Mira Mesa Town Council

August 2010

This should be an interesting meeting in August. Mira Mesa has its HEROES, but another group helping residents of San Diego is always welcome. Rebuilding Together San Diego is the local affiliate of a national non-profit that performs home repair for seniors and community facilities. They will tell us about their program at our August meeting. Additionally, we will hear from a representative of Qualcomm, one of San Diego's largest employers, which is headquartered in Mira Mesa. Please join us for an interesting dialogue, and we hope you'll be with us to gather and share this information.

Rebuilding Together San Diego - Pamela Thorsch, Executive Director

Rebuilding Together San Diego (RTSD) renovates and preserves affordable housing for low-income homeowners and sustains neighborhoods throughout our community through our home repair and neighborhood revitalization programs. Our vision is to help our community and its residents thrive, while inspiring others to be good corporate citizens. RTSD helps the elderly, disabled, veterans, and low-income families who own their home but are physically and/or financially unable to make the needed home repairs themselves.

Pamela Thorsch is the Executive Director of Rebuilding Together San Diego (RTSD), the local affiliate of the nation's largest volunteer non-profit organization that renovates homes of low-incomes families and revitalizes neighborhoods. Having built the organization from a one day a year event in April to a year program that has completed over 450 projects across San Diego County at a market value exceeding $12.5 million dollars.

Visit their website at www.rebuildingtogethersd.org for more information or call (619) 231-7873 for more information to apply to the program, volunteer or sponsor a project

Qualcomm - Phil Lisotta

Mira Mesa has the distinction of being the home to Qualcomm, a world leader in next generation mobile technologies. Qualcomm is one of San Diego's largest employers, and a tireless contributor the community.

Phil Lisotta, Director of Architecture at Qualcomm, will speak to us at the August Mira Mesa Town Council meeting regarding current activities at Qualcomm.

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Mira Mesa Town Council Meetings

Mira Mesa 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 **August 2, 2010** meeting:

- **Rebuilding Together San Diego, Pamela Thorsch**
- **Qualcomm, Phil Lisotta**
- **Featured Business: RC Realty, Sandy Smith**

The next MMTC meeting is **Monday, September 13, 2010**

Please note: September's meeting is moved to the SECOND Monday due to the Labor Day holiday.

Visit us online at www.miramesatowncouncil.org

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The Mira Mesa Town Council is a non-profit volunteer organization. Membership dues are used to defray the costs of operation, such as printing and distributing the Newsletter, maintaining the website (www.MiraMesaTownCouncil.org) and other approved council activities.

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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)**

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President's Message

By Ted Brengel, MMTC President

What a summer, winter, summer we are having! Last week I visited a friend's home and found he and his wife were wearing sweaters. Only then did it occur to me that I was actually a little cold. Is this really July? Never mind—now it's hot.

Another 4th of July is behind us and what a day that was. Let me take this opportunity to both express my gratitude to the group who made the festivities happen and their fine leader, Sandy Smith, and to express my admiration for the incredible effort of each and every volunteer. Thousands of people participated and all had a fantastic time. I honestly don't believe that there was a single hitch. If you happen to run into Sandy or one of those fantastic volunteers, stop for a moment to pass along a compliment.

I hope everyone reading this noticed that there is a new publication in Mira Mesa, *Mira Mesa Living Magazine*. The first issue began distribution in the community near the end of June and continues even now. The second issue will come out near the end of August with a theme that fits Mira Mesa Perfectly: *We Are the World*—celebrating our community's diversity. I Personally consider the existence of this journal in our community to be a splendid opportunity for each of us, but especially for MMTC (more on this in a minute). I urge each and every one of you to consider what such a publication can do for you. If you are a consumer, it can provide information on local events and local business advertisements. If you are a member or officer of an organization (youth sports, are you paying attention?) what a way to make the community more aware of your activities! If you run a business, you finally have a way to target only Mira Mesa. This list goes on…

One note of caution, however. *Mira Mesa Living* is a start-up small business, and like all small businesses it represents a significant risk on the part of its publisher, Michelle Tsai. Michelle can succeed and continue to provide us with this excellent communications tool only if we provide support. In simple terms this is a use it or lose it situation and it's up to you. I urge everyone to support *Mira Mesa Living*.

