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Honestly, Are You Prepared for Disaster?

Climate Change, Drought and now El Niño… Is San Diego ready? Are You? Does your family have an 'Emergency Plan' for different types of disasters? *Fire, floods, Heavy Rains, Earthquake, Delayed loss of Power? What about a Disaster Kit? Stocked Food and water supplies?* I know, we live in this beautiful city whose residence have not often felt the torment of 'mother nature' but it is still better to be prepared. Many San Diegans remember the massive power outage, the "2011 Blackout" which had families running to the stores for candles, flashlights, batteries, water, already prepared food...too late!

The October hurricane which caused massive flooding in Mexico and Texas was the "largest to ever occur in the Western Hemisphere". Although Patricia did not come near SD, it still needs to be a 'wake up' call to get PREPARED! **The MMTC meeting on November 2nd will have county experts there to inform us about how to prepare for the upcoming wet winter months ahead.** Due to drought conditions, hills and slopes lost much of the vegetation used to keep the dirt from sliding down onto the homes, streets, parks, etc… below them. Again, have you checked around your home, are you READY? Included is a partial list of home and family preparation ideas. **Ready San Diego (http://readysandiego.org/el-nino/)** has a complete list of detailed preparations which include how to help kids, pets and elderly during any type of unexpected emergency.

* Know how & where to shut of utilities (main connections for electric fuse box, water service, natural gas) * Keep necessary tools near gas and water shut-off valves; If you turn the gas off, you will need a professional to turn it back on.

* Protect around your home with defensible space and drought resistant landscaping.
* Make your house fire resistant. With the latest safety standards.
* Inspect your home for evacuation routes and potential hazards.
* Make a video/list of all possessions in your home, with the make, model, and identification number of valuable items.
* Review your insurance coverage. Make sure you are adequately covered to replace your home, personal property, and landscaping.
* Check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors every month, replace batteries as necessary.
* Keep a battery operated radio, with extra batteries, in your home
* Keep candles & flashlights (w/batteries) in several easy to reach spots around your home.
* Store your home's disaster supply kit in an accessible location. Take it with you if you evacuate.
* Pick one out-of-state and one local friend or relative for family members to call if separated
* Pick two meeting places:

A place near your home in case of a fire.
A place in your city or community in case you cannot return home,

* Learn the safest route from your home or job to high, safe ground in case you have to evacuate in a hurry, and be sure to keep your gas tank full!!

Don't put this off, get ready now… It is only too late to get prepared after your need it!

FOR MORE INFORMATION

The federal Emergency Management Agency offers free publications on protecting your home and assembling and emergency kit, 1-800-638-6620. El Niño information is available on the agency's web site: www.fema.gov

By Donna Carter

How do You Catch a Rain Drop?

Solana Center FOR ENVIRONMENTAL INNOVATION

Emergencies can be 'unexpected' but still 'planned for', it's up to the community to take action BEFORE the crisis arises. Once the 'storm' hits, it is too late and the losses could be severe. Besides replacing lawns with artificial turf, and creating drought friendly landscapes, there are many agencies around San Diego with other helpful ideas to 'weather' the future. For instance, The Solana Center for Environmental Innovation has multiple to help homeowners prepare for wet or even dry seasons. Composting, Gardening, Recycling, maybe even capture some of that rain water? The county's Watershed Protection Program, in partnership with the center is offering reduced rates for rain barrel systems. Check out these offers and more ideas at www. solanacenter.org/ This is just one agency ready to help, go to Ready SanDiego for more ideas and info.

MIRA MESA TOWN COUNCIL

Mira Mesa Town Council Meeting

- Monday Nov. 2nd, 2015
  7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
  Mira Mesa Library.
  Refreshments @ 6:30

Agenda:

MMTC Board Election
Community Preparedness
El Nino vs. Drought conditions

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MMTC President's Message for November

Well the Holiday Season is once again upon us. With our current 'warm' weather it may be difficult to get in the spirit of the season. I wonder if we are going to have a 'winter' this year or just get a few weeks of cool weather. It would be nice to have more rain with a lot of mountain precipitation to start the restoration of our 'aquifer' (underground water), but let's hope our rains are gentle. I would hate to have the sort of mudslides experienced in other areas of California due to previous years of drought and lack of vegetation.

