November, 2011

Mira Mesa Town Council

Mira Mesa 2020: What Will Our Community Look LikeWhat?

Lately it seems that each day brings a new project or proposal for Mira Mesa. Housing, transportation, education—all have been the subject of debate and discussion in the city. And everyone has a plan: Regional Transportation Plan 2050, San Diego Foundation's "Our Greater San Diego Vision", California High-Speed Rail Commission.

Over the next few months, the Mira Mesa Town Council will be highlighting these changes and proposals to keep our members up-to-date on the future of their community. We begin in November with what is most likely the most visible of changes underway—housing. Several new developments are either underway or will be underway in the near future.

Join us on November 7 for a discussion of construction and housing in Mira Mesa. Find out what is being built along I-15 behind Best Buy, why the land is being graded along Calle Christobal at Camino Santa Fe, and what other projects are in Mira Mesa's future.

Challenger Middle School Wins Governor's Fitness Award

Challenger Middle School was recognized as the San Diego & Imperial Regional Award Winner in the 2011 Governor's Challenge Competition on October 13th. Executive Director, Kenny Rogers, presented an over-sized $5000 check to Principal Sheelagh Morgan, San Diego Unified Director of Physical Education, Health, Interscholastic Athletics Bruce Ward, Mira Mesa Town Council President Ted Brengel, and students at school-wide assembly for physical fitness equipment and a $1,000 gift card for school supplies at CVS/pharmacy. Congratulations Challenger students!

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Mira Mesa Town Council Meeting

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

Mira Mesa Senior Center
8460 Mira Mesa Blvd

Agenda:

Mira Mesa 2020

Business of the Month:

Target

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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 of the Month: Target

This month we want to feature a business that has demonstrated its community mindedness. The Target store located at the Mira Mesa Mall (the Mall is a Mira Mesa Town Council business member) has included in its latest renovations a feature which all Mira Mesa residents can appreciate—a shopping cart restraint system!

Target has incorporated this feature into their remodel at their own expense, to respond to community complaints regarding abandoned shopping carts in the neighborhood surrounding the mall.

Target now joins Walgreens on Camino Ruiz in a very exclusive club: there are only two stores in Mira Mesa with active cart restraint systems in place.

The Mira Mesa Town Council would like to recognize Target for their community-mindedness, and invite you to meet them at our November meeting.

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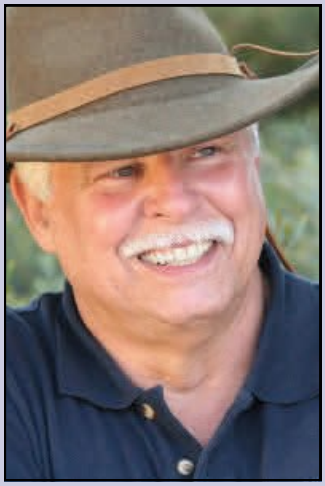
President's Message for November



Ted Brengel

Members! The first Monday in November (November 7) is your big chance to find out what is planned and what is being built in your community. We are calling the program "Mira Mesa 2020", and there is lots to tell. Who knows what is being built over there east of Westview Parkway? How about the construction at the intersection of Camino Santa Fe, Calle Cristobal, and Sorrento Valley Boulevard? Is there more? What about the streets and other infrastructure items required to support all the new people? What about our school capacity? Is that impacted as well?

Spread the word! The answers to all of these, and many more, questions will be provided at the next MMTC meeting. Please come to the meeting so you can ask questions. As it stands Bari Vaz, our 1st Vice President and the Chairman of the Mira Mesa Community Planning Group, Jeff Stevens, one of the best experts on Mira Mesa around, and myself, a ten-year past chairman of the Planning Group will lead the discussion. With any luck we will also have representatives from the firms that are building these projects in attendance as well.

Also, mark your calendars now for the December meeting. We are going to have some seasonal refreshments and hopefully, music from wither the MMHS Madrigals or the MMHS Orchestra. The only action item on the agenda will be selection of the Volunteer of the Year for 2011.

And speaking of the Volunteer of the Year, it's time to nominate the person you think best exemplifies a tireless volunteer. It only takes one person to nominate someone. All nominees will then be on the December ballot. Please provide names to Jon Labaw (jlabaw13@gmail.com), our Parliamentarian.

