June 2009

Mira Mesa Town Council Newsletter

Is Change in the Future for School District?

By Pam O'Donohoe

June 1 will be an interesting meeting with our guest speaker being John DeBeck. As we all know the woes our school district has been going through ideas for change, shifts in policy, and frequent administrations or styles of leadership don't seem to be the answer to our problems. So what is? John DeBeck is going to express ideas for change that many people agree with and others vehemently do not. Come get the lowdown in his proposal for change and ask the hard questions - will this be good for the district and good for the children that attend public school. We hope you'll be there; it will be interesting and if you have children in our schools today this should be a primary concern. See you at 7PM at the library.

John de Beck was first elected directly from the classroom to the Board to represent District C in 1990. He served as Board President and Vice President during his first term. Reelected in 1994, 1998, 2002, and 2006, he has been an active delegate to both the San Diego County School Boards Association and the California School Boards Association. At the CSBA, he has served on numerous committees, including the School Safety Committee, the Nominating Committee and the School-to-Work Committee, and chaired the Urban Schools Task Force. He also served on the Governor's School-to-Career Advisory Council. Mr. De Beck is active in the Association of California Urban School Districts. On the national level, Mr. de Beck has served as the Board's representative on the Council of Great City Schools and is active in the National School Board Association. Mr. de Beck attended San Diego City Schools in Point Loma and he received his bachelor's and master's degrees in business from San Diego State University. He holds lifetime multiple teaching and counseling credentials and he taught for more than 36 years. He also served as a counselor, resource teacher and curriculum administrator, and he taught business at San Diego City College for 10 years. Mr. de Beck has served many California school districts as a consultant in vocational education. In the community, Mr. de Beck is a member of the Balboa Kiwanis Club. He has written 10 curriculum guides and a computer applications textbook. He and his wife have seven children, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Their Bay Park house was designed and built by Mr. de Beck.

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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 **June 1, 2009** meeting:

- **John DeBeck, School Board**

The next MMTC meeting is **Monday, August 3, 2009**
Remember that there is no July Meeting

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President's Message

By MMTC President Jeff Stevens

I would like to start by expressing my appreciation to our Volunteer of the Year Ted Brengel for all of the volunteer work he has done for the Town Council, Planning Group and other community groups over the past decade, and I encourage everyone to attend the Volunteer of the Year Dinner on June 6, 2009 at the MCAS Miramar Officer's Club. All MMTC members should have received an invitation in the mail, and information about the event and online ticket reservations are available on the MMTC website. Thanks also to Robin Stutsman for chairing the dinner committee this year and organizing the event.

At our June 1 MMTC meeting we will introduce the graduating high school students who are the winners of our 2009 MMTC Verne Goodwin Scholarship Awards, college scholarships based on community service.

Our main program at the June MMTC meeting will be a presentation by School Board member John DeBeck on a proposal to split the San Diego Unified School District into two districts. John DeBeck has been on the School Board since 1990, and has recently come to the conclusion that the School District has become too big to manage effectively, and should be split in two. Needless to say, this is a very controversial proposal.

Finally, we are actively preparing for the Mira Mesa Street Fair to be held on September 26, 2009. At approximately the beginning of June, the vendor application is posted on the website and we start accepting applications. Also, we still could use more volunteer help with this event. If you would like to help us put on this event, please contact me or just come to our next Street Fair Committee meeting on the fourth Thursday of the month (June 25) at 6:30 PM at the Senior Center

Water Conservation Workshop

By Erica Mendelson

On June 23rd Councilmember DeMaio will convene a Water Conservation "How To" Workshop. With the city now entering into a Level 2 drought condition, conserving our water resources is becoming ever more important to our families and our region. At this workshop you will learn how to access the "Show Me the Money" rebate program, learn tools for conservation, and find out what the water emergency means to you and your home. The Workshop will begin at 6:30 p.m. and take place at the Scripps Ranch Library. For more information contact Councilmember DeMaio's Mira Mesa representative, John Ly, at 619-236-6655

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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.

4th of July Event to have something for everyone

Do you want to take part in planning and executing this year's 4th of July festivities? Well, here is your chance. The Mira Mesa 4th of July Committee and the Mira Mesa Town Council are planning the best 4th of July ever. You can help to make it better by participating in one or more of the events. Please visit the Mira Mesa Town Council website for applications to all events, www.miramesatowncouncil.org/fourth_of_july.htm.