SAFE Driving….

I know I've discussed this before but it can't be stressed enough. I have noticed increased amounts of calamitous traffic problems around our ALL our Elementary schools but especially our newest Jonas Salk location. The majority of the problems stem from lack of courtesy and SPEEDING! I deeply encourage all Mira Mesans to SLOW DOWN, be more considerate of your neighbors and especially watch out for our kids in school zones, no matter what you are late for!

I consider myself a very 'good' driver, and I'll bet every one of us has the same opinion of our own driving—right? Are you sure? When, for example, was the last time you had a look at the *California Driver's Handbook*? Writing this article drove me to have a look at it and there were a few surprises—not new rules, but old things I had forgotten.

In looking through the handbook it occurred to me there is a thread that runs through it—a single concept embedded in every page: "***Be considerate***." I honestly believe if each of us were to consistently subscribe to this basic idea, there would be a lot less stress, 'road rage', accidents and even deaths. There are many common sense rules drivers ignore from time to time. Things like rolling through stop signs, trying to beat red lights, cutting into traffic, and worst of all speeding, which all make our streets much more dangerous than they need to be. And now we have a relatively new menace, texting while driving.

Just for the heck of it I looked up the top causes of driving accidents. Here are the TOP 10… Distracted Driving (like texting or talking on cell), Speeding, Drunk Driving, Reckless Driving, Running Red Lights, Running Stop Signs, Teenage Drivers, Night Driving, Unsafe Lane Changes, Improper Turns … All of which are *Driver Controlled!!!*

Slow down / BE Alert / Be Aware!

Along with Safety, here a few other considerations for being a *considerate driver*.

- Insurance rates will be lower
- Less physical/medical injuries and hospital visits or loss of work
- Spend less $ on car repairs and cars will 'look better'
- Street / highway taxes for improvements and repairs will decrease
- Our roads and community will be safer
- Our children will become considerate drivers with less teenage accidents/ deaths

The last one is very important. Driver's Ed teaches everyone how they 'should' drive, but our children mimic the adults they've watched since birth. Remember, our children are watching and following their parent's lead!

Okay, off of my soapbox. Please don't miss the November meeting. We will be having elections for the 2016 MMTC Board of Directors. If you would like to run, nominations are still open. Also, we are still accepting nominations for 2015 Volunteer of the Year.

I'll see you at the November 2nd meeting!

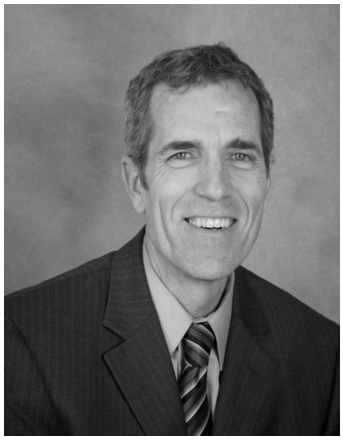
Ted Brengel

In Memoriam… Bill Male Teacher/Artist /Philanthropist

The MMTC, MMHS and the SD community pay tribute to the lasting influence Bill had on so many lives. Bill wore many hats during his well lived life. Past MMTC president, beloved teacher for 40 years, teaching English, psychology, and video production courses, while never losing sight of his passion for helping young people fulfill their dreams. Bill began the William Male Foundation to provide higher education assistance to students in the creative arts. A memorial celebration is still being planned and info to be posted on Bill's Facebook. For more information about scholarships and the foundation, go to www.williammalefoundation.org.

What does "adequate funding" for our public schools mean?

By John Lee Evans, Trustee, San Diego Unified



It is generally accepted that California schools have been inadequately funded for the past several years. We rank 46th in per pupil spending among the states, but no one has clearly defined what 'adequate funding' would be. What would it cost to prepare our students for the innovative jobs of the future to fuel the California economic engine?

San Diego Unified is leading a movement in California to clearly define what is needed with a new investment model for public education. We are starting with what taxpayers and professional educators agree is needed to ensure all students graduate from high school with the skills necessary to succeed in college or a technical career.

