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Mira Mesa Town Council

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President's Message
-Ted Brengel-

Well Spring is here—finally! Mira Mesa is popping. Events are happening everywhere in the community. Little League is playing on their brand new fields, Youth Baseball is starting their season at Camino Ruiz Neighborhood Park, AYSO has their spring season underway, and other sports of every description are providing an opportunity for everyone to get out and enjoy the season. Certainly, warm weather will be here soon.

Let me make a brief mention about the importance of the coordination we enjoy between our community volunteers and the City. The new ballfields represent a monumental effort by a great many people, chief among the volunteers are Bruce Brown and Joe Frichtel. Bruce first envisioned this project over twenty years ago and he and Joe have been shepherding it all these years. Both Bruce and Joe have been honored as a Volunteer of the Year and tales of the projects they have made possible are legendary. There are others though.

I must mention the legion of unsung heroes who are a huge part of recreation in Mira Mesa. We all owe a great debt to the leaders, managers, coaches, referees, umpires, and yes, even the parents, the soccer moms and baseball dads, who work so hard to keep these leagues alive and well.

And let me impart one thought about our sports programs. I sometimes here people speak of the *noise* emanating from the playing fields. Trust me, compared to the alternative, the sound of people playing an organized sport is far more akin to music than noise.

City Attorney to Headline April Town Council Meeting
-Pam Stevens

San Diego City Attorney Mara Elliott will be the featured speaker at the April 2, 2018 meeting of the Mira Mesa Town Council. Elliott, a Scripps Ranch resident, was elected to the office of City Attorney in 2016. She previously served as Chief Deputy City Attorney for San Diego.

Among the issues discussed will be the 18 marijuana processing facilities proposed in the Mira Mesa community as well as changes to legal requirements for recreation councils.

The Mira Mesa Town Council is a 501(c)(4) non-profit organized to foster the public welfare of the community. Meetings are held on the first Monday of every month at the Mira Mesa Library at 7pm. See page XX for newsletter advertising rates and contact info.

District 6—State of the District

Volunteer of the Year Dinner
May 5th, 2018
Honoring **Tom Derr**

The Mira Mesa Volunteer of the Year Dinner honoring Tom Derr will be held on May 5th, 2018 from 6 to 10 PM at the Verne Goodwin Mira Mesa Senior Center. Additional details will be posted on the MMTC website, www.miramesatowncouncil.org. All MMTC members will receive invitations. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Pam Stevens, programs@miramesatowncouncil.org.

Are you a member yet??????

https://www.miramesatowncouncil.org/membership/

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President's Message

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One last note about recreation. The Mira Mesa Recreation Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month, usually at the Lopez Ridge Park Conference Room. It also has a very well developed and informative website at http://miramesarecreationcouncil.org/. Don't be a stranger.

This is the inaugural issue of the MMTC Newsletter with Chris Thibodeaux as its editor. One of MMTC's key responsibilities is to provide information to the community, and our newsletter is a very important part of getting that done. With the departure of our previous editor we were deeply concerned that it would be impossible to find someone to fill the role. Not only must the editor of our newsletter be well versed in English language skills, but he or she must be very capable with computers and publishing. So, cutting to the chase, Chris Thibodeaux is a rare find indeed. Chris, we can't thank you enough for filling this vital role for MMTC and Mira Mesa.

I want to make a short comment about the Epicentre. Most of you know that our old library has been an object of our attention for several years. Last year we were prepared to bid on managing a community center in the facility but found out that restoration would be far too expensive for us to handle. Good news! At Chris Cate's State of the District Address on March 15, his closing remarks included a commitment to find an organization that would take over management of the Epicentre and insure that its full potential is developed. I'm sure he knows that the Mira Mesa Town Council and the Mira Mesa Foundation stand ready to help in any way possible in realizing that goal.

I would be remiss in not mentioning something about what is perhaps the newest industry to come to Mira Mesa: marijuana. If you are interested in this, I recommend that you attend Mira Mesa Community Planning Group Meetings in the third Monday of each month. The group meets at 7:00 PM and the Mira Mesa Library.

First let me clear the air about the actual role of planning groups. The organizations meet under the auspices of San Diego City Council Policy 600-24 to provide the community's input on projects within their respective planning areas. Planning groups provide their input to the Planning Commission and the Planning Department. While it benefits a project to have the support of the local planning group, a planning group cannot stop or prevent the initiation of a project. Planning group are strictly advisory in nature.