So what can *Mira Mesa Living* do for the Mira Mesa Town Council? Well, unbeknownst to many, we have a very serious problem. Our membership hasn't grown substantially in years. In fact, in several of the past few years the number of members has actually shrunk. I have had several years to ponder this both as membership chairman for two years and as president this year. I have concluded that the problem that plagues most small businesses and causes the demise of many is shared by our organization—we do not market effectively. I would hazard a guess that most of the people who call Mira Mesa their home do not even know the Town Council exists. We must correct this! I see a magazine dedicated to life in Mira Mesa as a major marketing opportunity and because of that, at the August meeting, I will ask that the membership approve the expenditure of $1,800 for a full page advertisement in *Mira Mesa Living* for one year (six issues). Additionally, *Mira Mesa Living* will carry our four page Street Fair program at no additional cost; last year we spent $1,100 just for the program!

Here comes the Mira Mesa Annual Street Fair! This year it will be on Saturday, September 25. Get ready for a lot of work and a fantastic time. Planning has been underway for many months and is coming to a head now. If you know someone who would like to be involved, now is the time to let us know. Our website has information and application forms for vendors and exhibitors as well as information for supporters and contributors. If you would like to play a more active role on the street fair, we are always on the lookout for volunteers—contact Jeff Stevens (jeffstev@san.rr.com) or Mike Davis (mike.davis.sd@gmail.com).

Have a fantastic August and come out to the MMTC meeting on the evening of August 2 at the Senior Center. I'll see you there!

Mira Mesa Theatre Guild Is On A Winning Streak

By Alexander Nguyen

Heading into Monster Manor's 10th season, Mira Mesa Theatre Guild is on a winning streak. First, through the recommendation of supervisors Pam Slater-Price and Ron Roberts, Mira Mesa Theatre Guild was one of only two organizations from Mira Mesa to receive a grant from the county's Community Enhancement Grant. Second, Monster Manor has been nominated as one of 10News.com's A-List for the Best Family Entertainment! Monster Manor, again, is the only haunted attraction be nominated. Please vote for Monster Manor, the link to vote is on Mira Mesa Theatre Guild's Web site, www.miramesatheatreguild.org.

Finally, Monster Manor's Lite Frite crew won for the Comic Entry in this year's 4th of July Parade. All in all, not a bad way to start the season. In other news, the theme for this year's Monster Manor will be reveal on August 31, 2010. Stay tune to www.monstermanor.org for details.

Councilman Carl DeMaio with Monster Manor's Lite Frite crew at the 4th of July Parade.

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Seeking Photos for "Images of America: Mira Mesa"

By Pam Stevens

Do you have any photos of Girl Scouts selling cookies in front of Bradshaw's Market? How about a Mira Mesa High School team or class or cheerleading squad of students doing a car wash at Jack's Arco? Did anyone in your family go to school in one of the temporary elementary schools in tract homes put up by developers in 1969 through the early 70's in response to Mira Mesa residents' demands that their children needed local schools?

If you, your family, or friends have any photos from Mira Mesa's "early days" from the 1970's through the 1980's, I'd like to hear from you as soon as possible! I'm seeking photos I could borrow and scan in grayscale for possible inclusion in my upcoming photo history book I'm writing for Arcadia Press, "Images of America: Mira Mesa." Any size print is fine, black-and-white or an old-fashioned color snapshot. I'm especially looking for pictures that show people – kids and/or adults – actively doing things and having fun, with a backdrop of something that's either historic (such as those temporary elementary schools), a recognizable community building or landmark, or symbolic of Mira Mesa (such as a great 4th of July parade!)

Call me, Pam Stevens, at 858-566-2261, or email me, pstevens@san.rr.com, and I'd be happy to arrange a time to pick up and return your photos. If you don't have any particular photos but do have memories of Mira Mesa to share, call or email me, too!

