February 2009

# Mira Mesa Town Council Newsletter

## President's Message

By MMTC President Jeff Stevens

The City budget remains a major concern, and will continue to be for at least the next several years. The proposed closure of libraries and recreation centers was narrowly avoided last December in the midyear budget cuts, but the financial problems have not yet been solved. Planning for FY 2010, which begins in July 2009, is now underway. The Office of the Independent Budget Analyst (IBA) has reviewed the Mayor's projections, and estimates budget deficits of $50 million in 2010 increasing to $120 million in 2010-2015. City income is projected to increase at a 2-3% annual rate after a small decline in 2010, but the deficit is caused by costs that are anticipated to increase at a higher rate. This is even worse than it sounds because the projections assume that there will be no employee pay or benefit increases during the entire 5 year period, and no restoration of any of the services that have been cut. The IBA even recommends that all new public facilities that require City staff or maintenance, including those paid for with FBA funds, be deferred for at least 5 years. This would certainly affect the planned improvements to Mira Mesa Community Park that have been on hold until FBA funds were available. The IBA makes a number of other suggestions for corrective actions to close the gap. The full IBA report can be found at http://www.sandiego.gov/iba/pdf/09_02.pdf.

At our February meeting, we will have a presentation by the San Diego Mediation Center. The Mediation Center started here in Mira Mesa as a Harmonium project in the late '80s, and has since moved downtown. I remember them well, because there was a contested Mira Mesa Town Council Board election at the time, and so Town Council members voted to send the Board (and unelected Board candidates) to the Mediation Center to resolve the dispute (It was resolved successfully). We will also have presentations by the San Diego Firefighters and the Relay for Life Committee.

We are planning presentations by several of our elected officials during the first few months of this year. In January we had a very informative presentation by our new Councilmember Carl DeMaio, as well as a short presentation by new School Board member John Lee Evans. Mr. Evans will return for a more extended presentation in March. We have also invited State Assemblymember Nathan Fletcher and Congressman Brian Bilbray and are in the process of working out meeting dates that fit their schedule.

## Attention all Mira Mesa Community Groups

The Mira Mesa Chamber of Commerce has created a community wide calendar email list. All Mira Mesa groups/schools/churches/etc. can send community events/happenings/fundraisers to be placed on the list to calendar@MiraMesaChamber.com. To get on the email distribution list contact Mark@MiraMesa.com
Here is your chance to let everyone know about your event and to check for dates available to prevent event conflict dates.

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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 2, 2009** meeting:

- San Diego Mediation Center
- San Diego Firefighters
- Relay for Life

The next MMTC meeting is **Monday, March 2, 2009**

Visit us online at www.miramesatowncouncil.org

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## MIRA MESA TOWN COUNCIL 2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS SWORN IN

San Diego City Councilmember Carl DeMaio (right) with 2009 Mira Mesa Town Council Board. From left: Albertine Feurer-Young, secretary; Pam O'Donohoe, first vice-president/program chair; Jeff Stevens, president; Debbie Vincent, parliamentarian; Alan Philpott, treasurer; Jon Labaw, board member at large; John Daley, board member at large; Ted Brengel, second vice-president/membership chair; Maria Pankau, newsletter editor; Robin Stutsman, board member at large; Marlon Austria, board member at large; and City Councilmember Carl DeMaio.

### Planning Group Elections to be Held in March

The Mira Mesa Community Planning Group will hold its biennial elections on March 16th. Nominations for candidates are now being accepted. If you would like to be a candidate for the Planning Group, or recommend someone for the Planning Group, please contact nominating committee chair Jeff Stevens at (858) 566-2261, jeffstev@san.rr.com. To be eligible for the Planning Group, you must have attended one meeting within the 12 months prior to the February meeting, and must place your name in nomination no later than the February 17th meeting. For more information about the Planning Group, see http://miramesatowncouncil.org/planning_group.htm.

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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.



