December 2010

Mira Mesa Town Council

Mira Mesa Town Council Open House—Monday, December 6, 7 PM, Verne Goodwin Senior Center

As we approach the end of another year and enter the holiday season, the Mira Mesa Town Council would like to thank the members of our community for their support during 2010.

Please join us on Monday, December 6, for a brief meeting followed by an Open House. At this meeting we will select the 2010 Volunteer of the Year (see a list of nominees on page 4) and approve the FY2012 MMMAD budget (budget may be viewed at our website). Refreshments will be served, and we will have an opportunity to socialize and get to know each other. We will be joined by members of the Mira Mesa Chamber of Commerce in celebrating and socializing. If you have a neighbor, friend, or acquaintance who would be interested in learning more about the Mira Mesa Town Council, please invite them to attend. To obtain an accurate count of the number of guests attending, we ask that you please RSVP to either Ted Brengel (ted@tedbrengel.com) or Pam O'Donohoe (pam1220@aol.com).

In the spirit of the holiday season, the Mira Mesa Town Council has chosen to support the San Diego Food Bank through a food drive at our December meeting. We ask that each person attending the December meeting bring canned goods or other non-perishable items to help rebuild supplies at the Food Bank. This year has been a very difficult one for many of us, and far more of our friends and neighbors have had to make use of the services of the San Diego Food Bank.. The office of Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher is currently conducting a food drive for the San Diego Food Bank, so the donations collected will be delivered to the Assemblyman's office for transportation to the Food Bank.

Mira Mesa Town Council Open House

Monday, December 6, 2010
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Mira Mesa - Verne Goodwin
Senior Center
8460 Mira Mesa Blvd

Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher

Invites you to continue the Season of Service

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FOOD DRIVE

Support people in need by donating the following items:

- canned meats (tuna, ham, chicken)
- canned soup
- canned or dried fruits
- canned vegetables
- dried beans, rice & cereal
- peanut butter
- powdered milk
- infant formula
- packaged nuts and seeds
- dried pasta

We are unable to accept : glass jars, including baby food, home canned or baked products.

Thank you!

November 15 - December 10
Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
9909 Mira Mesa Boulevard, #130, San Diego, 92131, (858) 689-6290

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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 **December 6, 2010** meeting:

- **Brief business meeting, to include:**
  Selection of 2010 Volunteer of the Year
  (see page 4 for a list of nominees)
  Approval of FY2012 MMMAD Budget
  (see MMTC website for complete budget)
- **Open House - Social**

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

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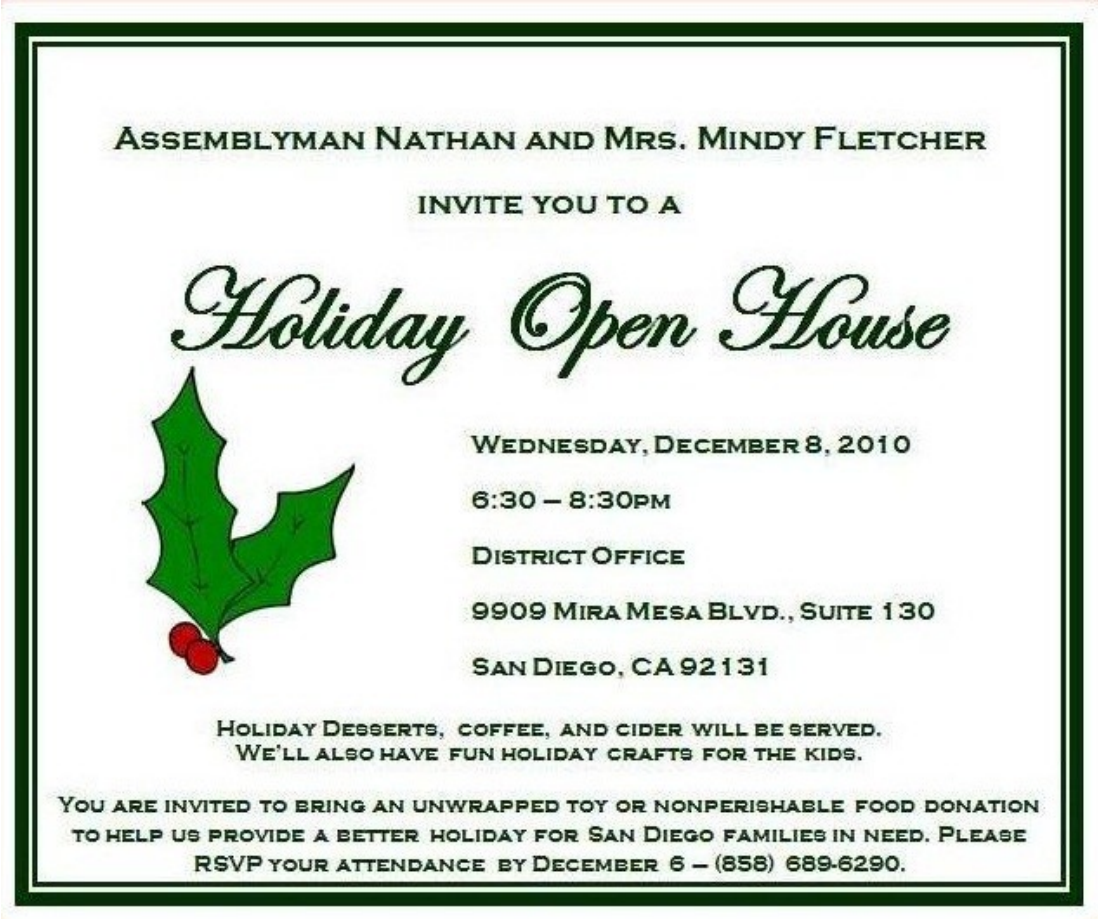
Want to help your community, but don't know how?

