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SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, July 4th
7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

For the fourth year, Gethsemane Lutheran Church and Friends of Ruffin Canyon invite the community to "Come for Breakfast and Take a Hike or Tour the Community Garden" at the head of Shawn Canyon.

For more information see page 4



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You are invited to participate in the

Serra Mesa Community Council

Wednesday, May 22

6:30 pm

*Serra Mesa - Kearny Mesa Library
Community Room, 9005 Aero Drive*

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Wednesday, June 26

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

May 8	Serra Mesa Recreation Center Council Meeting 6:30 p.m., 9020 Village Glen Drive
May 14	Friends of Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library 5:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Sudberry Room
May 16	Serra Mesa Planning Group 7 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Room
May 22	Serra Mesa Community Council 6:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
May 27	Friends of Ruffin Canyon 6:30 p.m., Taft Middle School, 9191 Gramercy Dr.
June 1	Friends of Ruffin Canyon Cleanup 9:00 a.m., Shawn Avenue entrance to Ruffin Canyon
June 20	Serra Mesa Planning Group 7 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Room
June 24	Friends of Ruffin Canyon 6:30 p.m., Taft Middle School, 9191 Gramercy Dr
June 26	Serra Mesa Community Council 6:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
July 6	Friends of Ruffin Canyon Cleanup 9:00 a.m., Shawn Avenue entrance to Ruffin Canyon

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



One of the questions that we on the board get on a regular basis is: "When will we get a neighborhood grocery store." We (SMCC Board) have been attempting to get a grocery store for some time but cannot seem to attract a taker. Perhaps it is time to reach out to the neighborhood to see if they know anyone who would be willing to do so. It seems to me that we would support such an endeavor wholeheartedly as a neighborhood. The answers we have been given so far are that the logistics do not support a major endeavor such as Vons's, or Ralph's because of density or population that the store would draw. At one time we were talking to a Fresh and Easy but they were not able to secure a location and were going to locate in Mission Valley but I do not believe that has happened either. If anyone is in this business or has connections, please contact me through our webmail: serramesa@communitycouncil.org or our webphone: 858-565-2473.

Other questions we hear often are: "When can we expect some new buildings on the vacant sites we have at Ruffin and Mission Village

Drive, or Shaun and Mission Village Drive?" All of them were gas stations and there is still mitigation going on relative to leaks from the gasoline storage tanks. We also have to understand that these are private sites owned by persons who have not elected to build and there is not much we can do about that. I know it is as frustrating for you as it is for us.

At our last Serra Mesa General meeting, we had as our speakers members from the Alliance Realty Partners team who will be constructing Broadstone Kearny/Mesa. This property is located on the southwest Corner of Sandrock Rd. and Aero Dr. We saw some of the preliminary plans that gave us some idea of the scope and look of this building. There is currently a fence around the property and we can expect construction of this project for the next 2 years. If you are unaware of the project, the right turn lane or "porkchop" as many of us refer to it will be eliminated.

If you have a desire to get involved in our Planning Group, I have been informed that they have openings for a few good men and women. Their job is to review and communicate future construction and traffic plans with the City of San Diego. They generally meet on the 3rd Thursday at the SM/KM Library on Aero Drive. If you have a heart and desire to get involved, I am sure there is room for your thoughts and ideas.

We are also opening up our Recreational Center Meeting which meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Serra Mesa Recreation Center. If your passion is for recreation and what is happening there, this is a great place to get involved. We have wonderful programs that are available

for everyone and I encourage you to get involved to support this program. The Recreation Center is located at 9020 Village Glen Drive.

If you haven't noticed, we have a lot going on at the Library. Just some of the activities include music programs, reading programs, adult programs, and children programs. You can join "Friends of Serra Mesa – Kearny Mesa Library" who are constantly looking for ways to improve our services and access to great reading materials. If you haven't noticed, we constantly have great books for sale at incredibly low prices. Help the library and get a deal as well.

Finally, I would urge you to join our work groups at our "Friends of Ruffin Canyon Cleanup" group. In addition to working with our Canyon Ranger, they are also responsible for the planting of trees which align Sandrock Rd. and the canyon as well as Sandrock Rd. and Greyling Ave. We can thank our local dentist, Dr. Joe Sparrow, for providing irrigation to the young Cork Oaks which will become home to woodpeckers as well as providing beauty for our neighborhood. Take a look when in the area and enjoy this section of Serra Mesa.

Well, as you can see, we have lots to be thankful for here in Serra Mesa. It just doesn't happen by itself. Are you in possession of some free time that you can donate to our neighborhood? I hope I have provided you with some suggestions which will draw you into helping design our "hood" for the future.

Carl Demas, 2013 President

Jones Second Annual “I’m Going To College Day”

All Jones Elementary 5th grade students participated in the second annual “I’m Going To College Day” to the University of San Diego on March 15th. Jones students boarded the bus in the morning and spent the entire day on the USD campus.

