# Mira Mesa Town Council Newsletter

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**Mira Mesa Town Council Meeting**

- Monday, Sept. 10, 2012
  7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
  Mira Mesa Senior Center
  8460 Mira Mesa Blvd

**Agenda:**

- School Board District A Candidate Forum

**Business of the Month:**

- XXXXXXXXXX

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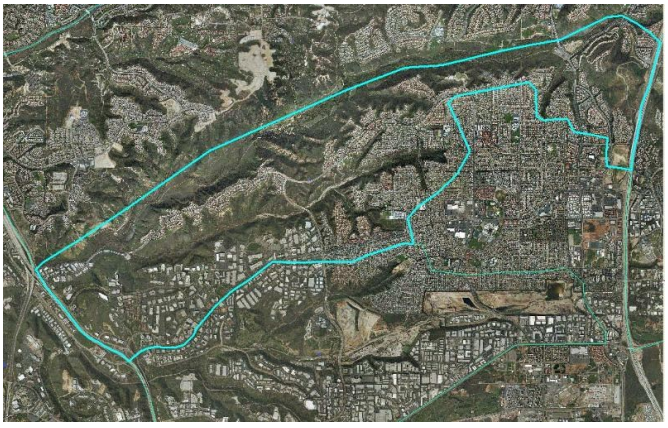
## Brush Fire Management Inspections Coming

The Fire-Rescue Department responds to hundreds of vegetation fires annually involving excessive vegetation not maintained by property owners.

In February 2008, the Fire-Rescue Department expanded its Proactive Brush Management Program City wide. Door to door brush inspections are being conducted of properties located within the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) areas for compliance.

Starting around October of 2012, the Fire-Rescue Department's Fire Prevention Bureau staff will begin conducting door to door brush inspections of canyon rim homes or homes that abut native vegetation in the Mira Mesa, Miramar and Sorrento Valley communities.

The purpose of the inspections is to assure properties are in compliance with the City's Brush Management Regulation. Property owners are required by the California Fire Code and the City of San Diego Municipal Code to keep their property free of any potential fire hazards at all times.



**Inspection area-8 (outlined) consists of approximately 1,655 homes that will be required to be inspected.**

For information on how to provide a proper defensible space and to assure your property is in compliance, can be found on the Fire-Rescues Departments website at: www.sandiego.gov/fireandems/inspections/brush.shtml

Check your local directory assistance or websites for potential landscapers or tree contractors. The Fire Rescue Department cannot provide or recommend landscape or tree contractors.

*(See **Fire** on page 9)*

## Mira Mesa Armed Robbery Suspects Still At Large

The gunman who robbed a Circle K store on Aug. 16 is still at large.

The suspect entered the store at 10502 Camino Ruiz just before midnight Wednesday brandishing a black semi-automatic handgun, said San Diego police Officer David Stafford.

He demanded and received cash from the clerk, then fled on foot, Stafford said.

He was described as a Hispanic man between 30 and 40 years old, 5 feet 7 or 5 feet 8 inches tall, and 160 pounds. He has brown eyes and was wearing a dark hoodie and dark pants, Stafford said.

This is the second such incident in Mira Mesa in August. In the early morning of Aug. 5, a man armed with a handgun robbed the 7-Eleven on Camino Ruiz. Police said the suspect demanded cash from the clerk at the store, on Gold Coast Drive at Camino Ruiz, at about 2:15 a.m. The robber then ran from the store.

The suspect is described as a Hispanic man wearing a black mask and black clothing.

Anyone with information about these cases can contact Crime Stoppers at (888) 540-8477.

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# *President's Message for September*

What an incredible community we live in! There is so much going on all the time that it is almost impossible to keep up with everything. Of course the next major MMTC event is the 2012 Street Fair. There is an excellent article in this issue about it in case you missed the one last month. I urge you to visit this wonderful event.

