House Meeting is November 20th at 7pm
   – Further discussion of the trails and land management plans for the area north of the canyons.
5. **Mira Mesa Library (Pam Stevens) –**
   - Banned book club will be November 10th
   - Friends of the Mira Mesa Library meets the third Thursday of the month at 7 PM at the library.
6. **Mira Mesa Theatre Guild (Sandy Smith) -**
   - 3rd Thursday, 6:30pm, Lopez Ridge
   - Monster Manor went very well, but had a lower turn-out
   - Share the wealth went well
7. **Planning Group (Ted Brengel) -**
   - 3rd Monday, 7pm, Library.
   - I-15 ramp is raising a lot of interest. Hillary seems to be the one possibility that fits the schedule and the budget. Scripps Ranch is not mentioned.
   - The Casa Verde project is 41 acres near Best Buy planned for high density housing. There are many differences that need to be resolved before this can go to the City Council.
8. **Recreation Council (Joe Frichtel/Bruce Brown) -**
   - 2nd Tuesday, 7pm, Lopez Ridge
   - The meeting is moved to Monday, November 10th, same time, same location
   - November 13th – state-wide earthquake preparation test
   - Fresh and Easy Market gave $1,000 to the Mira Mesa Rec. Council; the money will be used for kids.
9. **Teen Center – Meredith Foelli**.
   - The new program guides are out for the new season. 35-45 youths in the afternoons.
   - Landscaping – they are working with the city.

Abandoned Shopping Carts:

An ordinance has been proposed and is now being revised before being presented to City Council to try to solve the problem of abandoned shopping carts which are abundant in Mira Mesa. Several other approaches to reducing the problem are also being pursued. Until a more effective solution is found, abandoned shopping carts can be reported to the shopping cart retrieval service at (800) 252-4613, or see the MMTC website, www.miramesatowncouncil.org, and select "news", for contact information for individual stores and a list of all participating stores.

Highlights of Upcoming Events for 2009

As 2008 comes to a close, it is time to go out and purchase your new 2009 Calendar. Whether you buy a small calendar for your purse or pocket, a desk calendar or a wall hung one, here are a few important dates you won't want to miss in the upcoming year.

March 31—*Taste of Mira Mesa*—GenProbe garden patio
Sponsored by Mira Mesa High School Foundation

April 25—*Casino Night*—TBD
Sponsored by Mira Mesa 4th of July Community Committee, Inc

Spring—*Volunteer of the Year Dinner*—TBD
Sponsored by the Mira Mesa Town Council

May 9— *Chalk the Walk*— Mira Mesa Community Park
Sponsored by the Mira Mesa Women's Club

July 4—*Parade, Fun Day and Fireworks*—Mira Mesa Community Park, Mira Mesa Blvd.
Sponsored by the Mira Mesa 4th of July Community Committee, Inc.

September 26—*11th Annual Mira Mesa Street Fair*—Camino Ruiz between Mira Mesa Blvd. & New Salem St.
Sponsored by the Mira Mesa Town Council

November 2 - *The 17th Annual Mira Mesa Invitational Band Review and Field Tournament*—MMHS Stadium, MM Blvd.
Sponsored by the Mira Mesa Instrumental Music Boosters.