



Mira Mesa Town Council Newsletter

Mira Mesa Town Council Meeting

- Monday, Dec. 2, 2013
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Mira Mesa Senior Center
8460 Mira Mesa Blvd.

Agenda:

- Volunteer of the Year Selection
- 2015 MMMAD budget

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Volunteer of the Year Nominees for 2013

By Jeff Stevens

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

Tom Derr — Tom Derr has been an active volunteer with the Mira Mesa Town Council and other community organizations for many years. He served on the MMTC Board of Directors for two years, and has been chair of the Mira Mesa Maintenance Assessment District Committee for the last eight years. That committee controls a budget of \$800,000 annually that is used to improve and maintain landscaping on major streets such as Mira Mesa Blvd. He is also a member of the



(l-r) Tom Derr, Julius Hitchens, Maria Pankau, John Horst.

Mira Mesa Community Planning Group.

Tom moved to Mira Mesa in 1974. He was the owner/operator of Tom's Master Mechanics from 1981 until his retirement in June 2011. Tom joined the Automotive Service Council (ASC) in 1985 and served as treasurer.

In 1996, he joined the San Diego Herpetological Society, serving as treasurer and vice president for many years. Tom is well known for bringing his snakes to the Mira Mesa Street Fair and other community events. SDHS also brings reptiles to schools, especially those with at-risk kids, to spark their interest in learning.

Tom is co-founder and vice president of EcoVivarium, a non-profit Zoo looking for a home which will house all reptiles, amphibians, and some insects. He served as president of the Exchange Club of San Diego, a chapter of the National Exchange Club, the oldest national service club, whose national project is Child Abuse Prevention. Tom is chair of the Law Enforcement Volunteer of the Year event. In the summer, you can find Tom re-homing rattlesnakes that are found in people territory.

Julius Hitchens — Julius Hitchens has been involved with

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Dentists, Law Enforcement Team Up for Teddy Bear Drive

SmileCare has a new way to help children smile. Orthodontist Dr. Geoffrey Kopecky and the entire SmileCare team of specialists and general dentists are collecting stuffed animals for the San Diego Regional Law Enforcement Teddy Bear Drive to benefit the children undergoing treatment at Rady Children's Hospital.

The teddy bears are sure to bring smiles to the faces of children who are ill or injured.

From now through Dec. 6, Mira Mesa residents can drop off a new stuffed animal, with tags attached, at SmileCare Mira Mesa, 8997 Mira Mesa Blvd.

The Teddy Bear Drive was started in 1990 by Coronado Police Officer Brian Hardy. It's

grown to include participants from police, sheriff, state, and federal law enforcement agencies and local sponsors.

The drive hopes to collect more than 60,000 teddy bears to distribute to children at Rady Children's Hospital throughout the year. SmileCare is proud to be a partner to help the drive reach its goal.

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President's Message for December

I would like to open this month's President's Message with a BIG THANKS to Mike Davis and his band of volunteers. Over the past few weeks they painted a few hundred feet of walls along Mira Mesa Boulevard and took care of similar work at Sandburg Elementary School. While the labor was supplied by Mike and his crew, MMTC's paint fund provided the paint and supplies. If ever you feel the need to help beautify Mira Mesa you might think about doing so by making a contribution to this fund.

The holiday season is upon us and I am certain that everyone is as busy as I am. Please remember though that even in this joyous season there are some people in real need. Many relatives of our Filipino neighbors are suffering the effects of Typhoon Haiyan and a truly in need of our help. If you can spare a few dollars I am certain that those people will be very appreciative. At the next meeting of the MMTC Board of Directors we will discuss getting involved in relief

donation collections for the victims of this disaster.

On an entirely separate subject I am pleased to report that the Mira Mesa Scripps Ranch Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol is doing quite well. We now have 49 officers on active patrol. If you happen to spot one of their white cars with the yellow beacon on top in your travels please say hello. Their presence in our neighborhoods and shopping centers is a great deterrent to crime. And that reminds me, during the holiday season the RSVP officers will be doing night patrols in Mira Mesa Mall and at Mira Mesa Market Center. They will be assisting our sworn police officers in spotting suspicious activity and illegal parking in red zones and handicapped parking spaces. And yes, they do write tickets for those particular infractions.