I want to mention two Mira Mesa groups that often go unnoticed by most of us — the Mira Mesa Community Planning Group and The Mira Mesa Recreation Council. The Planning Group has a mix of business and residential members on a 19-member executive committee, but anyone can be a member of the group and participate in meetings. Meetings are currently being held at Vulcan's Mira Mesa office at 7220 Trade St. Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month and start at 7 p.m. The planning Group reviews requests for changes to our community plan and other issues and makes recommendations to the Development Services and Planning Departments of the City. Most projects, large and small, stop first at the Community Planning Group for review. And while the Development Services Department with its legions of engineers, architects, and construction experts insure that all the technical aspects of each project are in order, the Planning Group provides a local "sanity check" on projects to insure that they make sense from our perspective.

The Planning Group has been studying the Plans for the apartment building construction, the Casa Mira View Project, near I-15 and Mira Mesa Boulevard, and Stone Creek, the project that will turn the Carroll building materials mine into a thriving part of our community, among others. If you have any questions about construction or planning in Mira Mesa, I recommend you attend a meeting of the Community Planning Group.

The Recreation Council oversees Mira Mesa's recreation needs. This is no small task in a community of nearly 75,000 people. And while the San Diego Park and Recreation Department does a fine job in general, there are many local concerns that the Rec Council brings to its attention to insure that our parks and playgrounds continue to meet our needs. One thing that Mira Mesa residents should be aware of is that Mira Mesa is far short of the city-mandated active-use recreational space based upon our population. Because of this the Recreation Council always presses for more space and better utilization of existing space. An example of the Recreation Council's active intercession is the recent request for removal of recently planted trees from the active use area of Mesa Verde Neighborhood Park near Flanders Drive and Camino Ruiz. The Rec Council meets at the Lopez Ridge Park Meeting Room at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

Both the Planning Group and Recreation Council have much more going on than can mention in my short message. Let me leave you with this though. Both are vital parts of our thriving community and like all other vital organizations, they can always use new ideas and concerned people. I urge everyone to get involved as much as possible with these and other community organizations. More information is available on the MMTC website.

# Keeping Teachers in the Classroom for Our Kids

**By John Lee Evans**
**San Diego School Board President**

I was very proud this summer to announce an historic deal that cancelled the layoff of nearly 1,500 teachers. We owe a debt of gratitude to our teachers for agreeing to concessions to keep our teachers in the classroom for our kids.

Our schools in Mira Mesa will begin the school year with the same class sizes and a full curriculum, including music and art. We will also have the counselors and nurses we need to support our students.

In the previous budget cuts we had made deep cuts into administration and transportation and other non-classroom expenses. We wanted to protect the steady academic progress that San Diego Unified has been making for the past few years. But now we had to start looking at the classroom.

This year it became clear that Sacramento was not going to give us the basic funds we needed to operate our schools. The ballot measures in November would be too late to help for 2012-2013. We had to find a local solution and our employees agreed. The lesson of this summer is that we can find practical solutions at a local level when we work together.

Now teachers, parents, and district staff will unite to fight for our public schools being properly funded by the state. California currently ranks No. 47 in funding for our schools, a major shift from previous generations. I am committed to forming a coalition with other Board Presidents of the largest districts to advocate for our fair share of tax dollars from Sacramento. Education must be the top priority of our state.

In the meantime we are set for a successful start of the school year with all of our teachers in place and ready to greet our students. When school starts take a moment to thank a teacher for his/her service and sacrifice.

**A child dancing at the 2011 Mira Mesa Street Fair. Approximately 10,000 residents each year attend the fair.**

# Street Fair Fun for Everyone

**By Pam Stevens**

Crafters and other vendors, non-profit and business information booths, and food from around the world will be at the 14th Annual Mira Mesa Street Fair, hosted by the Mira Mesa Town Council, Saturday, Sept. 15, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Camino Ruiz between Mira Mesa Boulevard and New Salem Street.

Enjoy entertainment on two stages, a carnival, children's crafts and games, free rock painting for children sponsored by Vulcan Materials, and more.

There will be a new Street Fair attraction this year by Scripps Mesa District Boy Scouts on the dirt lot behind the Mira Mesa Library, the Boy Scout Wilderness Village showcasing camping skills and equipment, as well as other Scouting activities.