First, a call has gone out for parade participants. Are you part of a group or do you have a special talent or hobby? Apply to be part of this year's parade. It will step-off from Mira mesa Blvd and Greenford at approximately 11:30 am on Saturday July 4, 2009. The parade will proceed on Mira Mesa Blvd to Camino Ruiz where it will turn right and end at the corner of Camino Ruiz and New Salem Street. Parade questions can be directed to Maria at 858-271-1572.

Do you have more fun helping to keep children entertained and safe? Game booths are available for sponsorship or you can volunteer to run a booth at the Fun Day Kids Zone. For questions on Kids Zone contact Judy at 858-549-4557.

If food is your thing, the food and community booth zone will have something for everyone. We are bringing the food and community booths to the crowds and will have something for everyone. If you have a booth that would be appropriate to this area please contact Don at 858-271-1572.

The main stage will have continuous entertainment for your viewing pleasure. Volunteer acts are being booked as this goes to press. Please contact Sandy at 858-361-5229 for further questions or to recommend an act/actor.

The day will end with an awesome display of fireworks specially selected for the occasion.

The Kids Zone, food and community booths and fireworks viewing area will take place at the Mira Mesa Community Park on New Salem Street.

The committee has been fundraising to bring the entire event to life and, as always, funds are short. Fireworks, city permits and application fees are expensive. Please send your donations to the Mira Mesa – Scripps 4th of July Committee to help fund this event, see Mira Mesa Town Council website for donation information. All donations are tax deductible.

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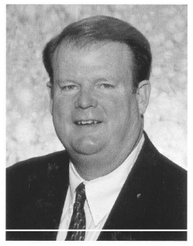

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MMTC To Honor Ted Brengel as 2008 Volunteer of the Year at MCAS Miramar June 6

by Pam Stevens

Everyone in the community is invited to the Mira Mesa Town Council's annual dinner honoring Ted Brengel as 2008 Mira Mesa Volunteer of the Year on Saturday, June 6, at the MCAS Miramar Officers Club, a "black and white" gala starting with no-host cocktails from 6 to 7 p.m., followed by a served dinner, a brief program with presentations to Ted Brengel by elected officials and fellow volunteers, and dancing into the evening. Advance reservations required. Tickets are $25 per person and can be reserved online at www.miramesatowncouncil.org

Ted Brengel and his wife, Helen Roman, have lived in Mira Mesa since 1991. However, Ted first came to San Diego in 1968 for boot camp with the Navy. Born in Chicago, Ted grew up in various places, including Texas, and several years in New Orleans, Louisiana, where he graduated from high school. After a 21-year career in the Navy, which had him stationed in San Diego, Florida, and Washington, D.C., Ted and Helen were ready to return to San Diego. They had met when Ted was living in Coronado while serving aboard the USS Ranger as part of Air Wing II at then NAS Miramar, and were married on Feb. 12, 1985. Ted currently works for Northrop Grumman Information Systems.

Ted's first volunteer involvement in Mira Mesa was with the Mira Mesa Community Planning Group as a local volunteer board that discusses development and planning issues in the community after a sign that surprised him and a neighbor went up at the intersection of his street, Thomas Hayes Lane, and Calle Cristobal. He started going to Planning Group meetings, and joined the Planning Group's Executive Committee in 1995. Ted was elected vice-chair in 1998 and became chair in 1999 when previous chair Bruce Brown was appointed to the San Diego Planning Commission. In March 2009 Ted stepped down as Planning Group chair (and from the Executive Committee) after ten years of service, but he continues to be an active general member of the group.

After going to a few Planning Group meetings, Ted also discovered the Mira Mesa Town Council as an overall community civic group that hosts monthly town hall forum on local issues and sponsors projects and events to make Mira Mesa a better place to live. As they say, the rest is history! Ted is currently Mira Mesa Town Council second vice president/membership chair, a position he held from 1996-2000 and in 2002 and 2007 previously.

Ted is also a proud stepfather of three grown children and grandfather of five. His stepdaughter and son-in-law, Rebecca and Brian Dadey, also live in Mira Mesa, and their children, 6-year-old Eric and 8-year-old Natasha Deans, have given Ted another volunteer involvement, as a grandpa with Mira Mesa Youth Football and Cheer.

