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MMTC Meeting

March 6
IN PERSON

March 6, 2023 MMTC Meeting

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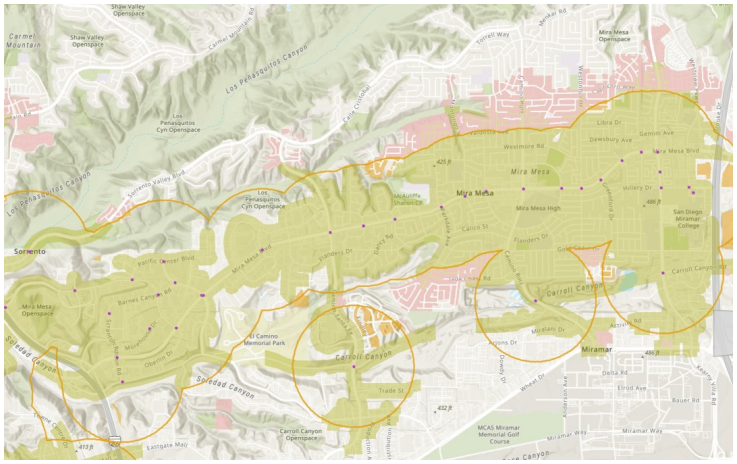
This meeting will be in person at the Mira Mesa Library at 7 PM.



Mira Mesa Town Council Meeting

The Mira Mesa Town Council is pleased to present our next meeting on Monday, March 6, 2023, at 7:00 PM. This meeting will be held IN PERSON at the Mira Mesa Library.

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 7pm.

San Diego Police

San Diego Police is hosting upcoming community meetings for the next 7 days related to Smart Streetlight and Automated License Plate Recognition technologies. Various locations throughout the City, but the one in District 6 is at Mira Mesa Library on Thursday, March 9, at 12 PM. The next closest are at the La Jolla Recreation Center on Friday, March 10, at 11 AM and Rancho Penasquitos Library on Monday, March 6, at 5 PM.

New Regulations Eliminate Single Family Zoning

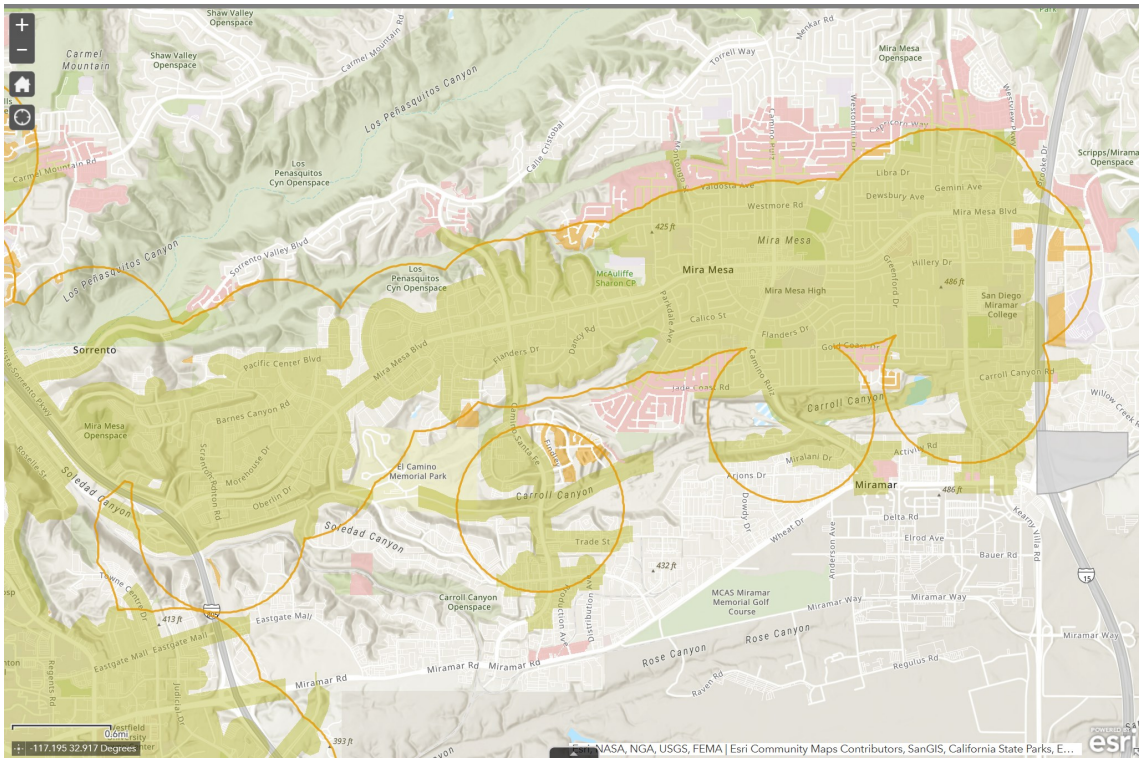
By Jeff Stevens, Chair Mira Mesa Community Planning Group

