



# Mira Mesa Town Council

April 2010

In April, we are joined by Randy Huber of the San Diego County Water Authority, to update us on the San Vicente Pipeline Project—a very important project in light of our current water situation.

**NEW MEETING LOCATION: Beginning April 5—Mira Mesa Senior Center, 8460 Mira Mesa Blvd**

## Randy Huber, San Diego County Water Authority



Randy Huber is the acting Construction Administrator for the San Vicente Pipeline project. Randy has over 36 years of experience in the construction industry in Southern California. He has worked in the San Diego County Water Authority's Engineering Department for over 15 years providing various levels of support on construction projects.

## MMTC/Verne Goodwin College Scholarship Applications Coming Soon

By Pam Stevens

Are you or is someone in your family a graduating high school senior who's been involved with community service and could use \$500 for college next year? Write an essay on volunteering! The 2010 Mira Mesa Town Council / Verne Goodwin Scholarship Awards, named after Mira Mesa's first Volunteer of the Year, Verne Goodwin, are designed for students who have enjoyed community volunteering. No specific GPA is required. All graduating high school seniors who are Mira Mesa residents are eligible to apply, no matter what high school they attend, as long as they are planning to further their education within the next year through community college, university, or technical school, and have participated in community service.

The 2010 MMTC / Verne Goodwin Scholarship application will be posted in April on the Mira Mesa Town Council website, [www.miramesatowncouncil.org](http://www.miramesatowncouncil.org). This year's MMTC Scholarship Committee is chaired by Jon Labaw, and includes Pam Stevens and Hang Chau. A 2002 graduate of San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts, Hang "Lisa" Chau is herself a past recipient of the MMTC / Verne Goodwin Scholarship.

Scholarship recipients will be invited to attend the June 7 MMTC meeting to receive their checks and will be recognized at their schools' award ceremonies. Applications are due in early May. For more information, see [www.miramesatowncouncil.org](http://www.miramesatowncouncil.org).

## Mira Mesa Community Clean-Up June 19—Save The Date!

By Mike Davis

The San Diego Environmental Services Department, along with I Love a Clean San Diego and Mira Mesa HEROES, will host a Mira Mesa Community Clean-Up on Saturday, June 19. Representatives from SDESD will be collecting both regular and e-waste at Mira Mesa High School.

Further information, as well as fliers regarding the event, will be available later this month and at the May meeting of the Mira Mesa Town Council.

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### Mira Mesa Town Council Meetings—New Location

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 held the first Monday of each month at the *Mira Mesa Senior Center* from 7 to 9 p.m., with no meeting held in July.

Agenda for the April 5, 2010 meeting:

#### ◆ Randy Huber, San Diego County Water Authority

The next MMTC meeting is **Monday, May 3, 2010**

**PLEASE NOTE THE NEW MEETING LOCATION BEGINNING IN APRIL—MIRA MESA SENIOR CENTER!**

Visit us online at [www.miramesatowncouncil.org](http://www.miramesatowncouncil.org)

## LOCAL NUMBERS

### General County Services Information

2-1-1 San Diego ..... 2-1-1

### Emergency Services

Police/Fire/EMS ..... 9-1-1  
Poison Control ..... 1-800-222-1222

### 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

### 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

### 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  
Code Compliance ..... 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

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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:

- **BANNER DISTRICT COMMITTEE**
- **CLUSTER SCHOOLS COUNCIL**
- **COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP**
- **COMMUNITY PRIDE COMMITTEE**
- **COMMUNITY VISION COMMITTEE**
- **FOURTH OF JULY COMMITTEE**
- **HEROES**
- **MMTC STREET FAIR COMMITTEE**
- **MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT COMMITTEE**
- **RECREATION COUNCIL**
- **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 9 for specific meeting times and locations.

**President's Message**

By Ted Brengel, MMTC President

Is there a gardener in the house? For years we have been conducting one cleanup after another at the Epicenter to remove weeds and improve the appearance of the grounds. It has occurred to me that maybe we are missing an opportunity here. If there is anyone reading this who has a green thumb and would like to design and build a small garden, please let us know. I honestly believe that with a good plan and the promise of sustained care, we can pass the hat and get funds to take care of the expense. So, if there is a frustrated gardener out there in need of a project, please let us know.

