Mira Mesa Town Council Newsletter

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Mira Mesa Town Council Meeting

- Monday
  September 8th, 2014
  7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
  Mira Mesa Library
  (Location change)

Agenda:

Miramar College Future plans

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MMTC Presents the 2014 Mira Mesa Street Fair

DO NOT MISS… The 16th Annual Mira Mesa Street Fair, hosted by the Mira Mesa Town Council, on Saturday, September 20, 10am to 5pm, on Camino Ruiz from Mira Mesa Blvd. to New Salem Street.
Featuring: Ecovivarium's **live animals**; theatrics from the Mira Mesa Theatre Guild who sponsor **Monster Manor**.
Kids: create facial art with the MMHS girls water polo team face painting or paint a commemorative rock at Vulcan Materials free rock painting and remember to pick-up paintings! Climb a giant earth mover, fire truck or tank then swing, hang, climb and get dizzy in the **Carnival Fun Zone.**
Adults: Quench your thirst at the **Beer Garden**; browse over 130 booths; hunt for bargains at the MM Library used book sale (9:30am to 2:30pm). Meet members of the Mira Mesa Town Council, Recreation Council, and Community Planning Group. Meet Miss Mira Mesa and Miss Teen Mira Mesa at the MMTC booth. PLUS eat, eat eat… features foods:
Gabinas Cuisine – Egyptian Delights – Muscle Beach Café - Jamaican Jerk Hut –

Finest City Kettlecorn – Cruisin Juice/ – Barrett's Lemonade – Mira Mesa Yogurtland Coastal Kona Ice, plus more….
Street Fair map, vendors list, and Vulcan Music Stage and Garden Communities Community Stage schedules are in the Sept-Oct 2014 edition of Mira Mesa Living and at www.miramesatowncouncil.org. Have a wonderful day at the Mira Mesa Street Fair!!!

6th District Candidate Forum Sept 3rd @ MMHS

The Mira Mesa Town Council, San Diego Police Officers Association, and Mira Mesa High School Foundation invite the public to a District 6 City Council Candidates Forum with primary election winners Chris Cate and Carol Kim Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2014, 7:00pm to 8:30pm, in the Mira Mesa High School theatre. Marc Bailey who hosts "Wake Up San Diego" on Channel 6 will be the forum moderator. Candidates will discuss community issues the public needs to know in order to have the information necessary to make an 'informed decision' to Vote in the Nov. 4 general election in the new **District 6.** This new district includes Mira Mesa and parts of Clairemont and Rancho Penasquitos. The public is highly encouraged to attend the forum and become more informed voters.

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MMTC President's Message for September

The August Town Council meeting was very 'interactive' but I can't remember a meeting that was also more informative. For those who couldn't make it to the meeting the main event was a forum on medical marijuana and the medical marijuana consumer cooperatives recently authorized by the San Diego City Council. The Panel was comprised of Assistant Chief of Police Terrence McManus, the acting Deputy Director of Code Enforcement Michael Richmond, and Jeanette Temple representing the City's Development Services Department. A great many questions were asked and the answers we received were generally direct and succinct. I think our panel members represented the City well and the audience questions collated by Jeff Stevens were excellent.

It quickly became clear that San Diego has problems with the whole premise. Deputy Chief McManus acknowledged the problem with the illegal marijuana dispensaries having sprung up all over town, but reported on the legal difficulties to keep them closed and there is no 'new budget' associated with the law to help law enforcement. It was good to hear the answers to many of the concerns expressed by those present. Especially as the MMTC meeting previewed the Mira Mesa Community Planning Group who met and voted on several Medical Marijuana dispensary applications at its August 16 meeting. As those who know me might expect, I have some similar opinions covered in another article in this current issue of the MMTC newsletter, so READ ON….

Onward and upward… Have you ever wondered what, exactly, is going on over at Miramar College? Well, attend our September meeting and wonder no more. We will have representatives from the college speak to us about all the new buildings there now and what is planned for the future of our closest college, a valuable update for us all.

The Street Fair is coming this month—September 20th to be exact. Make your plans now to make a day of it. Everything will get started at 10:00 AM and continue until 5:00 PM. There will be rides, games, and exhibits of every description—something for everyone. **Don't miss out— I look forward to meeting you near the MMTC booth at the Street Fair.**

Ted B.

