October 2010

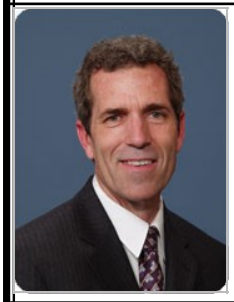
Mira Mesa Town Council

October is the traditional Education Night with the Mira Mesa Town Council, and this year is no exception. It's going to be a full slate dealing with education in our Mira Mesa cluster. Principals from each of our schools will be on board to introduce themselves and give a synopsis of the year's start and goals for the year to come.

John Lee Evans, our school board representative will be with us to give us an update on current issues facing city schools, specifically our area. Angela Bass will join us for the first time as the newly appointed Area Supervisor.

It looks like BIG things are happening at Miramar College and to tell us about what's going on there we will have Sandra Trevisan and Brett Bell.

It looks to be an "information packed" evening and we hope all of you will join us. - Pam



John Lee Evans, Board Member, District A, San Diego Unified School District

John Lee Evans, Ph.D., was elected to the Board in 2008. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology at Pitzer College and a Masters in Psychology and Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology at U.S. International University.

Dr. Evans is currently a clinical psychologist in private practice, working with children, adolescents and adults. He is a member of the San Diego, California, and American Psychological Associations. As a parent, Dr. Evans has been a member of the Fletcher Elementary School Site Council, a classroom and PTA volunteer at Spreckels Elementary, a group leader for seminar parents at Standley Middle School and a member of the University City High School Governance Team. He and his wife live in University City. Their three grown children all attended San Diego Unified schools.

Angela Bass, Area Superintendent, San Diego Unified School District

An educator for 31 years, Angela Bass returns to San Diego Unified School District after serving as Superintendent of Instruction for the Partnership for Los Angeles Schools since February, 2008. During her tenure, she successfully led the transformation of 15 of L.A. Unified's lowest performing schools. The Partnership serves and supports 20,000 students, 65 administrators, and 1,500 educators.

Bass previously served as Executive Director of the Baldrige Center for Performance Excellence in San Diego Unified. Prior to this role, Bass served as an Instructional Leader/Assistant Superintendent and was responsible for a learning community of 21 schools, 45 administrators, 600 teachers and approximately 15,000 students. In the schools she supervised, Bass achieved success in closing the achievement gap for all students, which she attributes to involving school personnel, parents, families, students and community partners in schools. She proactively enlists the talent of the community to improve the culture of schools and to develop a sense of ownership to drive school-wide improvement.

Her many personal accomplishments include graduating as a Fellow from the Broad Urban Superintendents Academy in 2005, an executive management program geared to build the best possible leaders for urban public school systems. She has also been involved in many education programs including Head Start, the Cambridge Leadership Associates at Harvard University, the Association of African American Educators and the Public Education Leadership Project at Harvard University. She was an adjunct professor at the University of San Diego for seven years, teaching in the Educational Leadership Development Academy. Currently she is completing her doctoral program at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles and will graduate in May 2011.

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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 **October 4, 2010** meeting:

- **Education Night - Mira Mesa Schools**
- **Featured Business: Monster Manor/ Mira Mesa Theatre Guild**

The next MMTC meeting is **Monday, November 1, 2010**

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
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Ongoing community groups include:

- **BANNER DISTRICT COMMITTEE**
- **CLUSTER SCHOOLS COUNCIL**
- **COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP**
- **COMMUNITY PRIDE COMMITTEE**
- **COMMUNITY VISION COMMITTEE**
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- **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

What a month September has been! By the time you read this our twelfth annual Mira Mesa Street Fair will be history. I hope everyone had an opportunity to participate. I would like to thank the fine band of weary volunteers who labored so diligently to make this year's street fair a resounding success. First and foremost I must mention the person who was chiefly responsible for making the event a success: Jeff Stevens.

I am certain that there were days when he received over a hundred e-mail messages about the street fair. He had to handle a seemingly endless stream of issues: changes in rules and regulations, insurance requirements, volunteer coordination, water availability, late vendor applications, and on and on. Jeff took it all in stride and kept everything moving smartly. We all owe Jeff our heartfelt thanks for a job well done.

Mike Davis was the co-chairman of the Street Fair Committee and was instrumental in resolving many problems himself. Mike worked tirelessly like Jeff to make the event a success. Without him we could not have succeeded.

