February, 2011

Mira Mesa Town Council

Crime and Safety in Mira Mesa: SDPD Answers Your Questions

The January 15 edition of the Union-Tribune brought good news on the crime front: in 2010, the city of San Diego experienced the lowest number of murders in four decades, with a total of only 29 homicides. Of the nation's ten largest cities, only San Jose had fewer murders and a lower homicide rate.

Yet news outlets here in San Diego also bring us the troubling news of recent crimes in Mira Mesa. Late last year our community saw three shootings described as "gang related." On September 4, a young man stepped outside a residence on Martinique Way and was shot by two men who then ran away shouting "gang-related slurs." The victim died an hour later at the hospital, making him one of last year's fatalities. On November 25, a man was shot while standing outside a home on Bacadi Drive with his wife and child. Three men drove up to the family, issued a "gang challenge", shot the man then drove away. Lastly, on December 12, a man walked up to a couple standing outside of a home on Cord Lane, issued a "gang challenge" then shot both people.

The second week of 2011 has brought a rash of armed robberies in Mira Mesa. On January 6, a pedestrian was robbed in the 8300 block of Mira Mesa Blvd. On January 8, the same group robbed a pedestrian in the 8700 block of Westmore Road. The group struck twice on January 12—once in the 9500 block of Galvin Avenue then again in the 9100 block of Hillery Drive. In each instance, the group then used credit cards stolen from the victims to make purchases at nearby stores. Police have published security camera photos of the group of young men, all apparently between the ages of 16-20.

The crime rate in Mira Mesa is still far below many other areas of San Diego. That is why unusual activity, such as the incidents listed, garner so much attention. Mira Mesa is still one of the more desirable areas in which to live and we intend to keep it that way!

At our February meeting, representatives from SDPD's Northeastern Division (patrolling Mira Mesa between Camino Santa Fe and I -15), Northwestern Division (patrolling Mira Mesa between I-805 and Camino Santa Fe) and the Gang Unit will address residents' concerns and questions regarding crime in Mira Mesa. Crime trends, personal safety, and the Neighborhood Watch program will all be discussed.

We invite you to participate in this important forum, to learn what you can do to protect yourself and keep our community safe.

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Mira Mesa Town Council Meeting

Monday, February 7, 2011
7 - 9 p.m.

Mira Mesa Senior Center
8460 Mira Mesa Blvd

Agenda:

Crime and Community Safety - SDPD Northeastern and Northwestern Divisions, and SDPD Gang Unit

MMTC Membership Benefits

Coat Drive! Bring new or "gently used" coats to donate to homeless youth

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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.

2011 Mira Mesa Town Council meeting schedule:

January 3	**July - NO MEETING**
February 7	**August 1**
March 7	**September 12 ****
April 4	**October 3**
May 2	**November 7**
June 6	**December 5**

**** Sept meeting is on the 2nd Monday due to Labor Day**

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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 MMTC committees and community groups include:

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

Business Member of the Month
Chick-fil-A

Chick-fil-A arrived in Mira Mesa on June 24, 2010, celebrating their grand opening with a party atmosphere. People camped out in advance to win free food for a year, many of whom were clad in cow costumes and encouraging us to "Eat Mor Chikin!". And while this new addition to our dining choices has brought great food, great value, and great service, it also gave us a very special gift—franchise owners who have thrown themselves heart and soul into helping our community.

Since opening their Chick-fil-A location in 2010, Brent and Ashley Baillio have become an important part of Mira Mesa. They have participated in our major community events, from the Fourth of July parade to the Mira Mesa Street Fair. They frequently host events for families, such as the "Daddy-Daughter" and "Mother-Son" date nights. And they participates in numerous charitable drives, such as the stuffed animal drive to benefit Rady's Childrens Hospital and the current "Coat Drive" to benefit San Diego's homeless youth.