Hopefully by now everyone has heard about our Mira Mesa Youth Football and Cheer Team that has done so incredibly well. The Q-Bowl, the final county-wide championship game is on Saturday, Nov. 23, so by the time

you read this it will be all over and they will either be the champions of the City or the runner up. In either case, however, these 12-year-old masters of the gridiron have showed teams all over the city what the game of football is all about. Most of their opponents weren't even able to score on them resulting in a trail of scoreless teams in their wake after very one-sided games. So win or lose on Saturday we should be very proud of these fine athletes and their superb coaching staff.

Please come to our final meeting of the year. I promise to get you home early, but at the same time you will get the opportunity to sample some fine goodies and listen to the sweet sounds of the Mira Mesa High School Madrigals. Above all I promise you time will be well spent as we wish one another a very happy holiday season.

And on that note I'll close while leaving you with the warmest thoughts and best wishes for a wonderful holiday and a very happy new year.

Important Numbers

GENERAL COUNTY SERVICES INFORMATION

2-1-1 San Diego 2-1-1

EMERGENCY SERVICES

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

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Police Community Relations Office 858-538-8120
Suspected Arson 800-472-7766 (47ARSON)
Gangs 619-531-2847
Graffiti 619-525-8522
Non-emergency crime 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/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

Vision 2020 and San Diego Unified School District

By John Lee Evans

San Diego Unified Board President

Vision 2020 for A Quality School in Every Neighborhood was the theme of the annual State of the District Address. A standing room only crowd filled Kearny High School Oct. 29 as a sign of the new found enthusiasm for public education in San Diego. It started this year by being named one of the top four urban districts in the nation based on student achievement.

Also included at the event was the inauguration of the San

Diego Unified Hall of Fame, patterned after a similar one at University City High and other schools in the district. It is intended to honor those who have gone on to succeed after graduating from San Diego Unified schools.

The First Inductee was Interim Mayor Todd Gloria who graduated from Madison High School. Even Superintendent Cindy Marten spent part of her school career in San Diego Unified. All of the members of the Board of Education are products of public

schools across the nation.

We have many future Hall of Famers in our schools. Vision 2020 is an ambitious plan to move towards a world class school system by the year 2020. It was begun in 2009 when the Class of 2020 was in first grade. Those same students started middle school this year.

We have met some of our goals. The Class of 2016 already faces more rigorous high school requirements to prepare them for both college and technical

(See *Vision* on page 10)



John Lee Evans

Mira Mesa Direct Access Ramp Reaches Significant Milestone

Work along the I-15 corridor continues to improve travel choices and transit services.

A significant milestone was reached in late October on the \$60 million Mira Mesa Direct Access Ramp (DAR)/Miramar College Transit Station project, as construction crews poured the concrete deck for the DAR. The new transit station and DAR will connect Hillery Drive in Mira Mesa to the Express Lanes.

This is the fifth DAR and transit facility on the I-15 corri-

dor and both are scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2014.

Progress is being made on construction of the new Sabre Springs/Peñasquitos Transit Station and is anticipated to be completed in the spring of 2014. View live construction images on our webcam or a simulation of the completed project. New bus shelters were installed at the recently upgraded Rancho Bernardo and Del Lago Transit Stations last month as SANDAG and MTS

prepare for the launch of the new Rapid service in the summer of 2014.

For more information on the I-15 corridor visit KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/I-15-Corridor

SHARE THE RIDE

Want to start a vanpool or find the right person to share your drive? iCommute can help! RideMatcher is a secure online tool to help you make a connection quickly and easily. Your personal infor-

(See *DAR* on page 5)

'Lend Me a Tenor' Cast Announce, End of Year Givings

The Mira Mesa Theatre Guild, Mira Mesa's non-profit community theatre group, is pleased to announce the cast of "Lend Me A Tenor":

- Max – Elijah Miller
- Saunders – Adam Sheldon
- Maggie – Cecily Keppel
- Tito – Geoffrey Cox
- Maria – Erkia Toraya
- Diana – Lauren Brooks
- Julia – Loie Gail

- Frank the Bellhop – Tyler Jiles

The show is directed by Tim Arends, MMTG's "Lend Me a Tenor" will be performed at the Wangenheim Middle School theatre, 9230 Gold Coast Dr., Feb. 7 – 22, 2014, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.