For a map of the Street Fair, a list of Street Fair vendors, stage schedules of performances on the Vulcan Music Stage or Garden Communities' Community Stage, or other Street Fair information, see the September-October issue of Mira Mesa Living magazine. Learn the latest details at: www.miramesatowncouncil.org

Find out about Mira Mesa past and present at the "big top" information booth with displays and volunteers from the Mira Mesa Town Council, Recreation Council, Community Planning Group, and Chamber of Commerce. Copies of *Mira Mesa*, by Pam Stevens, a photo history of the community in the Images of America series published by Arcadia Press, will be available for sale at the Mira Mesa Town Council booth.

Discover treasures at bargain prices at the Friends of the Mira Mesa Library's largest used book sale of the year (until 2:30 p.m. in the library meeting room.) Enjoy military displays, learn about emergency preparedness with CERT, or climb to the top of a giant earth mover for a bird's eye view of the Street Fair below you!

Any Mira Mesa Town Council members who'd like to help as volunteers at the MMTC community information booth for an hour or two during the day on September 15 are encouraged to contact Brandy Ludwick, brandy.lu @live.com , or Pam Stevens, pstevens@san.rr.com. All time slots from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. are currently available. Help with set-up or take-down is also needed. Sign up early for your choice of time!

In addition to crafters and other vendors, many local non-profit groups, schools, and businesses will have information displays. Visit the Friends of Los Peñaquitos Canyon Preserve and discover Mira Mesa's wild backyard! Meet live snakes at Tom Derr's Ecovivarium hands-on educational museum exhibit.

Is there someone you'd

*(See **Fair** on page 9)*

***The Street Fair food court will feature:***

***Egyptian Delights***

*Gyros*

*hummus wraps*

*funnel cakes*

*smoothies*

*Nachos*

***Las Carretas***

***Taco Shop***

*Tacos*

*carne asada*

*pollo asado*

***Quality Coast, Inc.***

*gourmet tacos*

*hot dogs*

*Sliders*

*grilled cheese*

***Muscle Beach Café***

*Sausages*

*hot dogs*

*Lemonade*

***Pupusas Express***

*Salvadorian pupusas (stuffed corn tortillas), Mexican drinks, Horchata, Jamaica, lemonade & sodas*

***InTents BBQ***

*tri tips, pulled pork, chicken, kabobs, etc*

***Yogurtland***

*frozen yogurt*

***Coastal Kona Ice***

*shaved ice*

*ice cream*

***Woody Wagon***

***Icy Treats***

*Hawaiian shaved ice*

*root beer floats*

*shakes*

***Finest City Kettlecorn***

*popcorn*

Monica Fung, Miss Mira Mesa 2012

## The Search for Miss and Miss Teen Mira Mesa 2013 Starts

**By Maria Pankau**

Monica Fung, Miss Mira Mesa 2012, and Morgan Sibley, Miss Teen Mira Mesa 2012, have been promoting Mira Mesa and all Mira Mesa events for the past six months and have been doing a terrific job at it. Morgan will also be representing Mira Mesa in the Miss Teen Greater San Diego Pageant to take place in early September 2012, we wish her all the luck in the world. Make us proud Morgan!

All good things, however, must come to an end and it is time to start looking forward to the Miss/Miss Teen Mira Mesa 2013 Pageant. The pageant will take place on the first Saturday of February at the Mira Mesa Country Inn and Suites located in Western Mira Mesa.

Pageant hopefuls must fit two of the following requirements in order to participate:

- Have lived in Mira Mesa for at least seven (7) years (must currently live in MM)
- Graduated from MMHS (Miss)
- Graduated from a MM

*(See **Pageant** on page 8)*

## Teen Center and Police Store Front Landscaping Progress

***"His hard work motivated others to get involved and pitch in to help improve the landscaping."***

**By Bruce Brown**

One day John Sunde, Scripps/Mesa RSVP Administer and 2010 Volunteer of the Year, had had enough. The exterior of the Teen Center looked so bad that he was embarrassed to have the public come to the police storefront.

