

# the mosaic

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## Hanson Aggregates presents amended Carroll Canyon plan

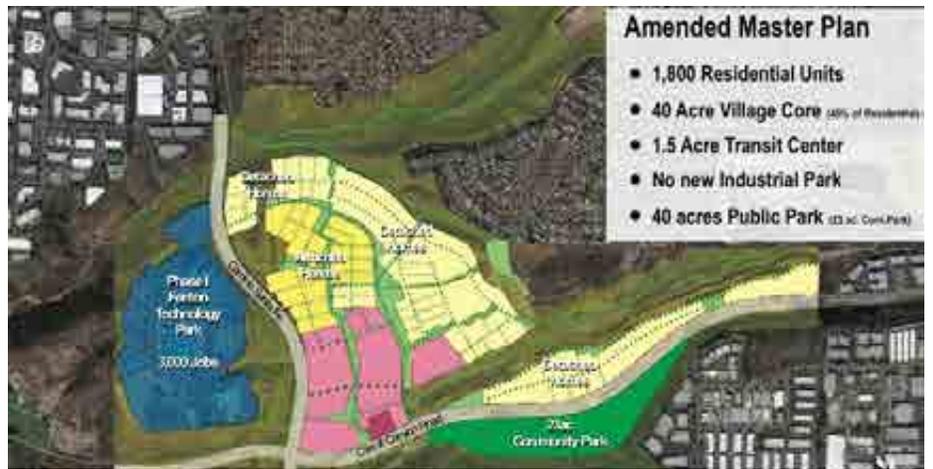
**By John Horst** Hanson Aggregates, owner of the quarrying operation along Camino Santa Fe, presented its proposal for amending the Carroll Canyon Master Plan at the March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Mira Mesa Community Planning Group at the Mira Mesa Library.

The Carroll Canyon Master Plan was originally adopted by the San Diego City Council in 1994 and outlined the eventual land use and development of the area being quarried by Hanson. The plan was incorporated into the 1992 Mira Mesa Community Plan.

At the time, land surrounding Challenger Middle School was identified as an eventual

community park. Subsequent decisions by U.S. Fish & Wildlife prevented the city from developing the park,

» **Carroll Canyon, Page 9.**



The land use shown above is for the current Hanson Aggregates quarry, operation of which ceased recently. The 23 acre community park along Carroll Canyon Rd. is the most significant change from the originally approved Master Plan.

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### President's Message

### Don't Forget

**By Ted Brengel**

*President, Mira Mesa Town Council*

It's Spring! And the spring forward clock change is behind

us. For the next eight months, we can leave our clocks alone (except to smack them when they wake us up, of course).

Speaking of "wake", has anyone else noticed that television news and sports announcers can't seem to figure out "awakened". Maybe it's me. Maybe I'm just hypersensitive to this particular abuse of our language, but I absolutely hate to hear that someone was "woken up" when we all know well that if someone or something wakes you up, you have

» **president's message, pg 8.**



**Apr 3**

Mira Mesa Town Council, April Meeting, Branch Library, 7pm. Carroll Canyon development presentation.

**Apr 8**

Taste of Mira Mesa, UCSD, The Ida and Cecil Green Faculty Club, 5:00pm - 9:00pm.

**Apr 17**

Mira Mesa Community Planning Group, Hanson Aggregates presentation. Branch Library, 7pm.

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## JROTC food drive nets 40k pounds of food

**By Minhtam Nguyen**  
*MMHS JROTC Cadet*

On their own, each of the district's 13 JROTC units gathered thousands of pounds of nonperishable food items for donation.

Together, they amassed close to 40,000 pounds of food - 38,208 to be exact - as part of the JROTC annual holiday food drive.

"Seeking canned foods and other nonperishable food item donations throughout their communities, our students have set out to help others that are in need during the holiday season and learn the importance of service to others," said JROTC Program Manager Tim Swann.

This year, the community service streamer, which goes to the school that collects the most donations, went to Point Loma High School. The students collected 15,359 pounds of food. Scripps Ranch High School was second with 5,576 pounds and Mira Mesa High School was third with 4,456 pounds.