"Lend Me a Tenor," a comedy of mistaken identity set in the world of opera.

YEAR-END GIVING

Have you ever laughed? Cried? Scared out of your wits by one of our productions? Mira Mesa Theatre Guild provides this entertainment outlet for the community and without you, we wouldn't be able to exist.

You know that we strive for excellence in all of our productions, so think of us when you make your year end gift givings. We are your local community theatre.

**LEND ME A
TENOR**

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A student works on a motor donated by Toyota

Toyota Donation Revs Up Transportation Career Programs

Transportation-industry students at Clairemont, Crawford, La Jolla, Madison and Mira Mesa high schools were greeted this school year with a sampling of new drive-train drop-ins (motor, transmission and drive-train components) donated by Toyota Motor Sales USA, Inc.

This donation will provide for practical instruction and support the broad and challenging curriculum standards for the programs by allowing students to work with a variety of engine types.

Mossy Automotive Group, which includes Toyota dealerships, works closely with San Diego Unified programs and helped facilitate the donation.

"We at Mossy Toyota and all of our Mossy dealerships in San Diego have a very strong commitment to our public education, especially San Diego Unified," said Dale Snow of Mossy Automotive Group. "We realize we have an enormous responsibility to our community and our students. We have committed to use all of our available resources to

help improve the learning environment and provide the latest in educational materials and personnel support. Whether it's internships, equipment donations, or employee resources, we at Mossy stand by our schools and the bright future of our community."

On hand for the dedication Nov. 6 were Rick Shinkle, Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc.; Richard Lester, Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc.; Snow of Mossy Automotive Group; and Larry Englebrecht, Carl Kingsbury, and

(See *Career* on page 11)

Hage Elementary Nominated for Distinguished School Honor

A Mira Mesa elementary school has been invited to apply for the California Distinguished School award, according to the California Department of Education.

Hage Elementary School is one of nine San Diego Unified schools nominated for the recognition from the CDE.

In order to be invited to apply for Distinguished

School honors, schools must meet a variety of eligibility criteria including designated federal and state accountability measures based on the Elementary and Secondary Education Act and the Academic Performance Index requirements, according to the CDE.

Elementary and secondary schools are honored as

Distinguished Schools in alternate years.

Schools selected for recognition are honored as Distinguished Schools at regional award ceremonies where the State Superintendent of Public Instruction presents each school with a 2014 Distinguished School plaque and flag. Honorees will be announced in late March.

TransNet Turns 25, Continues to 'Keep San Diego Moving'



TransNet – the regional half-cent sales tax administered by SANDAG for transportation improvements and environmental conservation – turns 25 this year.

Over the past quarter century, TransNet funding made it possible for our region to expedite completion of numerous bus, rail, and highway improvements, as well as pay for bike and pedestrian projects, local street repairs, and open space acquisitions. Many TransNet-funded projects have been honored with

awards for excellence and innovation. To learn more about TransNet accomplishments and to take a photo tour, visit KeepSanDiegoMoving.com.

"By serving as the local matching fund, TransNet enabled this region to garner hundreds of millions in state and federal dollars to build projects that expand transportation choices," SANDAG Chair and Santee Councilmember Jack Dale said. "Even during the Great Recession when many projects ground to a halt, we were able to make pro-

gress and save taxpayers money by taking advantage of low construction costs."

San Diego County voters approved the original TransNet program in November 1987. Collection of the sales tax began the following April and continued for 20 years, expiring in 2008. In 2004 – prior to the expiration – the region voted overwhelmingly to extend TransNet for another 40 years. The original TransNet raised more than \$3.3 billion,

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Mira Mesa Tech Company Wins Gates Foundation Challenge

A Mira Mesa company was awarded a \$100,000 grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation as part of its Grand Challenges Explorations initiative. GCE grants fund innovative ideas to tackle persistent global health and development problems.