Please join us at the February meeting to meet and thank Brent and Ashley, and their fabulous staff. And don't forget to bring a coat donation - MMTC will be assisting Chick-fil-A by accepting donations of gently used or new coats at its February 7 meeting.

President's Message

By Ted Brengel, MMTC President

Well spring seems to be here already. It never occurred to me before but our weather is a lot like that of Anchorage Alaska… except in reverse. Kind of a temperate mirror image. In Anchorage they have a very short spring and summer which they celebrate enthusiastically, followed by a ridiculously long and cold fall and winter. Here in San Diego while we don't actually celebrate our ridiculously short fall and winter I have noticed people wearing clothes much like those worn by our distant Alaskan Neighbors—a celebration of sorts. I have to wonder if a person accustomed to the Alaskan climate over many years could even survive in San Diego.

So, it's time for youth sports organizations to kick off their 2011 seasons. I know that January brought us try-outs for Youth Baseball and Girl's Softball. I believe that there have been soccer try-outs as well. The activities offered by youth sports are of great value in making our community strong and I firmly believe that these organizations are a vital element of any community. For those who have not been directly involved I can readily understand how hard it is to see so much of our park space in use for these purposes and how all the sound generated by the games is sometimes not exactly what you want to hear. I refuse to call the sound of children playing an organized sport "noise" though. To me it is much more akin to music. I firmly believe that the benefits derived by all of us from youth sports programs, individually and collectively, vastly outweigh the costs. I urge everyone to join me in celebrating the vitality youth sports brings to Mira Mesa and join me also in honoring the hundreds of parents and sponsors whose tireless efforts and contributions make this all possible.

The fourth issue of *Mira Mesa Living* is on the street. If you can't get a copy let us know (issues@MiraMesaTownCouncil.org) and we'll see you get a copy. This issue reveals the artist who is painting all the street utility boxes, LeoAngelo Reyes, and discusses his work.

That's all for this month. Remember, if you have an issue, let us know at Issues@MiraMesaTownCouncil.org.

HEROES Makes A Difference for the Mira Mesa Library

By Bari Vaz

In this time of budget cuts, many of the everyday city services we took for granted are disappearing. Hours are reduced, and "deferred maintenance" becomes commonplace for city facilities. It often takes the work of involved and caring citizens to fill the void and make a difference in the community. On Saturday, January 22, such a group made a dramatic improvement at the Mira Mesa Library.

Mira Mesa HEROES - Hometown Efforts to Rescue Our Endangered Society - is a local 501(c)3 non-profit dedicated to improving the lives of Mira Mesa residents. HEROES Chairman Michael Davis organized Saturday's painting of the Mira Mesa library in response to budget cuts and service cutback that prevented the work from being done by the city. Along with HEROES, students from the Mira Mesa "Community Cares" program, employees of Arrowhead Water, and Rich Burns Painting participated in the effort. The volunteers were able to paint approximately 2/3 of the exterior of the library on Saturday morning, and will organize another volunteer day in the near future to complete the work.

Past work by HEROES has included painting of Fire Station 41 and Mark Twain High School, as well as clean-up and repair work at Woods Senior Mobile Home Park. If you know of an individual who needs some assistance, or if your organization would like to partner with HEROES on a project, please contact Mike Davis at mike.davis.sd@gmail.com.

Mike Davis of HEROES oversees a group of volunteers as they repaint the sign in front of the Mira Mesa Public Library.

Volunteers from Mira Mesa High School's "Community Cares" program paint the benches outside of the library.

Jerry Ollinger touches up the paint around the lettering on the Mira Mesa Library.

Preventing Vehicle Thefts and Break-Ins

By Ofc. Susan Steffen, CRO, Northeastern Division

From November 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010, the community of Mira Mesa had reported (41) vehicle thefts and (79) vehicle break-ins. The following tips help prevent vehicle break-ins, which could lead to theft of the vehicle itself or of property items from the vehicle.

