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MMTC Meeting

May 1
IN PERSON

May 1, 2023 Town Council Meeting
The Fireworks Return! and Scholarships Available

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Applications for the Mira Mesa Town Council Verne Goodwin Scholarship are now open!
All graduating high school seniors who are Mira Mesa residents and have enjoyed participating in community volunteering are encouraged to apply for this year's college scholarship that MMTC awards annually based on community service. See page 2 for more details.

The 2023 Street Fair is scheduled for October 7. Planning is underway for the 2023 Mira Mesa Street Fair. Learn more about the event, and how to become a vendor, performer, or volunteer, on Page 4.

The **meeting begins at 7pm in the community room of the Mira Mesa Branch Library, 8405 New Salem St. The meeting will also be broadcast on Facebook Live, at our page facebook.com/MiraMesaTownCouncil.**

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. You can join the Mira Mesa Town Council at this link: https://www.miramesatowncouncil.org/membership-join-or-renew/

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. Website: www.miramesatowncouncil.org.

Mira Mesa Town Council Verne Goodwin Scholarship Applications Available - Deadline May 2, 2023

All graduating high school seniors who are Mira Mesa residents and have enjoyed participating in community volunteering are encouraged to apply for this year's college scholarship that MMTC awards annually based on community service. The Mira Mesa Town Council/Verne Goodwin Scholarship Fund will award three $1000 scholarships in June. There is no minimum grade point average required. Students must be residents of Mira Mesa, members of the graduating class of any Senior High School, and planning to continue their education at a 4-year college or university, 2-year community college, vocational or technical school.

The deadline to apply for this year's scholarships is May 2, 2023. The application and more information can be found at our website: https://www.miramesatowncouncil.org/scholarship/

Pictured above are our 2022 MMTC/Verne Goodwin Scholarship winners: Amanda Wilpitz, Mia Jacobs and Peter Nguyen

San Diego Miramar College News - Registration Dates Announced

To allow students more time to plan for their upcoming semester, the San Diego Community College District has moved up its registration dates for the Summer 2023 and Fall 2023 semesters. The key dates are below.

Summer Semester 2023

June 20,2023	- Opening day for primary 8-week summer session

Fall Semester 2023

April 14, 2023	- Deadline for priority appointments
April 17, 2023	**-** Class schedule posted online
May 1, 2023	**-** Registration by appointment begins
May 22, 2023	- Open registration begins
August 21, 2023	- Fall classes begin

Fireworks Return to Celebrate Independence Day

Mira Mesa to Celebrate 4th of July Weekend with Fireworks Sunday, July 2, at 9pm

By Pam Stevens

There WILL be fireworks in Mira Mesa on the 4 th of July weekend this year! The fireworks display will be set off on Sunday, July 2, 2023, at 9pm, from the new joint use fields now under construction at Wangenheim Middle School. The public will be able to gather at Hourglass Field Community Park, just across Black Mountain Road, as a prime viewing location. Find out more at the Mira Mesa Town Council meeting on Monday, May 1, 2023, when Michael Spencer, President of Scripps Mesa Fireworks, the volunteer non-profit group who raise the money needed and put on the fireworks show, will be a featured speaker. The meeting begins at 7pm in the community room of the Mira Mesa Branch Library, 8405 New Salem St.

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This will be the first fireworks display in Mira Mesa since the pandemic.

"Now, this year will be a little different than celebrations in the past. The show will be at 9pm on July 2, 2023, the Sunday before Independence Day, and it will be at Wangenheim Middle School instead of Mira Mesa High School," Spencer said.

Do you want to come to a Mira Mesa Community Picnic at Hourglass Field Community Park during the afternoon / early evening of Sunday, July 2, leading up to time for the fireworks display?

Mira Mesa Town Council president Bari Vaz has been in contact with City of San Diego Parks & Recreation Manager and received permission for MMTC to host the event. Following Michael Spencer, she will speak about that at the May 1 MMTC meeting and ask for volunteers who'd like to help in organizing it.

Hourglass Field Community Park is a San Diego City / Community College District joint use facility, located on the southwest corner of Miramar College at Black Mountain Road and Gold Coast Drive. The park is the prime viewing location for the 2023 fireworks.

