

# School Board Candidate Forum

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**Wednesday, September 22, 2010**

**6:00pm**

**Taft Middle School**

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You are invited to participate in the  
**Serra Mesa Community Council  
Meeting**  
Wednesday, September 22nd  
6:00 pm  
*Taft Middle School*  
9191 Gramercy Drive  
**School Board Candidate Forum**

**Serra Mesa Community Council  
General Forum**  
Wednesday, October 27th, 6:30 pm  
*Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library  
Community Room, 9005 Aero Drive*

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**CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS**

Sep 16	Serra Mesa Planning Group, 7 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Room
Sep 22	Serra Mesa Community Council Forum, 6:00 p.m., Taft Middle School, 9191 Gramercy Dr.
Sep 27	Friends of Ruffin Canyon 6:30 p.m., Taft Middle School, 9191 Gramercy Dr.
Oct 2	Friends of Ruffin Canyon Cleanup 9:00 a.m., Shawn Avenue entrance to Ruffin Canyon
Oct 4	Friends of Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library 5 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Sudberry Room
Oct 21	Serra Mesa Planning Group, 7 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Room
Oct 25	Friends of Ruffin Canyon 6:30 p.m., Taft Middle School, 9191 Gramercy Dr.
Oct 27	Serra Mesa Community Council Forum, 6:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
Nov 1	Friends of Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library 5 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Sudberry Room
Nov 6	Friends of Ruffin Canyon Cleanup 9:00 a.m., Shawn Avenue entrance to Ruffin Canyon
Nov 10	Serra Mesa Recreation Council Meeting 6:30 p.m., 9020 Village Glen Drive

*Serra Mesa Enhancement Committee meetings -  
write to P.O. Box 23315, San Diego, CA, 92193.*

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I had the opportunity to be in attendance to hear Paul Greenwood speak about Elder Abuse. Paul is a Deputy District Attorney, Head of Elder Abuse Unit Family Protection Division for the City of San Diego. He is active and especially passionate about offenders who intentionally harm the elderly by taking advantage of their culpability. As most abusive activities start in the family, it is important that those who are either incapable or unable to direct their financial directives have a recourse to deal with their insufficiencies. Paul also discusses those issues to watch for by persons specifically intending to take advantage of those unable to recognize harmful activities. Paul gives us some insight with his "Ten Tips" based on those things that he has seen when defending those who have been the subject of abuse.

**Ten Tips To Help You Reduce The Risk Of Becoming The Next Victim Of Financial Elder Abuse**

**1) Choose a caregiver with caution**

Do not assume that by hiring a caregiver through a bonded agency you are guaranteed to get someone

who has been checked. There is no current law requiring mandatory background checks for in-home caregivers in California.

**2) Keep an inventory of all jewelry**

Jewelry is the number one item that is stolen from homes occupied by elders. Not only should your jewelry be kept in a locked drawer, you should have photographs of rare, valuable or sentimental items in a separate location. In the event of theft, such photographic evidence will be useful in tracking down the missing jewelry at a pawn shop.

**3) Every home should have a shredder**

Every piece of mail containing your name, address, and any other identifying information should be shredded before being discarded. The most effective type of shredder is the criss-cross cut shredder. Even envelopes with your name and address should be shredded. Never throw away old checkbooks from closed accounts or bank credit card application forms. There is no danger in over shredding!

**4) Protect your incoming and outgoing mail**

Never allow incoming mail to sit in an unsecured mailbox. Mailbox theft is rampant. Similarly, never leave outgoing mail in an unsecured mailbox with the red flag raised, as this simply provides an easy alert to the thief who is cruising the streets. Consider either purchasing a locked mailbox or renting a post office from your local post office.

**5) Obtain a credit search on yourself at least two or three times a year**

Identity theft is rampant. The only way to have peace of mind is to obtain a credit search on yourself periodically from one of the three major credit bureaus – Experian, Equifax and Trans Union. This will enable you to discover whether someone has applied for or obtained a credit card in your name.

**6) Every telephone should have caller i.d. fitted**

All modern telephones are equipped with Caller I.D. capability and the minimal cost of this extra service is well worth it. By seeing if the incoming call is classified as "private" or "unknown" this will allow you to be immediately on your guard. Crooks love the telephone. It is now their weapon of choice.

**7) You will never win the Canadian lottery**

If a smooth talking 25 year old male tells you on the telephone that you are the proud winner of the Canadian lottery, he is a liar. Similarly, emails from Nigeria and letters from Madrid, indicating that you could receive a substantial amount of money, are always fraudulent.

**8) Consider allowing your bank to send a duplicate copy of your monthly statement to a trusted family member or professional advisor**

Sadly, most financial elder abuse cases are only reported or discovered six to nine months after the initial losses have occurred. Elders whose sight is failing are at greater risk because they may rely upon the very person who is stealing from them to insure that the financial transactions are in order. An independent pair of

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## Serra Mesa Enhancement Committee

**Role:** Information, Education, Cooperation, & Assistance in the area of Code Compliance. The intent of the committee is to inform residents of some typical neighborhood codes. Many people are simply not aware of the codes, whose main purpose is to help keep the community looking nice, keep peace among its neighbors, and prevent nuisances in the neighborhood.