This month's meeting will focus on education. The principals of our Mira Mesa schools will be in attendance and will speak about their challenges and successes. We also hope to hear of progress on the new elementary school, Jonas Salk Elementary, which will one day be built at Flanders Street and Parkdale Avenue. I recommend this meeting as a source of real down-to-earth information on education in Mira Mesa.

Have a great month!

Twelfth Annual Mira Mesa Street Fair

By Ted Brengel

It's over! And, as I said in the President's Message, it was one heck of a street fair. From what I could see the kids were having a great time, the SDG&E bulb exchange was going well, food was selling like crazy, and people were visiting all the booths. It was really good to see so many people enjoying themselves out there.

I want to take one more opportunity to thank the people who made the street fair possible. Jeff Stevens and Mike Davis, whose lives were not their own for a month or so before the fair, were the co-chairmen of the 2010 Street Fair Committee. They were supported by a dozen or so others who helped organize the event or helped coordinate on the day of the Street Fair, or both. Then comes the band of stalwart cadets of the Mira Mesa High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps. They were extremely capable and were organized for effectiveness. Without them there wouldn't be a street fair.

I would also like to thank you for coming out. You also made it all possible.

Each year we learn a few things that we can apply to future street fairs making each better than the ones that went before. One thing that helps enormously is comments from people who attended. So if there was something you especially liked or something you didn't like so much about the Street Fair, please let us know. Just drop an e-mail note to StreetFair@MiraMesaTownCouncil.org.

Mira Mesa School News

By John Lee Evans, Vice-President, San Diego Board of Education

School Superintendent Bill Kowba has informed the San Diego Unified Board of Education that we are facing a potential $141 million shortfall for the next academic year. This is in addition to the hundreds of millions that have already been cut in the past few years. He cited this economic crisis as unprecedented in the district's 156 year history. We have focused our previous cuts on substantially reducing the central office to essential functions only. Further cuts would involve increasing class sizes dramatically and laying off over 1,500 more employees (we've already reduced by over 1,000) and could include the elimination of school police, counselors, nurses and librarians. To meet such a huge shortfall we would have to suspend arts, music and athletics.

The School Board has placed Proposition J on the ballot to raise money locally for San Diego schools that Sacramento cannot take away. The money will go directly to the classroom and cannot be used for administration. Each single family parcel for this emergency assessment would pay $98 per year, which comes out to about $8 per month. Whether or not we have a child in school at this time, we all have a stake in public education. Schools affect public safety and property values, and, more importantly, prepare the next generation of American workers. Details on the parcel tax are available on the district website at www.sandi.net and a website of local supporters at www.yesonpropj.com.

On September 20 I attended the first meeting of the year of the Mira Mesa Cluster Schools Council, an organization of parents, school officials and community members dedicated to the improvement of our Mira Mesa schools. The participation of Mira Mesa Town Council, Mira Mesa Heroes and other community organizations is crucial to our success.

Mira Mesa Town Hall Meeting—Saturday, October 9, 2010 at 12:30 PM

Hosted by Councilmember Carl DeMaio

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MMHS Sapphire Sound to hold 18th Marching Band Competition

By Maria Pankau

Sapphire Sound, the MMHS marching band, will be host to the 18th Annual Mira Mesa Band Review and Field Tournament on November 6, 2010. The event, open to high school marching bands from throughout Southern California, will be two fold. Bands will compete for the coveted combined event trophy in parade and field.

The parade competition to take place on Mira Mesa Blvd, between Westonhill Drive and Reagan Road, at approximately 12:30pm is free and open to the public.

The field competition will be split into morning and afternoon/evening competitions with small bands(less than 50 members) performing prior to the parade. Awards ceremonies will take place at approximately 2:30 for small bands and at 10:00pm for the rest of the field. The field competition takes place on the MMHS field. Tickets for field performance competition can be obtained by contacting the Sapphire Sound Director's office at 858-578-5143 or at the ticket booth on tournament day.

An event of this magnitude needs a large number of volunteers to be a success. Please contact the band director's office or Maria Pankau at 858-271-1572 to volunteer a few hours on tournament day. Take part in helping our community high school band program continue to strive for excellence. For more information please visit the Sapphire Sound website at miramesaband.org.

Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens Advisory Committee Report

By Pam Stevens

At the September 16 Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens Advisory Committee meeting, the CAC expressed concern about the danger of possible water damage to the foundation of the historic Penasquitos Adobe Ranch House, due to water flowing from a new wild springs that became active following the earthquake on Easter Sunday this year. The CAC asked for a report about the topic at the upcoming LPCPP CAC Task Force meeting in October, when County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price and City Councilmembers Sherri Lightner and Carl DeMaio will discuss Preserve issues. That meeting will take place on Thursday, Oct. 14, at 2 p.m.

CAC members expressed hopes that County Rangers (since the ranch house is on County Land) will be able to take remedial action to protect the 3-wing restored building and courtyard area from water that now flows west towards it from the springs triggered by the earthquake. A new wetland with aquatic vegetation has sprung up in the area. The ranch house not only contains a ranger office and public meeting room in one wing, but also has rooms in the other two wings furnished circa 1800's to offer visitors a "living history" experience. County Park docents lead free 45-minute tours on Saturdays at 11 a.m. and on Sundays at 1 p.m. of this historic Mexican era rancho, Rancho Santa Maria de los Penasquitos, which is San Diego's second oldest standing residence. For an article about the "Easter Spring," see the July, Aug, Sept 2010 issue of the Friends of Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve newsletter, posted online at www.penasquitos.org

In other business, CAC members accepted with regret the resignation of at-large member (and past CAC chair) Geoffrey Smith, who is moving to Northern California. He was thanked for his many years of service. An election to fill the at-large seat is scheduled for the next CAC meeting in November.

The Friends of Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve booth was among the popular displays at the Mira Mesa Street Fair on Saturday, September 25, staffed by Friends president Brian Swanson and others. Visitors enjoyed displays about wildlife of the Preserve and were able to find out about hiking and other recreational, nature study, and cultural/historical opportunities.

MMTC Membership Cards Now Available

By Maria Pankau

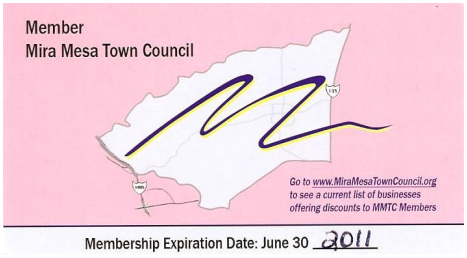
Did you know that members of the Mira Mesa Town Council can now proudly display a membership card?

As of July 1, 2010 a membership card is available to all members in good standing. Your membership card will not only depict you as a member of the MMTC it will also enable you to vote on all town council motions and to discount benefits from participating business members. If you have not yet received your membership card please pick it up at the next MMTC meeting or contact Maria Pankau, membership chair, at mgpankau@hotmail.com or 858-271-1572 to make arrangements to get yours.

If you are not yet a MMTC member, here are some of the other membership benefits you have been missing:
1. Printed monthly newsletter
2. E-newsletter to keep you up to date between printed ones.
3. Online meeting and MM happenings reminders
4. MMTC Liaison to help with any issues/problems with city representatives and departments

Business members will also receive:
1. A chance to participate in discount program for members
2. "Business Members" listing online and printed newsletters
3. Opportunity to host "Business of the Month" table at monthly MMTC meetings
4. Placement of advertisement/coupons/flyers at monthly MMTC booth (farmer's market)

Joining is easy!
1. Contact your membership chair
2. Join at any MMTC meeting or at the MMTC booth at the farmer's Market on the last Tuesday of every month
3. Go to the MMTC website at miramesatowncouncil.org and join online.



Highlights of the September 13, 2010 MMTC Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Colors presented and Pledge let by Boy Scout Troop 1203
- Welcome and introduction of Board Members
  Absent: Marlon Austria, John Daley, Jon Labaw, Maria Pankau
- Approval of Minutes deferred to September meeting
- Introduced MMTC Business of the Month, Girl Scouts
- Board Reports deferred to September meeting

POLICE AND FIRE REPORTS

SD Fire Department
- No one in attendance

SD Police Department
- No one in attendance

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

City Councilman Carl DeMaio (John Ly)
- Councilman opposes and will fight Water Department's proposal to increase water rates.
- Mira Mesa Blvd will be resurfaces as soon as walk ramps are ADA compliant
- City Council is discussing medical marijuana clinic concerns and regulations.
- Mira Mesa "Town Hall" meeting—Saturday, October 9, 12:30 p.m., Mira Mesa Library

