MIRA MESA TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Mira Mesa Town Council Mtg.
Monday, Dec. 7th 2015
7:00-9:00 p.m.
Mira Mesa Library
Refreshments @ 6:30 p.m.

Agenda:
VOY Selection
El Nino Preparation

THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTH:

We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.

- Winston S. Churchill

Those who are the happiest are those who do the most for others.

- Booker T. Washington

The best things to do with the best things in life Is to give them away.

- Dorothy Day

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR NOMINEES FOR 2015

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/ he has been involved with the community. This year the following volunteers have been nominated for this award:

Jennifer Kvalvik – Jennifer Kvalvik has lived in Mira Mesa for 29 years with her husband Mark. They have 3 grown daughters and 2 grandchildren. Jennifer is proud to say Mira Mesa is her home, and she lives, works and volunteers in Mira Mesa with great pride for this community. She served on the Mira Mesa Town Council Board from 2011-2013. She initiated the banner district committee in 2011, and continues to serve as its chair and grant writer. She is an active member of the Mira Mesa Street Fair committee. She volunteered as school room mom for all 3 of her girls every year until high school and then as parent booster president for 10 years, raising money for grad night and prom activities. She ran a Girl Scout troop for 4 years. She has been Vice Chair of the Mira Mesa Cluster Schools Council since its inception in 2010. She has volunteered as a Sunday school teacher for the Rock Church since 2005. Since 2004 she has assisted with planning, set-up, public relations and the creation of up to 120 silent auction baskets for the Taste of Mira Mesa fundraiser for schools. She serves on the San Diego Northeastern Communities Pageant committee working with venue design, promotions and support for the director. For the past 6 years, she has served as a Guest Relations Technician at San Diego Comic Con, assisting special guests with their appearances and breakout sessions. Jennifer teaches Hospitality and Tourism as well as Foods and Nutrition at Mira Mesa High. She advises three student clubs which enables many students as well as herself to volunteer at community and city events.

(Left-right) Jennifer Kvalvik, Jim Hearn, Tom Derr

Jim Hearn — Jim Hearn moved to Mira Mesa in 1978 while still on active duty near the end of his 30-year career in the Navy. While raising his grandson, he participated in Boy Scouts for 12 years and was a unit commissioner and merit badge counselor. He was also an umpire for Mira Mesa Little League and for 10 years a referee and referee coordinator for the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO). Jim has been very active in the Mira Mesa Scripps Ranch Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol (RSVP) for 21 years, since its second year of existence, and only missed the first year because he was not yet retired. Over the past three years he has put in over 1000 hours/year with RSVP, and says that he enjoys it very much. He also serves as an ambassador for RSVP at Balboa Park and volunteers with the Diamond Gateway RSVP in addition to the Mira Mesa Scripps Ranch RSVP. His colleagues at RSVP say that he is always stepping up to the plate and volunteering, wherever and whenever needed. He was involved in helping set up the perimeter around Lake Hodges for the Chelsea King search and he assisted fire victims during the 2003 Cedar fire and the 2007 Witch Creek fire. In addition to his work with RSVP, he volunteers at the San Diego Police Historical Museum.

(see VOY on page 2)

HOW TO HELP OTHERS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

There are many ways to help people during the holidays. Consider these simple acts of kindness.

- There are many families who are struggling with the economic crisis, have single parents, or one parent who is in prison. You can help by joining a charity or going to areas where people have less. It will be sure to put a smile on their faces.
- You can also make a day in the heat of Iraq more Christmas-like for someone. There are many organizations where you can join and write soldiers letters of encouragement and hope. It will be sure to put a smile on their faces.
- The Make a Wish foundation helps grant wishes to terminally ill children. You can help by donating. Also, you could bring a gift and visit sick kids in the hospital. You could sing a song, bring some friends to help put on a silly play, or give them a gift and cookies. This will be sure to make them feel better!
- You can make a difference by donating to Toys for Tots or foundations that help children who have been abused. You can give money to the organization or help and visit the children, giving them gifts and a smile. It's a great feeling to help out!
- Visit a nursing home to sing carols to the elderly. You can sit and play a game of checkers after as well! Even bring some cookies to munch on together. It'll make their day.
- Pay for the toll for the person behind you, even pay for more than one, after all, it's only a dollar!
- Organize a food drive. Spread gifts to neighbors.