UPCOMING EVENTS AND SPECIAL DAYS

August is "National Water Quality Month"
August 1—Friendship Day
August 4 —Coast Guard Day
August 5—Neil Armstrong's Birthday
August 17 0 Davy Crockett's Birthday
August 19—National Aviation Day
August 28 —"I Have A Dream" speech, 1963

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

1ST MONDAY / August 2	**Town Council Meeting (MMTC)** — 1st Monday (no meeting in July) — Mira Mesa Senior Center — 7:00 p.m.
1ST TUESDAY / August 3	**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 / August 4	**Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch** — Every Wednesday —Mimi's Restaurant — 7:00 a.m.
2ND SUNDAY/ August 8	**FAASDNC Meeting**—12:00pm—Mira Mesa Recreation Center
2ND MONDAY August 9	**Mira Mesa Town Council Board of Directors**—Mira Mesa Senior Center—6:45 pm **Mira Mesa Cluster Schools Council—**Mira Mesa High School Media Room—6:00 pm
2ND TUESDAY / August 10	**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
2ND WEDNESDAY / August 11	**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. **Exchange Club of San Diego**—2nd and 4th Wednesday—Mandarin Garden Restaurant (Mira Mesa Blvd) — 6:30 pm
2ND SATURDAY / August 14	**Fil-Am Sr. Citizens Assn** — 2nd Saturday — Mira Mesa Senior Center — 10:00 a.m.
3RD MONDAY / August 16	**Community Planning Group—**3rd Tuesday **—**Epicentre Teen Center—7:00 p.m. (NO MEETING IN AUGUST)
3RD TUESDAY / August 17	**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 Senior Center — 7:00 p.m. **Friends of the Library** —3rd Tuesday — Mira Mesa Library — 7:00 p.m. **Teen Center (The Epicentre) Oversight Committee** — Call Epicenter for next meeting date and time.
3RD WEDNESDAY / August 18	**Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch** — Every Wednesday —Mimi's Restaurant — 7:00 a.m. **Mira Mesa Chamber of Commerce**—Location Varies—6:00pm
3RD THURSDAY/ August 19	**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) **Halloween Committee** — 3rd Thursday — Mira Mesa Rec. Center — 12:00 p.m. (June, August, September, October only) **Mira Mesa Theatre Guild** — 3rd Thursday — Location Varies — 6:00 p.m. (4th Thursday in April, No Mtg Sept/Oct)
4TH TUESDAY / August 24	**Golden Friends (Senior Center)** — Every Tuesday (business meeting on 1st Tuesday) - Mira Mesa Senior Center—10:00 a.m. **Non-Profit Executive Council** —4th Tuesday of each month—Mira Mesa Senior Center. 6:30 PM **Banned book club** —Last Tuesday of each month except December at the Mira Mesa Library. 7 PM
4TH WEDNESDAY / August 25	**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. **Exchange Club of San Diego**—2nd and 4th Wednesday—Mandarin Garden Restaurant (Mira Mesa Blvd) — 6:30 pm
4TH THURSDAY August 26	**Street Fair committee (senior center)-**4th. Thursday—6:45 PM April through October

Miramar Mounds National Natural Landmark

By Ted Brengel

A recent e-mail from Juan Lias, MCAS Miramar CP&L Office, alerted us to a wonderful article by Dr. Charles Black, Wildlife Biologist at MCAS Miramar. The article, entitled "*Miramar Mounds National Natural Landmark* , A National Treasure on Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, San Diego, California", appears in the June 2010 edition of the *The FAWN*, the National Military Fish and Wildlife Association online journal.

Dr. Black's article details the history and ecology of this national landmark in our own backyard. To view the entire article, please go to http://www.nmfwa.org/fawn/jun10.pdf.

HEROES Plans for Library Renovation and Landscaping

By Mike Davis

HEROES, Hometown Efforts to Rescue Our Endangered Society, is planning a "spruce up" and landscaping of the Mira Mesa Library. HEROES Chairman Mike Davis is coordinating the efforts, and will be announcing the project dates later this summer. If you are interested in participating in this effort, please contact Mike at mike.davis.sd@gmail.com, or sign up at the HEROES website - miramesaheroes.org. HEROES is a 501(c)3 non-profit, and any donations of cash or materials may be tax deductible.