## San Diego Tết Festival 2009

Amazing display by the San Diego Vietnamese Community

**Pack 1203 Needs More Cub Scouts:**
Do you have a son in grades 1-5 who'd enjoy a variety of activities this winter, spring, and summer, including hiking, camping, crafts and competitions such as building and racing small boats and cars, and the fellowship and fun of being with other boys his age? Pack 1203 of Mira Mesa is looking for new Cub Scouts. Each year offers new and exciting activities. The Cub Scout Pack activities include several camping trips each year, participation in the Mira Mesa 4th of July Parade, easy hiking, trips and other outdoor events. The Pack conducts annual events where the scouts build small boats (Raingutter Regatta) and cars (Pinewood Derby) to race. Please contact the Pack Leaders for more information: Cubmasters Ricardo Salcedo at (858) 271-8367 or Laura Mecalis at (858) 693-8566.

**Girl Scout Celebrate World Thinking Day with Food and Fun on Feb. 20 :** Girls of all ages and their parents are invited to come learn about countries, cultures, and Scouting around the world at a World Thinking Day celebration on Friday, Feb. 20, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at Hickman Elementary School, 10850 Montongo St., San Diego CA 92126. Troops from the Mira Mesa Girl Scout Service Unit will be staffing tables showcasing different countries. Each will feature a craft to make, a game to play, and/or a food typical of the country. Public welcome at this free event. For more information, call Ann Quinn, Mira Mesa Girl Scouts Activities Consultant, (858) 271-7475.

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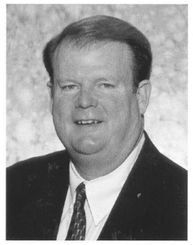

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ITN*SanDiego,* one of the newest affiliates of ITN*America*®, was started this year in partnership with San Diego Center for the Blind. "ITN provides dignified, consumer-oriented service and is available to those 60+ and the visually impaired." says Kim Gibbens, director of the San Diego Center for the Blind. "Transportation is the biggest obstacle for the visually impaired, so when the San Diego Center for the Blind was approached to partner with ITN*SanDiego*, it just seemed like a natural fit."

Using a combination of trained volunteer and paid drivers in private automobiles, ITN*SanDiego* provides door-through-door service, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. "Drivers are available to take members anywhere they want to go within the service area. Whether they need a ride to a medical appointment, the grocery store or just to a friend's house for a visit, our service is available."

"Our volunteer drivers don't just pick-up and drop-off the members," said Barbara Workman, ITN*SanDiego* board member. "Each volunteer is happy to provide door-through-door and arm-through-arm assistance. This might mean carrying packages, folding up walkers or wheelchairs, or just lending a steadying hand. We already know there's a demand for our service here in San Diego. We just need to let people know we're here. And, of course, we need enough volunteer drivers to meet the demand.

For more information, please visit www.ITNSanDiego.org or contact ITN*SanDiego* Executive Director Chuck Overbey at (619) 282-0073 or public relations intern Kathy Blair at (760) 212-9697. For more information about ITN*America*, please visit www.ITNAmerica.org.

### Spotlight on Vulcan Materials—"The Rock People"

By Mike Davis

Heroes come in all sizes and shapes in our community. While many of us are familiar with our local nonprofit, Mira Mesa HEROES events, much of what they do is supported by our local company donations – thus heroes in their own way. One such company is "Vulcan Materials" – yes, the "rock people." Their donations have helped our community paint both fire stations and on Feb 14th the Mark Twain High school (next to MMHS). Yet their community support and spirit is much more than that.

They enhance our surroundings through educational support, outreach programs, donations, and by keeping up their plant's appearance - including a full time employee on the Community Planning Group. They actively sponsor a school partnership with Wangenheim Middle School and provide assistance, expertise, and materials to help our young people in their education. This support includes participation in career days, donating school supplies (digital cameras, etc…), and sponsoring field trips, as well as sponsoring students and teachers in the Race for Literacy and even sent a teacher to a mining conference.