County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price (Nadia Moshirian)
- Introduction to Nadia Moshirian, new assistant to the County Supervisor.
- County Health & Human Services launched campaign to reduce stigma of mental health illness - funded by Prop 63
- County government more transparent - opportunity for citizens to address County Board of Supervisors via e-comment

COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS

Boy Scouts—Pat O'Donohoe
- Commended Vulcan Materials on being a good corporate citizen.
- Invited all to Vulcan "open house", where Scouts may earn their Geology Merit Badge

Community Pride Committee
- Reviewed lawn watering restrictions.
- Discussed neighborhood code compliance
- Indicated that removal of political and other signs from right-of-way had attracted negative attention; he was asked to stop.

Mira Mesa 4th of July
- Sandy Smith and Maria Pankau announced the prize winners from the 4th of July Parade.

SPECIAL PROGRAM—CANDIDATES' FORUM

Francine Busby, Candidate, 50th Congressional District
- Presentation of candidate's platform, followed by Q & A session

Candidates for 75th Assembly District
- Introduction—Paul Garver, M.D., Democratic Candidate
- Introduction—Nathan Fletcher, Assemblyman, Republican Candidate
- Q & A session with questions/comments from the audience

OLD BUSINESS

- Projector—Purchase previously approved by a vote of the membership. New projector used in tonight's presentations.
- Trailer—No vote needed; RC Realty has donated a trailer to HEROES, which will use the trailer to assist MMTC.

Meeting adjourned 9:05 p.m.—Next meeting Monday, October 4, 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 Street Fair 2010

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Salk Elementary School Update at Mira Mesa Schools Cluster Council

By Pam Stevens

The current status of Mira Mesa's future Jonas Salk Elementary School was the topic of a major presentation at the Sept. 20 Mira Mesa Schools Cluster Council meeting by School Board Member John Lee Evans, along with Capital Projects Manager Stuart Markey and a District demographer.

Salk, to be located at Parkdale and Flanders in southwest Mira Mesa, is in a large quadrant of Mira Mesa where there is currently no elementary school within practical walking distance, as John Lee Evans pointed out. Good Shepherd Catholic School is in that area, but the closest public elementary schools are both across busy thoroughfares, Mason across Camino Ruiz and Hickman across Mira Mesa Boulevard. Future development yet to come in Mira Mesa will add to the community's elementary school population. It looks like the recent enrollment dip at the elementary level is starting to trend back up, too.

The Salk site was graded and given by Pardee to the School District for a future school in 1980 when the developer built the houses in the surrounding neighborhood. At that time the District lacked funds to build a school. Much later, the Prop MM school bond passed by voters in 1998 provided money to build Salk, but the project was delayed due to environmental concerns raised when it was discovered that over the years the site had remained a vacant lot, vernal pools had developed on the land. A mitigation plan approved by the US Fish & Wildlife Service has now been developed with an agreement between the School District and the City of San Diego in which the District will restore and enhance vernal pool land adjacent to Challenger Middle School, and in return be able to build Salk.

The deadline for comments on the Environmental Impact Report for Salk has been extended to October 18. The EIR can be viewed online at the Environmental Reviews/Studies page at www.sandi.net/facilities or under Salk at http://fpcprojects.sandi.net The School Board is scheduled to vote in November on certifying the EIR and moving ahead with the project. The building design for Salk is currently being reviewed by the State Architect's office, with approval from that office anticipated in early 2011. Construction would start in summer 2011, with Salk scheduled to open in the fall of 2013, or if the timeline slid slightly, in the fall of 2014, Capital Projects Manager Stuart Markey said.

Board Member John Lee Evans says he will vote for building Salk, but he is just one vote and community support is needed. Questions were raised at the Cluster Council meeting about whether the District's current funding problems might lead to a scenario that if Salk is built, there might be insufficient funds to operate it and/or other schools might suffer due to lack of funding. John Lee Evans replied that once Salk is built, boundaries will be adjusted throughout Mira Mesa and other schools won't grow as big in student population as they would without Salk. Building Salk will not only enable a large number of students in that quarter of Mira Mesa to walk to school who currently don't, Evans said, but also provide a better school environment for students at current elementary schools throughout Mira Mesa that otherwise might need to have their classes in the District's aging portables.