We are going to hold our annual officer elections at the November meeting, so please let us know if you would like to run for one of the offices. You can look at the list of current officers on Page 2 to see all the positions. Currently I am planning to run for reelection as is Bari Vaz, Maria Pankau, Jeffry Stevens, and John Labaw. Alex Nguyen has said he will run as newsletter editor. So we need candidates for the Secretary and the four member-at-large positions.

Turning to our last meeting, let me apologize for the parking situation at the Senior Center during the last meeting. It seems that the youthful enthusiasm of the youngsters at the Epicentre overcame their realization that they need to coordinate the use of the parking lot. As a result there were eight food trucks parked on their side of the lot, with most of the customers on the Senior Center side. This problem is being addressed now and will not be a problem next month.

Okay, one last time—November 7 and December 5—be there—you won't regret it!

Build Our Theater, Buy A Raffle Ticket

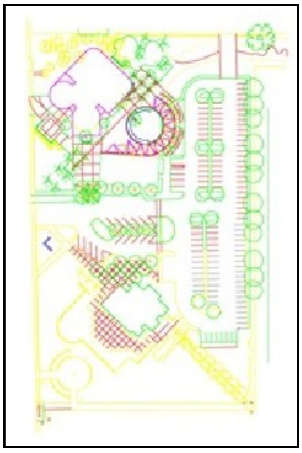
Mira Mesa Theatre Guild is raffling off an Apple iPad 2 to raise money to build a performing arts center in Mira Mesa.

Mira Mesa is the largest community in the city without a community performing arts center. With a population of 72,000 and growing, it is time that our community band together to make sure that we have a space of our own.

Raffle Begins: Sept. 17, 2011
Raffle Ends: Dec. 1, 2011
at 11:59 p.m.
Drawing: Dec. 2, 2011 at 7 p.m.
at our winter productions
Opening Night Gala.
Ticket Price: $10 each

To buy a ticket, send check or money order to:

Mira Mesa Theatre Guild Inc.
PO Box 261482
San Diego, CA 92196-1482



Artist's Rendering of future Mira Mesa Performing Arts Center

Mira Mesa High School Foundation News

By Esther Alameddin

Have you considered joining forces with the Mira Mesa High School foundation? Your membership does more than just grant you admission to school activities.

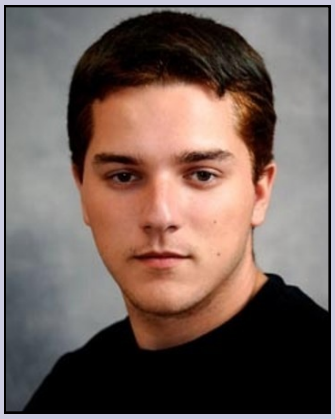
By becoming a member you have supported the Mira Mesa High School students by improving school site facilities, academic, athletic and other on campus programs. The organization is also being established to support campus organizations in all areas of school including the arts, band and other extra-curricular programs.

Once you enroll, Each star on your membership card entitles you to free admission tickets to any of several MMHS Sporting Events.

Please mark your calendars now for our 7th Annual Taste of Mira Mesa, to be held on Wednesday, March 28, 2012. Look for more information online as it becomes available on our web site

Mira Mesa Theatre Guild's Trey Barkley Selected As "30 Under 30" San Diego County Leader

A love for the arts has inspired this leader to give back.



Trey Barkley, 24, is the director of Monster Manor, an all-volunteer haunted house in Mira Mesa. As the director, Barkley oversees dozens of local teens who put on the annual event each year.

Barkley, who is a full-time actor, said the project is his biggest accomplishment.

"I honestly think my biggest accomplishment is this haunted house," he said. "We not only help teens out by giving them community service hours and providing a safe and drug free place to be after school, but we also raise money for local nonprofit groups and charities."

In a time of significant budget cuts to art education, Barkley said he hopes to continue to oversee the project and encourage art education. On top of that, he hopes to one day own a coffee shop.

Advice for young people:

"To anyone looking to be a leader, it isn't about power or titles, but about teaching and showing support for the people you are leading. Also, don't let the little things get you down. There is a bigger picture to look at.

(Article courtesy of the LaMesa Patch)

Mira Mesa Presbyterian Christmas Bazaar November 12th

The Mira Mesa Presbyterian Church is holding its annual Heavenly Hands Crafts Bazaar on Saturday, November 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 8081 Mira Mesa Blvd in Mira Mesa (SW corner of Reagan Rd and Mira Mesa Blvd). A wide selection of handmade arts, crafts and baked goods will be available along with a drawing for a beautiful handmade quilt with a Christmas theme and a framed cross-stitch of the Praying Hands. food, drinks and entertainment will be provided. Proceeds will be used to benefit community needs.