Mira Mesa Banned Book Club

The Mira Mesa Library's Banned Book Club will hold its annual title selection meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 30, 6:30 to 8pm in the Mira Mesa Library community room, 8405 New Salem St. No advance reading required for this meeting. Public welcome! Help choose next year's book titles. The group, open to all interested readers, meets the last Tuesday of each month, to discuss books from the American Library Association's list of banned or challenged classics, as well as other thought-provoking titles of all genres, fiction and non-fiction, which tie into a "freedom to read" theme.

The monthly book club began 10 years ago during the American Liberty Association's "Banned Book Week", an annual celebration about the freedom to read.

For titles that have been banned or challenged recently or in the past, see http://www.ala.org/bbooks/frequentlychallengedbooks)

For further details, email Banned Book Club facilitator Pam Stevens, pstevens@san.rr.com , or call the Mira Mesa Branch Library, 858-538-8165.

Monster Manor Rises Again this October

The Mira Mesa Theater Guild once again is ready to scare those brave souls who dare to enter MONSTER MANOR! A tradition since 2001, the Manor will open both Friday and Saturday nights at the end of October 2014 along with Lite Frite, an entertaining and spooky adventure geared toward children and those who prefer an experience more 'mysterious' than scary. Monster Manor opens Friday October 10th and continues Friday and Saturday evenings through Oct. 31, 7:30pm to 11pm, with an additional evening Thursday, Oct. 30. Lite Frite will take place Saturday and Sunday Oct. 25-26, from noon to 4pm. Tickets are available in advance via www.monstermanor.org or at the door.

Construction of the Manor is scheduled to start Saturday, Sept. 13, in the Target center between Fuddrucker's and AT&T (8325 Mira Mesa Blvd.). Key people making this year's Monster Manor happen are Mira Mesa Theatre Guild president and Monster Manor director/producer Trey Barkley; Tim Arends, cast director; Lorina Alfaro, stage manager; Jeff Barkley, makeup, masks, and creature creations; and Steve Chavez. Volunteers who'd like to help build, act in, or work behind the scenes at Monster Manor (high school and adult volunteers needed for the Manor, middle school and up for Lite Frite) can find out more at MonsterManor.org. Making monsters is not cheap. To help keep this family adventure going and help the Mira Mesa Theatre Guild give Mira Mesans and other San Diego residents a hauntingly good time, see www.miramesatheatreguild.org; like Mira Mesa Theatre Guild and Monster Manor (8325 Mira Mesa Boulevard) on Facebook; or see http://www.gofundme.com/monstermanor.

For further details, you can also call 858-222-4815.

Important Numbers

General County Services Information
2-1-1 San Diego 2-1-1

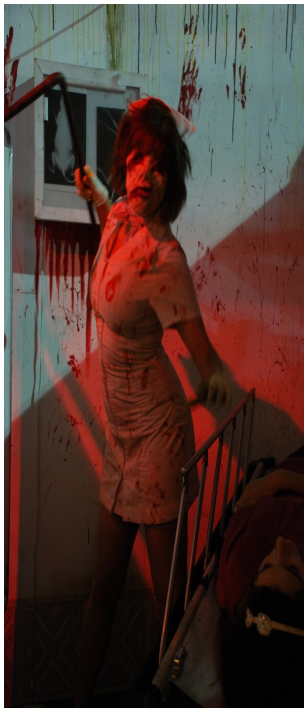
Emergency Services
Police/Fire/EMS..... 9-1-1
Poison Control 800-222-1222

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



Out & About in Mira Mesa

Mira Mesa's … "Best Kept Secret"
The 3rd Annual Festival of Beers

The music was 'hot'… the weather warm.. And the beer COLD!!! Did you attend? Have a blast...or two? If you missed it…. The 3rd Annual Mira Mesa Festival of Beers was a success. This craft brew event featured over 40 specialized California brewery craft beers to explore. The live music from multiple bands, the gastronomic delights from the food trucks, and the local craft breweries were all there to make sure the 'partakers' had a wonderful experience.