Additionally they routinely provide donations to several other schools, local youth sports teams and non-profit organizations. Their donation to the Chollas Lake Little League allowed them to improve the fields and provide a safe environment for the kids of the community. Every year they sponsor the Mira Mesa Street Fair and participate in the clean up afterwards by providing the services of their street sweeper. Another less visible community relations activity they provide is donating areas of their property as a training ground for rescue dogs. Three of these dogs were later used in the rescue efforts at the World Trade Center on 9/11/01 in New York.

So sometime the real heroes are those supporters behind the scenes, being a good neighbor with little fanfare, and facilitating the outreach actives of others… Vulcan Materials is just such a community hero as their motto suggests "Vulcan Rocks!"

### MMHS to Present "Hello, Dolly!" March 5 - 14

Mira Mesa High School Drama will present the award-winning Broadway musical "Hello, Dolly!" March 5 - 14 in the MMHS auditorium. Performances will be March 5 at 3 p.m.; March 6 at 7 p.m.; March 7 at 2 p.m.; and March 13 - 14 at 7 p.m. each night.

For more information contact Daniel Kriley, MMHS drama instructor, dkriley@sandi.net or (858) 566-2262 x4401.

### HEROES next project revealed

"Cosmetic make over day" at our alternative high school, "Mark Twain" on Saturday 14 Feb. (with a clean prep day on 2/7)
Twain Mesa Satellite 10444 Reagan Rd. (92126) (behind MMHS)
Same event support processes apply:
HEROES gets everything / materials/ refreshments.
YOU bring some energy and good cheer to have an enjoyable day helping spruce up our community while meeting new folks and school staff.
We'll paint the whole outside two tone, paint the tables/benches the school colors, and do some minor wood repairs (facing, trellis, etc) It would be great if someone would like to help lead a small "garden /sanctuary of sorts" design and support - building it in the small corner of their lot as well… For more information email Mike Davis at davismh@san.rr.com.

### Book Group to Discuss "Stranger in a Strange Land" Feb. 23

The Mira Mesa Banned Book Club, a monthly book discussion group with a "freedom to read" theme, will meet on Monday, Feb. 23, at the Mira Mesa Library from 7 to 8 p.m., to discuss Robert Heinlein's classic science fiction novel "Stranger in a Strange Land." Written in 1961, the book tells the story of a human who was born on Mars and raised by Martians, who comes to Earth and sees human culture through alien eyes. Everyone who'd like to join in discussing this thought-provoking book is welcome! On March 30 the group will discuss "The Joy Luck Club," by Amy Tan. Questions? Call the Mira Mesa Branch Library, (858) 538-8165, or email book group facilitator Pam Stevens at pstevens@san.rr.com.

**Highlights of the January 5, 2009 MMTC Meeting**

## POLICE AND FIRE REPORTS

**Police Department** (Officer Paul Lennon, Lt. Rick O'Hanlon )

- 12/12 7:45 – kidnapping on Zapata. FBI is handling; individual is in TJ.
- 12/16 10:00 PM– restaurant was robbed.
- 12/17 – Street robbery of biker.
- Four pressure type bombs in plastic bottles were found on (1) New Salem, (2) Mira Mesa Blvd, (3) Meagan, and (4) Worthing. Kids do this to blow mailboxes. What is put in these bottles is poisonous and could blind someone. Please call the police if one is found or one explodes and be careful – do not inhale. It's a felony and the kid will go to jail.
- 12/24 – Meth, cash, and packaging were found after a traffic stop.
- 12/31 – Shooting on Dancy. Suspect turned himself in the following day. Police do not believe it was gang related.
- 1/1 – Purse theft at the Edwards movie theatre.
- Gang activity is down.
- *Question* – large number of sexual predators live in Mira Mesa, even close to the schools (Hickman). Why are they allowed to live in our neighborhood?

  *Answer* – after they are off probation, they can live anywhere they want, even close to schools. They have to register once a year with law enforcement. RSVP drives around schools daily to find youngster walking from school and potential predators.

  *Question* – Is there a pattern of residential burglaries?

  *Answer* – No, there is no obvious pattern.