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

Season's Greetings! I hope that this joyous season finds everyone and their families hale and hearty. This is truly a wonderful time of year in Mira Mesa. Our shops seem very busy—a good thing for sure—and the streets and parking lots are just about, but not quite, full. The weather, of course, is nearly perfect as always.

2010 has been quite a year. Just about everywhere I look our community is looking better. In addition to the work of our volunteer wall and electrical box painters I notice a great many home renovations taking place. Mira Mesa Boulevard is getting a much needed repaving. And what do you know? The Vons parking lot even got a much needed slurry coat and restriping. Yes, there are tough times; many of us are out of work or have realized a reduction in income forcing extreme frugality. But hopefully things will get better in 2011.

2011 promises to be an exciting year. Our City is at the crux of a financial dilemma and the taxpayers have spoken. Our leaders will not be allowed to use more money to solve the City's financial woes. Instead they must find ways to spend less. It is also abundantly clear that there is no simple, one-solution, easy answer. There can be little doubt, therefore, that there will be an array of changes next year to start a long-term correction process. I think that whether or not you agree with our Fifth District City Councilman, Carl DeMaio, you will at least agree that he *is* filling the roll of taxpayer advocate admirably by asking the really hard questions and demanding answers that withstand business scrutiny. I believe that this will ultimately lead to a path to fiscal solvency for our City and the restoration of services that have been curtailed by the budget crisis.

As I mentioned last month, the decennial task of redistricting is underway and that will culminate in changes throughout the City. Unlike past redistricting efforts, this one will result in major changes to our political landscape mainly because of the addition of a ninth City Council District. Keep your eyes on these pages for more information on this important subject and if this subject really interests you then join us at Redistricting Committee meetings. Schedules and agendas are on the MMTC website.

Let me close by wishing everyone a very happy holiday season and a joyous new year.

The Officers and Board Members of the Mira Mesa Town Council Wish You a Happy and Safe Holiday Season and a Happy New Year 2011!

School Board Update

By John Lee Evans, Mira Mesa Representative to San Diego Unified Board

A majority of voters supported Proposition J, but unfortunately, we did not reach the required 2/3 threshold. We are facing an addition $140 million of cuts next year, which will have a direct effect on our schools. Potential cuts include athletics, counselors, nurses, librarians, vice principals, off campus programs, further reduction of central office staff, elimination of full day kindergarten, transportation and much more.

We have experienced a great start to the 2010-2011 school year in Mira Mesa. Angela Bass is now the Area Superintendent for the Mira Mesa, which consists of Mira Mesa High School, Wangenheim, Challenger, Walker, Hage, Mason, Ericson, Sandburg, Hickman.

The Mira Mesa Cluster School Council meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Mira Mesa High School Library from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The council consists of parents, students, teachers, and principals from all five schools. Bob Turner is the chair for 2010-2011. All members of the Mira Mesa community are invited to attend. Mira Mesa schools are continuing to move up in their performance.

We must be vigilant as our new governor and legislature make decisions about public school funding. Governor Brown will release his proposed budget in January.