For more information call Patrick or Mary Jane Hubbard at 858-271-0194.

What Would Midyear State Budget Cuts Mean For San Diego Schools

John Lee Evans
Vice President,
Board of Education

We have started off this year with an enthusiastic and motivated group of teachers and students. We must continue the steady achievement gains in our San Diego schools, including our local MM schools.

However, balancing our budget each year has become increasingly difficult with the reduced funds from the state. This year we started our school year with 1,000 fewer employees and millions of dollars of program cutbacks. We had to budget so tightly that a few weeks into the school year we have had to move teachers and change class configurations to fit the exact number of students. This is hard on teachers and kids, but we do not have money for any teachers above the tightly budgeted amount.

Due to continued cuts by the state we will face even bigger challenges next year. We must consider closing several schools, selling properties for basic operating costs and asking our unions for major concessions. We will do what it takes to keep our schools operating in these difficult economic times.

While making these cuts each year is painstaking, making cuts in the *middle* of the year is impossible. Unfortunately, when the legislators passed the 2011-2012 budget, they made a very optimistic projection of an extra $4 billion of revenue. If that extra revenue does not miraculously appear, there are automatic cuts to our schools in the middle of the year.

We cannot remove a first grade teacher from a classroom in the middle of the year or drop courses for seniors in their last year. Even our custodians are already down to cleaning the classrooms only once every three days.

If the midyear education cuts are allowed by the Governor and legislature, we will be forced to use every emergency reserve dollar left to finish out the year. The Superintendent has announced that this will push us to the brink of insolvency for the next year. Insolvency is when the state gives us less money than is needed to carry out the educational programs that we are required by the state and federal government to provide. All of the salary rollbacks, school closures, property sales, program cuts and layoffs will not be enough.

We as a state keep kicking the can down the road. Now we are near the end of the road. Are we as San Diegans and Californians willing to pay what it takes to keep our schools running? We've done our part in cutting. Now it's time to look at the revenue side. We need to decide through our elected legislature how much we value education for our kids.

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
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Animal, dead 858-492-5060
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Animal manure (dog) 619-338-2283
Animal, rodents/rats 858-694-2888
Building abandoned or dangerous 619-236-5500
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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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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
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Gangs 619-531-2847
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November 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	**2** **Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch** – 7:15 am, Mimi's Restaurant	**3**	**4**	**5** **Fil-Am Sr. Citizens Assn** – 10 am, Mira Mesa Senior Center
6 **FAASDNC Meeting** – 12 pm, Mira Mesa Recreation Center	**7**	***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	***10***	**11**	***12***
13	***14*** **Mira Mesa Town Council Board of Directors** – 6:00 pm, Mira Mesa Senior Center **Mira Mesa Town Council**—7pm, Mira Mesa Senior Center	**15** **Mira Mesa Chamber of Commerce**—7:00 am; check website for location **Golden Friends** – 10 am, Mira Mesa Senior Center	**16** **Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch** – 7:15 am, Mimi's Restaurant	***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 **Black Mountain Democratic Club** – 7 pm, Mesa Village Rec Hall 1	**18**	***19***
20	***21*** **Mira Mesa Community Planning Group** – 7 pm, Vulcan Materials Office, 7220 Trade St, Suite 205	**22** **Golden Friends** – 10 am, Mira Mesa Senior Center	**23** **Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch** – 7:15 am, Mimi's Restaurant **Exchange Club of San Diego** – 6:30 pm, Mandarin Garden Restaurant **Mira Mesa Banner District** – 6:30 pm, location TBD	**Thanksgiving** **24**	**25**	**26**
27	**28** **Mira Mesa Cluster Schools Council** - 6 pm, Mira Mesa High School Media Room	**29** **Golden Friends** – 10 am, Mira Mesa Senior Center Banned Book Club—6:45 pm, Mira Mesa Library	**30** **Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch** – 7:15 am, Mimi's Restaurant			

Highlights of the October 3, 2011 MMTC Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Approval of Minutes from September meeting, by acclamation
- Recognition of our "Business of the Month" - Monster Manor

POLICE AND FIRE REPRESENTATIVES

San Diego Police Department

- Northeastern Division - No one in attendance
- Northwestern Division - No one in attendance