We must lower class size after the recent increases. We must have more counselors, nurses and librarians to ensure our students succeed academically. We must provide additional supports to make sure all our students are proficient in English. We must offer more career technical courses in high school. None of these are controversial.

The new Local Control Funding Formula is a more equitable method of distribution of funds, but it does not work if the funds are not adequate. Proposition 30 only stopped the annual major cuts with no long term solution plus the funds are insufficient and temporary.

California Education Code actually requires the state's per pupil funding be level with an 'average' of the top ten states. We are not even asking for that. Higher funding does not necessarily guarantee success without accountability and needs to show exactly how the money is spent.

Rather than simply saying we need more money every year, our investment model will show what we will do with the money. The San Diego School Board directed the staff to calculate the costs required to meet all of the goals of our Local Control Accountability Plan, which was developed with our own community. We are not talking about ideal funding, but funding for the essentials of a good education. The current funding gap is $350 million per year.

Even with these additional funds we will still be a little below the national average. But we can produce great results at a good price. We are asking other districts across the state to make their own calculation this month. We are calling for the state legislature to hold hearings soon to define what an adequate investment is for quality schools across California.

The public has always supported quality schools in our neighborhoods. But the current method of financing our schools use has been broken for a long time. Our schools are too dependent on volatile sales and income taxes. We need good schools in times of economic boom and in times of economic downturn.

Once we come to a consensus on what is required, the legislature could then ask the nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office we to develop a plan to finance this investment in education. Californians have a strong desire to support schools worthy of our stature in the world. Indeed, a strong public education system is the only way we can ensure that San Diego and all of California will continue to thrive in the competitive global economy.

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

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

"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."
— Mother Teresa

Out & About in Mira Mesa

School Principals share 'best practices' w/ MM Community

The October MMTC general community meeting is always exciting when the local school Principals come to share what is going on in the upcoming school year. Here is some **of what they shared:**

Good Shepherd – Ladonna Lambert. 1982 opened. Catholic school. New building. 3rd year as principal. Pre-school, kindergarten, elementary school. 260 dedicated parents.

Ericson – Barbara Israel – High achieving school. Diverse culturally and academically. Very few behavioral issues. Working on narrowing achievement gap between non-English speakers and others. All MM schools receiving 1:1 computer to take home plus wireless card. New Electronic marquee.

Hage – Eric Takeshita – 7th year at Hage. Strive hard to work with community. 683 students. Across street from Garden Communities apartments. Now starting to see families move in. 65 new students.

Hickman – Tobie Pace – Principal since Jan 2015. 16 years in Solana Beach. Incredible parents. Loves community. Hickman was impacted by Salk- so enrollment dropped from 600 to 449. Sense of family with current 18 teachers. May 16 beautification day – school cleaned up by Families, teachers, HEROES. Positive, lifelong learners. Four C's: Communication, collaboration, cooperation and creativity.

Mason – Dawn Powell. Second year at Mason. VP 7 years prior. Went to Breen elementary, Ericson, Wangenheim, MMHS. Campout Friday night with about 200 families. Campus cleanup Saturday morn.

Salk – Deidre Hardson. Grew up in Mira Mesa, graduate of MMHS. Principal at Mason last 7 years, now at Salk. So happy it is done. Couldn't have opened without AFJROTC. Still have work to do around grounds. Orders still coming in. Teachers coming in. Embrace STEAM (STEM w/ Art added). We are the reason MM is getting 1:1 computing. Oct 27 dedication. Dr. Peter Salk will be there.

Sandburg – Geof Martin. Starting 5th year. Dedicated, persistent and hardworking students. Character education. Mascot is "Paws" for Pawsitive attitude. It has been a learning experience to be in Mira Mesa. Awesome community.

Walker – Rochelle Dawes. 20 year English teacher before becoming principal. 50% English language learners. 85% economically disadvantaged. 7 habits of happy kids. "True Blue Buddies"- Mentoring program with police department. Good combination. Western BBQ. Partnership with Christ Community Church. CC purchased 2 tons of food and distributed to needy people in community. Updated computer lab. Need to update library.