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MMTC President's Message for December

Happy Holidays! I hope the season finds all our members happy and healthy. November was quite a busy month for us all. A very nice event in Mira Mesa was the Athlete Ally Day at Mira Mesa High School.

At the November MMTC meeting, I announced there would be a very special event at MMHS supporting the idea of equality among atheletes which MMTC is sponsoring. Thanks to the hard work of Ken Kaplan and Bari Vaz there were 2,600 students assembled in the gymnasium for over an hour during which the founder and chairman of Athlete Ally, Hudson Taylor, gave an inspirational message about sports being a safe place for all to enjoy. At times one could hear a pin clatter to the floor as the students listened intently in agreement. The message is stated succinctly in the Athlete Ally Pledge which every MMHS Team Captained signed. It reads:

I pledge to lead my athletic community to respect and welcome all persons, regardless of their perceived or actual sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. Beginning right now, I will do my part to promote the best of athletics by making all players feel respected on and off the field.

The Mira Mesa Community Planning group is in the process of considering the last massive new construction project our community will ever see. The project will occupy the eastern portion of Carroll Canyon (now a mining area) and is called Stone Creek by its developer, Vulcan Materials. Last night the Stone Creek sub-committee met with the developer who took the opportunity to show a phased representation of how the project would be completed over the next 25+ years. At the conclusion of the presentation two things (among others) were abundantly clear. One, there was no provision in the plan for a community park. The plan included an area that 'might' support a neighborhood park. Two, was the lack of a plan to complete the construction of Carroll Canyon Road expeditiously. Various pieces of the road were shown as completed over the 20-year course of the project creating a sort of patchwork road with no assurance it would actually be completed at any time before 2030.While the sub-committee has not yet reported its findings and recommendations to the Planning Group the lack of a plan to complete I am certain their recommendations will include mandates for a large community park and a completed Carroll Canyon Road as requirements before moving forward. Stay tuned; the success of Stone Creek is vital to our community. Mira Mesa is welcoming a few new storefronts to our neighborhood. The 99¢ Only store had its grand opening on November 19. Under construction in the Target Shopping Center Parking Lot is an 85 Degrees C (85° C) Bakery Café. Across from the high school and next to IHOP, also under construction, is a new Starbucks with a drive through window and a Luna Grill. The rumor is that the Starbucks currently in the Mall will close in favor of the new one. So there you have it. Lots going on around Mira Mesa. The MMTC meeting on December 7th will be helpful to learn about preparing for our El Nino winter. Till then be well and be kind to others (especially behind the wheel).

Volunteer of the Year Nominees for 2015 (cont.)

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 10 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 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 the interest in learning. Tom is co-founder of EcoVivarium, a nonprofit living museum for all reptiles, amphibians, and some insects. Tom has been a member of San Diego Botanic Garden Foundation for over 10 years and is currently serving as 1st Vice President. 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 to keep them from harm.

REP. PETERS ANNOUNCES 2ND-ANNUAL APP CONTEST FOR LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Competition Continues Peters' Advocacy for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Education Programs U.S. Congressman Scott Peters (CA-52) announced the second-annual Congressional App Challenge, which helps spur student interest in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). High school students in the 52nd District will compete to create their own software application (App) to be judged by a panel of San Diego's tech and innovation leaders. The winner will have their app on display in the United States Capitol building. **This competition is a great chance to showcase San Diego's talented students and our region's dynamic innovation ecosystem,"** Rep. Peters said. **"Across San Diego, leaders in STEM fields are changing the way we live our lives and are working on break-through research. The App Contest gives students the ability to compete against their peers and hone the critical creative and problem-solving skills that our region and our country will need to be economically competitive in an increasingly global war for talent."** Established by Members of the U.S. House of Representatives in 2013, the Congressional App Challenge is a nationwide event that allows high school students from across the country to compete by creating and exhibiting their app for mobile, tablet, or computer devices on a platform of their choice. The contest is open to all high school students in the 52nd Congressional District. Students entering the competition must submit their app's source code online during the YouTube or VIMEO video \Competition Submission Period between **November 09, 2015, and January 15, 2016,** as well as provide a demo explaining their app and what they learned through this competition process. For more information on how to participate, please visit Congressman Peters' website at scottpeters.house.gov/houseappcontest, visit challenge.gov, or contact Brian Elliott at (858) 455-5550.