March 2, 2022

By now, most Mira Mesa residents are familiar with the changes to the Mira Mesa Community Plan that allow up to 24,000 units to be built in commercial and industrial areas. The Community Plan made few changes to residential areas, however new State and City laws could bring big changes to these areas as well. These are potentially more problematic that the Community Plan changes because although the Community Plan is deficient in providing new parks, schools and other public facilities needed to support the new population, it does at least acknowledge the need for them. The State laws do not – they are strictly focused on adding more housing. The State laws apply within "Transit Priority Areas" which are defined as within a half mile of a transit route. Although it has limited transit, Mira Mesa Blvd is considered a major transit route. The City has modified this definition and created "Sustainable Development Areas" which are within a one mile walking distance of a transit route. One motivation for this was complaints that the half mile defined in a Transit Priority Area could be over a freeway or canyon resulting in a much longer walk. However, the increase to one mile adds considerable area in which higher density development is allowed, including nearly all of Mira Mesa.

Following are a brief description of the new State laws:

Senate Bill 9 was passed by the state legislature in 2021 and took effect on Jan. 1, 2022. It requires a city to approve up to two new homes on a single-family zoned lot and/or splitting a single-family zoned lot into two lots about the same size. This means that a single family home can be torn down and replaced with four units built on the same site. Senate Bill 10 is described as "Encouraging the development of "missing middle"; homes by allowing up to 10 units on qualifying parcels and requiring a portion of all developments be set aside as deed- restricted affordable homes." So by agreeing to set some of the units aside for low income residents, a single family home can be torn down and replaced with ten units built on the same site. Assembly Bill 2097 implements state law to eliminate parking minimums for all residential and commercial developments within 1/2 mile of a major transit stop. This is motivated by an effort to get people to use transit instead of automobiles and means that any of the SB9/SB10 developments within ½ mile of transit (Mira Mesa Blvd) can be built without providing parking.



Register to Vote for Mira Mesa Community Planning Group

By Jeff Stevens, Chair, Mira Mesa Community Planning Group

Elections to the Mira Mesa Community Planning Group will be held on March 20, 2023. To vote for Planning Group members or to run for a position on the Planning Group, you need to register as an "eligible member of the community". The bylaws have this definition:

An individual may become an eligible member of the community by attending one meeting of the Mira Mesa Community Planning Group and submitting an application to the planning group Secretary demonstrating qualifications to be an eligible member of the community. The individual will then become an eligible member of the community as of the following meeting.

Prior to starting online-only meetings in 2020, paper registration forms were available at all Planning Group meetings, but with online meetings we need to collect the information electronically. To register, please send your name, address, email, phone number and category (and business name for business members) to Planning Group secretary Tiffany English at tenglish@qualcomm.com. Please also identify one meeting that you have attended.

To be an eligible community member an individual must be at least 18 years of age, and shall be affiliated with the community as a