As an AVID elementary school, and a school that’s transitioning to the Common Core standards, the overarching focus of both is College and Career Readiness. AVID’s mission is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college and career readiness to be successful in a global society. Our purpose in planning this trip each year is to provide students with an up close and personal experience on a real college campus. Students participated in two 20 minute mock college classes taught by real college professors!! Students were expected to explain their thinking in the math class, and after learning about “free verse” poetry in the English class, all students wrote and shared their individual poems. The day included with a tour of the campus conducted by USD students.

The highlight of the day was the “mock” graduation held in Serra Hall, where students were called by name to receive a certificate and hand shake by USD Assistant Dean of Students, Pauline Berryman Powell, 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Kim Petersen, and Jones Principal, Rita Powell.

Many thanks to Assistant Dean, Pauline Berryman Powell from the College of Arts and Sciences, Vice President of Public Affairs, Pamela Gray Payton, and Admissions Counselor, Lisa Saldias from USD, for making the second “I’m Going To College Day” a great experience for the 5th grade students of Jones Elementary School!!!!

Gethsemane Christian Preschool Turns 30!

Save the date!

Saturday, August 17, from 4-6pm

Gethsemane Lutheran Church will host an Open House Picnic in celebration of Gethsemane Christian Preschool’s 30 years of quality daycare and preschool in Serra Mesa. Opening day was September 6, 1983, with Lee Bergeron the founding Director. Lee continues to serve in that position so we’ll celebrate her service as well as invite all past, present, and future students and their families to come and remember “when I was young”. We’ll recognize those in the first class, the family which has had the most children attend (OK to use grandparents or great-grandparents as the base), the parent/child pairs who’ve attended, and more! Because we had a fire in our storage shed about 15 years ago, we’d welcome pictures from the 1980s and 1990s.

More information will be in the July/August Observer and on the church website at www.gethsemanesd.org. Let us know at church@gethsemanesd.org if you want to be on an email list for the event and its details or have pictures from the early years to share.

July 4 - An Invitation to Breakfast and Hike in Shawn Canyon

Gethsemane Lutheran Church and Friends of Ruffin Canyon once again invite the community to “Come for Breakfast and Take a Hike or Tour the Community Garden (or just sit and visit with your neighbors)” on July 4 from 7 to 9am. This event is becoming somewhat of a tradition with a light breakfast at the head of Shawn Canyon one block off Mission Village Drive. Canyon hikes leave at about 7:30 and 8am. Families are welcome. If you hike the whole canyon, you’ll come out at Taft Middle School and have a few blocks back to your car. If you’ve not explored the treasure of nature right in our midst, this is your opportunity! Also available are guided tours of the Serra Mesa Community Garden & Orchard which overlooks Shawn Canyon. Best thing about this event? No fireworks or traffic jams!

For information call or email Gethsemane at 858-277-6572 or church@gethsemanesd.org.

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1:00 - 9:00 p.m., Wednesday
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Serra Mesa Recreation Council meets on
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City Clerk - Docket Information	(619) 533-4000
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Crime Stoppers	(619) 235-8477
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Post Office	(800) 275-8777
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Serra Mesa Library	(858) 573-1396
Serra Mesa Recreation Center	(858) 573-1408
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Weeds	(619) 533-4444
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**SERRA MESA ENHANCEMENT
COMMITTEE**

In this edition on page 13, For Your Information – Code Compliance Topics which describes common code violations, references the appropriate municipal code, and provides links or a phone number for obtaining more information.

Please send any code compliance complaints that you would like SMEC to pursue to P.O. Box 23315, San Diego, CA 92193 or serramesaenhancementcommittee@hotmail.com. Our procedure is to send letters to the resident asking for voluntary compliance. We send letters for excessive litter, excessive weeds, graffiti, illegally parked vehicles, illegal signs, and other violations (e.g., noise, fences, home business) on an as needed basis.

**DEVELOPMENT AT NORTHWEST CORNER
OF SANDROCK AND AERO NEWS**

Representatives from Broadstone at Kearny Mesa (formerly Palladium at Aero) attended the March 27 meeting. They provided information, and answered questions from the large group of interested Serra Mesa residents. For more information about the development, refer to www.serramesa.org.



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We pray for peace and well-being of the Serra Mesa community

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Kearny International Business gets Academic Achievement Award

Kearny High School of International Business has received the 2012-13 Title I Academic Achievement Award from the California Department of Education.

The school must be part of the federal Title I program, which helps students who live in communities where families are classified as low-income, and show sustained progress in academic improvement among low-income students.

This is the second honor in a week for the Kearny School of International Business. On Thursday, the school was named a California Distinguished School for 2013. A list of previous district schools receiving the award is available at www.sandi.net.

"The students at Kearny International Business have shown continuing improvement in their academic achievements," said Superintendent Bill Kowba. "The hard work by the principal, teachers and staff, and the students has resulted in these important recognitions."

According to the California Department of Education, the school must demonstrate that all students are making significant progress toward proficiency on California's academic content standards. Additionally, the school's socioeconomically disadvantaged students must have doubled the achievement targets set for them for two consecutive years.