- Park in open, well lighted, and populated area near your destination. Avoid parking near trucks, vans, dumpsters, and other objects that obstruct visibility and provide hiding places. Avoid parking near strangers loitering or sitting in vehicles.
- Park in lots or garages where you don't have to leave your keys.
- Park in your garage, if you have one. Don't leave your vehicle on the street, in an alley, or on your driveway. If you have to park on a street, avoid dark or isolated areas.
- Turn off your engine, rollup all windows, lock all doors and take your keys with you even if you are making a quick stop at a store or gas station. Close all windows and lock the trunk and hood.
- Don't hide a spare key in your vehicle.
- Don't leave your vehicle in an unattended public lot for an extended period of time.
- Install an alarm system and always activate the system when leaving the vehicle, even if you are parking your car in your own driveway.
- Lock your vehicle with the door lock button inside your vehicle instead of with your remote control. Thieves are now able to pick up the signals from your remote when you lock your vehicle with it.

Preventing Property Theft from a Vehicle

- Never leave any valuables in plain sight. Remove cell phones, audio systems, computers, packages etc. Lock them in the trunk before you park or take them with you. Thieves watch your actions after you park.
- Lock truck-bed toolboxes.
- Make several slices through your license plate registration sticker after it have been placed on the rear plate. If the plate or sticker is stolen, call the DMV (Department of Motor Vehicles) immediately to report the loss and get replacements.

If you are a victim of a vehicle theft or break-in, call the police immediately and provide a complete description of the vehicle and any property taken from it. Call **9-1-1** if the theft is in progress: otherwise call **(619) 531-2000** or **(858) 484-3154**, the Police Department's non-emergency numbers.

Crimes and Arrests for December, 2010

By Ofc. Adrian Lee, CRO, Northwestern Division

For the month of December, 2010, there were 26 crimes reported in western Mira Mesa I-805 to Camino Santa Fe: *(designated as Beat 931—Sorrento Valley on the SDPD Division and Neighborhood Map)*

7 Commercial Burglaries
1 Malicious mischief/Vandalism
1 Residential Burglary
1 Robbery
1 Simple Assault (Not Domestic Violence)
6 Thefts
6 Vehicle Break-Ins
3 Vehicle Thefts
1 Arrest for Driving Under the Influence

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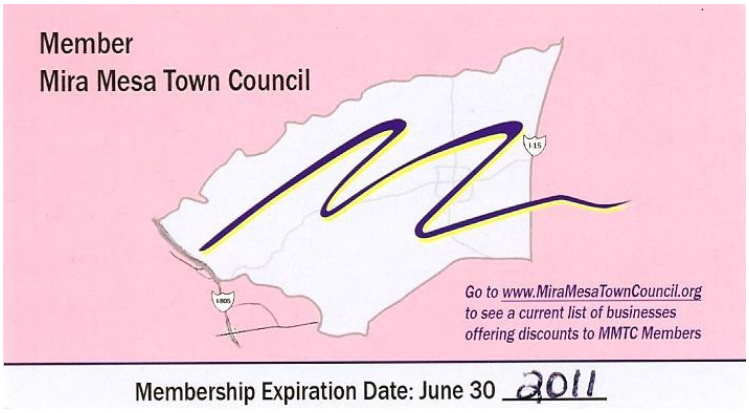

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Utilities
Fire hydrant open 619-515-3525
Gas leak 800-411-7343
Power/phone line downed 619-811-8081
Tree limbs in power lines 800-411-7343

