



Mira Mesa Town Council Newsletter

Mira Mesa Town Council Meeting

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

Agenda:

- Councilmember Lori Zapf
- Report from the Gang Unit

Business of the Month:

- Chase Bank

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Christmas Tree Recycling Program Begins

The City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department will host the 39th Annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program beginning Dec. 26, 2012 and running through Jan. 23, 2013. This year's program will offer 16 drop-off locations, available to city residents only, as well as curbside pickup for those customers with curbside yard waste collection.

"Recycling Christmas trees is an important way for San Diegans to help the environment and extend the life of the Miramar Landfill," said Chris Gonaver, director of the Environmental Services Department. "Historically, yard clippings and other organic materials, such as Christmas trees, comprise more than 20 percent of the material buried in the landfill. By recycling trees, residents help reduce the amount of material in the landfill and give holiday trees a second life as compost, mulch or wood chips."



San Diego Environmental Services Department director Chris Gonaver stands beside a pile of Christmas trees. Photo Courtesy of Tom Fudge/KPBS.

Only "clean trees" are accepted at city recycling locations. Before depositing trees, residents must remove all tree stands, lights, ornaments, tinsel, and non-recyclable materials.

Through Jan. 23, residents can drop off clean trees during daylight hours at any of the 16 drop-off locations listed.

Trees from commercial tree lots or fundraising projects are not accepted at the drop-off locations. Instead, these trees can be dropped off until Jan. 23

at the Miramar Greenery after paying the appropriate fee at the entrance to the landfill.

Residents participating in the Christmas Tree Recycling Program should drop off clean trees during daylight hours. Please do not illegally dump any other items at the drop-off locations.

In addition to clean trees, flocked trees (fake snow) are also accepted. All trees will be recycled into high quality mulch

(See *Recycling* on page 3)

Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol Looking for New Recruits

Retired? Thinking of retiring? Can't decide what you'll do once you've retired — well, we have just solved your problem. The Mira Mesa Scripps Ranch Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol (RSVP) would love to have you join and you will also be providing a valuable service to our community. You'll make house calls on senior citizens living alone —YANA — You Are Not Alone.

This service has grown

dramatically. In November 2010 we made 88 house calls. This last November we made 133 visits. This service is such an important connection for many of our senior citizens. RSVP isn't just driving around the neighborhood. We do home checks for vacationers, patrol schools, banks, shopping centers, and our neighborhoods.

What is involved? You volunteer 3½ days a month, must

have a valid California Driver's license, be 50 years or older, be retired or semi-retired, go through a background check, and attend a 40 hour training session — learning radio communications, traffic, patrol duties, and compliance to regulations. For more information and to get started, please contact John Sundede, RSVP administrator, at 538-8156 or jsunde@pd.sandiego.gov. Make a difference today.

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President's Message for January

Happy New Year to one and all. It's 2013 and we survived the end of the world — or at least the end of the ancient Mayan calendar.

I would like everyone to pause for just a moment and reflect on where we have been and where we are going. What exactly is it that we want to accomplish as an organization? Why do we have a town council in the first place? What are its goals and why do you belong to it. Or, if you are not a member, why is that?

The reason for this exercise is so you can make inputs to the Board of Directors on where you think MMTC should go, what it should emphasize, what we should spend our time on improving, or perhaps things we should not be doing. These are important considerations.

Here are a couple of

thoughts along these lines that occur to me from time to time. First, I love Mira Mesa. It is my absolute favorite community, not just because I live here but because of its people, its varied intermixed cultures, its location with respect to other communities, and its ideal climate among other things. Of course, the people are No. 1.

Here in Mira Mesa, I have witnessed people pulling together to make Mira Mesa a better place to live with absolutely no regard for race, creed, color, political persuasion, or even gender. It is truly the wonderful people of Mira Mesa that make this a great place to live.

Well, with all that wonderfulness, you might ask, what are the things you don't like? Of course there are a few, but as president of our town council the number one thing that

bothers me is that in a community of more than 70,000 souls — the largest community in San Diego — we have only a few hundred members of our organization. Given that the Mira Mesa Town Council is devoted to improving life in Mira Mesa, I would think that far more people would want to join, particularly since there is no specific requirement to do anything other than just be a member.

So here is my challenge to each and every one of you. Think of one thing that we, all of us, not just the Board of Directors, can do to make MMTC an organization that more people in Mira Mesa want to join.