The problem was that the irrigation system was broken in several places so when plants or trees were planted, they would die within weeks because of lack of water. In the winter when the rains did come the landscaping sprouted weeds everywhere. It was a mess.

So one day Sunde brought his tools to the storefront and started digging and repairing the irrigation system himself. Using his tools and his personal money Sunde worked week after week. If you had business at the Police storefront, you would see this 72-year-old man down on his hand and knees digging, cutting pipe and repairing the irrigation system. His hard work motivated others to get involved and pitch in to help improve the landscaping. Margaret Prouty put a landscaping plan together.

Ted Brengel and Bruce Brown approached the RSVP foundation, Harmonium, Mira Mesa Town Council and Vulcan material for some funding and

*(See **Landscaping** on page 8)*

Mira Mesans averaged 3.3 percent in charitable givings

## New Study Reveals How Much Mira Mesans Give to Charities

A new national study details the generosity in America's communities.

Mira Mesans in the 92126 ZIP code gave a median of $1,699, or 3.3 percent, per household to charity in 2008 and those in the 92121 ZIP code gave $2,358 or 3.4 percent, according to a study released by The Chronicle of Philanthropy.

The study was based on Internal Revenue Service records of Americans who itemized deductions. It gives ZIP-code level detail about the percentage of discretionary income that people gave to charity.

The study found:

States that voted Republican in the last presidential election are far more likely to be generous to charities than those that voted Democratic. The top-eight states in giving preferred John McCain over Barack Obama.

Utah was the No. 1 state in giving at 10.6 percent, with Salt Lake City as the most giving city. By contrast, residents in Massachusetts and three other New England states give less than 3 percent. New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Jersey and Rhode Island are the least-generous states.

Lower-income people give a far bigger share of their income to charities than the wealthy.

Rich people who live in areas with mostly wealthy people give a smaller share of their incomes to charity than rich people in economically diverse areas.

Regions that are deeply religious give more than those that are not. Two of the top 10 states — Utah and Idaho — have high numbers of Mormons, who tithe more consistently than other churches. The other states in the top 10 are all in the so-called Bible Belt.

**An artist rendering of Casa Mira View, a new housing complex coming to Mira Mesa.**

# Garden Communities Making Roads, Traffic Improvements

**By Dee Snow**

One of our newest neighbors, Casa Mira View and their developer Garden Communities, has been working to upgrade our streets and improve traffic flow in Mira Mesa.

You might have noticed the following traffic improvements in our neighborhood that have been completed by this developer. The intersection of Black Mountain Road/ Hillery Drive has been modified with a new right turn pocket.

The intersection of Westview Parkway and Mira Mesa Boulevard has been improved with the expansion of the left turn pocket on Mira Mesa Boulevard at the entrance to the Mira Mesa Market Center, a new triple-left turn pocket on southbound Westview Parkway to facilitate access onto I-15, and reconfiguration of the traffic signals.

A new traffic signal was installed at the project entry to the Casa Mira View project on Westview Parkway. This new signal will also provide signalized access to the new driveway to Hage Elementary School and Westview Park.

The parking lot at Westview Park was also repaved and reconfigured to provide for more parking spaces that also happen to be wider than city standards. Last, but not least, this developer provided the funding to CALTRANS to widen Mira Mesa Boulevard underneath the I-15 overpass.

Currently under construction in the neighborhood are intersection improvements to the northeast/northwest quadrants of the intersection at Gold Coast Drive and Black Mountain Road that includes a new right turn lane. A new four way crosswalk will also be added along with upgraded traffic signals to make the intersection more efficient for pedestrians and motorists.

Planned improvements for the area by Garden Communities include a new right turn lane at Black Mountain Road and Mira Mesa Boulevard. Also planned are intersection and median improvements on Mira Mesa Boulevard, east of I-15.

These improvements will include a new traffic signal at the Hibert Driveway. Among other things, this new signal will allow traffic to turn left into the Denny's, Holiday Inn Express and Scripps Mesa Shopping Center without having to make a U-turn at Scripps Ranch Boulevard.