## The Habit - Is it really?

**By Tristan Rayandayan**  
*Staff Writer, The Marquee*

Mira Mesa has seen the rise of many new eateries in the past couple of years, the newest being The Habit Burger Grill that is currently in construction on the Mira Mesa Blvd. and Camino Ruiz intersection. The Habit has been quite the buzz lately, as this new establishment will be across the street from MMHS, thus giving students a new place to eat at after school. While Mira Mesa's location isn't complete yet, we can know what to expect based on other Habit establishments like the one in Balboa Mesa Shopping Center.



The Habit's eat-in feel is chill and should appeal to Marauder Nation.

Upon walking in, it's noticeable that the aesthetic is very modern, being sleek yet welcoming. With music playing over speakers and pictures of surfers and beaches on the walls, the place gives off a unique vibe. The Habit is known for their "Charburger," described on the menu as a burger containing "a fresh ground beef patty with mayonnaise, pickle, fresh tomato, lettuce, and caramelized onions on a toasted bun." For about \$4.00, you can order a Charburger meal, which includes fries and a medium soft drink for an additional \$4.00. For a vegetarian option, you can

» The Habit, pg 10.

## teacher profile

## Jonathan Pierce

**By Daniel Drooz**  
*Staff Writer, The Marquee*

Teachers make the difference between mediocrity and greatness in a student. It doesn't matter who you are, there is a teacher that inspired you in some way. A good teacher doesn't just read material out of a textbook, they make a connection with the students. Mr. Pierce is a perfect example of a teacher who inspires and motivates students to succeed.

Mr. Pierce has been teaching science here at Mira Mesa for two years. He was born in Northern California, lived in San Bernardino, and wanted to work for NASA. In high school Mr. Pierce played



» Jonathan Pierce, pg 10.



## Professor Bowers-Gentry Honored

Chemistry Professor Rebecca Bowers-Gentry was honored as the 2017 Outreach Volunteer of the Year by the San Diego local section of the American Chemical Society. She was presented the honor on February 24 during the Regional Chemistry meeting held at Miramar College. Jonathan Lockner, president of the Local Chapter for ACS presented the award.

Becca is 'split' between two departments. She is an important faculty member in the Department of Biological Science who is committed to the biotechnology program. She is also involved with the Department of Physical Science and is currently serving as the chair for that department.

Aside from commitments in these two departments, Becca serves as the coordinator of the Miramar College science

» Jonathan Pierce, pg 10.

## Delta Airlines teams up with Miramar College to develop aviation careers

By David Tulis

From <http://www.aopa.org>

The budding relationship between San Diego Miramar College and Delta Air Lines has landed four maintenance students internships with the air carrier. The airframe and powerplant program placed its first paid intern at the airline in December 2015 and is now on pace for two internships per year, said Lonny Bosselman, the school's aviation maintenance technology director.

The college's newest intern is Rod Tiong, who recently completed his maintenance coursework and is already turning wrenches for Delta TechOps at its San Diego International Airport line maintenance service center while he prepares for his FAA exams.

Miramar's first student to land a paid maintenance position was Tevin Nixon, who successfully completed the challenging five-semester program. Genevieve Cindrich followed a short time later and called the internship "a great experience" despite the grueling late-night and weekend schedule. Cindrich first trained on Boeing 737-800s at the airline's Atlanta hub before the company hired her at its San Diego maintenance facility.

The paid internships call for students to work about 20 hours per weekend so they can still handle their daily classwork. "It's a pretty long

slug," Bosselman previously told AOPA.

Some of Delta's corporate personnel recently paid a visit to Miramar "to develop a more formal relationship," Bosselman said, adding that he hoped Delta's audit of the college's facilities could "turn into a pipeline for hiring maintainers for their airline."



The success of Miramar College's Delta relationship has led to interest from other air carriers including Honolulu-based Hawaiian Airlines, which recently picked up Miramar College graduate Jenny Bishop for a maintenance position. Bosselman pointed out that Hawaiian's routes and aircraft inventory are growing and leading to new opportunities for his graduates.

Bosselman said that the airline maintenance industry in general is "looking for the best mechanic candidates they can find" to combat attrition and support expansion in the years to come.

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# first responders



## Who knew the stork wears a badge?

SDPD pair team up to deliver baby at Mira Mesa post office

**As Filed by Jessica Chen**  
*10News San Diego*

Police came to the rescue of a couple in distress on busy Mira Mesa Boulevard Thursday morning and delivered their baby in a U.S. Post Office parking lot.