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
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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, NE.....858-538-8120
Police Community Relations Office, NW.....858-523-7031
Suspected Arson 1-800-472-7766 (47ARSON)
Gangs 619-531-2847
Graffiti 619-525-8522
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February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 **Golden Friends** – 10 am, Mira Mesa Senior Center **Mira Mesa Maintenance Assessment District** – 7 pm, Mira Mesa Senior Center	*Groundhog Day* 2 **Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch** – 7:15 am, Mimi's Restaurant	*Chinese New Year* 3	*Charles Lindbergh* 4	5
Super Bowl 6	7 **Mira Mesa Town Council** – 7 pm, Mira Mesa Senior Center	*Boy Scout Day* 8 **Golden Friends** – 10 am, Mira Mesa Senior Center **Epicentre Oversight Committee** – call for information **Mira Mesa Women's Club** – 7 pm, Mira Mesa Senior Center **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	9 **Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch** – 6:30 am, Mimi's Restaurant **Exchange Club of San Diego** – 6:30 pm, Mandarin Garden Restaurant Fourth of July Committee - 6:30 pm, Mira Mesa Senior Center	10	11	12 **Fil-Am Sr. Citizens Assn** – 10 am, Mira Mesa Senior Center
13 **FAASDNC Meeting** – 12 pm, Mira Mesa Recreation Center	*Valentine's Day* 14 **Mira Mesa Town Council Board of Directors** – 6:45 pm, Mira Mesa Senior Center	15 **Golden Friends** – 10 am, Mira Mesa Senior Center	16 **Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch** – 7:15 am, Mimi's Restaurant **Mira Mesa Chamber of Commerce** – 5:30 pm Social, 6 pm Meeting, location varies	17 **Sr Center Board of Governors** – 2 pm, Mira Mesa Senior Center **Mira Mesa Theatre Guild** – 6 pm, location varies **Community Pride –** 6:30 pm, call for location **Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens Advisory Cmte –**7 pm, Penasquitos Adobe Ranch House **Black Mountain Democratic Club** – 7 pm, Mesa Village Rec Hall 1	18	19
20	*Presidents Day* 21	22 **Golden Friends** – 10 am, Mira Mesa Senior Center **Community Planning Group** – 7 pm, Vulcan Materials Office, 7220 Trade St, Suite 205 Banned Book Club—6:45 pm,, Mira Mesa Library	23 **Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch** – 7:15 am, Mimi's Restaurant **Exchange Club of San Diego** – 6:30 pm, Mandarin Garden Restaurant	24	25	26
27	28 **Mira Mesa Cluster Schools Council** – 6 pm, Mira Mesa H.S. Media Room					

Highlights of the January 3, 2011 MMTC Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Approval of Minutes from December meeting, by acclamation
- Installation of 2011 Board of Directors, sworn in by Councilmember DeMaio

FIRST PRESENTATION - "ROADMAP TO RECOVERY"

"Roadmap to Recovery", presented by Councilmember DeMaio

- Councilmember DeMaio discussed his proposal for pension reform. A copy of the "Roadmap to Recovery" proposal can be found at www.cleanupcityhall.com

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

City Councilman Carl DeMaio (John Ly)

- Call Councilman DeMaio's office regarding the location of potholes on your streets. Bari presented John with hubcaps collected from one pothole.
- Christmas tree disposal: John will see if we can get a spot in Mira Mesa for disposal of Christmas trees for next year, as Mira Mesa is the most densely populated part of the north city area.

State Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher (Sterling McHale)

- Chasen Bullock was introduced as our new representative from Nathan Fletcher's office.
- Budget ideas are being discussed now. Committee assignments for Assemblyman Fletcher include: Utility and Commerce, Banking and Finance, Oversight, Biotech, and Adoption.

County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price (Nadia Moshirian)

- Swearing-in of County officers will take place tomorrow.
- Puppies w/ears cut off have been adopted.

Congressman Brian Bilbray (Will Zasadny)

- Will introduced himself as the new representative from Brian Bilbray's office.

COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS

CERT

- Steve Glass announced that CERT needs a meeting place for the 10th of each month.

Theatre Guild

- Alex announced that their annual public meeting will be on January 20 at Callahan's. The business meeting will begin at 6:00 pm but if you would like to come and eat and mingle, be there by 5:30. Pam Stevens is the new community liaison for the Theatre Guild.

Friends of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve

- Their regular meeting is January 20, 7:00 pm. Pam Stevens reported that many of the trails are closed due to rain and storm damage. Please check the Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve website to see what trails are open before venturing into the canyon.