Challenger – Diane Ryan. 3rd year as principal. Worked in multiple different clusters. Happy to be part ofMM. 6th graders come in prepared, curious and kind. 12-14 are difficult ages. Teachers are focused on developing connections with them. Preparing them for high school. Nurturing, risk-free environment. Focus on developing tech 'savyness' of staff. Google classrooms. Value broad range of opportunities. Strengthening elective programs with more STEAM. Future Career planning important as kids will be moving into jobs that don't exist yet.

Wangenheim – Matt Fallon. 5th year. 11 years as MMHS teacher, counselor, VP. Schools are not individual schools but part of community. Kids are digital natives, staff isn't. Math teacher was finalist for presidential teacher award. Last year partnered with society of women engineers. All 8th grade girls full day of lab. Went to Innovation Center. Strengthening arts program. 4 levels of band, 3 levels of orchestra, choir, drama, woodshop, metal shop, yearbook. 33 students in district honor band. More than any other middle school. Very few kids can afford private lessons.

MMHS - Jeff Sabins. Grew up in community. Walking around at Street Fair had lots of people say hello – good feeling of community. 80% proficient at language arts. Math scores are double district average. Can be scary for new freshmen coming in. Attendance rates #1 in district. Education is important to this community. Will be playing in game with Globetrotters, to help send MMHS band to 2016 Rose Parade. Family here in MM. Lives here. I am where I wanted to end up. Next year stadium will be shut down for whole year for remodel.

What are YOU Thankful for? Can you Share?

Remember when the holidays were trouble-free? Sure you do...back when you were a child! Back when making hand Turkeys or Santa Claus faces, Candy Canes out of finger paints or real candy brought a smile to your face, especially when the adults around you thought it was so special! Those days were Pleasurable, Joyful, Exciting and full of Anticipation! Want that back? Give Back!

Give back to other's in the community. 'Share', like we were taught to do as a child. Don't have kids? There are lots of 'needy' children around, especially those without parents. Remember the BEST parts of your own childhood holidays and re-create them in your current situation either with your family or invite those with 'less' to join in your abundance and establish new family and friends to help make this holiday season the best ever! Sharing is the real 'joy' of the holidays. Keep it simple…Be thankful for the small things, keep a positive outlook and give stress a 'holiday' this year! Now, place your hand on some construction paper and trace it, then add eyes? Feathers? Hat? Enjoy! For more info on where to go to help > utsandiego.com/feature/120/volunteering.html

MMTC is now accepting nominations for 2015 Volunteer of the Year

The MMTC invites the MM community to submit nominations for the 2015 MM Volunteer of the Year. The due date is November 7, 2015. Mail or email nominations to Jeff Stevens Secretary@miramesatowncouncil.org, or turn in nominations at the Nov. 2 MMTC meeting; MM Library 7PM. Honoring a community volunteer as Mira Mesa Volunteer of the Year has been an annual tradition since 1984, when Verne Goodwin was selected as the first honoree and MMTC named its college scholarship fund after him. The Volunteer of the Year need not be a Mira Mesa Town Council member, but should be 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. The winner will be the guest of honor at the annual Gala/ Dinner which is also a fundraiser for MMTC's Verne Goodwin Scholarship Fund, for graduating high school seniors who have been involved with community service. Voting will occur at the MMTC December 7th meeting. Only one Volunteer of the Year is selected and past Honorees are not eligible.

On the lookout for Invasive Pests … from office of Sup. Dave Roberts

In September, the county insect detection specialist in Del Mar trapped 2 yellow-striped Oriental Fruit Flies which can trigger quarantines, destroy crops and cause serious losses within the county's $1.8 billion agricultural economy. The county employs an in-house entomologist and pathology team that is able to quickly identify suspicious pests.

State agricultural officials, with support from the county's Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures, quickly deployed dozens of "delimitation" traps along a 4 ½-mile radius from the find site and no other fruit flies were found.

Elsewhere in the county during recent months, trappers have found Oriental fruit flies in 4S Ranch and Escondido.

Commercial growers will not suffer impacts unless more flies are detected. Officials say the discovery of five more males or a mated female or larva would trigger agricultural quarantines.

Local authorities say their biggest concerns are infestations of citrus or avocado orchards. Last year's avocado harvest was valued at $154 million. "Infestations can cause a complete loss of crops," and Escondido is home to 316 acres of production nurseries and 2,118 acres of avocados, citrus, tomatoes, grapes and persimmons.