A distressed Dennis Dillard called police at 6:22 am and said his wife Vanessa Prado was having a baby in the parking lot.

Prado begun having contractions around 4:00am but her due date wasn't for another three weeks.

By the time the Mira Mesa residents left their apartment, the contractions intensified and her husband had to pull the car over into the parking lot.

Within two minutes San Diego Police officers Matt Enderlin and



New mom Vanessa Prado, her boyfriend Dennis Dillard, seven pound baby Pierce, and his 'big sister' all doing fine after Pierce is delivered with the help of SDPD.

*- Photo Courtesy Jessica Chen and 10News.*

Eric Hustad swooped in and delivered the precious, healthy baby boy who the couple named Pierce.

The department tweeted out a photo of a smiling, recovering mom and proud dad, along with Northeastern division heroes Enderlin and Hustad holding the new baby. The tweet congratulated the officers on being ready for anything:

"When you do this job, you have to be ready for anything, even delivering a baby! Great job Officers Enderlin & Hustad and Mom on bringing this beautiful baby into the world at the Mira Mesa Post Office no less. Guess mail's not the only thing getting delivered today."

When considering a name for the baby, Prado and Dillard entertained some dry wit, but very much to the relief of a future teenage Pierce, thought better of it.

"We joked that we were going to name him Pierce Postal, but I don't think that's going to happen," Vanessa said, laughing.

*-Editor's note. Some details were gleaned from other local news reports.*

San Diego Police officers Matt Enderlin and Eric Hustad (shown here) arrived in less than two minutes to help deliver Pierce.

*- Photo Courtesy Jessica Chen and 10News.*



## Spring means warmer temps, longer days, and that time worn tradition...

As Spring brings warmer temperatures and

Daylight Savings Time brings longer afternoons, San Diego's

tradition of sunset/early evening bonfires gets in gear. San Diego's local ordinances regulating "Recreational Fires" allow for the use of steel fire pits at locations where permanent concrete fire pits are not available.

At the beaches where fire pits are available, they are used on a first-come, first-served basis. Open fires outside of these pits and not otherwise in a portable fire pit are prohibited. No fires are allowed at all between midnight and 5am.

Fuel is limited to wood, charcoal, or paper, and burning trash is prohibited. Wood may not be piled up any higher than 12 inches above the rim of the pit. Fires must be extinguished before leaving and coals or wood embers must be deposited in hot coal containers.

It is possible to use a portable fire pit

like the one shown below. These pits must be no more than three feet in diameter and two feet high. They must be kept 25 feet or more away from any structures. Any conditions that might cause the fire to spread must be eliminated. While it is unclear if the 12 inch above the rim rule applies to portable fire pits, it is a good idea to observe this limitation to minimize risk.

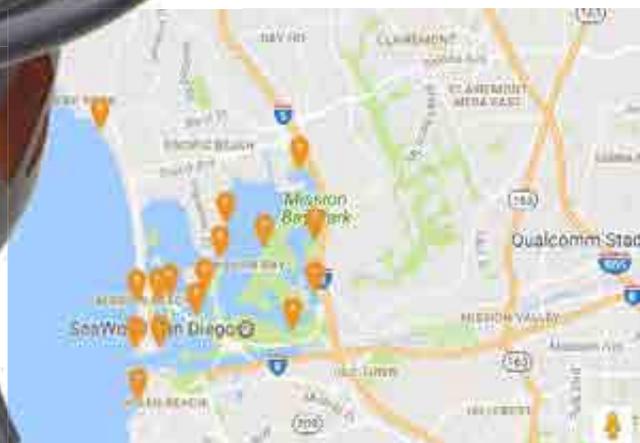
A recreational fire must always be attended while burning and some form of fire extinguishing materials (e.g. dirt, sand, garden hose, water barrel) or a fire extinguisher must be on hand. Small fire extinguishers are easily found at stores like Home Depot and Costco.

As with the unit shown below, portable fire pits often come with accessories making it possible to cook from the fire, and then later to simply enjoy it as a bonfire after dinner. Many of Mira Mesa's parks have hot coal containers.

A portable fire pit, used in accordance with city regulations, opens up new possibilities for enjoying the parks as the days get longer.