“Grand Challenges Explorations is designed to foster the most innovative ideas to save the lives of the world’s poorest people,” said Chris Wilson, director of the Discovery & Translational Sciences team at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Apex Medical Technologies is one of 11 winners chosen from more than 800 applicants in the foundation’s “Next Generation Condom” challenge.

“The undeniable, and unsurprising, truth is that most men prefer sex without a condom, while the risks related to HIV infection and complications of unplanned pregnancy are disproportionately borne by their partners,” the foundation wrote when it announced the competition.

Apex’s condom is made with collagen from beef tendon

to emulate human skin as much as possible.

“A lot of people are trying to get stronger and thinner material — that was always my focus,” team member Mark McGlothlin told the Huffington Post. “But the texture of collagen is very much like the mucous membrane: The feel of it, the heat transfer of it, and to the touch, it feels very much like skin.”

Apex has 12 to 18 months to develop its design, afterward the foundation will award \$1 million to the most promising condom.



Apex Medical Technology’s male condom made with collagen fibrils that provide a hydrated micro-rough skin-like surface texture to facilitate heat transfer and produce a more natural sensation.

Standard and Poor's Affirms County's Top Bond Rating

One of the nation’s major credit rating agencies has once again issued the County of San Diego its highest possible rating for general creditworthiness: AAA.

Standard & Poor’s this month affirmed the rating using new criteria designed to increase the transparency, rigor and specificity of the process.

Another goal was to enhance the “comparability of our ratings through a clear, coherent and globally consistent criteria

framework,” according to a recent S&P report.

This isn’t the first time S&P has issued its highest rating to the County. The agency has consistently given AAA ratings to the County for general creditworthiness since Sept. 2008, most recently in May of this year.

The ratings reflect the County’s ongoing financial strength and help significantly save money when it comes to borrowing.

“Everyone benefits from

these ratings,” said Board of Supervisors Chairman Greg Cox. “The County, and therefore taxpayers, save tremendous amounts of money, which helps us get critical infrastructure projects done for less, and we can continue providing the range of quality services we all rely on. It’s a testament to our disciplined fiscal policies.”

In releasing its findings, S&P described the County’s economy as “very strong,” “bolstered by a

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DAR: iCommute program is an easy way to carpool to work

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mation remains private until you accept a request to ride-match. Use your work email address to easily ride-match with co-workers.

If you already use an alternative way to get to work besides driving alone, make sure you’re taking advantage of these other great iCommute programs.

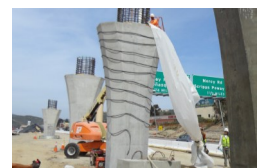
- The Guaranteed Ride Home program assures that

you are not stranded at work. Think of it as a built-in safety net and your ticket home. It’s a free service that can be used in case of illness or emergency, unscheduled overtime, or if your rideshare partner is unavailable. So if your commute includes carpooling, vanpooling, or taking an Express Bus, this program is for you!

- Log your alternative commute trips in TripTracker to measure savings — both to

your wallet and the planet — and be automatically entered to win monthly prize drawings. It’s a habit that’s good for you and our region!

RideMatcher, Guaranteed Ride Home, and TripTracker are just a few services offered by iCommute, your gateway to commute choices in the San Diego region. To sign up for a free iCommute account and for more information visit 511sd.com/iCommute



Mira Mesa Direct Access Ramp (DAR)/ Miramar College Transit Station project.



The Mira Mesa Girl Scout Troop 8416 will be in Barnes & Noble caroling a selection of holiday tunes on Saturday, December 7 from 1:00-3:00 pm.

Events of Interest

To all Mira Mesa residents, businesses, churches, schools and social service agencies:

Mira Mesa offers a wealth of diverse social, educational and cultural events we can all learn from and enjoy with our families and friends. In an effort to promote what's going on "Around Mira Mesa" in future newsletters The Mira Mesa Town Council Newsletter would like to hear from you about future events with dates and times and contact information.