HEROES efforts to improve Mira Mesa recently received a boost, with a donation of a trailer made by RC Realty in Mira Mesa Mall. Scott Chambless, owner of RC Realty, donated the trailer to further the efforts of HEROES and various other non-profits through their membership in the Mira Mesa Non-Profit Executive Council. HEROES often supports the works of other area non-profits by providing tools, vehicles, and volunteers.

Mira Mesa Maintenance Assessment District Pilots Native Plant Project

By Michael Cook

One of our most precious resources is water. The Advisory committee wanted to reduce the amount of water we use for irrigation. The demand for water continues to increase as reserves reduce. The San Diego City Council adopted Drought Level 2 Water restrictions which became effective June 1, 2009. These mandatory restrictions will restrict water usage especially with regards to irrigation for landscaping. To that end, the Mira Mesa Maintenance Assessment District will fund a pilot project to install drought tolerant landscaping and irrigation along Mira Mesa Blvd between Westview Parkway and Black Mountain Road.

Mira Mesa Maintenance Assessment District Staff will monitor water usage at this location and return to the Town Council with the results from the Pilot Project. The first median that was chosen to be changed was the Mira Mesa median between Westview Pkwy and Black Mountain Rd. The scope of work consisted of:

- Completely removing the Indian Hawthornes
- Rototill soil and rough grade
- To change the irrigation from a pop-up sprinkler head system to drip irrigation
- Plant the new native plants
- Install river bed
- Install wood chips for weed control

Here are the list of Natives that are being used in Mira Mesa.

1. IVA HAYESIANA---SAN DIEGO MARSH ELDER
2. HETEROMELES ARBUTIFOLIA---TOYON
3. SALVIA CLEVELANDII---CLEVELAND SAGE
4. SALVIA MELLIFERA---BLACK SAGE
5. ERIOGONUM GIGANTEUM
6. DUDLEYA ATTENUATA---ORCUTT'S DUDLEYA
7. DUDLEYA EDULIS---LADY FINGERS
8. SENECIO MANORALISCAE---BLUE CHALKS
9. AGAVE SHAWII---SHAW'S AGAVE
10. YUCCA WHIPPLEI---CHAPARREL CANDLE
11. CEANOTHUS GRISEUS "YANKEE POINT"
12. LOTUS SCOPARIUS---CALIFORNIA BROOM
13. VERBENA MENTHIFOLIA---MINI LEAF VERVAIN
14. RIBES SPECIOSUM---FUSHSIA FLOWER GOOSBERRY
15. ACHILLEA MILLEFOLIUM---COMMON YARROW
16. SALVIA LEUCOPHYLLA---PURPLE SAGE
17. KOELERIA MACRANTHA---JUNEGRASS

Michael Cook, Grounds Maintenance Manager
Maintenance Assessment District

Mira Mesa Non-Profit Executive Council "Cultural Cooperative"

By Mike Davis

The Mira Mesa Non-Profit Executive Council is forming a "Cultural Cooperative" to highlight the diversity of the Mira Mesa community as well as foster cross-cultural communication in our neighborhood. A first "Cultural Town Hall" is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, August 19, at Mira Mesa High School.

Any community or cultural groups interested in becoming a part of the "NEC Cultural Cooperative" should contact NEC Chairman Mike Davis at mike.davis.sd@gmail.com.

2010 Mira Mesa Street Fair, Saturday September 25

By Jeff Stevens

The 12th annual Mira Mesa Street Fair will be held on Saturday, Sept. 25th, 2010 from 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM on Camino Ruiz between Mira Mesa Boulevard and New Salem Street. We are expecting more than 100 crafters, businesses, non-profit groups, and food vendors to have booths at the event. Hosted by the Mira Mesa Town Council, the Street Fair features a carnival with rides for children and teens, and continuous entertainment on two stages. Special attractions include large earth-moving equipment and military vehicles from MCAS Miramar. Vulcan Materials will host a rock-painting booth for children to create their own "rock art." SDG&E will offer a lamp and light bulb exchange, providing compact fluorescent bulbs and floor or table lamps for the less energy efficient incandescent bulbs and halogen torchiere lamps. Friends of the Mira Mesa Library will hold their biggest book sale of the year. There will be stage performances of Filipino and Hawaiian dance, martial arts demos, and a variety of vocal artists and bands. Community stage entertainment will be hosted by Ray Pinnock of Strictly Rhythms Entertainment.