*Left: One example of portable fire pit with cooking accessories. This model is available at Home Depot.*

*Below: While there are many other locations, Mission Beach offer the closest and most numerous beach bonfire opportunities with permanent concrete fire pits.*



# politics and opinion



## Chris Cate: City Council District 6



I had the honor to proclaim March 14<sup>th</sup> as “100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Girl Scouts San Diego” in the City of San Diego. Girl Scouts from Mira Mesa (Troop 3434) attended the ceremony.

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. They are the preeminent leadership development organization for girls. During my lunch hour on March 14<sup>th</sup>, I stopped by the Mira Mesa Senior Center to serve pie to the seniors.

Pi Day is celebrated on March 14<sup>th</sup> (3/14) around the world. Pi (Greek letter “ $\pi$ ”) is the symbol used in mathematics to represent a constant — the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter — which is approximately 3.14159.

#PiDay



## Toni Atkins: Senate District 39



The Affordable Care Act (ACA) isn’t perfect, but it has been largely successful in California. Because of it, around 5 million more of our state’s residents have healthcare coverage, and in San Diego alone, more than 350,000 additional people have been covered.

I was relieved when the plan to repeal the ACA failed in Washington, D.C., late last month. It would have resulted in 24 million Americans losing health insurance by 2026, and it would have been calamitous for California.

The goal of the ACA was universal healthcare. While California isn’t there yet, our state is now seeing a record-low 7.1% uninsured rate. That’s great news.

I want to go forward, not backward. I will continue to work toward full universal coverage so all Californians have affordable access to quality healthcare.



## Brian Maienschein: Assembly District 77



Assemblymember Brian Maienschein (San Diego) expressed his disappointment with the California Department of Social Services after the State Auditor found dozens of people accused of crimes like raping a spouse when they are unconscious, pimping, or identity theft are being allowed to work or volunteer in licensed care facilities.

“It’s extremely disturbing that the Department of Social Services is putting our most vulnerable population in danger by allowing criminals to work in licensed care facilities,” said Maienschein.

The California State Auditor recently found that the Department of Social Services allows caregivers to work in licensed care facilities without completing all the required elements of a criminal background check. Additionally, the Department has given exemptions to people accused of serious crimes that, if



## Kristin Gaspar County 3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisory District



Across the United States, the growth in the number and proportion of adults over the age of 65 has hit new and unparalleled levels in our history. Alzheimer’s is the third leading cause of death in San Diego County. In 2014, more than 64,000 San Diegans 55 and older were living with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementia (ADRD), and were cared for by more than 145,400 unpaid caregivers. Within 15 years, the number of San Diegans living with ADRD is projected to increase by almost 50%, from 64,000 to nearly 94,000.

Last month, the Board of Supervisors released The Alzheimer’s Project 2017 Annual Report.

The Alzheimer’s Project, launched in 2014, is an unprecedented regional initiative that has united an all-star team of stakeholders from multiple community sectors to address the toll Alzheimer’s disease is taking on our families, communities, and local health care systems. This year, I have joined Chairwoman Dianne Jacob in leading this ambitious regional effort.

## Mayor Faulconer and Councilman Cate to be commended

**By John Horst** On the heels of One Paseo, Aqua Hediona (Carlsbad), and Lilac Hills Ranch, another major development project looms on the horizon. But this time, thanks to the leadership of Mayor Kevin Faulconer and Councilman Chris Cate, we will likely see much less controversy.

Hanson Aggregates has presented an update to their Carroll Canyon Master Plan. The details of this update are described in the feature story for this issue of *The Mosaic*. What is important about this - especially in light of the housing crisis and controversies over density - is that the Mira Mesa Community Planning Group's persistent demands that infrastructure and public facilities be provided ahead of density appear to have born fruit.

In consultations with the city regarding neighboring Vulcan Materials plan for "Stone Creek" we have pursued two straightforward objectives: obtaining the third community park lost to fairy shrimp habitat; and getting Carroll Canyon Rd. built from I-15 to I-805. It appears this first objective has now been met.

Carroll Canyon Rd. will have a segment going through Vulcan's property. This segment will not be developed until Vulcan concludes mining operations and construction

begins on Stone Creek. Hanson's segment will likely be developed earlier. What remains is a segment from Hanson's property to I-805. This segment will be the responsibility of the city.