The Lobster Rolls were a big success, the little 'steins' packed a punch at some of the "local craft beers" which we were all encouraged to partake of. The VIP ticket holders arrived early and took advantage of the extra mugs they enjoyed. Many friends came in groups, brought their own chairs, umbrellas and a community picnic ensued. We hope you can join us next year.

MMTC Minutes from August 4th,2014 by Secretary Jeff Stevens

Call to order (7:02 p.m.) & Pledge of Allegiance Approval of minutes from June, 2014 – approved. MMTC meetings will move back to the library starting in September. $500 donation to the Senior Center approved 29-0. (Stevens/Derr)... thanking Senior Center for the use of their facility.

Presentation – Councilmember Lorie Zapf. Presented proclamations to 4th of July committee members: Maria Pankau, Jerry Ollinger, Steve Rivette, Judy Sluyter, John Malo, Christopher Gunn, Black Mountain Lodge, Marv Miles, Bari Vaz. Thanks for carrying on the tradition since 1975. Presentation also to Grand Marshal Hilda Rosales – early settler – moved to Mira Mesa in March 1970, still in same home.

Recognition of First Responders (SDPD/SDFD)

SDPD Northeastern Division - Officer Shannah Kanoa, Community Relations Officer –Crime overall is down. Question: Car break-ins and graffiti concerns… Reply: take picture of graffiti & send picture to SDPD to help track down. **SDFD –** Capt Flores, Public Information Officer. Battalion Chief. Busy since last meeting. Remodel of fire station in progress. Lightning strikes are causing fires, esp. north of us. Most fires in US are caused by lightning. Recent fire on Flanders caused by heat lamp falling over.

Nextdoor.com – Joleen. Way for people in local neighborhood to communicate with each other and with the police.

Presentation – Panel Discussion: Medical Marijuana Consumer CooperativesPanel members: Assistant Police Chief Terrence McManus; Acting Deputy Director, Code Enforcement; Jeannette Temple, Development Project Manager II, Development Services.Q: Explain new regulations – J – Limited to 4per council district and only in industrial and commercial zones. Requires conditional use permit. Q: How was limit decided on – not sure, but there is also a distance limit of 1000 feet between dispensaries and 1000 feet from any child-oriented facilities such as parks and schools.Q: How are CUP's like or unlike other CUP's. Similar to other CUP's.Q: Over the last month found 6-11 illegal dispensaries currently operating in Mira Mesa. What is process to close them? M – Dispensaries are not a permitted use and have been enforcing them. Those dispensaries operating now are not legal and when we find out about them start a case against them. Report them if observed. Early on were putting green crosses on the Window, making themselves obvious. Now being less obvious. 619-236-5500.Q: How long does it take to close a dispensary? Two full time positions dedicated to it. Try to identify operator, property ownership. Sent to City Attorney. Many cases open now in various stages of enforcement.Q: Any other legal actions possible? T – Criminal enforcement. If there is criminal activity can take action. Since prop 215 police and code enforcement working side by side.Q: Delivery services? J - Delivery services are not allowed.Q: Do the CUP costs include any enforcement? Will there be any increase in enforcement. T – Not defined yet.

Presentation – Miss/Miss Teen Mira Mesa. Asked for support in upcoming Greater San Diego pageants. $375 from MMTC is budgeted for this purpose.

Government and Community Resources

Mira Mesa Recreation Council – Beer Fest in Community Park August 23rd; Street Fair September 20th.

Recognition of Elected Officials:

a) Councilmember Lorie Zapf, District 6 (Liezl Mangonon) – Liezl introduced herself. No Council meetings until September. 236-6616. LMangonon@sandiego.gov.

b) Mayor Kevin Faulconer (John Ly). Why don't we have Marijuana at CVS? Because they have to meet Federal Requirements. 2-6 AM can't park RV's on the street. Also not more than 72 hours w/patrols looking for them. Court ruled against City re Convention Center Expansion. Both City and State are looking at banning plastic bags. Miramar Road overlay starting in October.

c) Assemblyman Brian Maienschein, District 77 (Rob Knudsen). 6 bills passed. Human Trafficking bill – increases sentence for trafficking. AB 1791. Currently 6 months for minors and adults. Doubles sentence for minors. AB1810. Animal Care facility bill. 14 days to return pet to owner; 10 days to place in home. Bill gives more flexibility on deadlines. AB 2632. State Licensing for Care Facilities. Background checks. Brian thanks MMTC for inviting him to parade.