Recently, the group has heard a great many requests to operate marijuana product manufacturing facilities. In general, the requests were within the bounds of our new laws. A few, though are problematic and will be the subject of further discussion, both within our group and the at the Planning Commission. Minutes of our Planning Group meetings are posted on the MMTC Website.

I think that's enough for now. Have a great April. Stay Safe. See you at the MMTC meeting on April 2 at the Library.

Community Contacts and 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

Animal, dangerous.....619-236-2341

Animal, dead.....858-492-5060

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 AND 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 Pool.....858-689-6296

Weeds overgrown, fallen trees, or clogged storm drain.....619-527-7500

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Most Wanted: Violating parole

Jeffrey Vaatausil Ia, 37

Wanted: Ia, also known as Jeffrey Ale, is wanted for violating his parole, which he was on for a weapons-related conviction. His criminal history includes assault with a deadly weapon, driving under the influence, possessing drugs and other parole violations.

Description: Pacific Islander, 6 feet tall, 210 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes.

Frequented areas: He is known to frequent the San Diego communities of **Mira Mesa and Scripps Ranch.**

Unwanted oil, batteries, appliances and furniture? Other items? Here's how to get rid of it.

The city is hosting an event for recycling used oil, oil filters, batteries, antifreeze and florescent light bulbs: **April 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Miramar College.**

Residents can also drop off florescent light bulbs, household batteries and donate items in good condition to Goodwill Industries of San Diego County between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

There are also curbside pickups scheduled in several neighborhoods in the coming weeks that will allow residents to leave large items for pickup: **April 7 in Mount Hope**, **April 21 in Linda Vista**, **May 5 in Clairemont East** and **June 2 in Mira Mesa**.

This is all part of Mayor Kevin Faulconer's Clean SD initiative.

A message from the Superintendent about students, school safety

Dear San Diego Unified Families: A message regarding our students and school safety

This week, millions of American students took part in peaceful demonstrations against school shootings. I attended one of these demonstrations organized by our high school students. It was truly inspirational to see the thoughtful way our students handled themselves as they confronted this difficult issue. The activities reminded me again how important it is that we provide our young people with a strong education in civics, an obligation San Diego Unified has always embraced.

As our young people reminded us this week, we all have a role to play in preventing mass tragedies on campus. For that reason, I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you some of the ways your local public school is working to keep your students safe. Nothing matters more to us than the safety and well-being of every student within our San Diego Unified family.

Following the incident in Parkland, Florida last month, we reviewed the policies we have in place to protect children from threats on campus. We proposed several significant changes that were adopted by the Board of Education at its meeting this week. These changes include fast-tracking several security upgrades at school sites. They also include a move to an "options-based" model of handling actual threats. A full copy of the presentation presented to the Board is available on our website, and I encourage you to review that document. Thanks to more than $40 million in school safety upgrades since the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy in 2012, all of our schools now have comprehensive school safety plans. These plans cover perimeter fencing, locks and gates, notification systems, public address systems, and more than 1,300 security cameras across the district. Another $15 million in upgrades was approved at the Board meeting this week and scheduled for expedited implementation.

Much of our work throughout the year goes to improving the climate at schools. This work helps prevent emotionally vulnerable students from becoming disconnected from their peers, and it improves the quality of life on campus for all our students. Some of the measures we take to improve student climate include working with staff to identify students at risk of becoming violence victims or instigators, making it easier to report and confront bullying, and focusing on school discipline reforms that produce better outcomes.

In the weeks since the tragedy in Florida, many parents have reached out to me directly to suggest improvements to our safety procedures and operations. I am grateful for everyone's input, because safety really is everyone's responsibility. If you have ideas on how your school site can be made more secure, I encourage you to share those directly with your school principal. Our principals have been intensely focused on establishing a safe climate for every student we serve, and we are grateful for their leadership.

We were impressed this week with the determination our students showed in refusing to allow mass school violence to become accepted as the "new normal." We share their determination and we are inspired by their example. Together, we will create school environments that are safe and worthy of the incredible students we serve.

Sincerely,

Cindy Marten
Superintendent
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San Diego Unified
SCHOOL DISTRICT

(14 March 2018) Mira Mesa High School students gather to commemorate the recent shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglass High School in Parkland, FL.