San Diego Fire Department

- No one in attendance

PRESENTATION—MIRA MESA SCHOOLS

- Scott Giusti, Mira Mesa High School
  Superintendant Bill Kowba visited the school; first time a superintendant visited MMHS
  API scores went up from 823 to 846, 4 pts behind La Jolla; Graduation rates between 97 - 99%
  Will finalize grant with Bill Gates Foundation in November
- John Lee Evnas
  Community schools emphasize local community input in the schools; Mira Mesa has already been doing this with the principals working together.
  Progress on Salk - going along with Bilbray on bureaucratic hurdles; will meet with Feinstein on Wednesday.
  Shirley Wilson is the new Superintendent for Mira Mesa
- Eric Takeshita—Principal, Hage Elementary
  Strong connection with community members to build academic program; API went up 14 pts, trying to be 900
  Fall Festival will be October 21
- Deidre Hardson - Principal, Mason Elementary
  Strong math program; highest performance in Mira Mesa.
  Strong elective program: computer, dance, music
  API score 865, 40% ESL students
- Maria Gomez - Principal, Ericson Elementary
  Excited to grow staff by 1 position; API 914, doing well academically. All pro dads, getting together once a month.
- Liz Sloan - Vice principal, Wangenheim Middle School
  Hiring a principal; previous principal left for a position at the district.
  One teacher honored by Qualcomm as a Teacher of the Year; Band/choir top in state. API 839
- Seelagh Moran - Principal, Challenger Middle School
  API 878, moved all students to 800; enrollment is down.
  Received 100K through Title I.
- Rochelle Dawes– Principal, Walker Elementary
  Enrollment down to 560; API 816. New program, K-2: dance, drama, literature; 2-5: dance, drama & science.
  Superintendant visited for the first time.
- Tracy Perrault—Teacher, Hickman Elementary
  API rose 3 points; no loss of teachers this year.
- Lark Mayeski - Principal, Christ the Cornerstone
  Small student/teacher ration; great after school clubs.

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

City Councilman Carl DeMaio (John Ly)

- Library fund, as of today has 7 mil, needs 25 mil by January
- Council voted 5-3 for managed competition
- Police officer passed away in Mira Mesa on I-15 last Saturday; married with two children
  Donations: SDPOA.org
- Path to Prosperity Town Hall—November 4 at Gen Probe, 8:30 to 11:30

Mayor Jerry Sanders (Nancy Guidino)

- Mayor established Business Resource Center downtown; 1-stop shop for business about opportunities available for contracts with the city. Just opened—looking for input.
- Plaza de Panama tour is every 3rd Saturday from 10:30—11:30; meet by Museum of Man.

Congressman Brian Bilbray (Will Zasadny)

- November 5 food drive in Del Mar
- House went into session, will be looking at job plan.

Minutes—continued

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Treasurer's Report
  9K from Street Fair this year. 13K in checking and 21K in savings.
- Banner District Committee
  Received 6K from Pam Slater-Price for banners
- Street Fair Committee
  Jeff announced that remaining t-shirts are "up for grabs"

COMMUNITY GROUP REPORTS

- Rec Council, Joe Frichtel - Meeting at Lopez Ridge on Tuesday
- Halloween Carnival, Chuck Sweet - Carnival asked for a $500 donation from MMTC. Motion by Joe Frichtel, seconded by John Labaw; motion passed

Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m.

Next meeting Monday, November 7, 2011, 7 PM,
Mira Mesa Senior Center;
Board meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at the Senior Center at 6:45 PM.

RSVP Needs You!

RSVP is always recruiting new members. If you are retired or semi-retired and can't decide how and when you want to volunteer, please contact RSVP. RSVP is an easy choice: drive or ride around the neighborhoods---what could be easier? In October our volunteers logged in over 1,165 hours! Remember**:**
You'll take more away than you give.

We also need monetary donations. If you can donate money instead of time, that would be greatly appreciated.

Can you spare 3 ½ days a month? You must have a valid California driver's license, be 50 years or older, go through a background check, and attend a 40 hour training session. For more information and to get started, please contact the RSVP administrator John Sunde, at 538-8156 o r jsunde@pd.sandiego.gov.

2011 Volunteer of the Year Nomination Form

Deadline for submissions is November 10, 2011

Votes will be cast at the December Town Council Meeting – 12/5/2011

Please refer to the November newsletter or the Mira Mesa Town Council web site http://www.miramesatowncouncil.org for more information about the Volunteer of the Year tradition.