If we do nothing else in 2013, we should improve MMTC membership numbers. Your thoughts will be most welcome.

New Upscale Pizza Joint to Call Mira Mesa Home

Mira Mesa gets more than its share of good Asian food. Now the creators of Pizza Nova are bringing a pizza joint that those familiar with it describe as "Pizza Port-esque."

Called Best Pizza and Brew, the spinoff concept will go into 9172 Mira Mesa Blvd. (formerly

Bamboo Hut) — a 1,200 square-foot space with patio seating. They'll serve thin-crust pizzas (by the slice and whole pies), plus salads, sammies and a few baked pastas.

They'll have 16 craft beers on tap, California wines and homemade soft-serve ice cream

for the under-age or always-kiddish. All the beers except a few will be from San Diego (Ballast, Alesmith, Green Flash, Stone, etc.), and they'll rotate 'em weekly for your ever-changing craft-thirst. Planned open: January.

— Source: *San Diego Magazine*

Welcome Message from Supervisor Dave Roberts

By Dave Roberts

As the Third District Supervisor-elect for the County of San Diego, I wish to thank you and your entire community for your support. During my campaign, I walked in the Mira Mesa Fourth of July Parade and was amazed at the turn-out and

tremendous community spirit. Community involvement is one of my highest priorities and I hope our dialogue can begin right away. Be sure to visit my official Website, www.supervisordaveroberts.com, once I am sworn into office.

All are welcome to attend

swearing-in ceremonies set for noon Jan. 7 at the County Operations Center, 5520 Overland Ave. San Diego. And please call or write if ever I may be of assistance to you. Contact me at (619) 531-5533 or dave.roberts@sdcounty.ca.gov.

Mira Mesa Lanes Youth Bowlers Toys Drive a Huge Success

By Pam Stevens

The 136 youth bowlers in the Junior Bowling program at Mira Mesa Lanes had an ambitious goal when they started fundraising and collecting toys for "Toys for Tots" in mid-November: they wanted to be able to collect or purchase a total of 900 toys.

They not only reached their goal, but they surpassed it, said Christy Balla, Junior Bowling Director of Mira Mesa Lanes. The group collect 1,300 toys as well as an additional \$3,000 in cash, which the youth bowlers used to go shopping together and buy more toys that they added to the drive.

The youth bowlers presented the Marines with their toy donation for "Toys for Tots" on Saturday morning, Dec. 15, 2012, at Mira Mesa Lanes. The Marines presented the youth bowlers with a certificate and thanked them, saying theirs was this year's biggest Toys for Tots donation in San Diego County.

"It was fantastic!" Balla said. "These are some of the most amazing kids. Many of these youth have been recognized locally or nationally for their bowling achievements, and I believe [their behavior] on and off the field of play is a crucial part of developing com-

passionate and responsible adults for the future."

The 136 youth bowlers range in age from 3 to 21, and live primarily in Mira Mesa and Scripps Ranch, although some come from outlying areas, Balla said.

VOY honoree announced

At the December Town Council meeting, Bari Vaz was selected as the 2012 Volunteer of the Year.

A MMTC Volunteer of the Year Dinner in her honor is now being planned for spring 2013. For more info, contact Dinner co-chairs Christina Keene and Pam Stevens.



Mira Mesa 2012 Volunteer of the Year, Bari Vaz. Photo: Ted Brengel

Recycling: Trees may be dropped off at 16 citywide locations

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and compost. Residents can self-load mulch and up to two cubic yards of compost for free at the Miramar Greenery throughout the year.

Curbside yard waste recycling customers can also recycle trees through the curbside collection program by placing trees at the curb with the regular yard waste recycling.

Customers with automated greenery containers must cut up their clean trees to ensure they will fit easily inside their greenery container.

Curbside yard waste recycling customers who are unable to cut their trees for manual collection or who cannot fit the tree into the green automated container, should recycle their tree at any of the City's convenient drop-off locations.

Curbside recycling program customers should remove all non-recyclable materials before placing trees inside the automated bin or at the curb next to yard waste collection

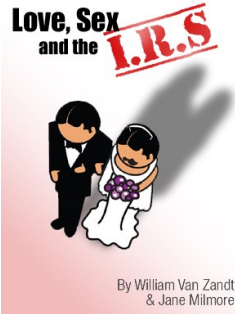
containers.