Volunteer of the Year Nominees for 2010

By Jeff Stevens

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

Kathy Madsen – Kathy Madsen has been active in the Mira Mesa Community for many years in a wide variety of volunteer activities. She was a founding member of the Mira Mesa High School Foundation and served as its president for four years. She spent four years on the MMHS Foundation's Taste of Mira Mesa committee, and helped to organize the Mira Mesa Farmer's Market, where she has been in residence many Tuesday afternoons. Kathy served on the Mira Mesa Town Council Board of Directors as Vice President in 2007, will be serving as secretary for 2011, and produced the Mira Mesa Street Fair program in 2007 and 2008. She coordinated the vendors for the 2010 Fourth of July Family Celebration in the park. She has been an amateur radio operator for 13 years, and has used her expertise to provide amateur radio support for the Fourth of July parade for 6 years, and to help with emergency services during the Witch Creek fire. Kathy worked with Mira Mesa schools on governance teams at all grade levels for 17 years, and was booster club president for several sports during this period. She has been a member of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) for 3 years. For 5 years she was Boy Scout Troop/Team/Crew 1233 Committee Chairman. She has served as chief cook for the council-wide Varsity Scout Mountain Man Rendezvous for the past two years. She is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and has spent 7 years on the county-wide coordinating committee for the Commemoration of the Arrival of the Mormon Battalion at the end of January each year at Old Town State Park.

John Sunde – John Sunde joined the Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol (RSVP) over ten years ago. For the past three years, John has been the administrator, and has worked tirelessly to improve the Mira Mesa/Scripps Ranch RSVP unit. He has been among the top twenty-five in San Diego County for volunteer hours for the past three years. Under his leadership and effort, this unit has overcome many challenges, and its membership has increased markedly. John enjoys fingerprinting children at the Mira Mesa Street Fair and dressing up as McGruff, the crime dog, to teach children about safety. He also participated in and provided security patrol for the Fourth of July Parade. John and his wife Joyce have a heart for our young people and have made generous donations to the teen Epicentre. Their donations were used to purchase materials and equipment to fix the fence and to purchase a lengthy hose to water plants and flowers. John routinely helps to maintain the landscape around the center and the police storefront. Furthermore, John joined a group of dedicated volunteers who go around our community on the weekends painting walls and fences that have been tagged with graffiti. In addition to RSVP, John has volunteered for the VA hospital in La Jolla as a driver, transporting patients to and from their homes and the hospital. When John is off from RSVP duties, he volunteers at the USS Midway Museum as a docent and has already donated over two thousand (2,000) hours. On Thanksgiving and Christmas, he is downtown helping the Salvation Army at Golden Hall feed the homeless, lonely and those that can't afford the holiday meals.

Tom Derr – Tom Derr has been an active volunteer with the Mira Mesa Town Council and other community organizations for many years. He served on the MMTC Board of Directors for two years, and has been chair of the Mira Mesa Maintenance Assessment District Committee for the last 5 years. That committee controls a budget of $800,000 annually that is used to improve and maintain landscaping on major streets such as Mira Mesa Blvd. Tom moved to Mira Mesa in 1974 and started his business, Tom's Master Mechanics, on Miramar Road in 1984. He joined the Automotive Service Council (ASC) in 1985 and served as treasurer. In 1996, he joined the San Diego Herpetological Society, and has served as treasurer of that organization from then until now. Tom is well known for bringing his snakes to the Mira Mesa Street Fair and other community events. SDHS also brings reptiles to schools, especially those with at-risk kids, to spark their interest in learning. Tom is now in the process of starting a new nonprofit business called EcoVivarium, which will be a Zoo for all reptiles, amphibians, and some insects. The first step is to create a zoo on wheels to better serve the schools; then later the zoo will move to a permanent location near Escondido. Tom is an active member and past president of the Exchange Club of San Diego, a chapter of the oldest national service club in the United States which has prevention of child abuse as a national project. He is chair of the Law Enforcement Volunteer of the Year event. He is also second vice president of the San Diego Botanical Gardens Foundation and an active member of the Mira Mesa Chamber of Commerce.