2018 Mira Mesa Town Council / Verne Goodwin Scholarship Awards

Eligibility Requirements:

- A senior graduating this year from an area high school
- Must be a resident of the community of Mira Mesa
- Plan to further education within the next year at a college, university, or technical school

Essay Guidelines:

- The essay should be "A narrative of your personal volunteer experience"
- Typed, double-spaced, 250 to 400 word, 12-point font
- Identify which volunteer project affected your outlook on volunteering life and why
- Identify favorite volunteer project and explain why it was your favorite

Application Package - Applicants must submit the following:

1. Cover Sheet: one page listing candidate's name, address, telephone number, email and graduating high school
2. Community Service: list the types of volunteer service and the hours for each
3. Reference Letter: from a supervisor or leader relevant to applicant's volunteer work
4. Letter of Recommendation: from school personnel or a community leader is recommended
5. Essay, see above Essay Guidelines

Submission: The deadline for completed application packages is **May 11th, 2018.**

Mira Mesa Town Council Scholarship Committee

PMB 230 10606-8 Camino Ruiz

San Diego, CA 92126

scholarship@miramesatowncouncil.org

3 $1000 scholarships available!!!

Judging and Award Process:

Judging is based on applicant's experience and commitment to volunteering. Completed application packages will be reviewed for overall content and eligibility. The Mira Mesa Town Council Scholarship Committee will determine three recipients to receive $1000 each for tuition, books, or other education expenses.

The three winning recipients will be contacted prior to May 28th 2018 and be recognized at the Monday, June 4th Mira Mesa Town Council meeting. Each recipient will be asked to talk briefly about their volunteer experience and where you will be going to school. Family and friends are welcome and encouraged to attend. Winners may also be honored at "Senior Awards Nights" with a Certificate of Achievement and thanks from the Mira Mesa Town Council.

www.miramesatowncouncil.org

Community Events

April 1	Easter Sunday
April 21	Taste of Mira Mesa, MMHS Foundation Fundraiser for Mira Mesa schools, Country Inn & Suites in western Mira Mesa, 5 – 9pm https://miramesahighschoolfoundation.org
May 5	Mira Mesa Volunteer of the Year Dinner, honoring Tom Derr as 2017 Mira Mesa Volunteer of the Year, hosted by Mira Mesa Town Council, 6pm – 10pm, Verne Goodwin Mira Mesa Senior Center, more details coming soon at www.miramesatowncouncil.org
May 5	Asian Cultural Festival, Mira Mesa Senior Center, 10am – 3pm http://asianculturalfestivalsd.com
May 12	Spring Fair, Hourglass Field Community Park, 10440 Black Mountain Road 11am – 2pm Games & activities for the whole family inside the gymnasium
May 19	D6 Night Market, Mira Mesa Community Park, 4pm – 10pm www.d6nightmarket.com
May 19-20	Relay for Life of North County Inland San Diego Lake Poway Recreation Area, 9am Saturday to 9am Sunday Includes Relay teams from Mira Mesa, Rancho Penasquitos, Scripps Ranch, Tierransanta, and Poway Sponsored by American Cancer Society, 24-hour relay walk as awareness raiser and fundraiser for patient support and research to fight all kinds of cancer Information: andrew.johnson@cancer.org
July 4	Mira Mesa's all-day 4th of July Celebration Parade, Family Fun Day in Mira Mesa Community Park, Fireworks Display Organized by Mira Mesa Town Council and Scripps Mesa Fireworks, Inc. http://www.miramesatowncouncil.org/fourth_of_july.htm http://www.miramesafireworks.org
September 28-30	MCAS Miramar Air Show http://miramarairshow.com
October 6	Mira Mesa Street Fair Camino Ruiz between New Salem and Mira Mesa Blvd. Organized by Mira Mesa Town Council www.miramesatowncouncil.org
October 13	Chalk the Walk, community art festival, hosted by Mira Mesa Women's Club
November 3	26th Annual Mira Mesa High School Invitational Band Review

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Have you checked out our Facebook page?
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Membership Application

NAME (Primary Member)	COMPANY NAMES(S)
COMPANY NAME	EMAIL ADDRESS
ADDRESS	PHONE
CITY, STATE ZIP CODE	DATE

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

Annual membership run from July 1st to June 30th. 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 of 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 check/ACH)

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