Please send all Mira Mesa event information to newsletter @MiraMesaTownCouncil.org by the 10th of each month, or two months ahead of the event taking place in order to give Mira Mesa residents time to take interest and plan on attending your event.

Thank you in advance for helping to create stronger neighborhood bonds!

December 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <u>Mira Mesa Town Council</u> – 7pm, Mira Mesa Senior Center <u>Crafts with Kim</u> – 1pm, Mira Mesa	3 <u>Golden Friends</u> – 10 am, Mira Mesa Senior Center	4 <u>Line Dance</u> – 4:30 pm, Mira Mesa Library <u>Mira Mesa Homework Helpers</u> – 6pm, Mira Mesa	5 CHANUKAH ENDS <u>Teen Writing Club</u> – 4pm, Mira Mesa Library	6 <u>Pastel Drawing with Joseph Nyiri</u> – 4pm, Mira Mesa Library	7 <u>Kathak Dance Classes</u> – 10 am, Mira Mesa Library <u>Zumba w/ Azi</u> – 1 pm, Mira Mesa Library
8	9 <u>Mira Mesa Town Council Board of Directors</u> – 6pm, Mira Mesa Senior Center <u>Crafts with Kim</u> – Mira Mesa Library	10 <u>Golden Friends</u> – 10 am, Mira Mesa Senior Center <u>Mira Mesa Women's Club</u> – 7 pm, Mira Mesa Senior Center <u>Friends of the Library</u> – 7 pm, Mira Mesa Library <u>Black Mountain Masonic Lodge #845 F & A.M.</u> – 7:30 pm, Scottish Rites Center	11 <u>Line Dance</u> – 4:30 pm, Mira Mesa Library <u>Exchange Club of San Diego</u> – 6:30 pm, Mandarin Garden Restaurant <u>Mira Mesa Banner District</u> – 6:30 pm, location TBD <u>Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch</u> – 7:15 am, Mimi's Restaurant	12	13 <u>Khanh's Drawing Class</u> – 4 pm, Mira Mesa Library	14 <u>Kathak Dance Classes</u> – 10 am, Mira Mesa Library <u>Zumba w/ Azi</u> – 1 pm, Mira Mesa Library
15	16 <u>Mira Mesa Community Planning Group</u> – 7 pm, Vulcan Materials Office, 7220 Trade St, Suite 205 <u>Crafts with Kim</u> – Mira Mesa Library	17 <u>Golden Friends</u> – 10 am, Mira Mesa Senior Center <u>Banned Book Club</u> – 6:45 pm, Mira Mesa Library	18 <u>Line Dance</u> – 4:30 pm, Mira Mesa Library <u>Mira Mesa Homework Helpers</u> – 6pm, Mira Mesa Library <u>Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch</u> – 7:15 am, Mimi's Restaurant	19 <u>Sr. Center Board of Governors</u> – 2 pm, Mira Mesa Senior Center <u>Mira Mesa Theatre Guild</u> – 6 pm, location varies <u>Community Pride</u> – 6:30 pm, call for location <u>Black Mountain Democratic Club</u> – 7 pm, Mesa Village Rec Hall I	20 <u>Khanh's Drawing Class</u> – 4 pm, Mira Mesa Library <u>Teen Advisory Board</u> – Mira Mesa Library	21 <u>Kathak Dance Classes</u> – 10 am, Mira Mesa Library <u>Zumba w/ Azi</u> – 1 pm, Mira Mesa Library
22	23 FESTIVUS	24 CHRISTMAS EVE	25 CHRISTMAS	26 KWANZAA BEGINS	27	28 <u>Kathak Dance Classes</u> – 10 am, Mira Mesa Library <u>Zumba w/ Azi</u> – 1 pm, Mira Mesa Library
29	30 NEW YEAR'S EVE	31 NEW YEAR'S DAY				

Minutes From Last Month's General Membership Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