Lily Supnet - Lolita "Lily" Supnet is currently the president of FASCA, the Filipino-American Senior Citizens Association of San Diego North County, and is the Chairwoman of the Board of Governors of the Verne Goodwin Mira Mesa Senior Center. Lily has lived in Mira Mesa for 18 years, since she and her husband, the late Resty Supnet, immigrated to the United States from the Philippines in 1992. Lily and Resty soon became involved with FASCA, the Mira Mesa Golden Friends, and the Mira Mesa Senior Center. In 1993 Resty founded the Fil-Am World War II Veterans Federation of San Diego County, and Lily assisted him with that, as well. As FASCA president and Board of Governors Chair, Lily spends many hours each week volunteering at the Senior Center. In addition to organizing cultural and social activities, FASCA is one of two non-profit groups (the other is the Mira Mesa Golden Friends) which run the Mira Mesa Senior Center through its Board of Governors that oversees management of the building and its programs for seniors and the community. Lily Supnet has been a member of FASCA since 1994, a member of the Golden Friends since 1996, and an active Senior Center volunteer since 1998. Lily has held other offices with FASCA and the Board of Governors prior to becoming the leader of both: FASCA Board member at large, Treasurer, and Vice-president, and Board of Governors Secretary and Vice-Chairman. Lily is an active and enthusiastic Mira Mesa volunteer, helping seniors, Filipino-Americans, and the community as a whole.

LOCAL NUMBERS

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

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

General County Services Information
2-1-1 San Diego 2-1-1

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

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

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1997 Volunteer of the Year

Past MMTC Board Member
Past LMD Chair
Past Community Pride Chair
President—MM/SR RSVP "Foundation"
"Chief Graffiti Buster Since 1993"

"Ask for MMTC Discount"

Mira Mesa Farmer's Market Every Tuesday
3 - 6 pm Mira Mesa High School

December 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Hanukkah begins 1 **Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch** – 7 am, Mimi's Restaurant	2	3	4
5	6 **Mira Mesa Town Council** – 7 pm, Mira Mesa Senior Center **Mira Mesa Chamber of Commerce** – Joint meeting with MMTC	*Pearl Harbor Day* 7 **Golden Friends** – 10 am, Mira Mesa Senior Center **Mira Mesa Maintenance Assessment District** – 7 pm, Mira Mesa Senior Center	8 **Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch** – 7 am, Mimi's Restaurant **Exchange Club of San Diego** – 6:30 pm, Mandarin Garden Restaurant	9	10	11 **Fil-Am Sr. Citizens Assn** – 10 am, Mira Mesa Senior Center
12 **FAASDNC Meeting** – 12 pm, Mira Mesa Recreation Center	13 **Mira Mesa Town Council Board of Directors** – NO mtg in Dec	14 **Golden Friends** – 10 am, Mira Mesa Senior Center **Mira Mesa Women's Club** – 7 pm, Mira Mesa Senior Center **Epicentre Oversight Committee** – call for information **Friends of the Library** – 7 pm, Mira Mesa Library **Recreation Council** – 7 pm, Lopez Ridge Rec Center **Black Mountain Masonic Lodge #845 F.& A.M.** – 7:30 pm, Mission Valley Scottish Rites Center	15 **Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch** – 7 am, Mimi's Restaurant	*Ashura* 16 **Community Pride** – 6:30 pm, 8605 Pagoda Way **Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens Advisory Cmte** –7 pm, Penasquitos Adobe Ranch House **Sr Center Board of Governors** – Mira Mesa Senior Center **Black Mountain Democratic Club** – 7 pm, Mesa Village Rec Hall 1 **Mira Mesa Theatre Guild** – 6 pm, location varies	17	18
19	20 **Mira Mesa Cluster Schools Council** – 6 pm, Mira Mesa H.S. Media Room **Community Planning Group** – NO mtg in Dec	*First Day of Winter* 21 **Golden Friends** – 10 am, Mira Mesa Senior Center	22 **Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch** – 7 am, Mimi's Restaurant **Exchange Club of San Diego** – 6:30 pm, Mandarin Garden Rest.	*Festivus* 23	24	*Christmas* 25
Kwanzaa 26	27	28 **Golden Friends** – 10 am, Mira Mesa Senior Center **Banned Book Club** – 6:45 pm, Mira Mesa Library	29 **Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch** – 7 am, Mimi's Restaurant	30	*New Year's Eve* 31	

Highlights of the November 1, 2010 MMTC Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Welcome and introduction of Board Members; Absent: Marlon Austria, John Daley, Jon Labaw
- Approval of Minutes from October meeting

COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS

Community Pride Committee

- Jim Brown discussed signs in the median advertising businesses

Maintenance Assessment District

- Tom Derr announced the next MMMAD meeting—Tuesday, November 2.

Mira Mesa High School

- Maria Pankau reminded all that Mira Mesa Blvd will be closed on Saturday for the Band Tournament. See miramesaband.org for details

Mira Mesa Town Council - Donations

- Donation of $200 was made to RSVP
- Donation of $200 was made to Mira Mesa High School JROTC

POLICE AND FIRE REPORTS

SD Fire Department

- It is that time of year to change smoke detector batteries. Energizer donated batteries for attendees to take.