On another subject, Challenger Middle School was recognized last week as a leading school in the Governor's Challenge Competition. Challenger was first in the region in total student completions. It was second in student active days and it was fourth in percent of student completions. As a "front runner" Challenger received a \$1,000 award. Congratulations to the Cheetahs for their hard work!

How about those utility boxes!!! I hope that by now everyone has noticed that things are changing for the better in Mira Mesa. Leo Angelo Reyes in concert with the Art Department of Mira Mesa High, led by MMTC Board Member at Large Mike Davis, has been painting utility boxes around the center of the community. Please take a moment to look at this fine work; your comments are most welcome. And while I hope that the comments are all positive, we will accept criticism as well. So far this effort has been funded by private contributions, some from Mike himself. At this month's MMTC board meeting we will discuss the possibility of MMTC contributions to help defer the cost of supplies.

What about our banners? The next time you are stopped at one of the annoyingly uncoordinated traffic signals on Mira Mesa Boulevard look up. You may notice a "Welcome to Mira Mesa" banner. There are a total of 54 banners in 27 locations all along our Main street. While these are currently in use to welcome people to our fine community, they can be used for alternative purposes such as advertising major community events. Last year we put up a dozen banners for the Street Fair. In all likelihood we will do that once again this year.

We have an amazing bounty of youth and adult sports participation in Mira Mesa. There are teams formed for just about every athletic endeavor imaginable. What's more, some of these have noteworthy accomplishments. For example, in 2009 the Pee Wee and Mitey Mite Cheerleaders of Mira Mesa Youth Football and Cheer won first and second place (respectively) in the regional cheer competition in Tucson, Arizona—an awesome accomplishment.

**Banned Book Club to Discuss "Ragtime" April 27**

By Pam Stevens

On Tuesday, April 27, the Mira Mesa Library's Banned Book Club, a book group with a focus on reading and talking about books that have been banned or challenged, as well as other thought-provoking titles that tie into a "freedom to read" theme, will discuss *Ragtime*, E.L. Docotorow's classic portrait of American society in the early 1900's, peopled with a cast of unforgettable characters, fictional and historic.

Why was this book banned or challenged somewhere? Read it and see what you think, then come to the meeting and find out. You don't need to be a regular book group member to join in this discussion. Since *Ragtime* is now on the reading list for many eleventh grade American Literature advanced English classes, any interested high school students are especially encouraged to come to the meeting. All are welcome to attend, 7 to 8 p.m. in the Mira Mesa Library community room.

The Banned Book Club meets the last Tuesday of the month at the Mira Mesa Library. As a reminder, titles for discussion in future months are:

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| May 25 - <i>A Grave in Gaza</i> , by Matt Baynon Rees       | August—no meeting                          |
| June 29 - <i>Cat's Cradle</i> , by Kurt Vonnegut            | September 28—annual book selection meeting |
| July 26 - <i>The Bookseller of Kabul</i> , by Asne Seirstad |  |

For more information, email Banned Book Club facilitator Pam Stevens, [pstevens@san.rr.com](mailto:pstevens@san.rr.com), or call the Mira Mesa Branch Library, 858-538-8165.

**Community Coffee with Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher**

By Bari Vaz

Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher will host a community coffee for residents of Mira Mesa on Saturday, April 10, from 1:00 pm until 2:30 p.m., at the Epicentre, 8450 Mira Mesa Boulevard.

The event is part of a series of small community coffees, offering residents an opportunity to participate in a discussion about legislative activities in Sacramento and how it is affecting the citizens of San Diego.

To RSVP or for more information, please call (858) 689-6290.

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## HEROES and Rotary Club Team Up to Beautify Mira Mesa

By Mike Davis

On Saturday, April 24, HEROES and the Rotary Club will work together in a day of service, painting the remaining portion of the retaining / sound barrier wall as well as touch-up some areas of fence that were previously painted. Mira Mesa community members and other non-profit groups are encouraged to participate in this event.

Volunteers will meet in the Mira Mesa Mall North, in the Kohl's parking lot. Look for the white HEROES truck. Volunteers will work from 8 a.m. until Noon, and perhaps a little longer should the spirit move them. The work will be followed by a mini-party to celebrate our efforts. HEROES will provide everything required—materials, refreshments, and a fun social atmosphere. Come out and meet your neighbors, make new friends, get a little exercise, and have some fun while working to improve our community.

If you want to volunteer, whether to paint or serve refreshments, contact Mike Davis of HEROES at [mike.davis.sd@gmail.com](mailto:mike.davis.sd@gmail.com).