Santa's Workshop

Community Craft Fair
Saturday, December 5, 2015
10:00-3:00 pm
Mira Mesa High School
10510 Reagan Road, San Diego, CA 92126
Craft Vendors—Gift Wrapping—Kids Craft Make & Takes
Kids Only "Holiday Gift Shop" Booth AND Pictures with Santa

San Diego Northeastern Communities Fifth Annual Pageant

The San Diego Northeastern Communities pageant will hold fifth annual pageant on March 5, 2016. We are looking for young women between the ages of 13 and 26 and living, working and/or studying in the communities of Mira Mesa, Rancho Peñasquitos and Scripps Ranch, for the fifth annual San Diego Northeastern Communities pageant. This pageant is the first step in the Miss USA/Miss Universe circuit of pageants. Contestants will compete for the privilege of representing their community, for the period of one year, in events such as parades, grand openings, community sponsored affairs and City and County of San Diego functions to which they are invited.

The selected representatives will receive a crown, a sash, a gift package worth well over $500.00 plus a scholarship, sponsored by their respective communities, and the pleasure of meeting many of our community's elected representatives. They will also receive the entry fee ($375.00) to the next step in the Miss USA circuit, the Miss Greater San Diego Pageant. For applications or questions please contact us via FaceBook at Miss-Miss Teen San Diego Northeastern Communities Pageant or at our website – www.sdnortheasternpageant.com. Orientation meetings are in the works so please check our Facebook page for dates and times. Rehearsals will begin in early January 2016.

From the Office of County Supervisor Dave Roberts

Ways to Bring Movie-Making to San Diego

Supervisor Roberts would like the creative help to recapture San Diego's position as a prime, go-to location for motion picture production. By making San Diego enticing as a movie location, would be an increase in jobs, as well as positive recognition to the region. He is working closely with Mayor Kevin Faulconer to move toward opening the San Diego Regional Film Office.

They have committed resources to this effort, and in the meantime, have issued a formal solicitation for ideas. The "Request for Ideas for the Creation of a San Diego Regional Film Office" is being administered by the city's Department of Purchasing and Contracting. The deadline for proposals is 3 p.m.

Meet with Supervisor Roberts:

Would you like to speak with Supervisor Roberts in person? The Third District covers a lot of ground, so he makes sure to be available during office hours at locations throughout the district

- **Del Mar**, Del Mar Community Building, 225 Ninth Street, 3 to 5 p.m., third Friday of the month;
- **Escondido**, Third District Satellite Office, 720 N. Broadway, 2 to 4 p.m., second Thursday of the month;
- **Mira Mesa**, Mira Mesa Town Council Office, 10717 Camino Ruiz, Ste. 119, 3 to 5 p.m., second Monday of the month; and **Rancho Bernardo**, Rancho Bernardo Library, 17110 Bernardo Center Drive, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., second Thursday of the month.

To schedule a meeting, call (619) 531-5533.

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"What should young people do with their lives today? Many things, obviously. But the most daring thing is to create stable communities in which the terrible disease of loneliness can be cured."

- Kurt Vonnegut,

"Many people are good at talking about what they are doing, but in fact do little. Others do a lot but don't talk about it; they are the ones who make a community live."