It is essential that Carroll Canyon Rd. provides the population in the 3Roots project access to the 805 at the outset. Otherwise this population will spill onto Miramar Rd. and Mira Mesa Blvd., making an already intolerable situation worse.

It has been said "density" is a bad word in San Diego politics. This is not necessarily the case, and increased density can help address our housing shortage. But "smart growth" is no such thing if the needed infrastructure and public facilities are not provided ahead of increases in density. Too many past commitments have been left unfulfilled for our communities to tolerate more broken promises.

Mayor Faulconer and Council Chris Cate are to be commended for leading Hanson in the right direction with respect to meeting the needs of the community. Yet we will continue to need their leadership to insist that their critical segment of Carroll Canyon Rd. be complete before people begin to move into the 3Roots project.



### Scott Peters, CA 52<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District



After a marathon 27 hour meeting, I voted against advancing the Republican healthcare repeal out of the Energy and Commerce Committee. The bill repeals many subsidies that help working families afford health insurance. The repeal bill passed the committee on a party line vote, the first of many steps in the path toward becoming law.

I have been willing to work with both sides to protect the parts of the Affordable Care Act that are working, and fix the parts that aren't. That is not what this bill does.

Independent experts estimate that this repeal bill would increase out-of-pocket costs for working families and leave them more susceptible to premium spikes. Doctors and hospitals have said it would dramatically reduce healthcare access, leaving tens of millions without coverage. And insurers state it would undermine both the individual and employer insurance markets, which could increase costs and reduce access even more.

The uninsured rate in San Diego County dropped from 17% to just 10% between 2013 and 2015, when the coverage provisions of the Affordable Care Act were implemented. The rate in my district dropped from 9.4% to just 5.4%. This is not a binary choice between leaving things as they are and voting for this rushed, reckless bill. I stand here willing and ready to work in a bipartisan way to address today's market conditions to provide more access to affordable care for all Americans. This doesn't do the job.

*The Mosaic* welcomes news and opinion pieces authored by our elected representatives. Opinion pieces written by residents are welcome, but must have a community "angle" which helps inform readers of the importance of current events and issues to the Mira Mesa community. *Articles published here do not reflect the official position or opinion of the Mira Mesa Town Council, its Board of Directors, or any of its members.* Submissions may be sent via email to [newsletter@miramesatowncouncil.org](mailto:newsletter@miramesatowncouncil.org)

## president's message

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been awakened. Yeah, I know, what a fuss budget! Maybe I was woken up this morning.

By the time you read this, we will have already completed the March Planning Group Meeting. In a way, this meeting will be monumental. For years, many of us have been deeply concerned about a third community park to replace the space we lost to fairy shrimp at Christa McAuliffe Park.

The agenda for the Planning Group Meeting includes a proposal by Hanson Aggregates, the owner of the western portion of Carroll Canyon, to change their portion of the Carroll Canyon Master Plan to include over twenty acres of park space. While this park space will by no means solve our problem with insufficient active-use park space, it will put a big dent in it by providing our third community park.

This month's meeting will vote in initiating the plan amendment

process. A vote on the project itself will not come until later. One thing is for certain though. The inclusion of significant park space for a third community park in the plan opens a great many possibilities that were previously closed, and it eases (but does not eliminate) our concerns about park space. Keep your eye on this project!

Elsewhere in this issue, you will see a notice regarding the form of our newsletter, the mosaic. Our goal is to continue to provide our membership and the people of Mira Mesa with a solid source of information at a reasonable cost. We believe that many, if not most, of our members would prefer to read the newsletter online and allow MMTC to forego much of the cost of the newsletter. While I am on the subject, let me point out that Mira Mesa Mall has, for many years, been providing the postage for the newsletter, while MMTC paid all printing and folding costs. We thank them sincerely for this.

Just to be crystal clear, if you want to receive a printed newsletter in your mailbox, that option remains available, AND you can still view it online as well. On the other hand if you don't mind reading the newsletter online, choosing not to receive the printed version will save money and lighten the load on our volunteer staff.

An email will be sent to MMTC members each month to announce the availability of the online newsletter. It will include a link so you can jump right to it. This notice will also be reflected on our Facebook page. One additional benefit of having an online version of the mosaic is that non-members who access our website will be able to view it. This will hopefully increase MMTC's value to the community at large and increase our membership.