Remember the HEROES motto: "Charity and Good Will, Pass It On and Pay It Forward."

**MMTC Honors Sandy Smith as 2009 “Volunteer of the Year” on May 15**

By Pam Stevens

Everyone is invited to the Mira Mesa Town Council’s annual dinner honoring Mira Mesa resident Sandy Smith as 2009 Mira Mesa Volunteer of the Year on Saturday, May 15, at the Country Inn and Suites hotel in western Mira Mesa, 5975 Lusk Boulevard, San Diego 92121. Please join us for the gala event, starting at 6 p.m. with no-host cocktails and complimentary hors d’oeuvres until 7 p.m., followed by a served dinner, a brief program with presentations to Sandy Smith by elected officials and fellow volunteers, and concluding with music and dancing into the evening. For details see the MMTC website, [www.miramesatowncouncil.org](http://www.miramesatowncouncil.org). Reservations should be made by return mail to MMTC or online no later than May 5.

This year’s Volunteer of the Year Dinner Committee, co-chaired by Mike Davis and Pam Stevens, includes Bari Vaz, Debbie Vincent, Robin Stutsman, and Tri Huynh. Marvin Miles will be master of ceremonies for the festivities.

Sandy Smith has a long history of actively and enthusiastically volunteering with Mira Mesa community groups. For many years Sandy has been a member of the Mira Mesa Community 4th of July Committee, a group of volunteers who work year-round to raise all the funds needed for the July 4 fireworks and all-day celebration, as well as plan and host the day’s events. In 2008 she became 4th of July Committee president, and is now in her second year as leader of the group. Currently the 4th of July Committee is in the process of “coming under the umbrella” of the Mira Mesa Town Council, after many years of functioning as a separate non-profit group. Its sister group, Scripps-Mesa Fireworks, Inc., continues as a tax-deductible 501c(3) non-profit whose focus is fundraising for the fireworks. Mira Mesa residents may also recognize Sandy as the “voice of the 4th of July,” since she has served for several years as a volunteer commentator for the parade.

Sandy Smith has been a member of the Mira Mesa Town Council Board of Directors for five of the past seven years, and as an active general member for over a decade. She was the chair and organizer of the Volunteer of the Year Dinner for several years. She has staffed the MMTC booth at Street Fair and helped to procure food for Street Fair volunteers. Sandy has also been active with the MMTC Scholarship Committee.

Sandy is also a long time Mira Mesa Theatre Guild member, having been on the Theatre Guild Board for many years, and a participant in Theatre Guild productions, including *Monster Manor* and *Breakfast with Mrs. Claus*. A realtor with RC Realty in Mira Mesa, Sandy is currently a business member on the Executive Committee of the Mira Mesa Community Planning Group and on the Hillery DAR subcommittee. She has been part of HEROES and the Mira Mesa Chamber of Commerce since their inception. She is secretary of HEROES and community liaison with the Chamber and Theatre Guild.

Sandy Smith has also been a participant in the Stakeholders committee, Kiwanis, Epicentre (Teen Center) Oversight Committee, NEC and the Mira Mesa High School Business Partnership Council. Sandy likes to connect our community groups and volunteers to each other, and likes to work behind the scenes to make Mira Mesa a better place to live, work, and play. In addition to volunteering herself, Sandy is exceptionally good at bringing new volunteers into our community groups.

Join the Mira Mesa Town Council and elected dignitaries on May 15 in honoring Sandy Smith, volunteer extraordinaire!

For more information contact MMTC Volunteer of the Year Dinner Committee co-chair Pam Stevens, 858-566-2261, or send email to [pstevens@san.rr.com](mailto:pstevens@san.rr.com).

**Relay For Life / Mira Mesa—Rancho Penasquitos**

By Gail Hernandez

Our Relay for Life / Mira Mesa—Rancho Penasquitos is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, May 15—16, from 9 am until 9 pm at the Hilltop Community Park, 9711 Oviedo Way.

The world with less cancer and more birthdays gets closer at every Relay for Life event. There, arm-in-arm, volunteers and survivors inspire the crowd. Join Relay For Life in the Mira Mesa / Rancho Penasquitos area. Take the first step at [RelayForLife.org/MiraMesaCA](http://RelayForLife.org/MiraMesaCA). Or, call 858-382-4245.

Together we will stay well, get well, find cures, and fight back.