– Jean Vanier

Mira Mesa History: The Schools in Houses

Forty-six years ago this month, on December 1, 1969, the first school in the young community of Mira Mesa, the temporary Mira Mesa Elementary School, opened with 23 students attending classes held inside two tract houses leased from the developer, Pardee, Inc., on Harlington Drive at Buckhurst Avenue. A section of Buckhurst Avenue was blocked off as a playground. It was the beginning of the "schools in houses" era, a unique aspect of Mira Mesa's history. By May 1970, the school had expanded to four houses serving 180 students, grades K-6. Additional "schools in houses" followed at other locations as Mira Mesa's population surged in the early 1970s. Where were the schools in houses? Altogether there were four locations: Mira Mesa Elementary School at Harlington and Buckhurst, in Mira Mesa's first subdivision, Mira Mesa Verde Unit No. 1, north of Mira Mesa Boulevard off Westmore Road; four houses on Arrow Rock Avenue at Gold Coast Drive, across the street from the current Mason Elementary School; four houses on Avenida del Gato, across the street from the current Sandburg Elementary School; and five houses on New Salem Street, west of Montongo, around the corner from the current Hickman Elementary School. In 1971 the houses on Avenida del Gato were called the "North Mira Mesa Elementary School Annex," since at that time there was a "North Mira Mesa Elementary School," an all-portables school on the site of the current Ericson Elementary School. However, in 1972 students voted on a name and North Mira Mesa Elementary School Annex was officially named Carl Sandburg Elementary School while it was still a school in houses. In addition to the schools in houses, the San Diego Unified School District created all-portables schools in the early 1970s on the sites of present-day Ericson, Walker, Mason, Hickman, and Sandburg Elementary Schools. Funding for permanent schools in Mira Mesa was finally obtained with the passage of a school bond in 1974. The bond resulted in the construction and opening in 1976 of five elementary schools – Sandburg, Mason, Walker, Ericson, and Hickman – as well as Mira Mesa Junior/ Senior High School (now Mira Mesa High School). After classes moved out of the schools in houses, the houses had their interiors remodeled by developers Pardee and Larwin and were sold as residential homes. Walking along Avenida del Gato near Sandburg Elementary School, it's not obvious which houses used to be the temporary school in the early 1970s. Only a sense of history brings back the echoes of schoolchildren who once attended classes on that side of the street.

(by Pam Stevens, a Mira Mesa resident since 1980, is the author of Mira Mesa, a photo history of the community in Arcadia Publishing's Images of America series.)

Please join me in wishing Mrs. Jeanne Christensen a very heartfelt Congratulations.

She has been nominated to receive the California State Band Educator of the Year Award!! There could be no one more dedicated or deserving. We are so glad her talent and dedication to our program and students is being recognized state wide! Her students will be playing in the Rose Parade on December 31st!!

FROM THE OFFICE OF CHRIS CATE

Every year, through our Student Leaders® program we help connect community-minded high school juniors and seniors to employment, skills development and service. They're awarded paid summer internships with local nonprofits and participate in our annual Student Leadership Summit in Washington, D. C.

Student Leaders is part of our ongoing commitment to preparing young people for a brighter future. If you or someone you know have a passion for improving the community, we'll be accepting applications beginning November 2, 2015 through January 29, 2016. Apply!!

Those who say the world can't be changed probably never tried

Juniors and Seniors:
Apply from November 2, 2015
to January 29, 2016
Visit bankofamerica.com/studentleaders

Student Leaders® recognizes those who lead and serve in their own communities and beyond. Bank of America will connect Student Leaders to tools and resources that will help them make communities better.

As a Student Leader, you will:

- Work as a paid intern at a local nonprofit for eight weeks
- Attend the week-long Student Leaders Summit in Washington, D.C.
- Develop leadership and career skills
- Connect with like-minded students from your own community and across the country

"You are not here merely to make a living. You are here in order to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world, and you impoverish yourself if you forget the errand."

- Woodrow Wilson

IMPORTANT PHONE 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
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

Nuisances
Animal, dangerous …….. 619-236-2341
Animal, dead ……858-492-5060
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
Weeds, overgrowth, fallen trees or clogged storm drain……...619-527-7500

Save the Date for "Taste of Mira Mesa"

Greetings Mira Mesa!! As our calendars become filled with activities for the holiday, don't forget to plan ahead and "Save the Date" for the Mira Mesa High School Foundation's annual "Taste of Mira Mesa."

On Saturday, March 19, 2016, the "Taste of Mira Mesa" will once again be at the U.C.S.D. Faculty Club in beautiful La Jolla. At this event, hundreds of guests will enjoy silent and live auctions, delicious foods from a variety of restaurants, entertainment and fun-filled activities. The Mira Mesa High School Foundation (a non-profit organization) was formed in March of 2004.

Our organization provides extra funding to benefit 6-8 schools in our community - assisting over 7,500 students in the areas of academics, environment, athletics, and extracurricular activities, such as:

Scholarships
Campus Beautification
Athletic fields & equipment
Computers for state of the art education & training
Media Center upgrades, including library books
Performance Arts department
Security Cameras to protect students and school property
Numerous other improvements in and around our campus

Don't miss out on this amazing event to benefit our local students.