"These schools serve students facing real challenges, and they've risen to meet them through hard work and dedication," California Superintendent Torlakson said. "It is inspiring to see their students achieve more in the classroom today so they can enjoy more opportunity in the years to come."

For more information, go to the California Department of Education website at www.cde.ca.gov.



Congratulations to Kearny International Business: they're 'Distinguished'

The School of International Business at the Kearny High Educational Complex is a California Distinguished School for the second time in four years. The 2013 list was released Thursday by the California Department of Education.

The state makes the awards to middle and high schools on odd-numbered years, elementary schools on even-numbered years. For a list of past San Diego Unified winners go to the district's Awards and Distinctions section on their website at www.sandi.net.

"Each of the students, principal, staff, parents, volunteers and the entire school community should be saluted for excellent work," said Superintendent Bill Kowba. "This is exciting news for each of these campuses."

The 2013 California Distinguished Schools Program directly focuses on the right of California's students to an equitable and rigorous education, and recognizes those schools that have made progress in narrowing the academic achievement gap, according to State Superintendent Tom Torlakson.

"These schools have gone the extra mile to provide high-quality instruction that puts their students on the right path toward career and college," Torlakson said. "Given the enormous challenges schools have faced in recent years, it is inspiring to see this kind of success in so many schools. Our future depends on meeting the needs of every student no matter where they come from or where they live."

To apply for Distinguished School honors, schools must meet a variety of eligibility criteria, including accountability measures. Once schools are deemed eligible, the California Department of Education (CDE) invites them to apply to be recognized as a California Distinguished School.

The application process consists of a written application, which includes a comprehensive description of two of the school's signature practices, and a county-led site validation review process, which validates the implementation of those signature practices.

For more information, visit the California Department of Education website at www.cde.ca.gov.



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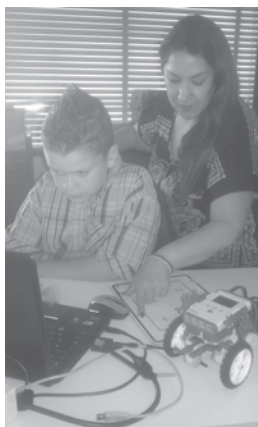
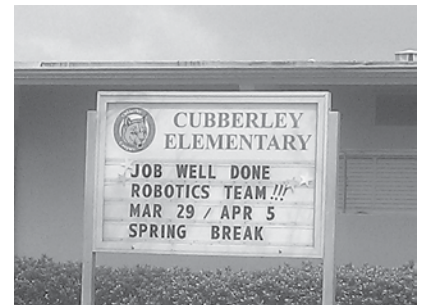
CUBBERLEY ELEMENTARY

Greetings Serra Mesa Community!

Many great things are happening for our students at Cubberley. We are very excited about being one of the Serra Mesa Cluster schools offering **Transitional Kindergarten**. For more information, please visit our website at www.sandi.net/cubberley or call the school office at (858) 496-8975. We are also enrolling students K-5 at this time as well. We welcome visits and tours to see our classrooms and wonderful activities in action. Cubberley will also be part of the SDG&E Utility Box painting project sponsored by the Serra Mesa Council. Various artists from San Diego have been commissioned to design and create works of art to beautify our community.

Cubberley Robotics Team

Our "Metal Bots" Robotics Team has had a great year of learning. It has been a journey getting the team off the ground; we could not have done this without our devoted volunteers, mentors, and coaches who have given generously of their effort, determination, and time to our students. The Metal Bots have worked hard to fundraise and also seek grants to support the program. Most recently our team was awarded a grant from the **Women in Defense**. We are most grateful for the support provided by them. Team



members are also learning how robotics relates in the world. Guest speaker, Dr. Richard Coutts, orthopedic surgeon with Sharp Health Care introduced robotic knee surgery to our students. Guest speaker engineer, Alex Dowell with Sea Botix spoke to the students regarding his work with underwater robots. We know that our students are our future doctors, engineers, and scientists!!



The team went on a field trip to LEGOLAND to learn about programming the Mind Storms robot in January. With weekly meetings, mentors and volunteers have guided students to

build and program our robots to perform missions. The team participated in 3 tournaments this year with the Spring Showdown and Lego Yard Wars at LEGOLAND and another at Grossmont College. With each tournament the Metal Bots have gained experience and have improved immensely after each one. In the last tournament at LEGOLAND in March, the team scored 68 of the 70 points in the **On the Spot Challenge**, the only elementary school to complete it. For this part of the challenges no coaches or adults were allowed when each team was given a new mission to complete.

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SERRA MESA PLANNING GROUP NEWS

The Serra Mesa Planning Group (SMPG) is officially recognized by the City and makes recommendations on land use issues to the City. SMPG is responsible for

- Reviewing development projects proposed for Serra Mesa focusing on conformance with our community plan
- Reviewing development projects for the areas surrounding Serra Mesa to ensure that impacts are addressed
- Monitoring redevelopment projects for proposed rezoning in Serra Mesa to ensure that impacts are addressed

Elected members are Jim Baldrice, Bob McDowell, Dicken Hall, Matt Hendry, Mark Larsen, Cindy Moore, Barbara Ryan, Brad Savall, and Tom Wright. Elected officers are Cindy Moore, Chair; Bob McDowell, Vice-Chair, and Brad Savall, Secretary. There are three vacancies which SMPG needs to fill to remain in good standing. Anyone who is at least 18 years old, affiliated with the community as a property owner, resident of Serra Mesa, or a local Serra Mesa business person and who has attended two SMPG meetings is eligible to be elected.