**May 1 Date Set for Orlando Vernacchia Memorial**

By Bari Vaz

On Monday, January 4, Mira Mesa lost one of its most devoted volunteers. Orlando Vernacchia, who served on many volunteer committees throughout his life, died at the age of 92.

John Malo and Dennis Vernacchia, Orlando’s son, have announced that a memorial will take place at the Mira Mesa Senior Center on Saturday, May 1, from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m.

Further information will be announced at the Mira Mesa Town Council meeting, and will be posted on the MMTC website—[www.miramesatowncouncil.org](http://www.miramesatowncouncil.org).

## Highlights of the March 1, 2010 MMTC Meeting



### POLICE AND FIRE REPORTS

#### **SD Fire Department** (Chief Mike Finnerty—Battalion 7)

- ◆ Budget cuts led to rolling brown-outs where companies go unstaffed and move throughout the city.
- ◆ Battalion has 9 companies, 2 fire engines are permanently shut down (Stations 44 and 40). Ladder trucks cover all responses further east.
- ◆ Monthly stats:
  - Responses increased to 12%, response time data isn't available.
  - Hazardous material response team has been moved.
  - Brown-out programs will be re-evaluated in 60 days.
  - Budget goal is \$14 million dollars budget savings—mostly by reducing overtime.

### ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

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

- ◆ No salary increases
- ◆ Mira Mesa Blvd will be repaved in July
- ◆ Q: Will there be repair work be done first? A: Most **likely not**.
- ◆ Comments on Ron Roberts talk regarding county's positive economic status? No comment.

### COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS

#### **Non-profit Executive Council** (Mike Davis)

- ◆ Saturday, March 6th, 9 am—Noon, will picket CVS and Vons stores.
- ◆ March 18th-22nd, Circus is coming.

#### **Mira Mesa 4th of July** (Sandy Smith)

- ◆ Casino Night, Friday, March 12, 5 pm, Country Inn & Suites.
- ◆ Maria Pankau is in need of a mannequin for Casino Night decorating.

#### **Mira Mesa Women's Club** (Dyanna Smith)

- ◆ Correction to MMTC calendar. Meetings are third Tuesday of each month, 7 pm, Mira Mesa Senior Center.

### MIRA MESA TOWN COUNCIL BUSINESS

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### **Treasurer** (Jeff Stevens)

- ◆ Taxes have been filed.
- ◆ Balance: \$85,709.93; Income: \$755.98; Expenditures: \$180.00

##### **WASC Accreditation—Mira Mesa High School** (Sarah Leonard)

- ◆ Update: MMTC has submitted a letter in support of Mira Mesa High School. Letter will be available online.
- ◆ Wednesday, 3 pm at MMHS, the accreditation committee will offer a summary debrief.

##### **Painting of Utility Boxes** (Mike Davis and Leo Reyes)

- ◆ Two more utility boxes on Reagan Road are painted on three sides, Mira Mesa Blvd and New Salem. If you have issues or comments, send them to [issues@miramesatowncouncil.org](mailto:issues@miramesatowncouncil.org)
- ◆ Will continue work down to Black Mountain Road

**NEW BUSINESS****Ron Roberts, San Diego County Board of Supervisors**

- ◆ County resources available—Lawn Mower trade in May 1st. See [www.sdcounty.ca.gov/Portal/News/050609mowertradein.html](http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/Portal/News/050609mowertradein.html)
- ◆ State of the County
  - Drop in sales tax/property tax has made things more difficult.
  - County maintains AAA credit rating. This is important because each level of government has to borrow money and this will affect our interest rate.
  - In 1995, County privatized and re-engineered finances to do things differently.
  - County has fewer employees today than in 1995.
  - \$0 deferred maintenance
  - Domestic Violence is down
- ◆ County Responsibilities
  - Similar to City Council for unincorporated cities, e.g. Ramona
  - Public health services where city does not offer them; Sheriff's dept. is responsible for jails; responsible for air quality; Trauma system. Budget of \$5 billion per year.
  - May switch county court responsibilities to the state.
  - Q: County pension fund issues? A: City has full retiree health benefits; county does not. City adopted some bad practices creating liability, i.e. drop program; county did not.
  - Q: Were you on the City Council when these decisions were made? A: Up until 2000, the city was pretty well funded.
  - Q: Chair of Air Pollution Control District (APCD) is on Board of Supervisors? A: Supervisor Slater is on that.
  - Q: Rancho Penasquitos Preserve, open space planning comments? A: Looking regionally, identify a bond issue to better maintain open space, we are continuing to look for buying land at the right price.
  - Q: Issues brought up on KPBS, food stamps and \$2 million fund. A: In 2006, changes were made to increase enrollment—68,000 more qualified after changes, but recent citing shows changes are positive. Supervisor started different program when county has savings to reinvest in community. List of programs that have been invested in is available.
  - Community Development Block Grants
  - Construction projects include Medical Examiner Building (just completed). New government offices on Clairemont Mesa Blvd; the second phase will begin in April or May. These projects are not funded by the federal government.