In conjunction with this project, intersection modifications will be made to Scripps Ranch Boulevard and Erma Road that will include upgrading traffic signals.

We are very excited for these improvements and would like to welcome Casa Mira View to our neighborhood.

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**Mira Mesa Street Fair Sept. 15**

# September 2012

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | | 1<br>Story Time & Craft – 11 am, Mira Mesa Library<br>Zumba w/ Azi – 1 pm, Mira Mesa Library |
| 2 | 3<br>**LABOR DAY** | 4<br>Golden Friends – 10 am, Mira Mesa Senior Center | 5<br>Line Dance – 4:30 pm, Mira Mesa Library<br>Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch – 6:30 am, Mimi's Restaurant<br>Exchange Club of San Diego – 6:30 pm, Mandarin Garden Restaurant | 6<br>Mira Mesa Street Fair Committee – 6:45 pm, Mira Mesa Senior Center | 7<br>Khanh's Drawing Class – 4 pm, Mira Mesa Library | 8<br>Story Time & Craft – 11 am, Mira Mesa Library<br>Zumba w/ Azi – 1 pm, Mira Mesa Library |
| 9 | 10<br>Mira Mesa Town Council Board of Directors – 6pm, Mira Mesa Senior Center<br>Mira Mesa Town Council – 7pm, Mira Mesa Senior Center | 11<br>Golden Friends – 10 am, Mira Mesa Senior Center<br>Mira Mesa Women's Club – 7 pm, Mira Mesa Senior Center<br>Friends of the Library – 7 pm, Mira Mesa Library<br>Recreation Council – 7 pm, Lopez Ridge Rec Center<br>Black Mountain Masonic Lodge #845 F.& A.M. – 7:30 pm, Scottish Rites Center | 12<br>Line Dance – 4:30 pm, Mira Mesa Library<br>Exchange Club of San Diego – 6:30 pm, Mandarin Garden Restaurant<br>Mira Mesa Banner District – 6:30 pm, location TBD<br>Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch – 7:15 am, Mimi's Restaurant | 13<br>Mira Mesa Street Fair Committee – 6:45 pm, Mira Mesa Senior Center | 14<br>Khanh's Drawing Class – 4 pm, Mira Mesa Library | 15<br>**MIRA MESA STREET FAIR**<br>Story Time & Craft – 11 am, Mira Mesa Library<br>Zumba w/ Azi – 1 pm, Mira Mesa Library |
| 16 | 17<br>Mira Mesa Community Planning Group – 7 pm, Vulcan Materials Office, 7220 Trade St, Suite 205 | 18<br>Golden Friends – 10 am, Mira Mesa Senior Center<br>Mira Mesa Chamber of Commerce – 7 am, Hera Hub, 9710 Scranton Rd, #160, San Diego 92121 | 19<br>Line Dance – 4:30 pm, Mira Mesa Library<br>Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch – 7:15 am, Mimi's Restaurant | 20<br>Sr Center Board of Governors – 2 pm, Mira Mesa Senior Center<br>Mira Mesa Theatre Guild – 6 pm, location varies<br>Community Pride – 6:30 pm, call for location<br>Black Mountain Democratic Club – 7 pm, Mesa Village Rec Hall 1 | 21<br>Khanh's Drawing Class – 4 pm, Mira Mesa Library | 22<br>Story Time & Craft – 11 am, Mira Mesa Library<br>Zumba w/ Azi – 1 pm, Mira Mesa Library |
| 23<br>30 | 24<br>Mira Mesa Cluster Schools Council - 6 pm, Mira Mesa High School Media Room | 25<br>Golden Friends – 10 am, Mira Mesa Senior Center<br>Banned Book Club – 6:45 pm, Mira Mesa Library | 26<br>Line Dance – 4:30 pm, Mira Mesa Library | 27 | 28<br>Khanh's Drawing Class – 4 pm, Mira Mesa Library | 29<br>Story Time & Craft – 11 am, Mira Mesa Library<br>Zumba w/ Azi – 1 pm, Mira Mesa Library |