SD Police Department - No one in attendance

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

City Councilman Carl DeMaio (John Ly)

- Wednesday special hearing large box stores ordinance banning Wal-Mart
- Homeless Shelter issue is back on the agenda. Police cannot enforce vagrancy laws because of no shelter for them to go to. Proposed shelter is next to Golden Hall

County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price (Nadia Moshirian)

- November 9 asking for approval of $5,000 grant for baseball equipment Mira Mesa. Anyone may apply for grant .
- This fire season is less threatening than other years, therefore county will go from 26 to 18 fire engines.

County Supervisor Ron Roberts (Lauren Prescott)

- Talked about voting
- Lead Poisoning Prevention Week—go to www.sdlead.org

State Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher (Sterling McHale)

- Passed State budget
- BRACE students needs of education

US Representative Brian Bilbray (Andrew Lund)

- Spoke about schedule of Congress

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF 2011 MMTC OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jon Labaw, Parliamentarian, presented a list of nominees to the membership.

Michael Davis made a motion that since the nominees had no challengers that vote be taken – Seconded by Mitz Lee.

A vote of the membership was taken, and the ballots counted.

The following were elected to the Mira Mesa Town Council Board or Directors for 2011:

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President – Ted Brengel
First Vice President (program chair) – Bari Vaz
Second Vice President (membership) – Maria Pankau
Treasurer – Jeff Stevens
Recording Secretary – Kathy Madsen
Newsletter Editor – Sandy Smith
Parliamentarian – Jon Labaw
Board Member at Large
- Alexander Tri Minh Nguyen
- Jennifer Kvalvik
- John Daley
- Jerry Ollinger

The new Board of Directors will be sworn in at the January, 2011 meeting.

MAIN PROGRAM

Neighborhoods for Clean Elections - John Hartley, Chairman
- Neighborhoods for Clean Elections was formed in 2005 to initiate the Clean Elections process in San Diego
- Presented a video of the Clean Elections process to the membership
- www..sdcleanelections.org

City of San Diego Redistricting - Bari Vaz
- Presented an overview of the current City Council redistricting process and addition of new ninth council district
- Invited any members of the public interested in participating on MMTC Redistricting Committee to contact her
- Goal of MMTC Redistricting Committee - All of Mira Mesa in a single city council district

NEW BUSINESS

- Police Bicycles. Estimate repair $145 to $345. An anonymous donor donated $1,000 to repair bicycles. Ted and Marv are going to find out police bicycle requirements. **A MOTION** was made by Chuck Sweet and Seconded by Jim Hearn and passed unanimous to spend no more than $1,000 to repair bicycles.
- Library Maintenance. **A MOTION** was made by Joe Frichtel to donate $1,000 for paint to Mira Mesa Heroes to paint library. Chuck Sweet seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 8:55 p.m.—Next meeting Monday, December 6, 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.

Mira Mesa Chamber of Commerce

By Bari Vaz

Founded in 2008, the Mira Mesa Chamber of Commerce serves the business community through networking events and economic development activities. Monthly meetings serve to bring together business owners and managers to discuss mutual concerns and promote partnerships. The new "Shop Mira Mesa" program will encourage Mira Mesa residents, employees, and visitors to "shop local" and spend there money in Mira Mesa. The MMCC website and Facebook page promote local businesses and their activities, and you can even follow our local Chamber on Twitter!

For 2011, the Mira Mesa Chamber of Commerce has added three new board positions to allow for an increase in programs offered to our business members. The MMCC is one of the few volunteer-driven Chambers in the San Diego area, allowing them to keep their dues low and allow small businesses and non-profit corporations to join at an affordable rate.

The Mira Mesa Chamber of Commerce has partnered with the Mira Mesa Town Council to allow businesses and non-profit corporations to join both organizations at a discounted rate. On December 6, MMCC will join with the Mira Mesa Town Council at its Open House, at the Senior Center. We invite residents and business members alike to speak to Chamber members and officers, and become a part of this fast growing organization.