The community can help by 1) **Cooperating with agricultural officials** if they ask to hang a trap on someone's private property. 2) **Buy LOCAL produce**… Oriental fruit flies often arrive in fresh fruit or soil shipped to California in packages or through the mail. About two-dozen insect detection specialists cover the county to service traps and look for bad bugs along with detector dogs that sniff out unauthorized shipments at FedEx and postal service transfer stations.

From the Office of County Supervisor Dave Roberts

The Technology Industry looks at a NEW committed workforce

The National Foundation for Autism Research held a "friend-raiser" on Thursday at the Del Mar Powerhouse, where the students enjoyed demonstrating their technology skills for Supervisor Roberts.

Supervisor Roberts office is Looking for a few good interns

Full- and part-time college students can earn college credit and gain valuable experience through our internship program. Interns participate in all aspects of our operations, both in the office and in the field. Be part of a great team! For more information, click here or contact Janie Hoover: (619) 531-5533 or janie.hoover@sdcounty.ca.gov.

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, 10 a.m. to noon, second Thursday of the month.

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

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Out & About Around Mira Mesa

MMHS Sapphire Sound Band still Fundraising for the ***Tournament of Roses parade***
Please continue to SHARE our T**ournament of Roses Go-FundMe** site. Liking it on Facebook is one thing, but you need to SHARE it to spread the news.
www.sandi.net/Page/75267

The **MM Banned Book Club** meets to read and discuss new thought provoking books each month.
The Book Club Meets last Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm in the MM library, 8405 New Salem St.

Nov. 2015 Book is James & the Giant Peach by R. Dahl and The Giver by L. Lowry.

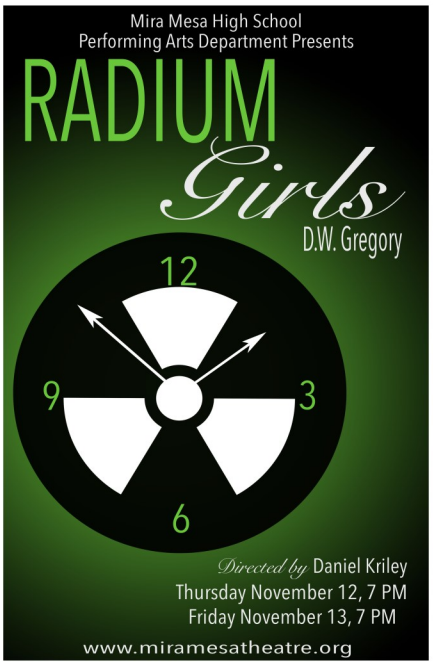
MMHS Theater Students Perform a Shocking New Play

A true story around circa 1920's in Essex County New Jersey; A shameful and terrifying tale not in the history books. Like so many cover-ups that get swept under the carpet, this play is based on the youthful dreams turned to sorrow out of ignorance and greed.

The story is about how these young unmarried girls working in a 'watch making factory' using luminescent paint were not told about the poisonous effects of the paint as they worked with it, ingested it to sharpen their brushes, had fun by placing it on their nails and died slow painful deaths from radiation poisoning. As the women became ill, lost whole jaw bones or died, they were lied to by Doctors and Dentists working for the company who were paid to misrepresent the dangers of the 'radium' used to illuminate the watch faces and other items being painted.

It is important to be reminded by Theater Arts that 'GREED' is a powerful subversion in society that continues to plague many companies today. For example, how safe is the 'VAPE' industry??? Do we actually know what type of 'toxins' are being pulled into the lungs of our youth who are smoking 'Hookah' or 'vaping' because the cigarette industry making money off this new trend says it is "safer" than actual cigarettes and "not addicting".

The "Radium Girls" were told the same thing until their deaths changed society by causing companies to take responsibility or be sued for their negligence.