**SD Fire Department** (Capt. Myers)

- No report

## ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

**City Councilman Carl DeMaio** (John Ly)

- John Ly is Carl's assistant.
  Contact John at JwLy@sandiego.gov.

**County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price** (Erica Holloway)

- Not present

**City Mayor Jerry Sanders** (Steven Lew)

- Not present; Pam will call his office.

**State Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher** (Oscar Urteaga)

- Oscar is the new field representative for Nathan his email address is oscar.urteaga@asm.ca.gov.
- Nathan will be back in San Diego on Friday and has been involved in fixing the state budget.
- He has not been assigned to any committees yet, but he was named to serve as the Republican Whip.
- The website, www.nathanfletcher.com is being updated.
- Sessions will meet every Monday and Thursday; he will come by the general Town Council meetings soon.

**State Senator Christine Kehoe** (Andrew Kennerly, Laura Hein )

- Not present

**Congressman Brian Bilbray** (Andrew Lund)

- Not present

**County Supervisor Ron Roberts** ()

- Not present

**State Senator Hollingsworth** (Ellen Malin)

- Fire Relief Legislation signed by Governor – Senate Bills 1064, 1562, and 1227.
- SB 947 – Bill to speed construction of highway off-ramps and over-passes.
- The state senate met this afternoon regarding the budget.
- Please refer to http://cssrc.us/web/36/news.aspx for more information.

**MCAS Miramar** (Juan Lias)

**School Board Member John Lee Evans**

- Proposition S is the new $2.1 billion bond measure approved by the voters in November..
- School board meetings were moved to 5 PM.
- Contact him at (619) 725-5550 or JohnLeeEvans@sandi.net.
- He will return to the Town Council meeting for an extended presentation in March.

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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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*Question*: Why is California the highest taxed state and education gets a large percentage and yet, education needs to be cut?
*Answer*: Local money goes up to Sacramento and then is disbursed in formulas that are not very clear.
*Question*: What is the present condition of the high school football field?
*Answer*: Unsafe and terrible.
*Question:* Should Music be cut in schools?
*Answer:* Focusing on the basics does not give children a complete education.

**NEW BUSINESS**
**Carl DeMaio**

- Swearing in of the 2009 Board.
- Fixing the city:
  1. Thank you to all the volunteers who have given countless hours to their community.
  2. He will work just as hard down at City Hall.
  3. He wants to help create a city government we can be proud of; this will require balancing:
     (1) the budget and paying down debt,
     (2) providing safe and clean neighborhoods,
     (3) having honest public leaders that lead by example and that we can trust, and
     (4) creating jobs for the current environment by helping people create new small businesses without penalizing them.
  4. The budget problem and the abuses are mind-numbing. The state has run its finances like a bunch of drunken sailors. They've run a bar tab and have a hang-over. Government is the only business where you can cut services while raising fees.
  5. City tax payers are on the hook to bail out the retirement system loss of $743 millions.
  6. Labor negotiations start next month.
  7. He is working on the shopping cart issue; it will be unveiled in the next few weeks.