MMTC Committee Reports and Announcements

a) Treasurer's Report – no report in treasurer's absence.

b) Membership – Jon said please pay your membership and if you paid pick up your membership card.

c) Street Fair – Street Fair is September 20, 10-5 PM. Vendor application without late fee is this Saturday, August 9. Still have slots open on community stage. Music stage is full.

Adjournment (9:07 p.m.) MMTC website for more info.

Sept. Events

Candidate Forum Wed. Sept. 3rd

MM Street Fair **Saturday September 20th**

September 2014

Su	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day Holiday	2	3 Candidate Forum @ MMHS	4	5	6
7	8 Mira Mesa Town Council – 7pm, Mira Mesa Library **(note location change)** Mira Mesa Town Council Board of Directors – 6pm.	9 Chess Club 4-5pm MM Library every Tuesday	10 Pajama Story Time MM Library 6:30 Mira Mesa Homework Helpers 6pm MM Library	11 MM Library E-Reader clinic 3:00pm	12	13
14	15 Mira Mesa Community Planning Group 7 pm, Vulcan Materials, 7220 Trade St, Suite 205	16 Chess Club 4-5pm MM Library Mira Mesa Recreation Council—7pm Lopez Ridge Rec Center	17 Pajama Story Time MM Library 6:30+ Library Homework Helpers @ 6pm	18	19	20 **Street Fair 10 – 5**
21	22 Crafts with Kim – Mira Mesa Library @ 4pm	23	24 Pajama Story Time MM Library 6:30 + Homework Helpers @ 6pm	25	26 Toddler Dance 10:30am At MM Library MMTG:	**27**
28	29 Crafts with Kim – Mira Mesa Library @ 4pm	30 Banned Book Club MM Library 6:30 - 8:00 PM Chess Club 4-5pm MM Library	@ MMHS Farmers Market on Tuesdays 4pm to 7pm Food Trucks Every Wednesday evenings			

Future Events of Interest...

October:

Monster Manor

Rec. Center Carnival

Family Fun at the Mira Mesa Recreation Center

Rec. Center Hours:

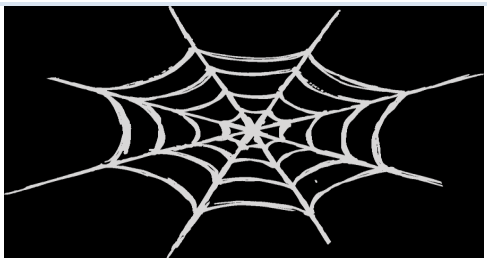
Monday	12:00pm	to	8:00pm
Tuesday	2:00pm	To	9:00pm
Wednesday	2:00pm	to	9:00pm
Thursday	2:00pm	to	9:00pm
Friday	1:00pm	to	7:00pm
Saturday	9:00am	to	3:00pm
Sunday	10:00am	to	2:00pm

Fundamentals of Basic Basketball Fee:
$85.00/10 weeks
This class is for beginners as well as the experienced player who wants to improve his/her skills. An ideal class for youngsters to build the self esteem needed to compete.
Ages: 6-8 years old Thursday 4:30-5:30pm
Ages: 8-12 years Friday 5:00-6:00pm
Dates: October 17– December 19, 2014
January 9– March 13, 2015
March 27– May 29, 2015
June 12– August 17, 2015

Kitchen Kraziness/ Crafts Fee: $5.00
Days: Fridays **Time:** 4:00-5:00pm
Dates: Sept 5– Oct 3; Oct 10– Nov 7, Nov 14– Dec 19; Jan 9– Feb 6 / 5 weeks **Age:** 6 years old & up
Limit 12 children per sessions so sign up FAST!! Payment required before 1st session.