SMPG's role is important and crucial to the well-being of Serra Mesa. SMPG was inactive from the mid-1980's-early 1990's. During that time boundary adjustments were made which have greatly impacted Serra Mesa. At one time the site of the Civita project and the Kearny Mesa area were part of the Serra Mesa planning area and included in our community plan. SMPG needs to remain active!

If you have an interest or an expertise in areas related to building, landscaping, environment, or planning, SMPG needs you. The City provides training. See <http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/resources/cow/index.shtml>.

SMPG meets the third Thursday of the month, 7 pm, at the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, 9505 Aero Drive. The next meetings are May 16 and June 20. To contact us, email smpg@serramesa.org.

Summary of April 18 Meeting

"Trail from Serra Mesa to Mission Valley: Discussed the Environmental Impact Report and voted to support the proposed San Diego River Ruffin Canyon Trail & Urban Walk Project, with the request that the project coordinates efforts to mitigate impacts on the neighbors close to the trail. Document reference: <http://www.serramesa.org/smpg/major-projects/>."

Resources:

SMPG Background: <http://www.serramesa.org/smpg/smpg-background/>

SMPG Projects: <http://www.serramesa.org/smpg/major-projects/>

SMPG's Bylaws, <http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/pdf/bylaws/smbylaws.pdf>

Serra Mesa Community Plan, first adopted in 1977; revisions have included boundary adjustments, open space update, Montgomery Field update: <http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/profiles/serramesa/pdf/serramesa042611c.pdf>

Serra Mesa Planning Group

Representing the communities of Birdland, Cabrillo Heights, Mission Village

***Serra Mesa Community Council Welcomes
March / April New and Renewed Members***

Jackie Ander	Greg Harm	Shawn & Mary Quinn
Patricia Barton	Eileen Harrington	George Ransom
Don & Emma Berdan	Robert & Sharon Horn	Wayne & Jane Riner *
Dolores Bertram	Bonnie Hough	Gene & Evelyn Ripley
William Brunnhoelzl	Michael Hudon **	John & Naomi Ritz
Virginia Brust *	Dolores Janik	Rick & Robin Rivera
Dorothy Byrne	Douglas Johnson	Dolores Salini
Curtis Carlson	Jack Johnson	M. Schaefer & P. Simon
Connie Chovan *	Mark & Bernadine Johnson	Doris Shimizu
Nancy Dillon	Sonia & Thomas Khuu	Craig Smith
Desmond & Andrea Eaton	Bryan & Andrea Knox *	Tese & JT Smith *
Jerry & Loyce Edwards	Janae Long & Mark	Nadine Smock
Harvey & Lou Elkins	Greenwald	Edward & Maxine Solarski
Howard Elliott	Ross Loucks	Richard & Alice Tanner
Lyn Elms	Bud & Jean Lupton	Harold & Velma Teel
Faith Community Church *	Marty & Judy Marion **	Stan Thomas
Dolores Flores	Pasquale Massaro	John & Harriet Trolinger
Cindy Forth & Anna Tatro	Elbert McCune *	Robert & Eleanor Villandre
Sean Fuentes	Margaret Miller	Robert & Charlotte Watson
Jack & Mary Gaffney	Jamie & Raleigh Moody	Myra Webb *
Diane Gage	Pete & Toni Nalwalker	
Marie-Odile Hamill	Larry O'Dell	
Alex & Sally Handgis	Shirley Odorico	
Mary Ann Sanzone-Harm &	Frances Olson	

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Observer Renewal

When it is time to renew your Observer, the renewal date is highlighted and stamped, "to be renewed." Also, a postcard will be mailed and, if possible, a phone call is made to remind you. It is greatly appreciated if you pay as soon as you notice it's time to renew.

Maybe you have a special neighbor that you'd like to say "thank you" to, or maybe you have a new neighbor that you'd like to say "welcome." We highly recommend giving a subscription to the Observer (six editions/year). A post card will be sent to the recipient.

Please fill out the enclosed form and send it with your check to P.O. Box 23315,
San Diego, CA. 92193.

CUBBERLEY ELEMENTARY, continued from page 9

They had 30 minutes to rebuild and reprogram their robot to complete the task the best they could. Cubberley Metal Bots rose to the challenge. We are very proud of the students!

Spring Events

Spring Jog-a-thon on April 17th. Students ran around the field listening to music, stopping at the hydration table, getting sprayed with the water bottle, and enjoying time with classmates and friends running for health!