Shopping Carts

- Linda Lee, a teacher and community member is frustrated by the shopping cart situation. John Ly reported on Councilman DeMaio's efforts to work with Von's. Bari reported on steps the Town Council has taken in working with the stores and the retrieval service. Language barriers and cultural differences were discussed. Ms. Lee offered to get the word out through the school's e-mail system. The principal at Challenger would like the names of the students you see taking the carts or playing with the carts.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

- Jeff Stevens asked for volunteers to serve on a budget committee to come up with a budget for next year. Volunteers were: Chuck Sweet, Joe Frichtel, Jerry Ollinger, and Alex Nguyen.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m. for a membership social.

Next meeting Monday, February 7, 2011, 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.

What's New With Redistricting?

By Ted Brengel

Another month has passed and little has been done. The Redistricting Commission is still in the process of organizing themselves for what will come. We understand that the Census Bureau has released some preliminary data, but we have yet to see any of it. As a result everyone is still working with estimates.

Bari Vaz noted that the list of sites the Redistricting Commission was considering for their meetings did not include any in Mira Mesa. She readily corrected that and sent in a long list of public and private facilities that meet their requirements. They replied that they would consider them.

You may have noted in previous articles on this subject that there have been attempts in the past to split Mira Mesa into two communities: Mira Mesa and Sorrento Mesa. As we have stated many times before, MMTC sees this as a bad thing that will serve as a detriment to our community. We believe that it is in the best interest of all of us in Mira Mesa that we be in one (and only one) City Council district. Interestingly we have found that there are a number of people and agencies that refer to the western portion of our community as *Sorrento Mesa.* This serves to fuel the notion that there are two communities.

Note that there *is* a place called Sorrento Valley. If you proceed west on Mira Mesa Boulevard *past* Interstate 805 you will find yourself in the Torrey Pines Planning Area on Sorrento Valley Boulevard. This is Sorrento Valley. The western boundary of Mira Mesa is I-805.

The 2010 San Diego Redistricting Commission has a far more onerous task than most of its predecessors. Rather than merely adjusting the boundaries of eight existing districts, this new commission is required to add a ninth district and then balance the remaining districts to fulfill the same requirements as before. We are acutely aware that this provides yet another opportunity for Mira Mesa to be split among several City Council districts.

Each of you can help keep our community in one district. Whenever you hear someone refer to "Sorrento Mesa", stop the speaker and ask what area they are referring to. If the object of their comments is the western part of Mira Mesa, make sure know that it is properly called "Western Mira Mesa". Let's face it, the last thing we need is to have our own people dividing the community without realizing they are doing so. So, please help if you can.

School Board News

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

The School Board has been moving in the direction of giving more decision-making authority to local school communities. Principals were told to consult with their local communities about what they consider most essential for each of their schools. The parents and teachers have a better idea of what is needed than upper management. The Superintendent will submit a proposed budget early in February. The Governor has said that he wants to hold off on further cuts to schools, but it remains to be seen if he will be able to convince the legislature and the voters.

Now more than ever community involvement is crucial. Volunteer efforts abound in our public schools. Check with the schools in your neighborhood. Groups like Mira Mesa Heroes have also offered great help to our schools. Be sure to attend the Mira Mesa Cluster of Schools meeting each month to boost Mira Mesa schools. Whether or not we currently have kids in school, everyone in our community has a stake in our public schools.

Under The Hood With Tom

By Tom Derr, Tom's Master Mechanics

We are now enjoying the ravages of San Diego's winter – 70 degrees, now and then some rain and potholes. Life is tough here.