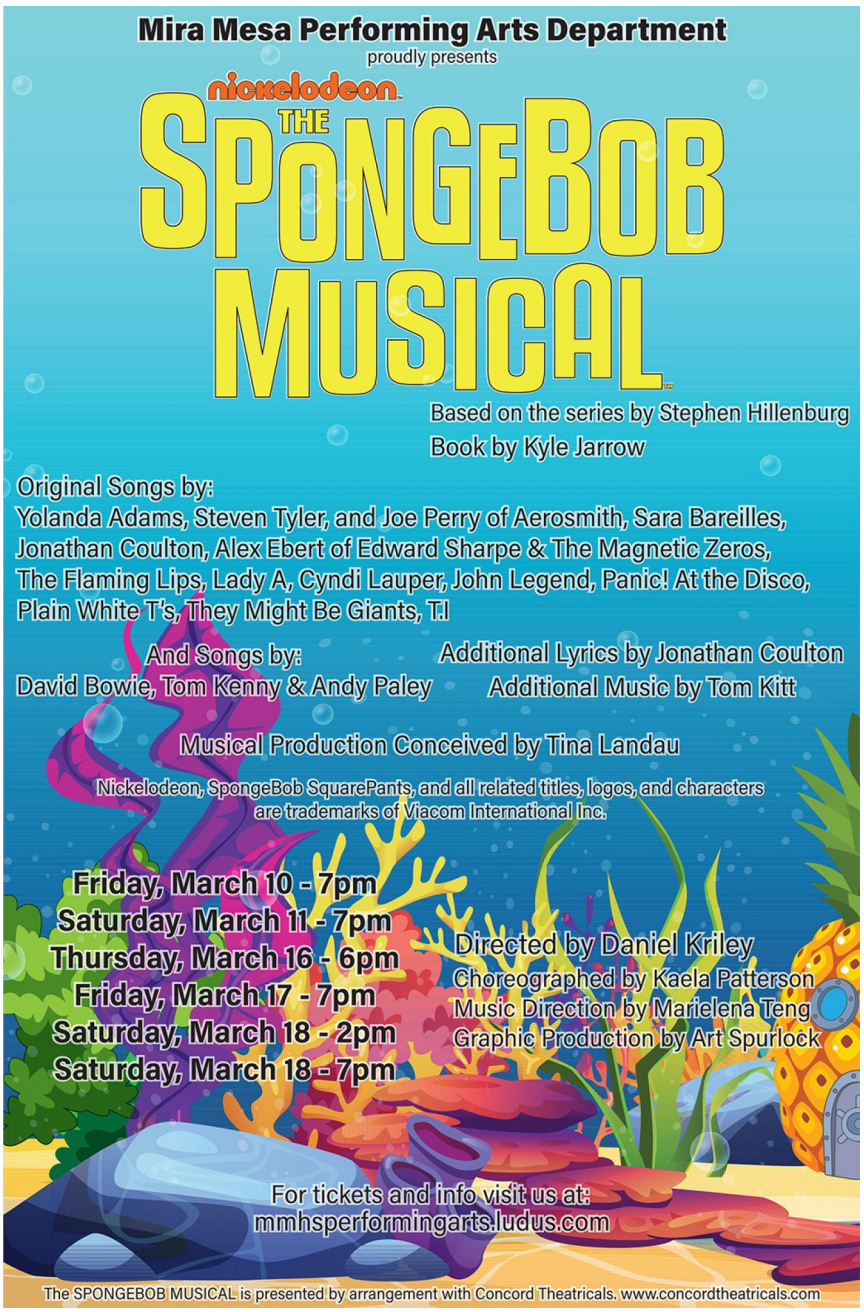
(l) Property owner, who is an individual identified as the sole or partial owner of record, or their designee, of a real property (either developed or undeveloped), within the community planning area, or

(2) Resident, who is an individual whose primary address of residence is an address in the community planning area, or

(3) Local business person, who is a local business or not-for-profit owner, operator, or designee at a non-residential real property address in the community planning area; only one representative of a particular establishment may hold a seat on the community planning group at one time.

We have six current members who are reaching their 8-year term limit and one vacancy, so we are encouraging new people to apply. To be eligible, you must be a resident, business owner or representative, or a property owner within the boundaries of the Mira Mesa Community. Residents do not need to be homeowners and renters are encouraged to apply. Candidates must also have attended two meetings of the Mira Mesa Community Planning Group of the 12 meetings preceding the election. For more information see https://www.miramesatowncouncil.org/mira-mesa-community-planning-group/. If you would like to be a candidate or if you have questions, please email Planning Group Chair Jeff Stevens at mmcpg.chair@gmail.com.

MMHS Presents "The SpongeBob Musical" March 10 – March 18



By Pam Stevens

The Mira Mesa High School Performing Arts Department is proud to present "The SpongeBob Musical" this March, their first full-length musical since the pandemic. Directed by Daniel Kriley, choreographed by Kaela Patterson, with musical direction by Marielena Teng, and graphic production by Art Spurlock, the show offers entertainment for all ages. Performances take place at Mira Mesa High School, 10510 Marauder Way, San Diego CA 92126, the next two weekends, March 10 – 18, at 7pm Fridays and Saturdays, with a 6pm performance on Thursday, March 16, and a matinee performance at 2pm on Saturday, March 18.

The performance at 7pm Saturday, March 11, is Alumni Night.

Tickets are available in advance or at the door, with all seats assigned. For tickets or more information, see: mmhsperformingarts.ludus.com

Spring Egg Hunt

The Gil Johnson Recreation Center is hosting a Spring Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 25, 2023, from 10 AM to 12 PM. We would like to invite you to promote your organization during this event. We will provide one table and two chairs. You are welcome to bring your own equipment and/or give it away. No sales are allowed. If anyone is interested or knows anyone interested in volunteering time to help prepare for or work or clean up after the event. Vendor set-up will begin at 9-9:30 AM. See flyer for more details.

Physical Activities Everyday

By Kaanchan S Farkiya,

Everyone has their own way of "recharging" and boosting their lifestyle. Your sense of well-being whether it's your physical, emotional, social, or mental health can improve by just doing small physical activities.

The benefits of exercise are tangible and it improves your physical health to better mental health. According to the National Institute of Health, 30 minutes of physical activity per day can improve your health over time. increased physical activity, not only reduces the risk of heart disease and cancer but can help reduce depression symptoms experienced by people across their lifespan. Regular physical activity has also been shown to reduce the risk of developing depression in children and adults. Choose those activities that you enjoy because these activities literally can make you feel better and improve your happiness level.