Don't Miss **Radium Girls** performed by the Award Winning Mira Mesa High School Theater department
Thursday and Friday at 7:00PM
November 12th & 13th Tickets $10

Mira Mesa Theatre Guild Auditions for an Entertaining Comedy

The Mira Mesa Theatre Guild will hold auditions **Tuesday, Nov. 10 and Thursday, Nov. 12, 2015**, in the Game Room at the Mira Mesa Recreation Center, 8575 New Salem, **6 – 8pm each night,** for its February 2016 production of the comedy, *Art,* by Yasmina Reza, directed by Tim Arends. The comedy, *Art*, raises questions about art and friendship.
It concerns three long-time friends, Serge, Marc, and Yvan. Serge, indulging his penchant for modern art, buys a large, expensive, completely white painting. Marc is horrified, and their relationship suffers considerable strain as a result of their differing opinions about what constitutes "art". Yvan, caught in the middle of the conflict, tries to please and mollify both of them. Mira Mesa Theatre Guild is Mira Mesa's own non-profit community theatre group.

From the Office of SD Councilmember Chris Cate

WE HAVE SHADE!
On October 10, Mira Mesa residents gathered to cut the ribbon on the new Westview Park Shade Structure. A BIG THANK YOU to the Mira Mesa Recreation Council and the City of San Diego's Park & Recreation Department for their contributions. Children will now be able to play in a safer environment.

Would you like to see more park makeovers in MM? Come join the MM Recreation Council for more information about future projects in your neighborhoods. The Recreation council led by Joe Frichtel meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Lopez Ridge Rec. Center at 7:00 pm
Many new projects are in the works.

'Back to the Future' in Mira Mesa… What will MM look like in 30 Years?

In 1985 Mira Mesa had NO Multiplex Movie Theater, No Home Depot, No Barnes n' Noble, NO In N' Out… All the stores, entertainment and shopping we take for granted today… Well, planning for the future begins NOW!

As a community member and tax-payer, ever wondered how some projects are chosen over other? How to get a community project funded? How to improve parks? Streets? Schools? Recreation sites and Programs?

The following is some information about the current projects being considered in Mira Mesa… the MM 'Priorities' decided on by our current MM Planning group.

The relationship between our Mira Mesa civic organizations such as the Mira Mesa Town Council (MMTC), Mira Mesa Community Planning Group (MMCPG), Mira Mesa Recreation Council (MMRC), Mira Mesa Schools Cluster Council and city staff is generally cordial and works to enhance life among our citizens. At times, however, we have not had the support of city staff or we have even been opposed by them on issues where we believe support was warranted. One of the purposes of this list of priorities is to improve communication and encourage the full and enthusiastic assistance of our city in overcoming administrative hurdles encountered as we attempt to move forward in full compliance with existing laws and regulations. **The Current Priorities include** recommendations to San Diego City authorities such as:

- Update the Mira Mesa Community Plan to address additional population, traffic, and other potential impacts of *Stone Creek* development.
- Strong recommendation: SD City develop a road map to handle revenue from its Recreation Councils that eliminates red tape and encourages the assistance of recreation councils and continued donation of funds and volunteer energy on community park improvements.
- Implement measures to create easier pathways for volunteer groups to help with maintenance projects at local parks.
- Recommendations for specific policy to be enacted to eliminate City fees on public projects funded with private donations.
- Simplify the processes to reduce length of time and unnecessary administrative cost for construction projects both private and public.

Currently Funded Projects include:

- Mira Mesa Community Park – Phase 1 – Construction should occur sometime this fall.
- Finish the shade structure at Westview Community Park – Current.
- Conduct a workshop for Phase 2 of the Mira Mesa Community Park (to include an aquatic center and wheel friendly plaza, early 2016)
- Hire a consultant to help development a general development plan (GDP) for both Wangenheim and Maddox (annex) Neighborhood Parks on a priority basis with interviews September 2015, and a workshop in October/November (2015).
- Push to begin construction on both Wangenheim and Maddox (annex)
- Accelerate resurfacing streets throughout the MM community.
- Start construction of phase 3 for Mira Mesa Community Park improvement one year after completion of Phase 2. This phase includes Construction of a 17,000 sq. ft. Fieldhouse. A community workshop to be held in mid-2017.
- Develop a list of alternative uses for the existing MM Gymnasium
- Schedule a workshop with the Recreation Council to develop general development plan for Canyon Hills Resource Park.