Let's go back to pot holes. We have some of the worst roads to drive on. With the city in a financial crisis, the roads are not being maintained very well. And somewhere out there is a pot hole with your name on it. You will find it, trust me. The big question is how much damage will occur when you do find it. There are some things that will tell you that damage has occurred; those are loss of control, swaying when turning, bottoming out when going over dips, bouncing more than once when going over bumps, vibration in the steering when driving slowly or over 60 mph, a dented or a bent wheel, bulges in the side wall of the tire and divots out of the side wall. A lot of these symptoms can be seen or felt, for others the vehicle will need to be lifted to check for damages.

In case you are a very skilled driver and miss all the potholes with your name on them, it would be good to have your vehicle's suspension checked every 6 months and have the alignment reset. This will give you better handling, tire wear, and most of all, better fuel mileage.

Happy Motoring!

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2011 MMTC Membership Benefits

By Maria Pankau and Bari Vaz

For 2011, the Mira Mesa Town Council has expanded the benefits for our Individual and Business members. One new member benefit for this year is the "MMTC Member Liaison". Have you reported a problem in your area, but received no response from the city department responsible? Are you continually promised that a problem (pothole, water leak, etc.) will be corrected, but the work is never done? Contact the "MMTC Member Liaison" at Liaison@MiraMesaTownCouncil.org, and we will contact that department on your behalf. This is a MEMBERS ONLY benefit, provided to you at no cost as a member of the Mira Mesa Town Council.

What are your member benefits?

Individual Membership:

- Monthly MMTC Newsletter
- Meeting e-mail reminders and notices of community events
- MMTC Member Liaison – assistance with unresolved problems involving city/county/state agencies
- Membership card providing discounts from participating businesses

Business Membership:

- Monthly MMTC Newsletter
- Meeting e-mail reminders and notices of community events
- MMTC Member Liaison – assistance with unresolved problems involving city/county/state agencies
- Your business listed on the MMTC website and in the monthly newsletter delivered to all members
- Attract new customers by offering discounts to MMTC members via new MMTC Membership Card
- Opportunity to appear as the "Business of the Month" at an upcoming MMTC meeting

Community Benefits:

Your membership builds a stronger Mira Mesa Town Council. A strong Town Council can more easily make the concerns of our community heard in matters brought before the city council or other authorities, and can represent Mira Mesa in meetings with city and county elected officials. Additionally, a strong Town Council is better able to be a forum for you to express your concerns and opinions directly to your elected officials, by having them in attendance at our monthly meetings.

Senior Center Serves Many Community Needs

By Gloria Supnet and Chuck Sweet

The Verne Goodwin Mira Mesa Senior Center and its organizations, the Filipino-American Senior Citizens Association (FASCA) and Golden Friends, provide numerous programs to serve the needs of Mira Mesa residents age 50 and above. Numerous social activities are offered, including Bingo, Game Night, Painting, Line Dancing, and Dining Out. Health and nutrition programs are also offered, such as Blood Pressure Screening, the Nutrition Program Lunch, and Bread Distribution. Additional timely events, such as AARP Tax Preparation, are also provided when needed.

Membership dues for FASCA are $5, and dues for Golden Friends is $15. Prospective members must be 50 years of age or older. Membership is NOT required for the Nutrition Program or for most activities. However, preference may be given to members if space is limited for FASCA or Golden Friends sponsored activities.

For additional information, please contact FASCA at (858) 271-9385, or Golden Friends at (858) 695-8669. A schedule of events is available on the Verne Goodwin Mira Mesa Senior Center website, at http://miramesaseniorcenter.org/events_schedule.aspx.

The Verne Goodwin Mira Mesa Senior Center was dedicated on November 22, 1986. Located on a parcel of land in the Mira Mesa Community Park, all funds for the building were raised by the seniors. The center was named for long-time Mira Mesa volunteer Verne Goodwin, the person who spearheaded the creation of the Mira Mesa Senior Center and the first recipient of the Mira Mesa Town Council's "Volunteer of the Year" award in 1984.

Mira Mesa Town Council
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Business/Corporation Name

E-mail Address

Address

Phone Number

Business/Cell Number

City

State

Zip Code

Date

Membership Type (please circle one)

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

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