Our goal, after all, is to do everything possible to make Mira Mesa a better place in which to live and work.

Have a fantastic April, and be safe.

## Community Contacts & Resources

### 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

SDPD Community Relations..... 858-538-8120  
Suspected Arson..... 800-472-7766  
Gangs..... 619-531-2847  
Graffiti..... 619-525-8522  
Non-Emergency Crime..... 858-484-3154

### UTILITIES

Fire Hydrant Accidents/Open..... 619-515-3525  
Gas Leak..... 800-411-7343  
Power/Phone Lines Down..... 619-811-8081  
Tree Limbs in Power Lines..... 800-411-7343

### NUISANCES

Dangerous Animals..... 619-236-2341  
Dead Animals..... 858-492-5060  
Animal Manure..... 619-338-2283  
Rodents/Rats..... 858-694-2888  
Abandoned/Dangerous Buildings..... 619-236-5500  
Abandoned/Inoperable Auto..... 858-495-7856  
Loud Noise..... 619-236-5564  
Code Compliance..... 619-236-5500  
Uncollected/Overflowing Trash..... 858-492-5055

### STREETS & ENVIRONMENT

Bus Station/Shelter Damaged..... 619-231-1466  
Manhole Cover Missing/Damaged..... 619-515-3525  
Flooded Street/Potholes..... 619-527-7500  
Sinkhole/Street Collapse..... 619-515-3525  
Traffic Light Malfunction..... 619-525-8650  
Weeds/Fallen Trees/Clogged Storm Drains..... 858-689-6296

## Carroll Canyon

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effectively limiting Mira Mesa to two of the three parks needed based on population estimates.

The original Carroll Canyon Master Plan thus did not incorporate a community park. Smaller parcels of land were distributed through the plan for smaller neighborhood parks.

The new plan provides a community park by combining these smaller parcels into a single 23 acre park.

The Mira Mesa Town Council and Planning Group have both persistently advocated with Hanson, adjacent property owner Vulcan Materials, and with the city to ensure development of the Hanson and Vulcan properties address the park issue in some manner.

In addition to the community park issue, the Planning Group has been stressing the need to complete Carroll Canyon Rd. from Interstate 805 to 15 to prevent additional traffic from these projects from spilling onto both Miramar Rd. and Mira Mesa Blvd. The eastern portion of Carroll Canyon Rd. will be developed as part of Vulcan's "Stone Creek" project. The middle portion is part of the Carroll Canyon Master Plan. The City of San Diego is responsible for connecting Carroll Canyon Rd. from Interstate 805 to the Carroll Canyon Master Plan area.

Recent controversies over increased density and the housing crisis have provoked debate over the willingness of San Diego communities to support increases in density. Community volunteers point to a deep deficit of trust due to unfulfilled past promises.

"After all the broken promises, non-enforcement of code compliance laws, lack of street repairs, and traffic

that always seems to exceed all estimates, I frankly think that the average person in Mira Mesa doesn't support any sort of change... [S]erious density will be very, very hard to sell," said Ted Brengel, President of the Mira Mesa Town Council and Planning Group Executive Committee member.

### **Hanson Aggregates' request to initiate a Master Plan amendment will be submitted for an advisory vote at the April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Planning Group.**

Mira Mesa Community Planning Group Chairman Jeff Stevens noted how the need for density can result in neglecting other equally important elements of a community plan.

"When housing gets tight, the need for more housing starts to take priority over other elements [of a community plan], potentially destroying the livability of the city and

its communities," Stevens said. "The Mira Mesa Community Planning Group works to ensure that new development is accompanied by the public facilities and mitigation necessary to make the development a positive addition to the community."

Hanson Aggregates is currently seeking a vote from the Planning Group on initiating the amendment process to update the Carroll Canyon Master Plan. In keeping with past practice, the Planning Group heard Hanson's presentation as an "information item." This allows members of the Planning Group and the larger community to ask questions and have Hanson return with answers prior to taking a vote. The request to initiate an amendment to the master plan will be heard again and submitted for an advisory vote at the April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Planning Group. The meeting will be held at 7pm in the Mira Mesa Branch Library.