Flag Football Fee: $50.00*
Registration Starts: August 2– Sept. 24, 2014
Games: Saturday (12 & under)
Friday Nights (14 & under)
Ages: 10 & Under (8-10 yrs)
12 & Under (11- 12 yrs)
Games: Saturdays
Location: Cadman Rec. Center 4280 Avati Dr.
Ages: 14 & Under (13-14 yrs)

Mira Mesa Recreation Center
(Gil Johnson Recreation Center)
8575 New Salem Street
San Diego, CA 92126
(858) 538-8122



HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL FREE!!!

Mira Mesa Gil Johnson
Recreation Center
Tuesday, October 28, 2014
5:00 – 7:00 P.M.
JOIN US FOR OUR FREAKY FUN FASHION SHOW FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12:
6:00P.M. 0 TO 4 YEARS
6:20P.M. 5 TO 8 YEARS
6:40P.M. 9 TO 12 YEARS
PRIZES FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS IN EACH AGE GROUP!
ENJOY A "BOO" TIFULL EVENING OF ACTIVITIES. BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY AND HAVE A "HOWLING" GOOD TIME!

For information about all the Parks and Recreation centers in Mira Mesa, go to the website…
www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/pdf/programguide/miramesaarea.pdf

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San Diego, CA 92126
(858) 536-1111 Tina Nguyen
fos4@sunnysmilez.com

Operation Samahan Inc
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An Insider View of Medical Marijuana Cooperatives

What You Need to Know by Ted Brengel

Before we get started let me assure you that this is not about being an advocate or opponent of medical marijuana. Whether we like it or not a great many Californians, including some physicians, believe marijuana has valuable medicinal properties. That defines one corner of this arena and includes 55% of those who voted on California Proposition 215 in 1996. In the other corner are the other 45% of voting Californians and the Federal Government. From the perspective of Congress and the DEA marijuana is a *Schedule 1* substance, a 'beginner drug'.

In the eyes of the Federal Government marijuana has:

⇒ no currently accepted medical use in the United States
⇒ a lack of accepted safety for use of the drug
⇒ NO medical supervision
⇒ a high potential for abuse

It therefore cannot be prescribed by a physician nor can it be sold in a drug store.

California Proposition 215 has been implemented with various changes in State and local law. Among these is Senate Bill 420 (The Medical Marijuana Act) enacted in 2003 and San Diego's own MMCC ordinance enacted this year. The actual law governing MMCCs in San Diego is in Chapter 4, Article 2, Division 15 of the San Diego Municipal Code and is entitled, "Medical Marijuana Consumer Cooperatives." In summary, in one corner we have those who basically believe if a physician sees fit to recommend a patient use marijuana to treat an illness, it is a right of the patient to have access to it. In the other corner we have those who believe marijuana has no medical value and is dangerous due to the lack of accepted safety standards for its use.

What this means to us in Mira Mesa is that the medical marijuana consumer cooperatives (MMCCs) can be granted a conditional use permit to operate in certain sections of our community that fit the criteria listed in the ordinance. This includes most of the Miramar Industrial Area and some other areas in the community. Basically the area has to be zoned for industrial or business use and be more than 1,000 feet from a place serving 'minor-related uses." It also means those who have a 'medical' need may be able to obtain marijuana through legal cooperatives.

However, it also begs a number of questions that are NOT being answered.

What about the marijuana dispensaries that already exist? When 'Googled', at least ten of these cooperatives are already in operation in Mira Mesa on any given day. At our recent MMTC meeting Deputy Police Chief McManus said that closing one of these doesn't do much good because they reopen a few doors away from their original location very shortly after being raided by the Police Department.

One has to wonder why those selling marijuana illegally cannot be arrested, but I gather that is one of the *holes* in our municipal Codes.

When we go to the drugstore to fill a prescription we are unconcerned about the safety or purity of the medicine we receive. The reason for our confidence is a huge Federal institution which very carefully regulates the drug industry by specifying what is and is not a drug, how each is constituted, and who may receive it. Drugstores are inspected regularly to insure those who dispense the drugs (pharmacists) have the proper credentials, that the facilities (drugstores) have proper storage and security provisions, along with a list of requirements the FDA mandate. This protects the public at large from rampant crime and customers from impure or incorrectly dispensed drugs. The MMCC's are currently NOT inspected nor 'medically' maintained.