If you are a business owner who would like to donation goods/services or would prefer to be a Corporate Sponsor, please contact Lisa Balderston (lisa.balderston@yahoo.com).

The "Taste of Mira Mesa" committee is always looking for people to offer their time and talents. If you're interested in volunteering to help coordinate this fantastic event, please contact Lisa Balderston (lisa.balderston@yahoo.com).

How to Protect Yourself Against Frauds, Scams & Identity Theft

Don't use or carry a checkbook.
Buy and use a paper shredder.
Freeze your credit.
Sign up on the Do-Not-Call List.
Sign up to block credit card offers from arriving in your mailbox.
Don't carry your Social Security card with you.
Use a separate email address when you post messages to any public forum.
Don't give out any financial information.
Don't fill out the "win a vacation" and other promotions.
Don't pre-print your driver's license, telephone or Social Security # on your checks.
Report lost or stolen checks immediately.
Store new, cancelled checks, credit card statements, medical bills, anything with confidential information.
Guard your Personal Identification Numbers (PINs).
Be creative in selecting Personal Identification .
Use a good anti-virus software, anti-adware software and a hardware firewall on your computer.
Don't put outgoing mail in or on your mailbox.
If regular bills fail to reach you, call the company to find out why.
If your bills include suspicious charges, don't ignore them.
Check your credit report regularly.
NEVER buy anything from a company that sends you spam.
Set up filters in your email program.
If you have a website, do not post your address in the HTML "mail-to" format.
Finally, if it seems to good to be true... IT IS!

Teen Alcohol Awareness Program

This program is designed to address the questions that arise when your new high school driver is ready to hit the road. What happens when they drive, who is responsible for their actions, physically and financially.

The Teen Drivers will spend time with their parent (s) in a classroom environment lead by a San Diego Police Officers and then the parents will be released and the classroom session will continue.

Once the classroom portion is completed, the youth will be taken to an up and running DUI Checkpoint. The youth will be allowed to observe all elements of the DUI checkpoint from first contact to evaluation to arrest.

The youth will then be taken back to the Police Station and after a short debriefing, their parents will pick them up at 1:30 am

Sign up for this program will be on a first come first-served basis. Once the program is up and running the dates will be announced through local community based organizations and injury prevention coalitions. Classroom size is limited so please contact Officer McCullough (mmccullough@pd.sandiego.gov) as soon as possible to register. Class starts at 9:00 pm and parents will be released between 10:30—10:45 pm. Parents will then need to be back at the Police Station at 1:30 am.

New classes start in January 2016!!!

TOP 18 WAYS TO PREPARE FOR EL NINO

According to weather specialists, El Nino is coming this winter . As a resident of sunny Southern California, preparing for lots of rain is not something we do, well, ever. But if all the experts are correct, it's something that we all need to add to our to-do lists pronto. Here is a list of 20 things you should do to prepare for the heavy weather.

1. Check Your Roof - If you've not had your roof inspected in awhile, make an appointment and have someone tell you what type of repair you're dealing with. Hopefully, everything is in good shape, but if any repairs are needed, now is the time to address them.

2. Clean Your Gutters - Before the rain starts, make sure that all of your gutters are cleared of all leaves, branches and any other debris. Plus, it's a good idea to check them again after the first big rainfall and remove anything that may have fallen back in.

3. Invest in a Generator - Consider adding a generator to your property. If you're looking for a less permanent option, you should think about adding a portable generator.

4. Inspect Your Windows - Loose window panes could allow rain to come into your house, so make sure all of your windows are securely in their frames. Recaulk anywhere that's needed.

5. Call Your Exterminator - Extreme rainfall can bring out insect invasions, particularly ants and termites. You'll want to make sure your home is prepared before the rains start.

6. Check Your Drainage - Make sure that we have a drainage system moves all water away from our home and down the street. If you have concerns with your property, call a reputable landscaper and get an estimate for adding some additional drainage.

7. Neighbor to Neighbor - If you don't already have your neighbor's contact information, including home phone and cell phone numbers, make sure you get those in case any emergencies should arise.