To read the full article or get involved in any of these projects, go to the MMTC website and check out MM Planning Group information. The MM Planning Group meets the 3rd Monday of each month at the library and the MM Recreation Council meets on the 2nd Tuesday evening of each month at Lopez Ridge Park on Calle Cristobal east of Camino Santa Fe at 7pm.

Building up for Grabs… What to do with the MM 'Epicentre' ???

After 16 years under the guidance of Harmonium Inc., the "all ages booze-free music venue" AKA 'Epicentre' off Mira Mesa Blvd. is now vacant and its future use the topic of discussion for a special committee of the MMTC which has been formed to gather input from various portions of the community regarding future utilization for the 'Epicentre' building. The former library is still jointly owned by the City and cannot become a large 'for-profit' business (yeah, not another chain coffee house) but can provide much needed support to the community after receiving some TLC and much needed repairs.

The Mira Mesa/Scripps Ranch San Diego Police Storefront will remain onsite as the headquarters for the Mira Mesa/Scripps Ranch Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol. The committee is chaired by longtime Mira Mesa resident Bruce Brown who shared his vision of a multi-purpose Civic Center, Community Theater, youth/teen center and education center at the 1st committee meeting on Oct. 1st. For more information, contact Bruce Brown, bbrown7811@sbcglobal.net.

Mira Mesa Monthly Calendar

Events:

Nov. 7 -
MMHS Band Tournament

Mira Mesa Volunteer of the Year (VOY) Nominations being accepted

Future Events of Interest...

February
TET Festival

March
SD Northeastern Communities Pageant

April
Filipino Sun Festival

A Note from the MMTC NL Editor….
"Change is the only Constant"
As I step down from my role as MMTC Newsletter Editor, allow me to share a quick note of appreciation to the Mira Mesa community with whom I have had a closer look over the last 2 years as Editor. It was a shared joy to learn more about MM and its people. Stay United, stay Respectful and stay HAPPY.
Donna Carter

November 2015

MMHS Farmers Market 2– 7 Every Tuesday

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 **Mira Mesa Town Council** MM Library 7pm	**3 Farmer's Market Every Tues. @ MMHS**	4	5 **Walker El-em. Food Truck** Feed the Hungry	6	7 MMHS **BAND Tournament**
8	9 Mira Mesa Town Council Board of Directors – 6:45 pm, MMTC Office	10 Mira Mesa Recreation Council 7pm Lopez Ridge Rec. Center MM	11 Veterans Day Holiday— MM Library closed	12	13	14
15	16 Mira Mesa Community Planning Group 7 pm, Mira Mesa Library	17	18 Pajama Story Time MM Library 6:30+ Library Homework Helpers @ 6pm	19	20	21
22	23	24 **Banned Book Club** MM Library 6:30 - 8:00 PM	25 **Short day at MM library**	26	27	28
29	30					

MMTC General Membership Meeting October 2015 Minutes

Call to order (7:00 p.m.) / Pledge of Allegiance / Approval of minutes from (September, 2015) - President's Announcements – Ted Brengel

Mira Mesa Priorities – will be placed online shortly. (See attached document).

Dedication of Westview park shade structure this Saturday at 11 am.

Thanked Mira Mesa Street Fair sponsors: DIAMOND: Vulcan Materials Company Western Division, Garden Communities, Magic 92.5 and Jammin' Z90.3, EMERALD: Hanson Heidelberg Cement Group, Mira Mesa Living, RUBY: Mira Mesa Office and Medical Mall, Vons Stores, Sandwich Emporium, Submarina, SAPPHIRE: Callahan's Pub and Brewery, OPAL: Bamboo Flooring by Cali Bamboo, My Glam Jam Nails, Scripps Pediatric Dentistry

Recognition of First Responders (SDPD/SDFD)

SDPD Northeastern Division - Officers George, Taisor and Huynh. Crime report for the month: 2 stolen vehicles, 2 vehicle recoveries. Burglaries have increased, but two burglars were caught. These are crimes of opportunity. Join crime-mapping.com and nextdoor.com. There was a fatal bicycle accident on Camino Ruiz due to fog. Jim – RSVP will do vacation house checks. Barbara – thanked police for helping to return a lost boy from the library tonight.