Mira Mesa Recreation Council

The Mira Mesa Community Recreation Group (known as the recreation council in past years) meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Currently these meetings are held at the recreation center at Lopez Ridge Park. If anyone wishes to be involved they need to contact either Trena (tlbennettsandiego.gov) or Denise (dmlamb@sandiego.gov).

They will be added to the email chain and can then attend the meetings or send questions. Everyone is welcome as the more people involved the better results for our community.

You May Qualify for Thousands of Dollars in Benefits this Tax Season

Did you know that you may qualify for federal and state tax benefits that can make a huge difference to your household bottom line? The California Earned Income Tax Credit (CalEITC) offers support for low-income, working Californians, and you may be eligible for up to $3,417 cash back or a reduction of the tax you owe.

You don't have to spend a dime to find out if you qualify, because the state of California offers free tax assistance to low-income residents. You can learn how to qualify and apply here or by calling 2-1-1, where operators are prepared to help you with your questions and set up a free appointment to apply for the tax credits.

Membership Join or Renew

The Mira Mesa Town Council is a non-profit volunteer organization. Membership dues are used to defray the costs of operation, such as printing and distributing the Newsletter, maintaining the website and other approved council activities. Any resident, business or nonprofit organization may join the Mira Mesa Town Council. Members with addresses outside the Mira Mesa community will be non-voting Associate Members. MMTC now has an annual July 1 to June 30 membership, so your membership will go through the next June 30. For new members joining after April 1, your membership will be extended through the following year.

Contribute to the Mosaic, or Volunteer in the Community: Advertise, Write, or Sign Up to Volunteer!

Do you have an article or photo to submit for the next issue of The Mosaic, the Mira Mesa Town Council newsletter? Would you like to place a display ad (business card size or larger)?

Send it via email to: newsletter@miramesatowncouncil.org. Deadline is the 20th of each month.

Are you interested in volunteering with the Mira Mesa Town Council? Are you a high school student or Scout who needs service hours, or a community college student who wants to earn credit hours through a work experience class?

Contact us to sign up: president@miramesatowncouncil.org

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

Upcoming Community Events

Many of these are Mira Mesa Library events. For a full list of MM Library events see sandiego.librarymarket.com

2nd and 4th Monday **Beginning Genealogy**
Every Second and fourth Monday of the month, 1:30pm-3:00pm except for the month of November 14 Bring your genealogy questions to Kathy and she can help you get started! *Program subject to change.

Every Wednesday **Beyond the Playground Storytime @ Mira Mesa Community Park North**
Join us Beyond the Playground, 10:30am – 11:30am, at the picnic area of the Park and Rec Center for a fun hour of songs and stories with Auntie Hazel. Bring chairs or blankets! Bring chairs or blankets and enjoy this spring time treat. All ages are welcome. No registration required. This event is held at the Mira Mesa Community Park North, near the playground area, across the street from he Library and the Fire Station. Mira Mesa Community Park North is located on 8520 New Salem Street, San Diego, CA 92126. **Program is subject to change. Every Wednesday, 10:30am -11:30am at the Mira Mesa Community Park North

Every Tuesday **English Conversation Group 6:30 – 7:30pm**
Join us for casual, friendly conversation designed to increase participants' comfort with the English language and make new friends.

Every Thursday **Chess Club for all ages**
All levels of Chess experience are welcome - beginners to advanced. Players of all ages are welcome. Registration is not required. Every Thursday, 3pm - 5pm in the Outdoor Patio.

March 6th **MMTC Meeting**

March 10 – 18th **MMHS Spring Musical**
"The SpongeBob Musical," see mmhsperformingarts.ludus.com for details.

March 13th **San Diego Police Department Public Meeting**
San Diego Police Department Public Meeting on Smart Streetlights and Automated License Plate Recognition, 12pm – 3pm, Mira Mesa Library

March 14th **Bibliomaniacs Book Club**
Bibliomaniacs Book Club, 6:30 – 7:45pm, in person, Mira Mesa Library

March 20th **Mira Mesa Community Planning Group**
Mira Mesa Community Planning Group, 7pm – 9pm, IN PERSON, Mira Mesa Library

March 25th **Spring Egg Hunt**
The Gil Johnson Recreation Center is hosting a Spring Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 25, 2023, from 10 AM to 12 PM.

March 28th **Banned Book Club**
Banned Book Club, 6:30 – 7:45pm via Zoom, sponsored by Mira Mesa Library

Do you know an event to add to the Calendar? Email **newsletter@miramesatowncouncil.org**

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ADDRESS	PHONE
CITY, STATE ZIP CODE	DATE

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◊ Companion ($10)

◊ Senior/Military/Student ($10)

◊ Corporate/Business ($50)

Amount $_____

Cash/Check #_____

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