Please mail or email your nomination information below to:

Mira Mesa Town Council
PMB 230
10606-8 Camino Ruiz
San Diego, CA 92126
jeffstev@san.rr.com

We will contact you for details regarding your nominee.

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Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Your Phone: _____ ***Your email:*** _____

I would like to nominate: _____

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Organizations to which the nominee belongs: _____

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Nominee's Address: _____

Nominee's Phone or email: _____

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I nominate this individual as the 2011 Volunteer of the Year because: _____

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Mira Mesa Volunteer of the Year 2011 Nomination Due

By Pam 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 exact date of the annual Mira Mesa Volunteer of the Year Dinner has varied over the years. Recently, MMTC members have voted in December or January to select a Mira Mesa Volunteer of the Year for the preceding year, and the Volunteer of the Year Dinner has been held in late winter or early spring.

2010 Volunteer of the John Sunde was honored at a dinner in April 2011. The annual dinner is also a fundraiser for MMTC's Verne Goodwin Scholarship Fund, which awards college scholarships to graduating high school seniors who have been involved with community service. Contributions to the MMTC Scholarship Fund in honor of the Volunteer of the Year are encouraged.

Mira Mesa Town Council members and the community at large are now invited to submit their nominations for the 2011 Mira Mesa Volunteer of the Year. (See nomination form in the November newsletter or download it from MMTC website.) The due date is November 10, 2011 (Thursday after the November MMTC meeting). Mail or email your nominations to Jeff Stevens (jeffstev@san.rr.com), or return your nomination form in person at the MMTC meeting.

Brief biographies of nominees will be published in the December 2011 MMTC newsletter. MMTC members will vote to select the 2011 Mira Mesa Volunteer of the Year at the December MMTC meeting on Monday, December 5, 2011.

The Volunteer of the Year need not be a Mira Mesa Town Council member, but should be 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.

In February 1995 MMTC members adopted standing rules for the "Volunteer of the Year" award specifying that MMTC policy would be to have MMTC members vote on Volunteer of the Year nominees submitted by members and the public. Prior to that, the MMTC Board made the selection from submitted nominations, except for 1989, when a vote of the membership was held. In addition, the rules adopted in 1995 stated that MMTC policy would be to select only one Volunteer of the Year and to not select an honoree who has previously been Volunteer of the Year.

Mira Mesa Women's Club to host Mira Mesa author talk by Pam Stevens Nov 15

What was Mira Mesa like when the community was new in the early 1970s? Pam Stevens, author of Mira Mesa, a photo history book in the Images of America series published by Arcadia Press, will speak about Mira Mesa's history and sign copies of her book at the Mira Mesa Women's Club meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 15, 7 PM at the Verne Goodwin Mira Mesa Senior Center, 8460 Mira Mesa Blvd. The public is welcome to attend. For more information about MMWC see www.mmwomensclub.com.

MIRA MESA TOWN COUNCIL—ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Primary Member/Contact Name

Companion Member Name(s)

Business/Corporation Name

E-mail Address

Address

Phone Number

City

State/Zip Code

Business/Cell Number

Date

Membership Type (Circle Choices):

Individual Companion Senior/Military/Student Corporate/Business Combined MMTC/MMCC (Corporate/Non-Profit Only)

Rates (annual membership begins July 1 and ends June 30):

Join Between:	Individual	Companion/Senior Military/Student	Corp/Bus	Corp/Bus Joint MMCC	Non-Profit Joint MMCC
May 15 - Aug 14	$20.00	$10.00	$50.00	$150.00	$90.00
Aug 15 - Nov 14	$15.00	$7.50	$37.50	$112.50	$67.50
Nov 15 - Feb 14	$10.00	$5.00	$25.00	$75.00	$45.00
Feb 15 - May 14	$5.00	$2.50	$12.50	$56.25	$22.50

If you choose a joint membership with the Mira Mesa Chamber of Commerce, you will be contacted to provide additional information required for your Chamber application.

Joint memberships are restricted to Corporation/Business or Non-Profit organizations.

Any resident, business, or non-profit may joint the Mira Mesa Town Council; members with addresses outside the Mira Mesa Community will be non-voting associate members. The Mira Mesa Town Council is a non-profit volunteer organization. Membership dues are used to defray the cost of operations such as printing and distributing the newsletter, maintaining the website (www.MiraMesaTownCouncil.org) and other approved council expenses.

Amount $_____ Cash / Check #_____ There will be a $25 fee for all returned checks.

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