The segment of Carroll Canyon Rd. shown in yellow above, roughly running along the south edge of the El Camino Memorial cemetery, is owned by various entities. The City of San Diego is responsible for connecting the 3Roots project to the eastern portion of Carroll Canyon Rd. connecting to Interstate 805.

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## Jonathan Pierce

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basketball, soccer and was in multiple clubs. He was also in his school's student council or as we call it ASB.

As far as hobbies Mr. Pierce enjoys playing and coaching basketball as well as hiking and yoga. However, it's obvious that basketball is his passion. It's cool to have a youthful teacher that shares some of the same interests as his students. Before becoming a teacher, he played college ball at Mary Washington University and still plays with the other teachers at lunch. Growing up close to LA naturally he is a Lakers fan, he also stands behind

the 49ers. He's also a music lover, mainly enjoying electronic sounding songs. Some teachers are out of date with modern culture, but Mr. Pierce is definitely not one of those teachers.

The environment in his class is calm and relaxed, but also organized.

Most students get along well with him because he's not too strict, but he's not a pushover either. He describes his teaching style as, "Fun, accountable, relaxed, and entertaining." In my experience his class is not too stressful, but you still have to put in the work to get a good grade. Overall, Mr. Pierce is a great teacher with charisma and dedication.

## The Habit

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order the veggie burger, which is around the same price as the Charburger.

While the fries and soda selection are nothing noteworthy, the same cannot be said for the Charburger. The vegetables were fresh, accompanied by the cheese and the meat working together to bring out a wholesome, hearty taste with each bite. Working your way into the burger, the savory taste takes root and leaves you wanting more. While the veggie burger isn't nearly as flavorful as the Charburger, it's a decent option for vegetarians seeking a filling meal. The vegetables are still fresh-tasting, but the bland bun and patty really dull the taste down.

While being pricier than other burger establishments, The Habit offers wholesome signature burgers at a reasonable price. With chill atmosphere, affordable pricing, and proximity to the school campus, it has all the makings of being the next big thing for Marauders seeking something to eat when the school day is over.

## Bowers-Gentry

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department's participation in the San Diego Festival of Science and Engineering. She has served as director of the S2 Summer Science Enrichment Program since 2012. She has mentored SDICCCA interns, and in conjunction with her biotechnology involvement, Becca served as co-director of the ARRA Biotech Grant (2009 – 2011) in which she was directly involved.

In collaboration with Dr. Sandra Slika, director of the Southern California Biotechnology Center, Becca is often involved in biotech boot camps and other biotech workshops throughout the year here at Miramar College. Finally, she has been the main person responsible for coordinating Chem Expo with Miramar College.

## Come join Mira Mesa's 43<sup>rd</sup> annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade and Family Fun Day



Applications for participation in the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade and Family Fun Day will be going out this week.

For those who have not participated in the past, please contact [john.h.horst@gmail.com](mailto:john.h.horst@gmail.com) to be added to the application distribution list. We will have space in the park for vendors, and parade participation options as well.



PLEASE JOIN THE MIRA MESA TOWN COUNCIL  
FOR AN EVENING OF HONORING

# Sabrina Bazzo

AS THE 2016 MIRA MESA VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

SATURDAY, MAY 13TH, 2017  
RECEPTION & COCKTAILS AT 6:00 PM  
DINNER TO FOLLOW AT 7:00 PM  
COUNTRY INN & SUITES  
5975 LUSK BLVD • SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

Reservations for \$35 per person by April 30th,  
\$45 per person thereafter if space is still available

RSVP AND PAY ONLINE AT  
[Miramesatowncouncil.org](http://Miramesatowncouncil.org)  
or email Christina Keene:  
[VOY@miramesatowncouncil.org](mailto:VOY@miramesatowncouncil.org) or  
call 858-877-3766  
for more information

This event helps to raise funds for the  
MMTC-VERNE GOODWIN  
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District 6 City Councilman Chris Cate shares a City Council proclamation recognizing Mira Mesa Girl Scout Troop 3434. He also stopped by the Mira Mesa Senior Center to serve pie to the seniors. Pi Day is celebrated on March 14<sup>th</sup> (3/14) around the world.

## Get The Mosaic Online!

The Mira Mesa Town Council will again be mailing this issue of The Mosaic to all members. But we are interested in finding out who among the membership would prefer to read the online version. This will allow us to cut back on printing costs, allowing us to keep the front page in full color.