Join the Mira Mesa Town Council Board and our elected dignitaries on June 6 in honoring Ted Brengel, a friend to our community who is "always there!"

Volunteer Summit

By Erica Mendelson

Councilmember Carl DeMaio is hosting a Volunteer Summit on June 6th from 10:00 a.mm to 12:00 p.m. Recognizing the value of volunteer organizers during these tough economic times, this is an important opportunity to help our neighborhoods in need and ensure our community continues to thrive.

The Summit is designed to give leaders from volunteer and non-profit organizations the tools they need to increase volunteer turnout, effectively communicate volunteer opportunities and identify critical needs of the community.

The Volunteer Summit will take place at the Rancho Bernardo Library, 17110 Bernardo Center Drive, 92128. To RSVP for this please contact Councilmember DeMaio's Mira Mesa representative, John Ly, at 619-236-6655.

Linda Geldner Elected Chair of Local Planning Group

San Diego, CA - Linda Geldner, agency principal for the Geldner Group, was elected Chair of the Mira Mesa Community Planning Group. The Planning Group reviews and advises on land use, traffic, zoning, development, construction and environmental issues for the community of Mira Mesa (pop. 100,000) in the City of San Diego.

Geldner cited her 30-year career as an architect and senior manager with the U.S. Navy (NAVFAC), experience as base closure manager for Naval Training Center (San Diego) and knowledge of local and regional land-use issues as reasons for her election. She replaces long-time Planning Group chair, Ted Brengel, who was termed out.

In accepting the position, Linda offered her vision for the Planning Group to continue as an effective and important part of the City of San Diego's planning process. Citing traffic and development as two key issues, Geldner said, "Mira Mesa is facing critical decisions on traffic flow, freeway exits, parking and new developments. Our community needs to stay informed and involved if we want to create positive outcomes from the planning process."

The Geldner Group (www.geldner.com) is a woman-owned management and business development consulting agency located in San Diego, California. The Geldner Group facilitates partnering, assists with strategic and tactical business planning, and provides a full range of marketing and communications services to the construction, public agency, energy, and technology sectors.
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Highlights of the May 4, 2009 MMTC Meeting

POLICE AND FIRE REPORTS

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

- No report

SD Fire Department (Capt. Myers)

- No report

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

City Councilman Carl DeMaio (John Ly)

- Memo released regarding saving $22 million dollars without tapping into reverses.
- 5/8 at 1PM Press Conference about the Civic Center.
- Carroll Canyon Road will be voted on 5/5/09.
- Level 2 Water Emergency as of 5/5/09.
- Volunteer Summit, 6/6 in the morning. More details to follow.
- Lights and pot holes were fixed.
- Audience questions and comments:
- Traffic camera lights flash randomly for no reason.
- People are attempting to save much more than the 5% mandated by the emergency status. These individuals will be started at a lower baseline, which is not fair.
- The Welcome to Mira Mesa sign was hit by a car. The insurance company will pay for it; we might get a brand new sign with a different look.
- Is there a Camino Ruiz Trail update? No update
- Is there a Salk Elementary update? Park & Rec and the School Board met; they are discussing language. The school should be built by 2011. The rest of the studies will take till the end of the year and the build will take another year. The Unified School District might not want to handle the maintenance of the Vernal Pools. Note: There is no maintenance for Vernal Pools; this should not be an issue. This is not serving the community. This is ridiculous; it needs to be done. Our community should not have to put up with this. We must demand answers. They must be locked into a room and not allowed out until things are resolved. Perhaps we should file a lawsuit. John Ly will write a memo and will CC Planning Group, Rec Council, and Town Council members.

State Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher (Oscar Urteaga)

- Swine Flu: Under control in California, but the state wants to assure the issue is addressed. Fletcher receives daily briefings. ww.cdph.ca.gov.
- Holocaust Memorial Week. Edy Lange was recognized. Maddy Jennewein was the student who interviewed Edy and wrote an essay. California needs to reflect on the atrocities and violence of that time. We must honor the survivors and make sure all generations hear their stories.
- AB 1367. Bill extents the deadline for receiving absentee ballots from members of the military and from any Californian living overseas. The Bill passed through a key committee last week.
- AB 1300. Bill establishes a pilot program to provide incentives to local Fire Safe Councils to clear dry brush, basically fire fuel, from property – reducing the likelihood of uncontrolled burns.
- AB 23 – Cal Cobra. Bill to close loopholes between Cal Cobra and Federal Cobra.
- AB 313 – Rancho Santa Fe. Bill will be heard on the Assembly Floor this week.
- AB 1300 – Fire Protection. Bill to be heard on the Assembly Floor Resources on 5/4/09; it creates a grant program to incentivize vegetation management around communities and to take the clear materials to biomass facilities.

County Supervisor Ron Roberts (Lauren Prescott)

- 25th Annual Peace Officers Memorial Ceremony in Sacramento on 5/7 (Vigil) and 5/8 (Enrollment Ceremony.
- Lawnmower exchange on 6/16 at the County Administration Center at 8 AM; first come, first served. Participants must bring a functional, gas-powered mower that has been emptied of gas and oil to exchange for a cordless, battery-powered mower; they must also have a photo I.D. and proof of residency in the county, such as a utility bill.
- Swine Flu – take the same precaution as you would with any other flu; schools have been closed for a couple of weeks.
- Special Elections on 5/19. 5/4 was the last day to register.
- Bring a password whenever returning into the US, even from Mexico.
- The County Operation Center is being rebuilt.

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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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- Food Stamps process improvement plan was approved.
- Mail carriers will be collecting food on 5/9; make sure to have plenty of food to give them

US Representative Brian Bilbray (Andrew Lund)
- Congress: Budget was passed last week.
- Swine Flu: Briefings from Homeland Security and CDC.
- Bilbray will be back from DC by Memorial Day.

COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS

4th of July Committee (Sandy Smith)
- Parade for application is in the back.
- Games will be free to the children to play; please sponsor a booth.

Women's Club
- Chalk the Walk – 5/9.
- John Estrada is a well-known artist who might be present.
- Artist and sponsor forms are in the back.

Mira Mesa Library (Pam Stevens)
- Book Discussion Group – 5/11 Zoo Keeper's Wife.
- 6/8 – Dr. Zhivago.

Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve (Pam Stevens)
- Remembering John "Jack" Northrop – Equestrian; long-time Penasquitos Canyon Preserve CAC member, wrote about geology and trails in Preserve. Memorial ride and gathering at El Cuervo Adobe at west end of Preserve, 5/9.

MM Recreation Council (Joe Frichtel)
- 5/12 – Meeting – will discuss Mayor is trying to raise Field use fees
- 5/9 - Chalk the Walk
- 5/10 – Mother's Day

Volunteer of the Year
- Dinner is 6/6 at Miramar.
- Invitations will be mailed 5/5/09.

Mira Mesa Theatre Guild (Alex Nguyen)
- Show will be in December
- Next meeting will be at the Field House, May 20th
- Acting Class Proposal – Trey Barkley:
- Will offer classes for children starting in June.
- 2-3 hour classes will be $5 to $10
- Looking for a donation of between $1,500 to $2,000 – Jeff Stevens: the board will take this under considerations and will discuss it at the Board Meeting.
- Need volunteers and official instructors

NEW BUSINESS

4th Annual Philippine American Festival 2009(Zeny Ravelo)
- 6/6 at the Mira Mesa Community Park at 8575 New Salem Street
- Free Admission
- 10:00 AM to 5 PM
- Singing, dancing, demonstrations, fashion show, food, arts & crafts, novelties, information, giveaways, and prizes.
- Zeny Ravelo: 858- 484-2277; or email Zeny Ravelo, aguinaldofoundation@yahoo.com
- Applications for food vendors are available

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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 1—Mira Mesa Town Council Meeting
June 6 —National Trails Day
June 12—San Diego County Fair Opens
June 14—Flag Day
June 15 —Mira Mesa High School Graduation; Last Day of School
June 21—Father's Day; First Day of Summer