**Lilliam Blundell, program recruiter—California Mentor**

- ◆ Helps place adults with intellectual disabilities into communal environment.
- ◆ Part of a national company, Mentor Network
- ◆ In California since 1997—second year in San Diego County.
- ◆ Similar to foster care but for adults with intellectual disabilities such as autism. Opportunity for individuals to supplement income with tax-free stipend. Application, certification process 6-8 weeks, Live Scan, everything at no cost.
- ◆ Once completed, you can choose who lives in your home. Clients go to day programs or jobs.
- ◆ Funded through state and federal dollars. Vendor of Regional Center. Referral bonus of \$200.
- ◆ Classes address concerns and skill development for families ready to take clients.
- ◆ Ages of clients: 18 yrs or older. Homes are needed in Mira Mesa.

**Mira Mesa Women's Club and Mira Mesa Theatre Guild—MMTC Donations**

- ◆ Mira Mesa Women's Club—Dyanna Smith. \$500 to be used for community services in Mira Mesa. Plans have not been made as yet; they work with schools, breast cancer awareness, libraries.
- ◆ Mira Mesa Theatre Guild—Tre Barkely. \$1000 will be used for Monster Manor fundraiser and 4th of July.

**Open Forum**

- ◆ Mira Mesa Community Visioning logo and visioning project (Bari Vaz)  
April 15th—logo contest; May 30—new logo unveiled; June—slogan contest
- ◆ Farmer's Market is again open every Tuesday, 3 p.m.!
- ◆ Willie Santos (professional skateboarder) is working with Epicentre  
Saturday, March 20th, skate and donate BBQ to raise money for Skate Park—see [www.miramesaskatepark.org](http://www.miramesaskatepark.org)

**Meeting adjourned 8:20 p.m.—Next meeting Monday, April 5th, 7 PM, at the Mira Mesa Senior Center.**

**“Taste of Mira Mesa” - April 6**

By Pam Stevens

The Mira Mesa High School Foundation's fifth annual "Taste of Mira Mesa" will take place Tuesday evening, April 6, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Gen-Probe, Inc., 10210 Genetic Center Drive, in western Mira Mesa.

This year's event is a fundraiser that benefits not only programs at Mira Mesa High School but also Mira Mesa High's affiliate schools, Challenger and Wangenheim Middle Schools, and Ericson, Hage, Hickman, Mason, Sandburg and Walker Elementary Schools.

Like last year, "Taste of Mira Mesa" will take place in the attractively landscaped outdoor area between the buildings on Gen-Probe's park-like campus, and will again offer guests the opportunity to sample food from a variety of local restaurants while enjoying live entertainment and a silent auction. Something new this year: childcare will be provided on site during the event. Enjoy cuisine from Callahans, MMHS Culinary Arts Department, Buca di Beppo, Buckboard Cal-Serv Catering, Jersey Mikes, Macaroni Grill, New York Giant Pizza, Rubio's, Soup Plantation, and more! Mingle with other Mira Mesas while you watch entertainment by talented Mira Mesa High School students and check out the tremendous array of silent auction baskets. Silent auction donors include Aaron Brothers, Catalina Flyer, Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, Double Tree Golf Resort, Mammoth Mountain Ski area, San Diego Sockers, Six Flags Magic Mountain, and more.

Admission donation is \$25 each. Advance registration is requested. To get your tickets or if you need more information please contact MMHS Foundation president Esther Alamedden at [alameddin@gmail.com](mailto:alameddin@gmail.com); you can also purchase tickets from Jennifer Kvalvik, [jkvalvik@sandi.net](mailto:jkvalvik@sandi.net), or Christine Hight, [chight@sandi.net](mailto:chight@sandi.net), at Mira Mesa High School. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you all there. For further details, check [www.miramesahighschoolfoundation.org](http://www.miramesahighschoolfoundation.org).