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

TREASURER'S REPORT —

John Horst

- No report

BOARD ELECTION — Slate

introduced by Christiane Hoffman. Nominating committee was Christiane, Christina Keene, Pam Stevens. Slate:

- President – Ted Brengel
 - Vice President – Bari Vaz
 - Second VP Membership – Lainie Hardman
 - Treasurer – John Horst
 - Recording Secretary – Jeff Stevens
 - Parliamentarian – John Labaw
 - Newsletter Editor – Donna Carter
 - Member at Large – Alex Nguyen
 - Member at Large - Harold Schwartz
 - Member at Large – Sabrina Bazzo
 - Member at Large – Eric Kolbeck
- Mitz Lee/Tom Derr made a motion to approve slate. Unanimous approval.

RECOGNITION OF FIRST

RESPONDERS

- **SDPD Northeastern Division - Officer Shannah Kanoa, Community Relations Officer** – October pretty busy. 14 burglaries, 9 stolen vehicles, 3 recovered, 3 robberies. High number of car break-ins – remove anything of value from cars. Close garage doors, back doors, windows. Lock door from house to garage. Don't leave garage door openers in cars in driveway. Crime-mapping will show crimes within certain distance from

location. Email Shannah if any question

- **SDPD Northwestern Division** – Officer Natalie Hone. press release about sexting and juveniles. Kids know more than average parent about social networking. Meeting on the subject Nov 7 6:30-7:30 Cathedral Catholic High School
- **SDFD** – Capt Abel Flores, Public Information Officer. Introduced 3 officers. Not a busy summer for fires. Candle safety. Don't use candles in bedrooms. Be careful to catch wax. Electronic candles are better. Toys for kids can be dropped off at local fire stations. Heaters coming on for first time. Let dust burn off. Service vents. Carbon Monoxide detectors are now required. Change batteries in smoke detectors.

PRESENTATION — Hillery Direct Access Ramp Mitigation – Jeff Manchester and Bryan Olsen, City of San Diego Public Works Department.

- Widening just east of Black Mountain by 16 feet. Traffic calming on Rickert. Chicanes to slow people down. Lighted crosswalks on Hillery by Walker elementary. New streetlights north side of Hillery Drive. Done by may-June next year. Suggestion – stop sign at Marbury. Rapid Transit center is at Westview intersection with Hillery.

CANDIDATE INTRODUCTION — David Alvarez, Mayor.

- Thanks to Board and people who come to meetings. He has organized town councils in his area. Need to get more people involved in their community. Holds government accountable. Have gone from closing

down fire stations to restoring all of them, building more. 85% of communities are still park deficient. Reduced city employee costs. Wants to be Mayor so that all of the things we care about – libraries, parks, roads, continue.

Alvarezformayor.com.

CANDIDATE INTRODUCTION:

Terri Wyatt, District Attorney (S. D. County).

- Career prosecutor, not a politician. Worked for last 27 years, retired last month. Deputy DA. 54 years old. Retired early because felt need for change in leadership. DA's office can be led without politics. Hired directly out of law school. Went to law school to become prosecutor. Current DA has become too political. Resources used to support Mayor campaign.

ANNOUNCEMENT — Mira Mesa 45th Anniversary Celebration committee – Bari Vaz.

- 45th year is when historical status starts to take effect. Oldest homes may be considered historic assets. Good time to recognize that we have reached that milestone. Pam, author of Mira Mesa history book, will be on committee. Do something every month. Also 40th Fourth of July celebration. Want to get entire community involved.

RECOGNITION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES

TWO-MINUTE PRESENTATIONS BY SOME COMMUNITY GROUPS

MEETING ADJOURNED



Councilman David Alvarez.

Business Members Directory

New Ad Rates— Business Card Size

**One Issue -
\$25.00, Three
Issues (Buy 2, Get
1 Free) - \$50.00,
Full Year -
\$150.00 (Buy 6,
Get 5 Free) - To
place an ad
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Maria Pankau

VOY: Volunteers have been serving Mira Mesa for many years

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the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) Region 285 of Mira Mesa for over 16 years. He has held several positions within the organization, such as Coach Administrator and Division Coordinator, and currently sits on the Board of Directors as Assistant Regional Commissioner. He has also been a referee for AYSO soccer games.