*Question:* Did the prior council work for the people or for themselves?
*Answer*: Instead of wanting to shrink the city government, they wanted to build a brand new City Hall building. They were raiding reserves. The current council does, but it is on a very short leash.
*Question:* How do we get involved?
*Answer:* Call them, contact them; let them hear you.
*Question*: If the city goes bankrupt, the pensions will be dead. Why can't the Mayor go to Washington for a bailout for the city?
*Answer:* Regarding bankruptcy – it sounds really good and easy, but it's not. The challenge is that the judge will look at liabilities (pensions, debts, bonds, etc), at the annual costs (police, clean waters, etc), and at the revenues (tax base). The judge will require liabilities to be paid off, will look at the assets (Balboa Park or Torrey Pines, for example) and will have us sell them to developers. A judge, who is not elected by the people, will look at the balance sheet and will treat this bankruptcy as a business bankruptcy.
*Question:* How do the business licenses work?
*Answer:* The city looks at tax returns; if income is reported as small business income (schedule C/1099), you are required to get a business license. If you rent out a property in San Diego, you are a small business. The City is going back and issuing fines. His office is fighting these fines.
*Question:* Why can't we resolve the pension problem?
*Answer:* The Fringe rate had not been calculated by the City of San Diego until Carl asked about it. The national rate is 30% for most companies; government national rate is 36%. The City of San Diego's rate is 61.4% - almost double the national gov ernment average. New pension system for new hires is needed. For employees who already vested these benefits – in or der to pay them the net cost (inc. benefits), charge more for 'Cadillac' benefits; people can opt out. People closer to retire ment will not opt out, but all others probably will. ERISA is managed by the pension benefit corporation and insures all pensions. ERISA takes over bankrupt private companies' pensions and pays a certain percentage. This does not apply to governments. We need specific labor contracts.
*Question:* Can all elected officials give up their pensions?
*Answer:* Carl is the only one. We can't force them to do that.
*Question:* Who will take on your watchdog role on the outside now that you're on the inside?
*Answer:* He's hired a budget watchdog internally. He is creating a project where we will have an update to the Citizen's Budget that helped create public awareness. He wants the recommendations reviewed and a task force to come up with new recommendations.
*Question:* How can we help you?
*Answer:* Volunteer as much as you can. It's going to get worse and communities will need its citizens' help. Speak up and raise your voice

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2—Mira Mesa Town Council Meeting
February 12—Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
February 14—Valentines Day
February 16—Presidents Day Holiday
February 22—George Washington's Birthday
February 25—Ash Wednesday

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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|---|---|
| **1ST MONDAY / February 2** | **Town Council Meeting (MMTC)** — 1st Monday (no meeting in July & 2nd Monday in September) — Mira Mesa Library — 7:00 p.m. |
| **1ST TUESDAY / February 3** | **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 / February 4** | **Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch** — Every Wednesday —Mimi's Restaurant — 7:00 a.m. |
| **2ND Monday February 9** | **Mira Mesa Town Council Board of Directors**—Mira Mesa Senior Center—6:45 pm |
| **2ND TUESDAY / February 10** | **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>**Exchange Club of San Diego**—2nd and 4th Tuesday — Courtyard by Marriott in Kearny Mesa — 6:30 pm |
| **2ND WEDNESDAY / February 11** | **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 / February 14** | **Fil-Am Sr. Citizens Assn** — 2nd Saturday — Mira Mesa Senior Center — 10:00 a.m. |
| **2ND SUNDAY/ February 15** | **FAASDNC Meeting**—12:00pm—Mira Mesa Recreation Center |
| **3RD MONDAY / February 16** | **Community Planning Group** — 3rd Monday — Mira Mesa Library — 7:00 p.m.<br>**In February '09 —Tuesday following the 3rd. Monday—Senior Center** |
| **3RD TUESDAY / February 17** | **Golden Friends (Senior Center)** — Every Tuesday (business meeting on 1st Tuesday) - Mira Mesa Senior Center—10:00 a.m.<br>**Mira Mesa Women's Club** —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.<br>Mira Mesa Chamber of Commerce—Location Varies—6:00pm |
| **3RD WEDNESDAY / February 18** | **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. |
| **3RD THURSDAY/ February 19** | **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>**Black Mountain Democratic Club**-3rd Thursday-7-9 p.m., 10550 Caminito Flores (Mesa Village Rec. Hall 1) |
| **4TH MONDAY/ February 23** | **Banned Book Club**—Last Monday of each month except December at the Mira Mesa Library. 7 PM. |
| **4TH TUESDAY / February 24** | **Golden Friends (Senior Center)** — Every Tuesday (business meeting on 1st Tuesday) - Mira Mesa Senior Center—10:00 a.m.<br>**Exchange Club of San Diego**—2nd and 4th Tuesday — Courtyard by Marriott in Kearny Mesa — 6:30 pm<br>**Mira Mesa Theatre Guild** — 4th Tuesday — Mira Mesa Rec. Center — 6:30 p.m. (Board), 7:00 p.m. (General) |
| **4TH WEDNESDAY / February 25** | **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 |