Spring Open House on April 25th celebrated all Cubberley classrooms. It also highlighted our school-wide PeaceBuilder theme, annual Art Show, and Robotics Team Demonstration with Kearny High School. The Art Corps. Program sponsored by our PTA, provides experiences utilizing various mediums using chalk, tissue paper, collage, tempera, markers, and watercolor. Lessons included famous artists such as **O'Keefe, Pollock, Matisse and Kandinsky**, which integrated some of the following lessons on line, shape, value, space, color, texture, and composition.

SPRING CARNIVAL is enjoyed by the school and community!! All are invited **on Friday, May 31st** to join in the food, games, prizes, and community spirit. The carnival will be from **5:00 – 7:00 p.m.** on the Cubberley playground.

We welcome new students to our school and also invite the community to visit and volunteer at Cubberley.

Sincerely,

Rosemary Cruz, Principal

How well do you know your neighborhood?

By neighbor Tom Leech

The streets of Serra Mesa have some intriguing names. Driving, strolling or biking around the neighborhood, you might come across a name that triggers some connection or memory. So here's your Serra Mesa street quiz. What street name is associated with these women's names?

1. Hello there.
2. Character played by comedian name of Flip.
3. Something about a ship that went down, way down.
4. This woman's name might give you vertigo.
5. Comedienne with wacky laugh, hitched to dude named Fang.

Answers are on page 15

Tom Leech does explore our community and world a bit. He tells about his around-the-world adventure travels in 'On the Road in '68: a year of turmoil, a journey of friendship. And for further tips about exploring our local and international worlds, visit www.outdoorssandiego.com.

For Your Information - Code Compliance Topics

Topic	Description (copied/summarized, http://www.sandiego.gov/city-clerk/officialdocs/legisdocs/muni.shtml)	Resources
Accessory Structures	Accessory structures (detached buildings, e.g., canopies) are restricted from being placed in the required front yard setback.	NCC, 619-236-5500
Barking Dogs	Unlawfulness in reference to animals "frequent or long continued noise, shall cause annoyance or discomfort to a reasonable person of normal sensitiveness in the vicinity." MC 59.5.0502C	http://www.sandiego.gov/nccd/noise/animal.shtml ; NCC, 619-236-5500
Business Out of Home	Home occupations "shall not create any conditions that amount to a <i>public nuisance</i> , and shall not be detrimental to the residential neighborhood by causing increased noise, traffic, lighting, odor, or by violating any applicable ordinances or laws." MC 141.0308	http://www.sandiego.gov/nccd/zoning/home.shtml ; NCC, 619-236-5500
Commercial Vehicles	Commercial vehicles with a weight rating of 10,000 pounds are restricted from parking on residential streets. MC 86.27	SDPD, 619-531-2000
Dumping Public Property	It is illegal to dump on private or public property. MC 54.0209	http://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/geninfo/faq/illegal.shtml ; ESD, 858-694-7000
Fence	"Property owners shall maintain <i>fences</i> and <i>retaining walls</i> free from dilapidated or dangerous conditions" and "...in a graffiti-free condition." MC 142.0380	NCC, 619-236-5500
Garage Sales	A property is limited to 3 garage sales per year not to exceed 2 consecutive calendar days per sale. MC 141.0305	NCC, 619-236-5500
Inoperable Vehicles	Inoperable vehicles can not be stored in the driveway nor on the yard. It must be visible from the street or alley. MC 142.0510 (b)	http://www.sandiego.gov/police/services/units/traffic/abandonedvehicle/inoperable.shtml ; SDPD, 858-495-7856
Litter	It is unlawful for any responsible person to fail to maintain his property free from waste. Considered a public nuisance that can affect health & safety. MC 54.0208	http://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/geninfo/faq/illegal.shtml ; ESD, 858-694-7000
Noise	It's unlawful for anyone to make disturbing, excessive, or offensive noise causing discomfort or annoyance to any reasonable person residing in the area. MC 59.5.0501	http://www.sandiego.gov/police/services/faqs/quality.shtml ; SDPD, 619-531-2000
Parking On Paved Yard	A paved front yard does not entitle a resident to park vehicles (cars/trucks) on the paved area except on the driveway. Restrictions exist. Violations are subject to fines. MC 142.0510	SDPD, Vehicle Abatement, 858-495-7856
Parking On Lawn	Cars & trucks can not park on the lawn. Violations are subject to fines. MC 142.0510	SDPD, Vehicle Abatement, 858-495-7856
Parking On Sidewalk	It is illegal for any part of a vehicle to be parked on the sidewalk. Violations are subject to fines. MC 86.26	http://www.sandiego.gov/police/services/units/traffic/abandonedvehicle/inoperable.shtml ; SDPD, Vehicle Abatement, 858-495-7856
Parking On Street	No vehicle may be parked in one location on the street for more than 72 hours. Subject to fines. MC 86.0906	http://www.sandiego.gov/parking/faqs/index.shtml ; SDPD, Vehicle Abatement, 858-495-7856
Parkway Maintenance	Property owners are responsible for the removal of litter & weeds on the parkway (strip between curb & private property). Nuisance: can affect health/safety. MC 54.0208	http://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/geninfo/faq/illegal.shtml ; ESD, 858-694-7000
Rats	Rodent infestation is investigated by the County, Vector Control. Considered a public nuisance. MC 41.36	http://sdcountry.ca.gov/deh/pests/rat.html ; Vector Control, 858-694-2888
Trash Cans	May be placed at the curb only after 6 p.m. the night before pickup & must be returned to proper storage by 6 p.m. on pickup day. MC 66.0105	http://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/ep/illegal/related.shtml ; ESD, 858-694-7000
Trees in Parkway	The City is responsible for trimming & removal. With City's permission an owner can trim or remove trees. MC 62.06	http://www.sandiego.gov/street-div/services/forestry/maintenance.shtml ; Street Div, 619-527-7500
Weeds	Weeds can not be higher than 18 inches. Considered a public nuisance that can affect health & safety. MC 54.0201(a)	http://www.sandiego.gov/fire/services/brush/index.shtml ; Fire Hazard Advisor, 619-533-4444
Wood	Wood piles are required to be 30' from a building & stored in the backyard. Landscape Technical Manual; Also, MC 54.0208	NCC, 619-236-5500