**Mira Mesa Theatre Guild's Monster Manor and Lite Frite Turn Ten**

By Pam Stevens

2010 marks the tenth anniversary of Mira Mesa's own October attraction, the Monster Manor, offering suspenseful thrills and a ghoulishly good time for adults and teens, and Lite Frite, a not-so-scary but definitely dramatic afternoon of fascinating fun geared for children that runs the two weekends before Halloween. A production of the Mira Mesa Theatre Guild, this year's Monster Manor and Lite Frite have some new and interesting things in store, according to MMTG president Trey Barkley. Watch for a Lite Frite-themed entry from Mira Mesa Theatre Guild in this year's Mira Mesa 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade!

In addition to the group's involvement producing Monster Manor/Lite Frite as a community attraction, MMTG Board Member Steve Rivette (currently Parliamentarian) is actively investigating venues for other future MMTG productions. Rivette recalls that he has been involved with Mira Mesa Theatre Guild "from the beginning." The Mira Mesa Theatre Guild was founded in 1990 by MMTG's first president, Carla Brandon, and others who served on an informal steering committee to guide its activities for the first year and a half.

On July 15, 1991, the Mira Mesa Theatre Guild was granted 501c(3) non-profit status with its stated purpose to provide educational opportunities in theatrical arts to the community of Mira Mesa and surrounding areas. Over the years MMTG and its programs grew to the point where the group produced a full season of plays in a storefront theatre at the Mira Mesa Mall (and prior to that at another retail center), as well as offered acting classes and a youth theatre program of plays performed by children and teens. However, MMTG has been a troupe without a permanent home since the mall remodeling made that location unavailable several years ago.

Current Mira Mesa Theatre Guild officers are: president, Trey Barkley; vice-president, Lacey Cogins; secretary, Alexander Nguyen; treasurer, Jeff Barkley; parliamentarian, Steve Rivette; community liaison, Sandy Smith; member-at-large, Pam Stevens. Mira Mesa Theatre Guild offers a general membership to anyone interested in supporting performing arts in Mira Mesa.

If you'd like to find out more about Mira Mesa's own longtime community theatre group, come to the next Mira Mesa Theatre Guild meeting on Thursday, April 22 (one week later than its normal "third Thursday" date), at 6 p.m. Location to be announced. Contact MMTG secretary Alexander Nguyen, for location or other information, at [alex909@gmail.com](mailto:alex909@gmail.com).



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**UPCOMING EVENTS AND SPECIAL DAYS**

April is "Keep America Beautiful" Month

April 4—Easter

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April 10—Community Coffee with Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher

April 18—Great San Francisco Earthquake, 1906

April 22—Earth Day

April 24—HEROES / Rotary Club Community Clean-Up Day

April 30—Arbor Day

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| <b>1ST MONDAY /<br/>April 5</b>     | <b>TOWN COUNCIL MEETING (MMTC)</b> — 1st Monday (no meeting in July) — Mira Mesa Senior Center — 7:00 p.m.   |
| <b>1ST TUESDAY /<br/>April 6</b>    | <b>GOLDEN FRIENDS (SENIOR CENTER)</b> — Every Tuesday (business meeting on 1st Tuesday) - Mira Mesa Senior Center—10:00 a.m.<br><b>MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT</b> — 1st Tuesday, — Mira Mesa Senior Center— 7:00 p.m. (subject to change)   |
| <b>1ST WEDNESDAY /<br/>April 7</b>  | <b>KIWANIS, SCRIPPS-MIRA BRANCH</b> — Every Wednesday —Mimi's Restaurant — 7:00 a.m.   |
| <b>2ND SATURDAY /<br/>April 10</b>  | <b>FIL-AM SR. CITIZENS ASSN</b> — 2nd Saturday — Mira Mesa Senior Center — 10:00 a.m.  |
| <b>2ND SUNDAY/<br/>April 11</b>     | <b>FAASDNC Meeting</b> —12:00pm—Mira Mesa Recreation Center  |
| <b>2ND MONDAY<br/>April 12</b>      | <b>Mira Mesa Town Council Board of Directors</b> —Mira Mesa Senior Center—6:45 pm<br><b>MIRA MESA CLUSTER SCHOOLS COUNCIL</b> —Mira Mesa High School Media Room—6:00 pm  |
| <b>2ND TUESDAY /<br/>April 13</b>   | <b>GOLDEN FRIENDS (SENIOR CENTER)</b> — Every Tuesday (business meeting on 1st Tuesday) - Mira Mesa Senior Center—10:00 am<br><b>RECREATION COUNCIL (PARKS)</b> — 2nd Tuesday —Lopez Ridge Rec. Center — 7:00 p.m.<br><b>BLACK MOUNTAIN MASONIC LODGE #845 F.&amp;A.M</b> — 2nd Tuesday — Mission Valley Scottish Rites Center — 7:30 pm   |
| <b>2ND WEDNESDAY /<br/>April 14</b> | <b>KIWANIS, SCRIPPS-MIRA BRANCH</b> — Every Wednesday —Mimi's Restaurant — 7:00 a.m.<br><b>4TH OF JULY COMMITTEE</b> — Mira Mesa Senior Center — 6:30 p.m.<br><b>EXCHANGE CLUB OF SAN DIEGO</b> —2nd and 4th Wednesday—Mandarin Garden Restaurant (Mira Mesa Blvd) — 6:30 pm   |
| <b>3RD THURSDAY/<br/>April 15</b>   | <b>COMMUNITY PRIDE</b> — 3rd Thursday — 8605 Pagoda Way — 6:30 p.m.<br><b>LOS PENASQUITOS CANYON PRESERVE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE</b> —3rd Thursday, odd months — Penasquitos Adobe Ranch House, 7 p.m.<br><b>SR CENTER BOARD OF GOVERNORS</b> — 3rd Thursday— Mira Mesa Senior Center<br><b>Black Mountain Democratic Club</b> —3rd Thursday-7-9 p.m., 10550 Caminito Flores (Mesa Village Rec. Hall 1)<br><b>HALLOWEEN COMMITTEE</b> — 3rd Thursday — Mira Mesa Rec. Center — 12:00 p.m. (June, August, September, October only)<br><b>MIRA MESA THEATRE GUILD</b> — 3rd Thursday — Location Varies — 6:00 p.m. (4th Thursday in April, No Mtg Sept/Oct) |
| <b>3RD MONDAY /<br/>April 19</b>    | <b>COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP</b> —3rd Tuesday —Mira Mesa Senior Center—7:00 p.m.  |
| <b>3RD TUESDAY /<br/>April 20</b>   | <b>GOLDEN FRIENDS (SENIOR CENTER)</b> — Every Tuesday (business meeting on 1st Tuesday) - Mira Mesa Senior Center—10:00 a.m.<br><b>MIRA MESA WOMEN'S CLUB</b> —3rd Tuesday - Mira Mesa Senior Center — 7:00 p.m.<br><b>TEEN CENTER (THE EPICENTRE) OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE</b> — Call Epicenter for next meeting date and time.  |
| <b>3RD WEDNESDAY /<br/>April 21</b> | <b>KIWANIS, SCRIPPS-MIRA BRANCH</b> — Every Wednesday —Mimi's Restaurant — 7:00 a.m.<br><b>FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY</b> —3rd Wednesday — Mira Mesa Library — 7:00 p.m.<br><b>MIRA MESA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE</b> —Location Varies—6:00pm   |
| <b>4TH THURSDAY<br/>April 22</b>    | <b>STREET FAIR COMMITTEE ( SENIOR CENTER)</b> -4th. Thursday—6:30 PM April through October<br><b>MIRA MESA THEATRE GUILD</b> — April Only — Location Varies — 6:00 p.m.  |
| <b>4TH TUESDAY /<br/>April 27</b>   | <b>GOLDEN FRIENDS (SENIOR CENTER)</b> — Every Tuesday (business meeting on 1st Tuesday) - Mira Mesa Senior Center—10:00 a.m.<br><b>BANNED BOOK CLUB</b> —Last Tuesday of each month except December at the Mira Mesa Library. 7 PM   |
| <b>4TH WEDNESDAY /<br/>April 28</b> | <b>KIWANIS, SCRIPPS-MIRA BRANCH</b> — Every Wednesday —Mimi's Restaurant — 7:00 a.m.<br><b>STAKE HOLDERS</b> — 4th Wednesday, every other month —Mira Mesa Library, small conference room — 6:00 p.m.<br><b>EXCHANGE CLUB OF SAN DIEGO</b> —2nd and 4th Wednesday—Mandarin Garden Restaurant (Mira Mesa Blvd) — 6:30 pm  |

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