The following is a complete list of the City's 16 drop-off locations for the 39th Annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program:

- Carmel Valley – Carmel Valley Recreation Center, 3777 Townsgate Drive, lower parking lot
- Encanto – Cielo Drive at Woodman Street
- Golden Hill – Golden Hill Recreation Center, 2600 Golf Course Drive
- La Jolla – Kate Sessions Memorial Park, Soledad Road and Loring Street
- Logan Heights – Memorial Recreation Center, 2902 Marcy Avenue
- Miramar – The Greenery at the Miramar Landfill, Convoy Street north of Highway 52
- Mission Bay – Sea World Drive at Pacific Highway
- Oak Park – Chollas Lake, 6350 College Grove Drive, in Gloria's Mesa parking lot
- Ocean Beach – Robb Athletic Field Recreation Center, 2525 Bacon Street
- Otay Mesa/Nestor – Montgomery Waller Community Park (lower-west parking lot)
- Rancho Bernardo – Rancho Bernardo Recreation Center, 18448 W. Bernardo Drive
- Rancho Peñasquitos – Canyonside Recreation Center, 12350 Black Mountain Road
- San Diego State University – Parking Lot D off Alvarado Road
- Scripps Ranch – Scripps Ranch Recreation Center, 11454 Blue Cypress Drive
- Tierrasanta – De Portola Middle School, 11010 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard
- University City – Swanson Pool, 3585 Governor Drive



Curbside yard waste residents may drop their Christmas trees in their green waste container.



January 2013

Auditions for Mira Mesa Theatre Guild Winter production, Jan. 7 through Jan. 8 at Wangenheim Middle School from 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Events of Interest

- **Jan. 7 — County Supervisor Swearing In ceremony, County Operation Center, 5520 Overland Ave., 12pm**
- **Jan. 8 — Palate Wrecker Lunch Night, Green Flesh Brewery tasting room, 3pm**
- **Jan. 26 — A Conversation with award-winning science fiction author David Brin, Mira Mesa Library, 6:30pm**
- **Jan. 26 — Mira Mesa HEROES will partner with San Diego Police Foundation for a building improvement event, check website for info (MiraMesaHeroes.org)**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3	4	5 Kathak Dance Classes – 10 am, Mira Mesa Library Zumba w/ Azi – 1 pm, Mira Mesa Library
6 Our Town Flea Market – 8 am, Mira Mesa High School	7 Mira Mesa Town Council – 7pm, Mira Mesa Senior Center Crafts with Kim – Mira Mesa Library	8 Golden Friends – 10 am, Mira Mesa Senior Center	9 Line Dance – 4:30 pm, Mira Mesa Library Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch – 6:30 am, Mimi's Restaurant Exchange Club of San Diego – 6:30 pm, Mandarin Garden Restaurant	10 Teen Writing Club – 4pm, Mira Mesa Library	11	12 Kathak Dance Classes – 10 am, Mira Mesa Library Zumba w/ Azi – 1 pm, Mira Mesa Library
13 Our Town Flea Market – 8 am, Mira Mesa High School	14 Mira Mesa Town Council Board of Directors – 6pm, Mira Mesa Community Office Crafts with Kim – Mira Mesa Library	15 Golden Friends – 10 am, Mira Mesa Senior Center 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, Scottish Rites Center	16 Line Dance – 4:30 pm, Mira Mesa Library Exchange Club of San Diego – 6:30 pm, Mandarin Garden Restaurant Mira Mesa Banner District – 6:30 pm, location TBD 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 Khanh's Drawing Class – 4 pm, Mira Mesa Library	19 Kathak Dance Classes – 10 am, Mira Mesa Library Zumba w/ Azi – 1 pm, Mira Mesa Library
20 Our Town Flea Market – 8 am, Mira Mesa High School	21 MARTIN LUTHER KING'S DAY	22 Golden Friends – 10 am, Mira Mesa Senior Center Mira Mesa Community Planning Group – 7 pm, Vulcan Materials Office, 7220 Trade St, Suite 205	23 Line Dance – 4:30 pm, Mira Mesa Library Mira Mesa Homework Helpers – 6pm, Mira Mesa Library Kiwanis, Scripps-Mira Branch – 7:15 am, Mimi's Restaurant	24	25 Teen Advisory Board – Mira Mesa Library	26 Kathak Dance Classes – 10 am, Mira Mesa Library Zumba w/ Azi – 1 pm, Mira Mesa Library
27 Our Town Flea Market – 8 am, Mira Mesa High School	28	29 Banned Book Club – 6:45 pm, Mira Mesa Library	30	31 Mira Mesa Chamber of Commerce – Mixer, 6 pm, see website for loca-		

Korean Supermarket Opens First San Diego Store in Mira Mesa

By Alexander Nguyen

A well-known, upscale Asian grocery store chain opens its first San Diego store in Mira Mesa, taking over a spot that used to house Ralph's Supermarket at the corner of Westview Parkway and Mira Mesa Boulevard.