EC= Environmental Services, MC=Municipal Code, NCC=Neighborhood Code Compliance, SDPD=San Diego Police Department

SERRA MESA-KEARNY MESA BRANCH LIBRARY

May/June, 2013 Events/Programs

Adult Programs

Art Exhibits – The Friends of the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library present an exhibit of original paintings by the Associated Fine Artists in the Community Room.

Lobby Showcases – The Lego Collection of the Ege Family will be in the display cases.

Zumba® Dance/Toning Fitness – Thursdays, 1:00 p.m. The Zumba® Fitness program fuses Latin rhythms with easy-to-follow moves. Monday's class includes a half hour of Zumba Dance and a half hour of toning.

Zumba® Gold Fitness – Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m. The Zumba® Gold Fitness program fuses Latin rhythms with easy-to-follow moves. This class is designed for beginners and active seniors.

May 7, 5:30 p.m. Adult Paper Craft. Join us for this fun, creative paper craft for adults. Sign-ups begin on May 1st at the Circulation Desk or by phone.

May 10, 1:00 p.m. Exploring Your Job Options. This workshop by the San Diego Metro Career Center teaches you how to figure out which jobs are best for you.

May 14, 6:45 p.m. Serra Mesa Library Book Club. Join members of your community to discuss Year of Wonders by Geraldine Brooks.

May 19, 2:00 p.m. Music on the Mesa: Mesa College Guitar Ensemble. Come and enjoy a range of musical styles in a concert which is free and open to the entire family.

May 22, 6:30 p.m. Serra Mesa Community Council. A meeting to provide information and act as a forum for identifying and solving community problems.

May 23, 4:00 p.m. Square Foot Gardening Lecture. Join us for this informative lecture on how to use a small space for gardening. Sign-ups begin on May 1st at the Circulation Desk.

May 24, 1:00 p.m. Finding Hidden Jobs. Learn how to look for those elusive job opportunities in this workshop offered by the San Diego Metro Career Center.

May 25, 1:30 p.m. San Diego Folk Song Society. Join the folk song circle and enjoy free, live music.

May 28, 6:00 p.m. E-Reader Clinic. Bring your electronic reader devices and learn how to download and view library ebooks.

June 11, 6:45 p.m. Serra Mesa Library Book Club. Join members of your community to discuss The Pillars of Hercules by Paul Theroux.

June 14, 1:00 p.m. Skills & Accomplishments. This workshop by the San Diego Metro Career Center teaches you how to highlight your skills and accomplishments.

June 16, 2:00 p.m. Music on the Mesa: Cuerdas del Mar. Come and enjoy free music in a concert which is open to the entire family.

June 23, 1:30 p.m. San Diego Folk Song Society. Join the folk song circle and enjoy free, live music.

June 25, 6:00 p.m. E-Reader Clinic. Bring your electronic reader devices and learn how to download and view library ebooks.

June 26, 6:30 p.m. Serra Mesa Community Council. A meeting to provide information and act as a forum for identifying and solving community problems.

SERRA MESA-KEARNY MESA BRANCH LIBRARY, continued

June 28, 1:00 p.m. How to Build a Resume. Learn fundamentals of putting together a resume in this workshop offered by the San Diego Metro Career Center.

Children Programs

Kids Night with Hopscotch Tiny Tots – Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m. Join Miss Kim for music, stories, arts and crafts in a program which is ideal for toddlers and pre-schoolers.

Homework Help – Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m. The library offers free tutoring and homework help every Wednesday evening for children ages 5 and up.

Preschool Storytime – Fridays, 10:00 a.m. Join Grandma Patti for our very popular story time, which is perfect for pre-schoolers and their families.

May 6 & 20, 10:30 a.m. Yoga Storytime for Kids. Toddlers will hear stories and songs while learning yoga poses.

May 1 & 15, 4:00 p.m. Lego Builders Club. Join us to build Lego creations that will be displayed in the library.