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

1ST MONDAY / June 1	**Town Council Meeting (MMTC)** — 1st Monday (no meeting in July & 2nd Monday in September) — Mira Mesa Library — 7:00 p.m.
1ST TUESDAY / June 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 / June 3	**Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch** — Every Wednesday —Mimi's Restaurant — 7:00 a.m.
2ND MONDAY June 8	**Mira Mesa Town Council Board of Directors**—Mira Mesa Senior Center—6:45 pm
2ND TUESDAY / June 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 **Exchange Club of San Diego**—2nd and 4th Tuesday — Courtyard by Marriott in Kearny Mesa — 6:30 pm
2ND WEDNESDAY / June 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 SATURDAY / June 13	**Fil-Am Sr. Citizens Assn** — 2nd Saturday — Mira Mesa Senior Center — 10:00 a.m.
2ND SUNDAY/ June 14	**FAASDNC Meeting**—12:00pm—Mira Mesa Recreation Center
3RD MONDAY / June 15	**Community Planning Group** — 3rd Monday — Mira Mesa Library — 7:00 p.m.
3RD TUESDAY / June 16	**Golden Friends (Senior Center)** — Every Tuesday (business meeting on 1st Tuesday) - Mira Mesa Senior Center—10:00 a.m. **Mira Mesa Women's Club** —3rd Tuesday - Mira Mesa Presbyterian Church — 7:00 p.m. **Teen Center (The Epicentre) Oversight Committee** — Call Epicenter for next meeting date and time. Mira Mesa Chamber of Commerce—Location Varies—6:00pm
3RD WEDNESDAY / June 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/ June 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 **Black Mountain Democratic Club**-3rd Thursday-7-9 p.m., 10550 Caminito Flores (Mesa Village Rec. Hall 1)
4TH MONDAY/ June 19	**Banned book club** —Last Monday of each month except December at the Mira Mesa Library. 7 PM. **NOTE: No May meeting due to Memorial Day Holiday; Combined May/June meeting on June 10at the MM Library, 7:00 pm.**
4TH TUESDAY / June 23	**Golden Friends (Senior Center)** — Every Tuesday (business meeting on 1st Tuesday) - Mira Mesa Senior Center—10:00 a.m. **Exchange Club of San Diego**—2nd and 4th Tuesday — Courtyard by Marriott in Kearny Mesa — 6:30 pm **Mira Mesa Theatre Guild** — 4th Tuesday — Mira Mesa Rec. Center — 6:30 p.m. (Board), 7:00 p.m. (General)
4TH WEDNESDAY / June 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
4TH THURSDAY June 25	**Street Fair committee (senior center)**-4th. Thursday—6:30 PM

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League of Women Voters (Joyce Tavrow)

- 5/19 – Statewide Special Election
- Easy Voter Guide from the League of Women Voters is a non-partisan guide to inform the public on the different propositions.
- www.smartvoter.org
- www.sos.ca.gov
- www.lwvc.org/local
- www.easyvoter.org
- Prop 1A: Strengthens the budget reserve, creates a new spending limit, extends tax increases by 1-2 years.
- Prop 1B: K-12 and community college funding
- Prop 1C: State to borrow from future lottery profits
- Prop 1D: Special funds for child development to replace General Fund
- Prop 1E: Special funds for mental health to replace General Fund
- Prop 1F: Stops state elected officials from getting pay raises when the state has a deficit.
- Audience Questions and Comments:
  1. Regarding Prop 1E: the money would not be borrowed; it would be recollected.
  2. f all the propositions are necessary to balance the budget, what will happen if they don't pass? Other services will be cut.
  3. The state legislature cannot say no and cannot have a balanced budget.

OPEN FORUM

- Shopping Carts
  1. Locks on shopping carts.
  2. California Shopping Cart Retrieval Service is picking up thousands of carts in Mira Mesa.
- Ramp for the 15 on Hillery
- Traffic will become even more nightmarish.
- Sub-committee of the Planning Group is working on this issue. The meeting is in 2 weeks at the Mira Mesa library and CalTrans will be here.
- Several Mira Mesa residents living on Hillery did not receive any notice from CalTran regarding this issue and are very upset.
- Anyone upset regarding this issue MUST come to the Planning Group Meeting on 5/18 at the Mira Mesa Library.

The Mira Mesa Firecracker is back!! Your donation to the fireworks fund will light the fuse for this year's fireworks display. Go to the Mira Mesa Town Council website for donation instructions.