We are also looking for volunteers to help staff the Mira Mesa Town Council Booth at the Street Fair. If you would like to help, please contact Bari Vaz at BariVaz@sbcglobal.net.

For a booth space application, go to www.miramesatowncouncil.org and click on "Street Fair." To avoid a late fee and be listed in the Street Fair program, applications must be received by Aug. 14. Final application deadline is Aug. 28.

Banned Book Club Dark In August, Title Selection Meeting September 28

By Pam Stevens

There will be no meeting of the Banned Book Club in August.

The Banned Book Club normally meets the last Tuesday of the month (except August or December) at the Mira Mesa Library, 7 to 8 p.m. in the community room.

The group will hold its book selection meeting for the year ahead on September 28, 2010, during the American Library Association's "Banned Books Week," an annual celebration of the freedom to read. (For more information or titles that have been banned or challenged somewhere recently or in the past, see www.bannedbooksweek.org or www.ala.org/bbooks.) Anyone who'd enjoy recommending and/or helping choose titles to read and discuss in coming months is encouraged to attend. For a list of books previously discussed by the group, see http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/news-events/bookclubs.shtml and follow the links under Mira Mesa Banned Book Club.

For further details, email Banned Book Club facilitator Pam Stevens, pstevens@san.rr.com , or call the Mira Mesa Branch Library, 858-538-8165.

Penasquitos Canyon—August 2010 Update

By Pam Stevens

In August, morning or late afternoon to evening hikes are recommended in Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve, rather than mid-day, to avoid the hottest party of the day. If you do a mid-day hike, make sure to wear sunscreen, a hat and/or sunglasses, and take water!

If you're planning a hike, you can call Gina Washington, Senior Park Ranger, City of San Diego, Open Space Division, at 858-538-8066 for a trails update to see whether all trails are open or if there is any repair or other trailwork scheduled.

For more information, contact the San Diego County ranger office in Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve, 858-484-7504, or see http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/parks/

San Diego County Park docents lead a free guided tour of the Adobe Ranch House, San Diego's second oldest standing residence, at 11 a.m. on Saturdays and 1 p.m. on Sundays, lasting 45 minutes. See an historic Mexican era rancho with three foot thick adobe walls, settler and Indian artifacts and tour the grounds. From Mira Mesa, take Black Mountain Road north and turn left at Canyonside Drive, continuing past Canyonside Park to the parking area near the ranch house. For more information call the County Ranger office at the Adobe, 858-484-7504.

For information about the Friends of Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve and their guided hikes and other activities, see www.penasquitos.org.

The Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens Advisory Committee holds regular meetings on the third Thursday of odd-numbered months, 7 p.m. at the Penasquitos Adobe Ranch House. The group makes recommendations about the preserve to the San Diego City Council and San Diego County Supervisors via reporting to the LPCP Task Force, which consists of City Councilmembers Carl DeMaio and Sherri Lightner, as well as County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price.

Highlights of the March 1, 2010 MMTC Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

- Pledge of Allegiance (Mira Mesa H. S. JROTC)
- Welcome and introduction of Board Members
  Absent: Members-At-Large Marlon Austria and John Daley
- Minutes approved; no changes
- Scholarship Awards presented by Jon, based on community support. Katherine Shortill, Jake Portugal, Umar Usman, Jeanie Nguyen, Jake Stearns, and Lindsey Sweeney.
- Introduced Tom's Master Mechanics as the MMTC Business of the Month
- Board reports: Treasurer (Jeff Stevens) - Balance: $78,918.31, Income: $7,093.72, Expenses: $5,017.89
- President Ted Brengel noted that we don't have a projector to use at the new Senior Center venue and MMTC now needs one. Motion was made and unanimously approved to buy a "best value" projector.