Mira Mesa AYSO plays host to one of the largest soccer tournaments in the region, the Top Gun Tournament, held annually on Memorial Day weekend, where Julius can be seen as Top Gun Tournament Director and Coach. Both his boys (BUI9) and girls (GUI9) teams brought home championship medals in the 21st Annual Top Gun Tournament.

Julius has spent the past 9 years coaching the Mira Mesa High School Boys Varsity and JV Soccer teams and 8 years coaching the Mira Mesa High School Boys and Girls Golf teams. Julius also represents AYSO on the Mira Mesa Recreation Council.

Julius has volunteered as a member of the Board of the Tiburon Homeowners Association for the last 10 years. Julius and his family have resided in Mira Mesa for 19 years and run a family business at Top Gun Realty.

John Horst — John Horst and his wife Pauline moved to Mira Mesa in 1995. They have two children Joshua, who is 15 and Jeffrey who is 13. John's involvement in the community started when he and two friends help start a local church, Pacific

Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, in 2001.

John set up the organizational structure, financial system, etc. and has continued to serve as treasurer/administrator since that time.

In 2008 John joined the Board of Mira Mesa Youth Baseball as webmaster. In 2009 he became the secretary and in 2010 he was elected as their president and served as president for two years.

In 2009 a terrible traffic accident happened next to Hage Elementary School prompting John to start working on getting the City of San Diego to install a four-way stop and cross-walk. His successful quest led him to attend his first Mira Mesa Planning Group meeting and then later joining the Planning Group in 2009.

Later that year Mr. Horst was elected and became the Secretary. He served as the Secretary until this year when he became the Chairman upon resignation of the previous Chairman. John is also a member of the Mira Mesa Recreation Council and is the current Vice Chairman and the Mira Mesa Town Council where he serves as the Treasurer.

Maria Pankau — Maria Pankau and her husband, Don, have lived in Mira Mesa since 1980 and raised their sons, Don and Mark, here.

At Hickman Elementary School, Maria was a classroom volunteer and taught an art class for 3 years. Maria volunteered as

a Challenger Middle School band chaperone. At a middle school band recital Maria was asked to work with the Mira Mesa Instrumental Music Boosters, the support group for the Sapphire Sound, MMHS's Band and Color Guard — one year before her older son started high school.

Maria served as MMIMB president (six years), treasurer (one year) and Vice President (two years). This past year marked Maria's 20th year working on the Mira Mesa Invitational Band Review and Field Tournament.

Maria was elected to the Mira Mesa Town Council Board in 2007, serving as MMTC newsletter editor from 2007-2009; second vice-president (membership) from 2010-2012; and as a Board member at large in 2013. She also serves on the Mira Mesa Maintenance Assessment District Committee.

Maria became active with the Mira Mesa Fourth of July Committee in 2008, working on Fun Day organization and as Fourth of July Parade chair the past five years. Maria's energy, enthusiasm, and determined efforts led to the revived Miss Mira Mesa and first Miss Teen Mira Mesa Pageant in 2012, sponsored annually by MMTC.

As Pageant coordinator Maria frequently chaperones the title holders representing Mira Mesa at events such as the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Find Maria the last Tuesday of every month in the MMTC booth at the Farmer's Market.

Vision: Cluster committees to promote quality local schools

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careers. Cluster committees have been formed across the district to promote quality neighborhood schools. We have made incremental gains in student achievement over the past

four years. But in the next four years we want to accelerate these gains.

In order to measure progress all principals in San Diego Unified will lead schools in self-assessments on specific indicators

for quality schools, ranging from test scores to school climate to parent involvement to quality teaching. Stay informed about what is happening at your neighborhood school. We all have a stake in great public schools.

TransNet: Official voting starts at the December town council

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and the extension is expected to generate more than \$14 billion through 2048.