Michael Spencer told the Mira Mesa Community Planning Group that Scripps Mesa Fireworks currently has most of the funds needed for this year's display, but still needs to raise about $4,000 to pay for the show.

"Your donations are key. We receive no money from City, State, or County sources, strictly from our gracious sponsors, and donors. We are so excited to return, and hope that we can keep this tradition going for another 40 plus years!"

Scripps Mesa Fireworks is a 501c(3) nonprofit group. Donations for the fireworks show may be made at: https://miramesafireworks.org/

Come to the May 1 MMTC meeting to find out more. The Mira Mesa Town Council is a non-profit civic group which holds monthly "town hall" meetings about community issues and sponsors projects for the benefit of the Mira Mesa community. Meetings are open to the public. All Mira Mesa residents, local businesspeople, and non-profit groups active in Mira Mesa are encouraged to become Mira Mesa Town Council members and get involved with the community. For details, see www.miramesatowncouncil.org

Mira Mesa Street Fair 2023

The 23rd annual Mira Mesa Street Fair will be held on October 7, 2023. The vendor and performer applications will be posted at our website within the next week, at https://www.miramesatowncouncil.org/mira-mesa-street-fair/

Mira Mesa Street Fair Sponsors: We are seeking sponsors for the **23rd annual Mira Mesa Street Fair**. Sponsorships are used to defray costs of putting on the Street Fair and to support Mira Mesa Town Council activities throughout the year. Sponsors are listed on this web page for a full year after the event and are listed in the program and on our publicity. Here is the sponsorship application information.

23rd Annual Mira Mesa Street Fair

Saturday October 7, 2023

10 AM to 5 PM

On Camino Ruiz between Mira Mesa Blvd & New Salem St.

Come to the Mira Mesa Street Fair!

Link to Street Fair Information
https://www.miramesatowncouncil.org

Lights On! - SPDP Officers To Provide Vouchers for Small Repairs

A broken taillight can help repair police-community relationships. That's part of the premise behind a new program by the San Diego Police Department and other local police departments in our region.

The innovative "Lights On!" program will allow police officers to provide vouchers for vehicle repair rather than citations for vehicle deficiencies, thanks to support from Scripps Health and the Padres Foundation.

This program, which officially gets underway in a few weeks, provides vouchers covering up to $250 in vehicle damage for things like broken headlights, taillights, brake lights and turn signals.

The new program won't impede police officers from conducting traffic stops or perform their duty as law enforcement. Instead, it means people with financial struggles won't have to choose between paying a costly ticket or paying for groceries or rent.

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.

The Mira Mesa Community 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).

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Homelessness Update - Office of Mayor Gloria

This month Mayor Gloria participated in a press conference alongside Councilmember Whitburn to announce his support for Councilmember Whitburn's Unsafe Camping Ordinance which will be presented to City Council in April, as well as support for Councilmember Whitburn's Safe Sleeping proposal and an upcoming ballot measure on Homelessness.

The City has been using every tool and resource currently at its disposal to address and prevent homelessness through the creation of permanent housing opportunities, expanding street outreach, shelter capacity and safe parking programs, and implementing homelessness prevention programs and resources.

The Unsafe Camping Ordinance will make amendments and additions to the San Diego Municipal Code to protect the health and safety of all residents in the City of San Diego. This ordinance would prohibit unauthorized tent encampments on public property when shelter is available. Regardless of shelter availability, encampments are prohibited at locations considered to be high risk, such as:

- within two blocks of K-12 schools
- within two blocks of a shelter
- along trolly tracks and transportation hubs
- certain parks like Balboa Park, Presidio Park, Mission Bay Park and shoreline parks canyons and waterways like the San Diego river.

We ask that you share these proposals with your neighbors and share your support for this ordinance by contacting your City Councilmember and express your support at the City Council meeting as this ordinance goes through the legislative process. It is important to share your stories, experiences, and why your support this effort to protect public health and safety. We expect this ordinance will come to City Council next month and once we have a date for that meeting.