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**Mira Mesa Maintenance Assessment District—Tom Derr**

- Rates for Maintenance Assessment for Mira Mesa and Scripps Ranch have not been raised in years. The Mira Mesa assess ment was fixed at $10/year by a ballot measure voted on in Mira Mesa in 1997, and can increase to $11.81 corresponding to the cost of living index without a new vote. The Scripps Ranch Maintenance Assessment District, which has much higher fees, has run out of money and they will need to increase their rates.
- There is over $600,000 in reserves for Mira Mesa. It either must be spent or returned. The MMMAD authorizing agreement restricts the use of this money to landscaping, lighting and litter removal along specified major streets. The MMMAD committee would like to do projects outside the scope of the current agreement.
- The proposed budget is posted on the Mira Mesa Town Council website. Approval is needed tonight. The budget is not changing until 2010. The new budget includes $50,000 for a ballot measure to authorize an increase in the scope of the MMMAD and $20,000 for the Engineer's Report. The budget deadline is end of January.
- Motion is made to approve the budget; motion is seconded. Motion passes. Budget is approved as is.
- Motion is made to add members to the committee. The motion is tabled until the February meeting to allow for further re- view.

*Question:* What do you need to review the bylaws?
*Answer:* More volunteers. You don't need experience to volunteer.
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*Answer:* More volunteers.

- The next meeting is the first Tuesday in March at 7:00 PM at the Mira Mesa Senior Center.
- Call Tom at 619-933-1213 or email him at Tom@TomsMM.com.

**OPEN FORUM**

- **None**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Tet Festival**

- Vietnamese Federation of San Diego
- January 17-18 ;10 – 10 on Saturday and 10 – 6 on Sunday at Mira Mesa park and at the Library
- $5 at the door, free for children under 11
- Entertainment and culture events. Exhibits at the Library. Dancing competitions. Sport tournaments. Chinese chess tourna ments. Carnival rides and games
- More information is located at www.tetfest.org

**Headshops in Mira Mesa concerns**

- The Town Council will not sign a petition at this time. This will be tabled until more information is obtained.

**COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS**

- **4th of July Committee (Sandy Smith)** – meeting is 1/14, the second Wednesday of the month, at the Senior Center at 6:30. They will be discussing Casino Night; they need sponsors. See http://www.miramesatowncouncil.org/Casino_Night_2008.htm for more information. They need volunteers. The MM Town Council will donate $1,000 to the committee.
- **HEROES (Mike Davis)** – they painted Fire Station 41. He is working with Carl regarding volunteerism.
- **Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens Advisory Committee (Pam Stevens)** – next meeting is 1/15 (third Thursday of odd numbered months) at the Los Penasquitos Ranch House at 7 PM. Call the Ranger to find out about closures due to rain. Volunteer Patrol needs volunteers.
- **Mira Mesa Library (Pam Stevens)** – Banned Book discussion group will be meeting on the last Monday of the month. Friends of the Library is recruiting for new members. Chuck Sweet will buy a new American Flag for the library's meeting room.
- **Mira Mesa Theatre Guild (Courtland Young)** – The public meeting will be next month. They need more volunteers. Please contact Courtland if interested.
- **Planning Group (Ted Brengel)** – the meeting will be the Tuesday after the third Monday at the Senior Center both for Janu- ary and February. More information is located at http://www.miramesatowncouncil.org/planning_group.htm. This year is an election year for the Planning Group. The elections are in March; the new board comes on board in April. Scripps Park West project, in Mira Mesa, is a new project. The Planning Group needs new members; attend this month's meeting to be eligible for election.
- **Recreation Council (Joe Frichtel)** – January 13 at 7 PM at Lopez Ridge.
- **Retired Seniors Volunteer Patrol (John Sunde)** – Nine new members graduated from the program; there are 34 members currently. They need more volunteers.