May 13, 10:30 a.m. Preschool Craft. Join us for a fun, easy-to-make children's craft.

May 9, 16, 23 & 30, 10:00 a.m. Music Time for Kids with Cowboy Bob. Come dance with Cowboy Bob as he introduces music and instruments in a show appropriate for all ages.

June 3 & 17, 10:30 a.m. Yoga Storytime for Kids. Toddlers will hear stories and songs while learning yoga poses.

June 10 & 24, 10:30 a.m. Preschool Craft. Join us for a fun, easy-to-make children's craft.

June 13, 20, & 27, 10:00 a.m. Music Time for Kids with Cowboy Bob. Come dance with Cowboy Bob as he introduces music and instruments in a show appropriate for all ages.

June 19, 4:00 p.m. Summer Reading Program: Raggle Taggle Band. Join us for a fun, easy-to-make children's craft.

Summer Reading Program, "Reading is So Delicious" – June 15 to August 15

Join us this summer for our annual Summer Reading Program! Children and Teens can read books and collect prizes. Register online or at the library starting June 15. Come to the library every Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. for special programs throughout the summer including music, magicians, animals and clowns.

Serra Mesa streets, all with women's names. Answers.

1. Hello there... -
Hello Dolly -- It's so nice to have you back where you belong...
2. Character played by comedian name of Flip. -
Flip Wilson's Geraldine got her share of laughs.
3. Something about a ship that went down, way down. -
The Italian ocean liner, the Andrea Doria, went down off Massachusetts in 1956. Now what's the pronunciation of Andrea?
4. This woman's name might give you vertigo. -
Kim Novak starred in Alfred Hitchcock's classic film Vertigo.
5. Comedienne with wacky laugh, hitched to dude named Fang. -
"YAK-YAK-YAK-YAK....HA-HA-HA-HA...SNORT-SNORT-SNORT..." chortled Phyllis Diller.

Next question. Do you know where these streets are located? Try Google map or Thomas Brothers page 1249. (Q3- the Italians say it as An-DRAY-uh.)



SAN DIEGO POLICE: GRAFFITI

<http://www.sandiego.gov/graffiti/index.shtml>

Reporting Graffiti

If you see graffiti vandalism in progress, call **911** and report it immediately to the San Diego Police Department. Do not confront the vandals. Although they may appear to be harmless, they may be carrying weapons. The police will respond based on the priority of the crime compared to others for which they have calls at the time.

Reporting Existing Graffiti

If you see graffiti in your neighborhood on public or private property, report it immediately to the Graffiti Control Program through the online reporting form or by calling the Graffiti Hotline at (619) 525-8522. Calls to the Graffiti Hotline are confidential.

City crews remove graffiti from city property, usually within four days of receiving a report. City code compliance officers must notify private property owners of graffiti on their property and of their responsibility to remove it. Depending on the cooperation of property owners, it could take longer for graffiti to be removed from private properties.

Rewards Program

With our Spray and Pay Graffiti Rewards Program, you could receive up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of graffiti vandals.

How the Program Works

The City's Spray and Pay Rewards Program rewards citizens up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of graffiti vandals. Spray and Pay Rewards Program brochures and claim forms are available at San Diego Police Department storefronts and satellite offices or by contacting the Graffiti Control Program hotline at **(619) 525-8522**. Complete the Claim for Reward Form (PDF) then send the completed form to:

**Office of the City Attorney
Spray and Pay Program
1200 Third Avenue, Suite 700
San Diego, CA 92101**



SAN DIEGO POLICE: GRAFFITI

<http://www.sandiego.gov/graffiti/index.shtml>

Graffiti on Your Property

If you find graffiti on your property, you should remove it immediately. By painting over graffiti as soon as possible, you will discourage further graffiti. Graffiti vandals want to be recognized for their work, and once they realize that their graffiti is removed quickly from a location, they will ultimately move on to other locations. It may take multiple paint-outs to deter the vandals. Be persistent!

Strategies for Keeping Property Graffiti Free

Check your local hardware store for special products that can be applied to surfaces, making them graffiti resistant. Install good lighting on the walls and fences that may be vulnerable to graffiti. Plant shrubs or climbing vines to restrict access to graffiti prone areas. And finally, encourage your neighbors to watch for and report graffiti vandals.

The City's Paint and Materials Exchange Bank

Contact the city's Paint and Materials Exchange Bank for assistance or questions pertaining to graffiti removal supplies and safety. The City of San Diego operates a Paint and Materials Exchange Bank in the Chollas View area where citizens can obtain free recycled paint in limited colors for graffiti removal. Call the paint bank at (619) 527-5419 to make an appointment for pick up of paint and supplies or submit the on-line Release of City of San Diego Materials Form.

You can also call Project CLEAN at (619) 563-4014 for assistance regarding strategies and tactics for graffiti removal, paint selection, etc.

For information regarding the proper disposal of paint and solvents, visit the City's Environmental Services Department web pages.

