

Family Fun at the 20th Annual Mira Mesa Street Fair October 6, 2018!

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Enjoy live music, dance acts, and other entertainment on two stages, a Fun Zone with pony rides for children and inflatable rides/play spaces for kids and teens, and a food court with an international flair at the 20th Annual Mira Mesa Street Fair, hosted by the Mira Mesa Town Council, Saturday, October 6, 2018, 10am to 5pm, on Camino Ruiz from Mira Mesa Blvd. to New Salem Street.

Bring your appetite! The food court will feature Filipino, Chinese, Japanese, Jamaican, Mediterranean, Mexican, and Vietnamese cuisine, as well as sausage sandwiches and all-American hot dogs. Street Fair treats will include ever-popular kettlecorn, lemonade and shaved ice, as well as specialty items such as Vietnamese coffee, butterfly pea flower tea, boba tea, fresh sugar cane juice, and mango lassi (Indian mango yogurt beverage).

Browse the crafters and other vendors' booths to shop for something special, and visit the displays by community groups, schools, churches, businesses, and military to find out about things to do, places to go, and people to get acquainted with in Mira Mesa. Visit the Scripps Mesa Fireworks booth and help the non-profit group's volunteers kick off this year's fundraising campaign for the local 4th of July fireworks display, which are set off from Mira Mesa High School and viewed not only from Mira Mesa Community Park but also from a number of locations around Mira Mesa and Scripps Ranch. The Scripps Mesa RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol) will offer free child fingerprinting. Do you enjoy really fresh vegetables? Farm Fresh to You will have a booth, talking to people about their CSA (community supported agriculture) program, which makes monthly deliveries of organic vegetables from farms to homes.

Discover Mira Mesa's wild backyard at the Friends of Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve booth. Mira Mesa High School Girls Water Polo student athletes will provide face painting and body painting. Learn about Mira Mesa High School's award-winning wrestling program at the MMHS Wrestling Boosters booth. MMHS AFJROTC members are active Street Fair volunteers and will perform in the Street Fair ceremony at noon on the Community Stage, as well as have a booth. The Mira Mesa Girl Scouts are also planning a booth with information and activities. Street Fair sponsor Z90 will be there, and San Diego Miramar College will have a booth. The Mira Mesa Women's Club, which traces its roots to the earliest days of Mira Mesa in the 1970s, but welcomes new members and is still going strong, will have a booth staffed by club volunteers.

Among the crafters and retail vendors scheduled to participate in this year's Street Fair are: Peter An Li of 10 Hands Gift House, with handmade jewelry boxes, collectible rocks wood plaques, and toys; Megan Kim of Farmgirl Crafts, the "Lollypop Lady," returning for a second year with her distinctive handmade luscious lollypops; Simon King, also returning for a second year; Shannon Losey of Whole Essential Oils, helping people create their own essential oil blends to put into roller bottles, etc.; crafter and Mira Mesa native Teresa Oberts, with her MH&S Collections; Kim Nguyen Williams and her "Aloha Scent" candles; Sheryl B, Sofia's Precious Creations; Jin Yao of Alpha, with jewelry, hats, scarves, and wood toys; Bo Demaree of G & B Minerals; and Nadine Gutierrez with LulaRoe clothing for adults and children – tops, dresses, skirts, and leggings.

Mira Mesa's elected officials at various levels will have booths where you can talk with them and/or their representatives. At press time, booths are planned by the offices of City Councilmember Chris Cate, State Assemblymember Brian Maienschein, State Senator Toni Atkins, and Congressman Scott Peters.

Look through a solar telescope supplied by a San Diego Astronomy Association volunteer. See an armed combat vehicle, or climb to the top of a giant earth mover for a bird's eye view of the Street Fair below you!

Discover treasures at bargain prices at the Friends of the Mira Mesa Library's fabulous book sale in the library meeting room. The book sale runs during library hours, 9:30am – 6pm, both Friday and Saturday, October 5 – 6.

Learn about Mira Mesa past and present at the “big top” information tent with displays and volunteers from the Mira Mesa Town Council, Recreation Council, and Community Planning Group. How well do you know Mira Mesa? Do you remember Mira Mesa when ...? Answer a Mira Mesa trivia question or share your own Mira Mesa memory at the MMTC table and enter your name in a drawing to win a copy of *Mira Mesa* by Pam Stevens, a photo history of the community in Arcadia Publishing's Images of America series. Autographed copies will also be on sale.

See you at the Street Fair!

Street Fair map, vendors list, and Vulcan Music Stage and Community Stage schedules are in the Mira Mesa Living Street Fair Program October 2018 print edition and at www.miramesatowncouncil.org.