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Photo at right: Officer Rick Aguilar, Sgt Rob Willis, Bryan Whitbeck (Black Mountain Bicycles) , Acting Sgt. Bob McDonald, Acting Lt. Kevin Mayer and MMTC President Ted Brengel

Mira Mesa Town Council Helps San Diego Police Bike Patrol

By Marv Miles, Mira Mesa Chamber

A few weeks ago, Community Service Officer Susan Steffen contacted Ted Brengel of the Mira Mesa Town Council to ask for help. The San Diego Police Department wanted to get their existing bicycles refurbished so the Holiday bike patrol can be ready for the shopping season. The bike team works in the shopping centers looking for bad guys. They are very effective since most crooks are not looking for Officers on bikes.

Ted along with Marv Miles from the Mira Mesa Chamber of Commerce, contacted Bryan Whitbeck with Black Mountain Bicycles. Bryan and his great staff refurbished three bicycles and got the team ready for patrol. The cost was covered by an anonymous donor.

City Council Redistricting Process

By Bari Vaz

Every ten years, the City of San Diego embarks upon the process of redrawing the boundaries of its City Council districts. This redistricting process occurs following the decennial Census, which was completed this summer. Council district boundaries are redrawn based upon the population count and distribution indicated in the census, so that eight council districts of similar population are created.

In June, 2010, San Diego voters approved the permanent adoption of the "Strong Mayor" form of government which has been temporarily in place since 2006. An additional component of this legislation was the creation of a ninth city council district. A panel of seven redistricting commissioners, chosen from amongst 53 applicants, was selected in October. It will be the job of these commissioners to create the boundaries of the nine council districts.

What rules or guidelines must be used in creating these districts? Article II, Section 5.1 of the City Charter states "To the extent it is practical to do so, districts shall: preserve identifiable communities of interest; be geographically compact — populous contiguous territory shall not be bypassed to reach distant populous areas; be composed of whole census units as developed by the United States Bureau of the Census; be composed of contiguous territory with reasonable access between population centers in the district, and not be drawn for the purpose of advantaging or protecting incumbents." While most of the criteria are understood, there is no definition for "identifiable communities of interest." Simply put, an "identifiable community of interest" can be defined by anyone—including the residents of a particular community or neighborhood. Those who consider themselves a "community of interest" must make their case to the Redistricting Commission so as to be recognized in this process.

Mira Mesa will play an important part in this process. As the largest neighborhood in San Diego, with an estimated population of almost 80,000 people, Mira Mesa is predicted by some experts to be the largest component of the new, ninth city council district. But with early estimates showing that a council district must contain approximately 152,000 people, Mira Mesa will not be a district unto itself. We must join with other surrounding communities to form our "identifiable community of interest." But which communities will join with us as part of our new district?

The Mira Mesa Town Council Redistricting Committee will seek to answer these questions, and make recommendations to the city's Redistricting Commission regarding what we, as Mira Mesa residents, believe is the ideal district—an "identifiable community of interest." If you have an interest in this process, or would like to participate, send an e-mail to BariVaz@sbcglobal.net. Let us know that you would like to participate in the MMTC Redistricting process and want to be kept updated on the committees activities.

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Mira Mesa Town Council
Annual Membership Application

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Primary Member/Contact Name | Companion Member Name(s)

Business/Corporation Name | E-mail Address

Address | Phone Number | Business/Cell Number

City | State | Zip Code | Date

Membership Type (please circle one)

Individual MMTC/MMCC)	Companion	Senior/Military/Student	Corporate/Business	Combined MMTC/MMCC	Combined
(new/renewal)	(individual needed)	(I.D. proof necessary)		(Must join at same time)	(non-profit)

Month	Individual	Comp/Sen/Stud/Mil.	Business	Combined (MMTC portion)	Combined Non-Profit
July	$20.00	$10.00	$50.00	$40.00	$90.00
August	$18.30	$9.15	$45.80	$36.60	$82.50
September	$16.60	$8.30	$41.60	$33.20	$75.00
October	$15.00	$7.50	$37.50	$30.00	$67.50
November	$13.30	$6.65	$33.30	$26.60	$60.00
December	$11.60	$5.80	$29.15	$23.20	$52.50
January	$10.00	$5.00	$25.00	$20.00	$45.00
February	$8.30	$4.15	$20.80	$16.60	$ 37.50
March	$6.60	$3.30	$16.65	$13.20	$30.00
April	$5.00	$2.50	$12.50	$10.00	$22.50
May	$3.30	$1.65	$8.30	$6.60	$15.00
June	$1.60	$0.80	$4.15	$3.20	$7.50

Any resident, business or nonprofit may join MMTC. Members with addresses outside the Mira Mesa community will be non-voting associate members

Amount $_____ Cash Check #_____ There will be a $25.00 for all returned checks

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.