In other business at the Cluster Council meeting, concerns were raised about access for students to the community pool at Hourglass Field Park on campus at Miramar College (the Ned Baumer Aquatic Center, a joint use facility for the community of Mira Mesa through the San Diego Park and Recreation Department, as well as for Miramar College students.) Current City fees for use of City pools have made it hard for Hage Elementary School students to continue their educational swim program. Mira Mesa High School has had a hard time finding hours for its teams to practice at the pool, because Miramar College has taken a majority of the prime after-school hours for its use. Further discussion of the pool use issue is planned for the October meeting.

The Cluster Schools Council also elected new officers for the 2010-11 school year. Bob Turner, MMHS PTSA president, was elected chair, and Jennifer Kvalvik, who now teaches a new MMHS event planning class and continues in her role as community and business outreach coordinator at MMHS, was elected vice-chair. Joyce Gonzales of Hickman Elementary School continues as secretary.

John Daley continues as the Mira Mesa Town Council representative on the Cluster Schools Council.

The Mira Mesa Cluster Schools Council is made up of representatives from public schools in Mira Mesa, K-12, as well as from the Mira Mesa Town Council, Chamber of Commerce, and Miramar College. All meetings are open to the public. The group's meeting schedule has shifted this school year to meeting on the third Monday of the month (formerly the second Monday), from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the media center at Mira Mesa High School, 10510 Reagan Road, San Diego CA 92126. (Meetings in January and February 2011 will take place the 4th Monday due to holidays.) The next meeting will be on Monday, October 18.

Diwali Mela celebration Nov. 13

By Pam Stevens

Shri Mandir and the Indian restaurants in Mira Mesa's "Little India" square will host a free and open to the public Diwali Mela celebration on Saturday, November 13, 2010, from 3 to 9 p.m. Enjoy Indian dance performances and ceremonial entertainment on an outdoor stage. Food booths will have a variety of items for sale.

The Diwali Mela event will take place the weekend after Shri Mandir's Diwali services November 5th at the temple. Mira Mesa's "Little India," which includes not only Shri Mandir but also markets, shops, and restaurants such as Ashoka the Great and Madras Café, is located off Black Mountain Road between Activity and Miramar Road.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND SPECIAL DAYS

October is "Adopt a Shelter Animal Month"
October is "Family History Month"
October 2—"Peanuts" Comic Strip first published (1950)
October 3—Captain Kangaroo Day
October 4—Child Health Day
October 4—Sputnik I Launched (1957)
October 5—World Teacher Day
October 9—First Two-Way Telephone Conversation (1876)
October 9—Leif Ericson Day
October 11—Columbus Day (observed)
October 12—Columbus Day (actual)
October 13—Navy birthday (1775)
October 19—Thomas Edison demonstrates the electric light (1879)
October 30—Mickey Mantle's birthday (1931)
October 31—Halloween
October 31—Juliette Gordon Low's birthday (U.S. Girl Scouts)

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

1ST MONDAY / October 4	**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING (MMTC)** — 1st Monday (no meeting in July) except for September — Mira Mesa Senior Center — 7:00 p.m.
1ST TUESDAY / October 5	**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 / October 6	**KIWANIS, SCRIPPS-MIRA BRANCH** — Every Wednesday —Mimi's Restaurant — 7:00 a.m.
1ST THURSDAY / October 7	**STREET FAIR COMMITTEE (SENIOR CENTER)**—6:45 PM ; FINAL MEETING OF THE YEAR
2ND SATURDAY / October 9	**FIL-AM SR. CITIZENS ASSN** — 2nd Saturday — Mira Mesa Senior Center — 10:00 a.m.
2ND SUNDAY / October 10	**FAASDNC Meeting**—12:00pm—Mira Mesa Recreation Center
2ND MONDAY October 11	**Mira Mesa Town Council Board of Directors**—Mira Mesa Senior Center—6:45 pm
2ND TUESDAY / October 12	**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
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3RD MONDAY / October 18	**COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP—**3rd Monday **—**Epicentre Teen Center—7:00 p.m. **MIRA MESA CLUSTER SCHOOLS COUNCIL—**Mira Mesa High School Media Room—6:00 pm
3RD TUESDAY / October 19	**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.
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3RD THURSDAY/ October 21	**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 / October 26	**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. 6:45 PM
4TH WEDNESDAY / October 27	**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
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