If you would prefer not to receive the printed edition, please contact us at:

[newsletter@miramesatowncouncil.org](mailto:newsletter@miramesatowncouncil.org)

Thank you for your continued support of the Mira Mesa Town Council.

## Upcoming 2017 Events

- April 8, 2017 - Taste of Mira Mesa fundraiser for Mira Mesa schools
- April 13-17, 2017 - Mira Mesa High School Wind Ensemble & Symphony Orchestra Spring Trip to Washington, D.C. and performance at the Kennedy Center
- April/May 2017 (Date TBD) - Volunteer of the Year Dinner
- May 6, 2017 - Asian Cultural Festival
- May 20, 2017 - D6 Night Market
- June 24-25, 2017 - Relay for Life of Mira Mesa and Rancho Penasquitos
- July 4, 2017 - Mira Mesa Fourth of July Celebration
- August 25, 2016 - Mira Mesa Festival of Beers
- September 16, 2016 (Date tentative) - Mira Mesa's Got Talent
- September 22-24, 2016 - Miramar Air Show
- September 30, 2016 - Chalk the Walk Art Festival and Crafts Fair
- October 7, 2017 - Mira Mesa Street Fair
- November 4, 2016 - Mira Mesa Invitational Band Review and Field Tournament.

Visit <https://goo.gl/BJUI1X> to see the Google Calendar for Mira Mesa events.



Mira Mesa features numerous finger canyons and the Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve along its northern border. As is the case throughout the County and especially in the desert, wildflowers are in full bloom.

*- Photo Courtesy Jeff and Pam Stevens*

## Signs of Spring Popping Up Everywhere



Living in an arid climate, locals usually do not get to see this depth of green in our landscapes. The wet Winter leaves us with a beautiful Spring.

*- Photo Courtesy Jeff and Pam Stevens*



Baseball is a Spring tradition, especially in Mira Mesa youth sports and the high school squads. Coach Mike Gapasin posted this shot of MMHS baseball history in ball caps to Facebook.

*- Photo Courtesy Mike Gapasin*



The MMHS 2017 varsity squad waiting to take the field tells us Spring is here. Play ball!

*- Photo Courtesy Mike Gapasin*

# business member directory

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

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BUSINESS HERE!**

See the back page for the  
Business Membership  
Application. Join the Mira Mesa  
Chamber of Commerce as well!

THE MIRA MESA HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION  
PRESENTS

**SAVE THE DATE**  
SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2017 FROM 5:00-9:00 P.M.

The 12th Annual  
**Taste  
Of  
MIRA  
MESA**

Guests will enjoy silent and live auctions, delicious foods from a variety of restaurants, entertainment and fun-filled activities. The event benefits the participating schools in the Mira Mesa Community - assisting over 7,500 students in the areas of academics, environment, athletics, and extracurricular activities.

**EVENT LOCATION:**  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO  
THE IDA AND CECIL GREEN FACULTY CLUB  
9500 GILMAN DRIVE, #0121  
LA JOLLA, CA 92093-0121

**TICKET PRICES: \$35 PRESALE & \$40 AT THE DOOR**  
TO PURCHASE TICKETS: [MIRAMESAHIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION.ORG](http://MIRAMESAHIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION.ORG)  
\*\*\*AN ADULT ONLY EVENT & COCKTAIL ATTIRE\*\*\*

# Membership Application

NAME (Primary Member)

COMPANION NAME(S)

COMPANY NAME

EMAIL ADDRESS

ADDRESS

PHONE

CITY, STATE ZIP

DATE

- Individual (\$20)
- Companion (\$10)
- Senior/Military/Student (\$10)
- Corporate/Business (\$50)
- Non Profit + MMCC (\$90)
- Business + MMCC (\$150)

Annual membership runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. Any resident, business, or non-profit with an address in the community of Mira Mesa as shown in the Mira Mesa Community Plan may join as a voting member. Members with addresses outside the community will be non-voting members. Dues are used to support the mission of advocating for the welfare of the community of Mira Mesa.

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cash / Check # \_\_\_\_\_ (\$25 fee for returned/declined checks/ACH.)

## Mira Mesa Town Council

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