## Events of Interests

- **Sept. 8 — Author Signing, Meet Truffles — Pillow With a Heartbeat, Barnes & Nobel 1:30pm**
- **Sept. 8, Green Flash Brewery Treasure Chest Fest 2012, 12pm - 4pm.**
- **Sept. 15 — Mira Mesa Street Fair, 10am - 5pm**
- **Sept. 22 — Hickman Beautification Day, Mira Mesa HEROES**
- **Sept. 20, Author Signing, Gloria Harris and Hannah Cohen , Barnes & Noble, 6:30pm**

# Minutes From Last Month's General Membership Meeting

**CALL TO ORDER**

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Approval of Minutes from the April meeting, by acclamation

**TREASURER'S REPORT** — Jeff Stevens

- 4th of July will cost $5,000
- Street Fair Account $23,473
- Checking Account $6,569
- Savings Account $15, 800

**CANDIDATE FORUM**

- School Board Candidates Mark Powell (District A) and Marne Foster (District E) introduced themselves and presented their background, qualifications, and vision for the San Diego Unified School District.
- Miss Teen Mira Mesa, Morgan Sibley has entered the Miss Teen San Diego pageant competition. Morgan showed in her presentation to us her passion and enthusiasm to represent the Mira Mesa community. Joe Frichel made a motion for the Mira Mesa Town Council to pay Morgan Sibley's $350 Miss Teen San Diego Pageant entry fee. This motion was seconded by Chuck Sweet. The motion was overwhelmingly approved (16 votes in favor and non opposed).

**FOURTH OF JULY COMMITTEE** — Maria Pankau presented the 4th of July Parade awards for the following categories:

- Marching Team – Mira Mesa High School ROTC
- Commercial Entry – Authentic White Tiger Kung Fu
- Comic Entry – Strangle Hold
- Decorated Float – Praise Fellowship Kid Zone
- Car Club – Fil Am Cultural Group of San Diego, North County
- Decorated Vehicle – Scripps Mesa Fireworks
- Marching Band – Mira Mesa High School Sapphire Sound
- Overall Judges Choice – RC Realty

**COUNCILMEMBER CARL DEMAIO** — John Ly

- Made us aware of the upcoming city brush management fire prevention program; and that the completion date for the Carroll Canyon Road extension has been moved out to October 2013. John Ly fielded questions from the audience.

**ASSEMBLYMEMBER NATHAN FLETCHER** — Shea Benton

- Told us about a bill sponsored by Assemblymember Fletcher regarding highway safe call boxes. He announced the school supply drive for our local schools. For more information go to http://assembly-independent.org/. Shea Benton fielded questions from the audience.

**COUNTY SUPERVISOR PAM SLATER-PRICE** — Steven Hadley

- Made some safety announcements regarding the danger of hot weather -- "don't leave any living thing in your parked car." He also told us about how prescription drug abuse has become a serious problem in our county. He asked all of us to dispose of our unneeded prescription drugs at drop boxes around the county. The Prescription Drug Hotline is 877-662-6384. Steven Hadley fielded questions from the audience.

**CONGRESSMAN BRIAN BILBRAY** — Christine Pierce

- Told us about the Congressman's support of the Patient Choice Act and the current status of the Cross on Solidad Mountain. Christine Pierce fielded questions from the audience.

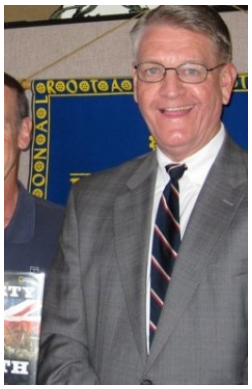
**GUEST SPEAKER** — Dan McAllister, San Diego County Treasurer-Tax Collector.

- He explained the process of how he and his staff, from the recommendations made by county citizens have made the paying of property taxes easier. Dan answered questions from the audience. For information regarding county tax issues please visit www.sdtreastax.com or call 877-829-4732.