POLICE AND FIRE REPORTS

SD Fire Department

- Attended - no report

SD Police Department

- No one in attendance.

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

City Councilman Carl DeMaio (John Ly)

- Clean-Up day on June 19 at Mira Mesa High School
- Chargers' position still TBD on final plans
- Judge made a ruling on Salk Elementary environmental issues, copies available.
- Working on a "marketing plan" to allow advertising on spare city space
- Vote on Tuesday

County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price (Erica Holloway)

- Vote tomorrow!
- Presented $6,000 check to 4th of July

County Supervisor Ron Roberts (Lauren Prescott)

- Fire season is here. Getting approval and donations for at least 40 hours of flight time (helo tanker).
- Free teen health checkups. Health services agency having a educational conference.

SPECIAL PROGRAM ITEM

Oxycontin/Pharmaceutical Abuse in San Diego—Matt Williams, Oxy Task Force

- Trend is for more use of "safer" prescription drugs
- 2nd most abused drugs behind marijuana
- Teens 12-17, 2nd highest use rate
- Media use/press is rampant, portrayed as easy, fun and safe
- Played a video showing the wide, cavalier attitude on YouTube
- Noted that there are Oxy Task Force educational items on Facebook and Twitter
- Age range focused 16-24, started in upper middle class but now popular everywhere… "*All the popular kids are using it"*
- Played an interview of his first two informants in November 2008.
- Areas already hit: many cities back east as the largest or 2nd largest drug problem
- Statistics (used Florida coroner data to start): over 6 months, 39 deaths due to methamphetamine, 890 deaths due to oxycontin. In SD there are around 45 deaths per year in the county. Hard to test for, unless specifically requested. Prescription drugs playing a larger part in traffic deaths
- Prefer to smoke it, besides the easy pills.
- Withdrawals can be worse than heroin
- What should parents look for? Withdrawn from family, loss of interest in previous important event, drop in academic/school performance, loss of motivation/always being tired, finds ways to get away/out of house, money issues - becomes manipulative, items missing from house, stories that don't make sense, physical symptoms are slow to appear. Check their internet history—who are they talking to? What's in their rooms, closets? Biggest thing - talk to your kids!

COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS

Recreation Council

- Meeting tomorrow at Lopez ridge

Mira Mesa Theatre Guild

- Monster Manor own best in San Diego again

HEROES/NEC

- Fix up/painted the police storefront
- Starting a cultural cooperative
- Continuing to paint power boxes

Mira Mesa Logo/Slogan Contest

- MMHS initial design will seed the community logo contest—at least $250 to winner
- MM Vision effort will have web site, other details up soon

Community Pride

- Been taking down signs, very few in Mira Mesa
- Jim donated $500 to HEROES to aid in power box painting

Mira Mesa Assessment District

- Redoing medians; positive feedback, so will continue with that design

Mira Mesa Street Fair

- Planning started—volunteers welcome
- Anyone who would like a booth can download the application from the MMTC website

Mira Mesa 4th of July

- Sponsors needed; costs keep going up.

MIRA MESA TOWN COUNCIL BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

4th of July Committee Standing Rules

- Ted Brengel said that the Fourth of July Committee is planning to merge into MMTC as a standing committee and has asked for approval of their standing rules
- Motion (Ballew/Sweet) to accept the Fourth of July Committee as a standing committee of the MMTC and approve their draft Standing rules. Motion approved unanimously

Meeting adjourned 8:38 p.m.—Next meeting Monday, August 2, 7 PM, at the Mira Mesa Senior Center.

Board meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at the Senior Center at 6:45 PM.

At left, MMTC Board Member Jon Labaw presents the 2010 winners of the MMTC/Verne Goodwin Scholarships to those in attendance at the June meeting.

Each year, the Mira Mesa Town Council awards scholarships to outstanding high school seniors from Mira Mesa. The scholarship is named in honor of Verne Goodwin, the first Mira Mesa Town Council "Volunteer of the Year" and a long-time volunteer and community servant to the Mira Mesa neighborhood.

Congratulations to this year's winners!