8. Check Exterior Lights - Make sure that all your exterior lights are in good working order. Replace any bulbs or fixtures. If there are areas of your home or outdoor space that are in need of additional light, call your electrician to get those installed.

9. Check Your Shed - Double check that these spaces are air tight and will not allow any water or leakage to occur. Make sure any items stored outdoors (not in a shed) are covered in weatherproof tarps.

10. Turn Off Your Watering System - If you have an automatic watering system that is managed with a timer, you likely want to consider turning it off before the rainy season starts. Have your landscaper check that it's in working order.

11. Trim All Your Trees and Bushes - The rain will likely bring some severe winds. Inspect your property with your landscaper to ensure that all of your trees and bushes are properly trimmed. Pay special attention to any branches that are located close to your roof, windows or any other part of your house.

12. Inspect Your Fence - Carefully inspect your fence to ensure that there is no rotting or corrosion. Make sure there are no loose pieces, and if so, secure them or replace. Check all gates, entrance and exit points.

13. Secure Your Property - Store or cover any outdoor furniture, removing pillows and cushions for safe keeping. I would suggest you even store items that are covered in outdoor fabric. Based on the amount of rain that is being predicted, you will have much better luck storing these items in a safe, dry place.

14. Do You Have Flood Insurance? - Check that you're covered in the case of a flood (and if not, consider adding that coverage), and that all other homeowners insurance is in order.

15. Scan All of Your Important Documents and Photos - Make sure that all of your most important documents and memorabilia are stored in a safe place..

16. Have Sandbags on Hand - Have some sandbags on hand in case you need them to divert water once the heavy rains start.

17. Create an Emergency Kit - Make sure you have an emergency kit on hand -- just in case. You'll want to make sure you have plenty of water, non-perishable food, a battery-operated flashlight (and extra batteries), a first-aid kit, a battery-powered or hand-crank radio, cell-phone charger packs and chargers, and contact information for your friends and family (just in case you're unable to access your cell phone). Don't forget to include supplies for your pets such as food, treats, blankets, etc.

18. Identify Utility Cut-Offs - Make sure you know where all of your utility shut offs are for water, gas and electricity.

DECEMBER 2015

UPCOMING EVENTS

January
Watch MMHS Band in the Rose Parade—Jan 1st!!
https://www.gofundme.com/tofrmiramesa

February
TET Festival

March
San Diego Pageant—March 5th

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 MMHS Farmers Market 2–7 Every Tuesday	2	3	4 The Polar Express Storytime at Barnes & Noble	5 Santa's Workshop MMHS 10-3:00 How the Grinch Stole Christmas Storytime (Barnes & Noble at 11:00)
6 Hanukkah Begins	7 Mira Mesa Town Council MM Library 7:00 pm,	8 Mira Mesa Recreation Council 7pm Lopez Ridge Rec. Center MM MMHS Winter Choral Concert 7pm	9	10 Mira Mesa High School Winter Band Concert (Gym) 7:00-8:00 pm	11	12 Waiting Is Not Easy Storytime At Barnes & Noble at 11:00 am
13	14 Mira Mesa Town Council Board of Directors – 6:45 pm, MMTC Office	15	16	17	18	19 How to Catch Santa Storytime At Barnes & Noble 11:00 am
20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas	26
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		

MMTC General Membership Meeting
November 2015 Minutes

Mira Mesa Town Council - Meeting Agenda November 2, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

1) Call to order (7:00 p.m.)
2) Pledge of Allegiance
3) Approval of minutes from last meeting (October, 2015) a) Minutes adopted by unanimous consent.
4) President's Announcement – Ted Brengel
5) Recognition of First Responders (SDPD/SDFD) a) SDPD Northeastern Division - Officer Shannah Kanoa, Community Relations Officer

• Shannah provided general crime update focusing on auto thefts. Early morning robbery occurred at El Patron in the H-Mart shopping center.
• Office Maldonado spoke about the availability of vacation patrols for community members when they are away from their homes. b) SDPD Northwestern Division – Officer Tracey Williams, Community Relations Officer
• No information. c) SDFD – Capt. Flores, Public Information Officer
New battalion Chief Pilkerton addressed the TC updating on the moving of staff due to the opening of the new fire station across from Qualcomm Stadium. Mira Mesa will be getting new Battalion Chiefs.