**COMMUNITY GROUPS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Mira Mesa Theatre Guild (www.miramesatheatreguild.org) — Pam Stevens announced the performance of the play The Importance of Being Earnest a comedy by Oscar Wilde at Wangenheim Middle School the last three weeks of October. Auditions for this play are the 3rd week in August at a location to be announced.
- Mira Mesa Youth Baseball was awarded $12,000 from the County Board of Supervisors in recognition of their outstanding youth sport programs.
- The September 15th Mira Mesa Street has over 100 vendors already signed up.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**



**San Diego County Treasurer-Tax Collector was at the August meeting.**

**Chest Fest 2012, a benefit for the San Diego chapter of Susan G Komen For The Cure. The festival will mark the debut of 2012's Treasure Chest.**

## Green Flash Brewing Co. Hosts 10th Anniversary Beer Fest

Green Flash Brewing Co. is kicking off its 10th anniversary celebration on Saturday, Sept. 8 with its biggest beer festival of the year. For the second year in a row, the anniversary celebration, now called Treasure Chest Fest, is a fundraiser for local Susan G. Komen for the Cure San Diego.

The much-anticipated annual craft beer festival will feature a stellar lineup of the best from Green Flash, with limited, rare and specialty beers including: Silva Stout Bourbon Barrel Aged Double Stout, Sleepin' with Shaggy Brandy Barrel Aged Barleywine, Treasure Chest Belgian Blonde Ale, Goddess Coffee Double Stout (collaboration with Caffe Calabria), Little Freak, Super Freak, Vintage Le Freak, Highway 78 – Scotch Ale (Stone, Port Green Flash collaboration), Casks Tapped On the Hour, and more.

And as if the beer weren't enough — the brewery has developed a fun-filled afternoon featuring the best in San Diego's food trucks, a fleet of classic cars, sassy pin up gals in swimwear from local designer, Fables by Barrie, more than 14 vendors on-site featuring items to benefit the charity as well as samples to enjoy and Green Flash's signature festival games. All proceeds from ticket sales as well as sales of Treasure Chest 2012 beer will be donated to Susan G Komen for the Cure San Diego.

The event, which takes place from noon to 4 p.m., will take over the entire brewery parking lot and the tasting room will be open solely for beer to go, growler fills and merchandise sales.

Early bird tickets are available for $30 at Brown Paper Tickets as well as in the Mira Mesa Tasting Room. Admission will be $35 at the door. Cost of admission includes 10 Taster tickets and a commemorative glass. Must be 21+ to attend with valid ID.

***"More cobble, new trees and new signage will also be added to the landscaped areas in the parking lot."***

## **Landscaping:** Native plants are used to give Teen Center facelift

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we were ready to literally "rock 'n' roll."

On July 28, 2012 the first phase of Prouty's plan was accomplished. With the help from HEROES and volunteers from SDSU, UCSD and from Mira Mesa High School more than 50 volunteers helped hauled and placed 20 tons of cobble stone and rip out dead or dying plants and trees.

In the future, Prouty's plan calls for the planting of California native trees and plants throughout the exterior that will give the entire outside of the Teen Center a face lift. More cobble, new trees and new signage will also be added to the landscaped areas in the parking lot.

When the plan is completed, the landscaping should be something that entire community can be proud of and should tie nicely together with the new landscaping in the center islands on Mira Mesa Boulevard. We will keep you posted on the next time that you can help come and put this wonderful plan into place. As Sunde is fond of saying, "It takes a team" — we will need your help.

Thanks to all the volunteers that are making to happen. Special thanks to John Sunde, Mike Davis and HEROES, Marvin Miles, Steve Glass and Margaret Prouty.

**Morgan Sibley, Miss Teen Mira Mesa 2012**

## **Pageant:** Applications are available from now until Dec. 21

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middle school (Miss Teen)

- Currently attend a MM college, high school or middle school
- Have been employed by a MM business for at least one (1) year

Winners will get the chance to represent Mira Mesa in events throughout San Diego, receive a scholarship to use towards their continued education, the entry fee to the next level pageant (if they choose to participate) and various other gifts donated by community businesses.

Pique your interest yet?