Serra Mesa Enhancement Committee

The role of the Serra Mesa Enhancement Committee (SMEC) is to provide information, education, cooperation, and assistance in the area of City Code Compliance. After confirming a code violation SMEC sends a friendly, educational letter asking for compliance. In 90% of the cases people come into compliance and cases are not reported to the City. If you have a problem in your area, report the problem with this confidential form.

Request for Investigation

Return form to: Serra Mesa Enhancement Committee,
Post Office Box 23315, San Diego, California 92193

Please investigate this address _____

This is the problem: (give complete details; time of day, license plate of vehicles, type of vehicles, condition of property, owner's or renter's name if known etc.)

(Please use back if necessary.)

Your name (will not be disclosed) _____

Date _____ Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

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ID# _____ Area _____ Contacted complainant _____

Complaint Referred to (specify date)	Action Steps (specify date)
_____ Code Compliance	Second Checker: No Violation, Close _____ Violation _____
_____ Community Policing	_____
_____ Signs	1st Letter: _____
_____ Tree Division	Second Checker: No Violation, Close _____ Violation _____
_____ Vector Control	_____
_____ Vehicle Abatement	2nd Letter: _____
_____ Weeds	Second Checker: No Violation, Close _____ Violation _____
_____ Other	_____
	Thank You: _____ Reopen Previous Case: _____

SMCC Subscription Application or Renewal Form & Interest/Volunteer Survey

If you are interested in being contacted about any of the organizations listed below and/or you wish to receive a bi-monthly newsletter **or renew** your subscription, please fill out the following information. Return this form to the Serra Mesa Community Council, PO Box 23315, San Diego, CA 92193.

Last Name _____ First _____ E-mail _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Occupation _____

Subscription Form - Enclosed is my check payable to the Serra Mesa Community Council to subscribe at the following level:

Household (\$15) ____ Sponsor (\$25) ____ Benefactor (\$50) ____

How did you hear about us? _____

Need More Information	Want to Volunteer	Brief Description of Serra Mesa Organizations
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Council. Sponsors clean-ups, publishes newsletter, liaison between elected officials & the community, meets 10 times/yr. Volunteers needed: Board & special projects. Commitment: varies.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Planning Group. Advises the City on the Serra Mesa Community Plan and land use issues. Volunteers needed. Trained & indemnified by the City. Commitment: 3.5 hours/month.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation Council. Plans, promote, publicizes & helps provide recreation opportunities for citizens in Serra Mesa. Volunteers needed: Council. No training needed. Commitment: 1.5 hour/month
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enhancement Committee. Sends educational letters to residents requesting code compliance. Promotes community improvement. Trained & indemnified by the City. Commitment: 3 hours/month.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Friends of the Library. Provides summer reading program, extra books & tapes, & sponsors special library events for the Serra Mesa Library. Volunteers needed: Board. Commitment: 5 hours/month.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Friends of Ruffin Canyon. Friends of Ruffin Canyon removes invasive non native plants from the canyon and replaces them with natives.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Serra Mesa Food Pantry. Staff the Food Pantry, pick up donated food, coordinate food drives, organize community sponsors. Commitment: varies.

To volunteer for one of the groups listed below call 858-565-2473.

Churches. Volunteer needs, training, & commitment varies with each church.

Education & PTAs. Volunteers needed: school based parent groups, readers/listeners in the schools, & various projects at schools. Training & commitment varies with activity.

Sports (Soccer, Baseball, Basketball). Volunteers needed: referees, managers, coaches, scorekeepers, etc. Training & commitment varies with activity.

Youth Activities (Girls Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc.). Volunteers needed: leaders, sponsors, & volunteers for special activities. Training provided. Commitment varies.

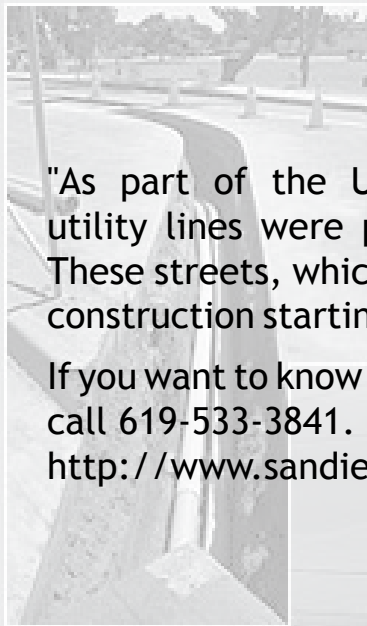
Views concerning the present and future Serra Mesa. Please attach a sheet with issues, suggested goals, and suggestions.

Skills/Experience/Interests. Sometimes an organization needs specialized help. If you wish to volunteer, then please attach a sheet with a list of your skills/experiences.

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"As part of the Utilities Undergrounding Program the overhead utility lines were placed underground in one area of Serra Mesa. These streets, which includes Sandrock Road, will be resurfaced with construction starting before 6/30/2013 and finishing within 6 months.

If you want to know when your street is scheduled for undergrounding, call 619-533-3841. Information on the undergrounding program is at <http://www.sandiego.gov/undergrounding/>."