SDFD – Battalion Chief Grace Yamane supervises 7 fire stations in the NE part of the city. Moving to Mission Valley. There will be a new battalion chief here at station 44. There is still some fire danger even after the rain. Vegetation will grow, then dry out. People 65 and older more likely to die in fires.

Mira Mesa Schools Presentation – School Principals (Page 4 of Newsletter)

Proposed Water Rate Increases – Cathy Pieroni, Public Utilities Department *(Full report on MMTC website)*

In business since 1901, 20,000 people then. 10-15% of water is collected locally. New desalinated water coming online. Higher costs to pay for it starting 2016. Pure water San Diego also starting. These are drought-proof sources of water. Repair and replace aging infrastructure. 35 miles/year. Reservoirs very low now. Cost of water increased from $500/acre foot<2006 to $1,300/acre foot. Built reservoir near Hemet which has helped get through last couple of years. Currently 36% of expenses is buying water. Proposed rate increases up to 7.0% by 2019. All for water and infrastructure. 20% fixed costs, 80% variable costs. Can save more by conserving. Typical single family will be going up about 10%. Cal standard is that no more than 30% be fixed costs. Imported water reached crossroads in 1990. Climate is getting warmer. Joe – reduce personnel costs. Personnel are 12% of costs. Lost 370 positions during merger. New hires no pensions. Zero pay raises. Not raising rates would mean more main breaks, unreliable water supply, delay pure water program, possible credit loss. Public hearing November 17, 10 am. Can protest rates. If majority of rate payers protest can't raise rates. Rate increase Jan 1. Water will become less hard due to purity of recycled and desalinated water.

Recognition of Elected Officials and their representatives

Councilmember Chris Cate, District 6 (Luis Pallera) – Westview shade structure Saturday at 11 am. 24th threw out first pitch. 4 bikes presented to PD at Street Fair. Send questions about water rates. Meeting set up with Salk principal to discuss traffic. Requested two crosswalks.

County Supervisor Dave Roberts, District 3 (Harold Meza)- Housing for mentally ill patients. Facetime second Monday of every month at community office.

Congressman Scott Peters (Howard Ou). Trying to get bipartisanship in DC. Improved transparency for travel. 4 veteran bills. Spinal cord injury research.

Government and Community Resources

City Attorney, Neighborhood Prosecution Unit – Julio DeGuzman. Criminal division. Next month about community courts.

Mira Mesa Branch Library – Barbara Schwartz, Branch Manager. Libraries are education. One book, one San Diego event. Shadow of the Wind by Carlos Stefan. Had a library fine discount month. Got quite a few, but still a lot of money owed.

c) Mira Mesa Community Planning Group – John Horst, Chairman. Stone Creek subcommittee meeting is next Wednesday at 6 pm at the Senior Center. Traffic study is on the website.

d) Mira Mesa Recreation Council – Joe Frichtel, Chairman. Work on ball fields will start Nov. 2015.

e) Mira Mesa Cluster Schools Council – Jennifer Kvalvik, Chairman. Oct 26. MMcluster.org. Raising resilient teens in our digital world – tomorrow. Challenger 6-7. Forming performing arts committee.

MMTC Committee Reports and Announcements

a) Epicentre Committee – Bruce Brown. Meeting last Thursday. Need to do a better job communicating with City. Sending 3 letters to City: support RSVP, want civic center, youth center, theatre and educational center, want $500k back. Will provide $900,000 for improvements. Trying to get walkthrough of building. 28 people on committee.

b) Treasurer's Report – Checking: $49,704, Savings: $15,893, Scholarship: $12,419, Total: $78,017.46. More than usual because we have Street Fair income but have not yet paid Street Fair bills.

c) Membership – thank all members who have renewed. Please tell your friends and neighbors.

Adjournment (9:15 p.m.)

Join our MMTC Meetings ...1st Monday of the month!!!
Mira Mesa Library 7:00 p.m.

Full copy of MMTC Minutes Available on the MMTC website

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The MMTC would like our current business members to reach out to their neighbors and encourage them to join the Town Council in 2015.

MMTC community membership is growing. New readers mean more opportunities for them to visit our business listings.

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