H Mart, which is based in Woodside, N.Y., has been in operation since 1982 with 42

stores across the nation, many of them in the East Coast. Since 2006, the chain has been expanding westward opening its first West Coast store in Seattle. The Mira Mesa store is the company's first in San Diego County.

H Mart, owned by Hanahreum Group, is short for "Han Ah Reum," which means "One Arm Full of Groceries" in

Korean, according to the company's website.

H Mart joins a growing number of Asian grocery stores, such as, Seafood City, Vinh Hung and Lucky Seafood, in Mira Mesa, signaling a growing Asian population. According to the 2010 census, Asians make up 46 percent of the more than 72,000 residents of Mira Mesa.



H Mart Grand Opening. Photo courtesy of H Mart.

Minutes From Last Month's General Membership Meeting

Pre-meeting entertainment was provided by the Mira Mesa High School Orchestra, the Mira Mesa High School Madrigal Singers, and the Mira Mesa Drill Team. They all were terrific.

Delicious holiday party refreshments were provided by the Mira Mesa High School culinary classes for everyone's enjoyment.

CALL TO ORDER

- Our Nation's Colors presented by the Mira Mesa High School Color Guard
- Pledge of Allegiance
- National Anthem sung by the Mira Mesa High School Madrigal Singers
- Approval of Minutes from the November meeting, by acclamation

RECOGNITION OF BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

The Joint — They gave a presentation regarding their chiropractic services.

FIRST RESPONDERS

San Diego Fire Department Christmas safety presentation by Avel Florez.

San Diego Police Department presentation by Community

Relations Officer Susan Steffen. She gave us a report about the police activity in Mira Mesa. Friend SDDP on Facebook – SDDP Northeastern.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

— Nomination and Election of Mira Mesa Volunteer of the Year. Three outstanding citizens were nominated – Tom Derr, Julius Hitchens, and Bari Vaz. Bari Vaz elected Mira Mesa Volunteer of the Year.

PRESENTATION

— Mira Mesa Maintenance Assessment District Budget presentation and request for approval by Tom Derr. Motion was made by Chuck Sweet and seconded by Arlette Ballew to approve the budget and projects. Motion passed with unanimous approval.

PRESENTATION

— Clairemont Town Council liaison to Mira Mesa Town Council Don Azul introduced himself and emphasized the importance of the two town councils to work together toward common goals.

PRESENTATION

— Julio DeGuzman, Director of Community and Government Rela-

tions from the Office of the San Diego City Attorney's Office (619-533-4710 or deguzman@sandiego.gov) introduced himself and told everyone to feel free to contact him with questions about the City Attorney's Office.

COUNCILMEMBER LORIE ZAPF

(Kenneth Nakayama) — Kenneth Nakayama introduced himself and told everyone to feel free to contact him regarding any city issues (619-236-7053 or knakayama@sandiego.gov)

TWO-MINUTE PRESENTATIONS BY SOME COMMUNITY GROUPS

MISS MIRA MESA PAGEANT

— Applications are being accepted.

MIRA MESA HIGH SCHOOL BAND

competed in the Southern California Band and Orchestra Association Championship. The band earned Silver Award, and the Color Guard earned the Gold Award.

Jennifer Kvalvik gave us a Mira Mesa Banner District update.

MEETING ADJOURNED



Miss Mira Mesa and Miss Teen Mira Mesa at the grand opening of The Joint Chiropractic.

Business Members Directory

New Ad Rates— Business Card Size

**One Issue -
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Business/Cell Number _____	Date _____

Membership Type (check one):

- Individual
 Companion
 Senior/Military/Student
 Corporate/Business
 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
July 1 - Sept 30	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$50.00	\$150.00	\$90.00
Oct 1 - Dec 31	\$15.00	\$7.50	\$37.50	\$112.50	\$67.50
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

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