This highlights the chief problem with the MMCCs and illegal dispensaries—there are no assurances of product safety or purity and there are no enforceable security requirements as there are at drugstores. Each of the applicants for Mira Mesa MMCCs has assured the members of the Planning Group Executive Committee that they will dispense properly tested and marked products. However, who or what, other than the owner of the store, is going to insure the drugs dispensed are indeed what they claim them to be and contain no harmful contaminants? Who is going to make certain no minors are served and only those with a valid doctor's recommendation (remember, doctors CANNOT prescribe marijuana) are allowed to purchase marijuana? The development services department has stepped up to insure that MMCCs are properly located by using a land use planning process, but this covers only a tiny portion of the issue.

The exact text of Proposition 215 is as follows.

To ensure that seriously ill Californians have the right to obtain and use marijuana for medical purposes where that medical use is deemed appropriate and has been recommended by a physician who has determined that the persons health would benefit from the use of marijuana in the treatment of cancer, anorexia, AIDS, chronic pain, spasticity, glaucoma, arthritis, migraine or any other illness for which marijuana provides relief.

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Announcing the creation of a District 6 community coalition

Designed to identify the issues most important to each neighborhood within District 6, and then help develop solutions to solve those problems, the coalition is the first of its kind in San Diego.

Community leader and former school board member Mitz Lee will chair the group. It includes community leaders representing each neighborhood in the district, including Mira Mesa, Clairemont, Sorrento Valley and the Park Village neighborhood of Rancho Peñasquitos.

City Council candidate Chris Cate assembled the coalition to ensure each neighborhood has an equal voice. In other council districts, individual town councils and other groups represent neighborhoods, and while many of them do excellent work, they lack the district-wide focus of the Neighborhoods First Coalition.

The executive committee is comprised of the following:

Park Village - Catherine McDaniel, Vicki Shi, Helen Quintanilla and Wenping Lin
Mira Mesa - Bari Vaz, Kim-Trang Dang, Joleen Tomonaga and Sandy Smith
Sorrento Valley - Arnie Edner and Ken Kaplan
Clairemont - Marc Shaefer and Shirley Gilbert

The Neighborhoods First Coalition includes people active in the PTA, local women's groups and other community organizations," Cate said. "It's a diverse and dynamic group that will strengthen the entire district for many, many years. This coalition will stay together long after Election Day to ensure we are focused on the issues important to the district."

Over the course of the next couple of months the coalition plans to identify the overlapping issues in each neighborhood and put together a strategic plan on how to solve the overlapping issues.

The coalition will engage residents of this district to get their feedback and input. The group plans to launch a website www.neighborhoodsfirstcoalition.com that will allow residents to post ideas, share events, report public safety issues and infrastructure problems.

The website is still in design, so for more information, contact Chris Cate by phone: 619 839-9835 or www.cateforcouncil.com

Mira Mesa... Hillery Drive & I15 Direct Access Ramp

Scheduled to be completed in July, 2014, the ramp is nearly complete along with all the affected 'side street' changes in order to keep traffic from backing up the neighborhood streets in Mira Mesa.

PUBLIC COMMENT: At the August 11 Hillery DAR Subcommittee Meeting, it was requested that we develop a blog or other online repository for questions, comments, and suggestions related to the Hillery DAR. After reviewing the Brown Act, which governs the MMCPG public meetings, it was determined that all input should be directed to the Hillery DAR Chairman, who could then post the contents on the Hillery DAR web page. Please direct all e-mails for publication to: : BariVaz@sbcglobal.net. Please include the phrase **"Hillery DAR"** on the Subject line if you wish to have your question/comment/suggestion posted to the Hillery DAR web page.

Medical Marijuana Cooperatives... continued

Clearly this does not mean marijuana should be available to everyone without regard to their state of health and without regard to the basic safeguards one expects from a facility dispensing 'medications'.

I think it is time for San Diego to step all the way up to the plate and implement standards and procedures to insure our communities remain SAFE and don't have to endure the problems mentioned:

- Rampant crime from improperly secured MMCCs and illegal dispensaries
- Untested, impure, or unsafe products
- Illegal marijuana dispensaries

Without the assurances provided by enforceable standards and rules we will be subjected to a level of lawlessness never before contemplated and patients seeking relief will be seriously at risk.

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