Applications are due Dec. 20, 2012 and are available at the Mira Mesa Town Council website, miramesatowncouncil.org. If you have questions for our reigning queens, they are available at:

- The Mira Mesa Town Council meeting on the first Monday of every month (second in September) – 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- The MMHS Foundation booth at the Mira Mesa Farmers Market on the last Tuesday of every month from 3 p.m. to closing.

All other questions can be directed to pageant coordinator Maria at mgpankau@hotmail.com, be sure to write "Miss/Miss Teen" on the subject line.

## **Fire:** Defensible space a goal for Fire-Rescue Department

**Fire-Rescue Department requires 100 feet of defensible space.**

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It is the responsibility of the property owner to assure all brush management work is conducted within the requirements of the City's Brush Management Regulation / City Landscape Regulation 142.042: http://docs.sandiego.gov/municode/MuniCodeChapter14/Ch14Art02Division04.pdf

What a property owner can expect:

- A uniformed Code Compliance Officer with the Fire-Rescue Department's Brush Management will be inspecting the property.
- Because of an extremely high volume of inspections all initial inspections are unannounced.
- If no one is home at the time of the initial inspection or the property cannot be viewed from an adjacent property, the Code Compliance Officer will leave a door hanger requesting the property owner to contact the Fire-Rescue Department within 5 business days so arrangements can be made to inspect the property.
- It is the goal of the Fire-Rescue Department to minimize any inconvenience to the property owner. We will attempt to reasonably accommodate the property owner's schedule.
- All properties must be inspected; failure to contact the Fire-Rescue Department within five business days may result in legal action to gain access to the property.
- The inspections consist of evaluating all vegetation conditions within the property boundaries for compliance of the California Fire Code and the City's Brush Management/Landscape Regulation.
- If the property is found to be in violation and the property owner is home, compliance requirements will be discussed at that time. All Notices of Violation will be mailed to the legal property owner within 3 business days of the inspection.
- If the property is found to be in violation, the re-inspection date will be indicated on the Notice of Violation. Usually 30 days from the date of the initial inspection will be given to bring the property into compliance.
- If compliance is not achieved after the initial 30 days, the property owner will be given an additional 2 weeks to comply.
- A $300 non-compliance fee will be incurred by the property owner for the 3rd and subsequent visits.
- If compliance is not achieved after the third visit, the inspection will be forwarded to the City's Attorney's Office for abatement action to bring the property into compliance.

It is the goal of the Fire-Rescue Department to reduce the wildfire risk to the community by providing a proper defensible space. A proper defensible space allows the fire department time to arrive and space to fight the fire.

If you have any questions, contact the Fire-Rescue Department's Brush Management Hotline at (619) 533-4444.

## **Fair:** ROTC cadet volunteers essential to put on community event

**AFJROTC color guards at last year's street fair.**

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like to send to "jail" at the Mira Mesa Theatre Guild booth? There will be a dunk tank and face painting, both for a donation to the MMHS water polo program. Learn how the Mira Mesa/Scripps Ranch RSVP helps keep our community safe. Meet elected officials and candidates for office at their booths.

The MMTC Street Fair Committee meets at 6:45pm at the Verne Goodwin Mira Mesa Senior Center on the fourth Thursday of each month from April through August, and all Thursdays (prior to Street Fair) in September. The Street Fair Committee is chaired by Jeff Stevens; vendor chair is Jerry Ollinger; and entertainment chair is Alex Nguyen. Ernie Schnepf is layout master, and Jon Labaw is day of event chair. Brandy Ludwick is sponsorships chair and is organizing the MMTC's own information tent at Street Fair. Donna Carter and Pam Stevens are in charge of publicity.

MMTC president Ted Brengel is arranging for special "static" displays such as the earthmoving equipment and the military Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) unit. Jennifer Kvalvik coordinates with MMHS AFJROTC instructor Msgt Randy Crouch and the AF JROTC students who are essential volunteers assisting with set-up, take-down, and go-fers during the day at Street Fair.

Everyone interested in Street Fair is welcome and encouraged to come to meetings and help put on this great community event. For more information, email streetfair @miramesatowncouncil.org.

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