This ordinance is only one piece of addressing the homelessness crisis. In addition to proposed Unsafe Camping Ordinance, the Mayor announced he will be working with Councilmember Whitburn's office to identify a Safe Sleeping Program. While enforcement is necessary to protect public health and safety, it is important to provide a location for individuals to safely camp while they are being connected to supportive services, resources, and permanent housing options.

In addition, in 2024 we will be asking for the public's help and support to be able to build shelters more quickly and build on our efforts to address unsafe encampments. The intention behind Mayor Gloria's proposed ballot measure is to untie the City's hands and remove unnecessary red tape so we can respond with urgency on this matter.

I encourage you to watch the press conference here for more information about this proposed ordinance, and the other actions being taken: https://www.facebook.com/MayorToddGloria/videos/890739658800755/

Town Hall City Budget - Office of Councilmember Kent Lee

April was an eventful month for our community! First, we saw the release of Mayor Todd Gloria's Fiscal Year 2024 Proposed City of San Diego Budget. It is a $5.12 billion budget proposal, and if anyone hasn't seen it yet, I encourage folks to learn more by either visiting sandiego.gov/finance/proposed or by attending my upcoming City Budget Town Halls, one of which will be in Mira Mesa on the evening of May 8th (flyer below).

Second, I'm excited to provide an update on Phase II of the Mira Mesa Community Park Improvements. During my April 13th Active Transportation and Infrastructure Committee meeting, we approved an authorization to award a construction contract for Phase II of the park. This project has been long-awaited, and I'm looking forward to providing more updates and making further progress on this project for our community.

Lastly, April 22nd was Earth Day, and my family and I had a fun and productive time volunteering with I Love a Clean San Diego in Miramar for their business center street cleanup. To continue the Earth Day celebrations, my office then joined the San Diego Parks Foundation in planting 26 new shade trees at our local Mesa Verde Park. As part of the Parks Foundation's Urban Greening Initiative, and with contributions from City Parks and Recreation staff as well as private individuals and organizations, the foundation has been remarkable partners in helping us meet our Climate Action Plan goals by thus far planting hundreds of trees across San Diego since 2020.

As we enter the month of May, my office is also now moving forward with the budget process here at City Hall. As mentioned, while the Mayor did release his proposed budget, his proposed budget is still a proposal—and we are now looking to District 6 and Mira Mesa residents for their feedback on our City's budget. To review the Proposed Budget and voice your priorities to our office, please join me and the Independent Budget Analyst for our City Budget Town Hall on May 8th, 6 PM at Miramar College, Classroom M-204 (Math & Business Building), 10440 Black Mountain Rd, San Diego, CA 92126. To RSVP and submit any questions or comments in advance, please email D6Budget@sandiego.gov. I look forward to hearing from and advocating with you for a budget that will include priorities such as street and sidewalk improvements, water and infrastructure, public safety and fire, recreational programs and services, housing, and much more.

Mental Health Awareness

By Kaanchan S Farkiya

Mental health affects ALL of us as your thinking, mood, and behavior could be affected. According to National Alliance on Mental Illness, Mental Health Awareness Month has been observed in the U.S. since 1949. Individuals have the right to get the word out and start the conversation as we need to know how mental illness and addiction can affect all of us. First, take some time to pause and reflect on your mental health and practice self-compassion. Be nice to yourself and remain hopeful. Find things to be grateful for. You could start a gratitude journal and use your phone or computer to stay connected with family and friends. Limit watching negative news so social media. Prefer healthy meals and try some exercise of your choice. Focus on what you can do without thinking too much. Some people like fun and creative environment and activities such as dancing, listening to music, and doing small house chores. Your emotional, psychological, and social well-being affects how you think, feel, and act. Even if you feel better, don't stop going to therapy or taking your doctor's guidance. These small tips may help people feel better and pursue their goals.

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.

May 1st **MMTC Meeting**

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May 2nd **Scholarship Deadline**

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May 8th **Town Hall City Budget**

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May 15th **Mira Mesa Community Planning Group**

The Mira Mesa Planning Group Meeting on May 15th, 7PM will be held at the Mira Mesa Library.

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

Please consider patronizing our Mira Mesa Town Council business members!

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◊ Companion ($10)

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◊ Corporate/Business ($50)

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Annual memberships 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.

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