6) Epicentre Committee Report – Bruce Brown, Margit Whitlock a) Bruce Brown introduced Margit Whitlock, who was involved in the original construction of the Epicentre, and who will be involved in the restoration work. A workshop is targeted for early 2016 and will focus on civic, youth, theater and educational uses. Margit presented her view of the process and shared photos from the first effort 21 years ago.

7) Presentation – County Supervisor Dave Roberts a) Supervisor Dave Roberts presented info on the upcoming grant for the Banner District and highlighted his efforts to better fund psychological professionals in response to 911 calls which involve mentally disabled persons. The Supervisor expressed a commitment to the General Plan in the context of a question posed about the Lilac Hills Ranch development. Also announced grant money to buy new uniforms for the MMHS band as they go to the Rose Parade.

8) Athlete Ally – Ken Kaplan
a) Ken presented the upcoming Athlete Ally day proclaimed by the City – Novermber 10th – at which Athlete Ally will present at Mira Mesa High School advocating for tolerant and fair treatment of athletes regardless of sexual orientation.

9) MMTC Election of 2016 Officers and Board – Jon Labaw
a) The slate for officers was presented with no nominations from the floor. A motion was made and seconded by Bruce Brown/Ken Kaplan to approve the nominations. The motion passed 35/0/0. • President Ted Brengel • First Vice President (program chair) Pam Stevens • Second Vice President (membership) Lainie Hardman • Treasurer Bari Vaz • Recording Secretary Jeff Stevens • Newsletter Editor Lisa Balderston • Parliamentarian Jon Labaw • Member at Large Teri Ang • Member at Large Charlene Ellsworth • Member at Large John Horst • Member at Large Eric Kolbeck Call for nominations – Volunteer of the Year
b) Nominations for Volunteer of the Year were opened and a couple received from the floor. Nominations will remain open for the duration of the month.

10) Recognition of Elected Officials and their representatives a) Councilmember Chris Cate, District 6 (Luis Pallera) • AleSmith will be celebrating Veteran's Day (and Beer Week) as they tap into a barrel. b) Mayor Kevin Faulconer (Anthony George) • Highlighted the opening of the new fire station in Mission Valley. • City will be adding solar power to numerous city buildings. Committed to following up on the community workshop between Vulcan and Hanson for a Community Park. c) County Supervisor Dave Roberts, District 3 (Harold Meza) – See report above.
d) Congressman Scott Peters (Howard Ou)
• Noted the passing of the two year budget plan. • Congressman Peters working on a Life Sciences Caucus to promote life sciences in the district. e) Assemblyman Brian Maienschein, District 77 (Rob Knudsen)
Noted numerous bills authored by Brian which will signed into law. f) State Senator Marty Block, District 39 (Joyce Temporal and Jay Bariuan) – No Information

11) Government and Community Resources a) City Attorney, Neighborhood Prosecution Unit – Julio DeGuzman • Noted his office's work in prosecuting infraction and misdemeanor crimes. b) Mira Mesa Branch Library – Barbara Schwartz, Branch Manager
• Announced December 10 seminar on fraud scams targeting seniors (those 50 and above). c) Mira Mesa Community Planning Group – John Horst, Chairman
• Reminded group of the upcoming Stone Creek Subcommittee meeting schedule. d) Mira Mesa Recreation Council – Joe Frichtel, Chairman
• Provided cards outlining the parks and solicited ideas for future enhancement of parks. Updated group on schedule of start of work on the Little League fields. e) Mira Mesa Cluster Schools Council – Jennifer Kvalvik, Chairman
Next meeting will be January 25th, 5:30pm at the MMHS Media Center. Noted the upcoming Band Review.

12) MMTC Committee Reports and Announcements
a) Treasurer's Report
• Checking: $42,646.83 • Savings:: $15,893.29 • CD: $12,419.75
• TOTAL: $70,959.87
b) Membership Report: General announcement. 13) Recognition of Community Groups in attendance
• Clean Elections: Highlighted efforts to make ballot available to local candidates outside the traditional party process. • Theater Guild: Auditions for "Art" performance. • Library Support: Upcoming meeting of the "Banned Book Club" and noting the passing of Bill Male •

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