TransNet funded significant expansion and upgrades to the regional bus and rail system. Transit projects completed with TransNet money include the COASTER rail line between Oceanside and San Diego; the SPRINTER rail line between Oceanside and Escondido; the SuperLoop bus circulator service in the North University City area; and extensions of the Trol-

ley system to Santee, Old Town, Mission Valley, La Mesa, and San Diego State University. TransNet is currently funding Trolley Renewal, a \$660 million effort to modernize the existing Trolley system, and the planning and engineering work related to the future extension of the Trolley to University City.

From Oceanside to San Ysidro, residents also have benefited from TransNet-funded highway improvements, including the completion of the I-15 Express Lanes from Escon-

dido to San Diego; the widening and realignment of SR 76 from Oceanside to I-15 (the segment from South Mission Road to I-15 is under construction and expected to be finished in 2015); public acquisition of South Bay Expressway/SR 125 and the subsequent reduction of tolls by up to 40 percent; extension of SR 52 from I-15 through Santee to SR 67; and the addition of HOV lanes on I-5 (Manchester Avenue) and I-805 (Carroll Canyon Road).



San Diego Freeway funded by Transnet

Career: Toyota plans to help students with technician mentors

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Omar Sevilla, San Diego Unified automotive technology teachers.

Students in the transportation program have the opportunity to receive college credit for the majority of courses in the program from Miramar College. Having a variety of engine types available to students to study makes the course more reflective of the overall industry. Toyota plans to support student learning by providing master technicians as classroom speakers and mentors to enhance student achievement.

Toyota Motor Sales USA Inc., donated 34 new drive-train drop-ins (motor, transmission, and drive-train components) to six San Diego Unified School District transportation programs. Donated drive-train types included Camry (hybrid and non-hybrid), Lexus ES330, Lexus ES350 RAV4, Yaris, Lexus IS250, Lexus IS300, Lexus IS350 and 4Runner models.

San Diego Unified School District provides Career Technical Education to more than 28,000 students each day through the Office of College, Career and Technical Educa-

tion. The transportation industry sector is designed to provide a foundation in transportation services for all industrial technology education students in California. There are eight focus areas that fall under the transportation sector, each with different career opportunities: on-road; off-road; stationary; rail; water/sea; air; space; and small engines and specialty equipment.

For more information on this College Career and Technical Education Program, contact the CCTE office at (858) 503-1758.

“The transportation industry sector is designed to provide a foundation in transportation services for all industrial technology education students in California.”

Credit: AAA rating is a reflection of sound fiscal management

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sizable, deep and diverse economy with a favorable location that exhibits relatively stable assessed valuation (AV), coupled with strong wealth,” according to a summary.

Assistant Chief Administrative Officer/Chief Operating Officer Donald F. Steuer said that one of the most important elements in determining credit ratings is the assessment of an agency’s financial management.

“Our AAA rating is not just a symbol of our creditworthiness in the markets,” he said. “More importantly, it is a reflection of our sound financial management practices as a government agency.”

Standard & Poor’s found the County’s budgetary flexibility and performance to be robust, thanks to careful and conservative spending. It praised the County’s financial management practices, citing the County’s multiyear financial planning; capi-

tal plan that spans five years and fully identifies potential sources and uses of funds; and conservative assumptions about revenue growth and less conservative assumptions about expenditure growth.

“We do not expect to change the rating within the outlook’s two-year horizon based on our belief (that) management will likely maintain good finances and reserves,” the S&P report stated.



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Mira Mesa Town Council — Annual Membership Application

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Business/Cell Number _____	Date _____

Membership Type (check one):

- Individual
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 Combined MMTC/MMCC (Corporate/Non-Profit Only)

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.

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

(Pro-rated membership applies to first time members only; all renewals are for the full amount)

Join Between:	Individual	Companion/Senior Military/Student	Corp/Bus	Corp/Bus Joint MMCC	Non-Profit Joint MMCC
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Jan 1 - Mar 31	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$25.00	\$75.00	\$45.00
Apr 1 - June 30	\$5.00	\$2.50	\$12.50	\$56.25	\$22.50

Any resident, business, or non-profit may join 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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