### **Procedures:**

- A citizen can fill out a Request for Investigation form anonymously if desired or send a note with a description of the violation and the address to SMEC, P.O. Box 23315, San Diego, CA 92193 or send an email to [serramesaenhancementcommittee@hotmail.com](mailto:serramesaenhancementcommittee@hotmail.com). If a code violation is confirmed, a letter is sent to the resident.
- If SMEC doesn't hear from the resident and the violation still exists, another letter is sent indicating a deadline.
- After the deadline if the violation hasn't been corrected, the case is referred to the appropriate government department.
- If there are extenuating circumstances, residents are encouraged to write to SMEC so that the situation can be considered before proceeding to the next step.

**Code Violations Referral:** SMEC makes referrals only as a last resort. If a resident receives a letter from the City Zoning Investigations Department, but did not receive any letters from SMEC, then it was not SMEC who made a referral to the City. Any citizen may make referrals directly to the City.

**Accomplishments:** SMEC provides information through regular *Observer* columns and an information sheet on code compliance topics for new homeowners. The efforts of SMEC have resulted in improvements in many residences in Serra Mesa and the resolution of community issues. The identity of SMEC cases is kept confidential.

**Violations:** Since SMEC's inception in 1996 over 1,850 violations have been processed. The violations include barking dogs, excessive noise, fences in disrepair, graffiti, general improvement, illegal home businesses, inoperable vehicles, lawn parking, excessive litter, plants on sidewalk, rodent infestation, sidewalk parking, illegal signs, illegal street parking, storage of wood, temporary structures, trash cans, and excessive weeds.

Illegally parked vehicles on the street and inoperable vehicles are usually turned over directly to Vehicle Abatement. For barking dogs and excessive noise violations we send informational letters to residents asking for compliance and provide the complainants with information needed to pursue the issue.

**Trash and Recycle Containers.** This information is in response to a couple of complaints SMEC has received. Trash and recycling containers may be placed at the curb only after 6:00 p.m. the night before pickup and must be returned to the proper storage by 6:00 p.m. on pickup day. Storage of the containers in a non-visible site (side or back yard) improves the appearance of the neighborhood.

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## **County Reports Four Bats Tested Positive For Rabies**

### **Public Should Not Handle Bats, Skunks, Raccoons and Other Wild Animals**

While bats, skunks, raccoons and other wild animals might be interesting to look at. Touching them—even when they’re dead—could expose you to rabies.

The County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) reports that four of 20 bats submitted for rabies testing to HHSA’s Public Health Laboratory since January 1, 2010 have tested positive for rabies. All four bats tested positive for rabies during the month of June.

HHSA is reminding the public to stay away from bats and other wild animals to prevent possible exposure to rabies.

“Bat contact and sightings often occur this time of year. However, bats may be carriers of rabies, a disease that can be deadly,” said Wilma Wooten, M.D., M.P.H., County Public Health Officer. “If you see a bat, dead or alive, don’t touch it.”

The small teeth of a bat can make a bite difficult to find. Rabies transmission may also occur if a bat’s saliva comes in contact with a person’s open wounds or mucous membranes such as your eyes, nose or mouth. The local medical community has also been alerted.

Bats are most often observed by people during the summer months when young bats leave the roost, insects are abundant, and people leave windows open at night to counter the heat. If a bat is found in your home or on your property, do not touch it. Contact a local animal control agency to pick it up.

If direct contact with a bat does occur, wash the affected area thoroughly with soap and water and get medical advice immediately. The bat should be safely captured and picked up by a local animal control agency to submit for rabies testing. For service in the City of San Diego and the unincorporated areas of the county, call (619) 236-4250.

Rabies in humans can be prevented by avoiding contact with wild, stray, and unknown domestic animals; ensuring pets are up-to-date on rabies vaccinations; and receiving prompt medical advice following animal bites and other significant exposures to potentially rabid animals.

For more information about rabies and bats, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website at: <http://www.cdc.gov/rabies/bats/index.html>




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### ***Serra Mesa Food Pantry***

The number of people served at the Serra Mesa Food Pantry continues to increase. We are open every Wednesday from 10am to 2pm and on the 4th Saturday from 10am to 2pm. The Pantry is located on the grounds of Mission Village Christian Fellowship, 2650 Melbourne Drive, across from Juarez Elementary School.

To continue to serve the people, the Food Pantry needs donations of food and dollars. For this, we invite participation from individuals, service groups, businesses, churches, and Serra Mesa families. For information, call 858-278-2633.

### ***“Family to Family” from NAMI***

Beginning in mid-September, NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness) will bring their highly acclaimed “Family to Family” class to Serra Mesa on Saturday mornings.

The class is taught by people who live with mental illness in their family. It is the combination of personal experience and professional level content that make this class so powerful.

It will meet at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 2696 Melbourne Drive. You must register in advance by calling (619) 584-5564.

## **About Montgomery Field**

This is the time of year when people leave their windows open and noise from Montgomery Field is more apparent. The following information has been copied from the City of San Diego’s web site, <http://www.sandiego.gov/airports/montgomery/montfaq.shtml#airport>.

### **Flight Procedures**

#### **What are the hours of operation for the Air Traffic Control Tower ?**

The normal hours of operation are 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (PST) daily.

#### **Do I need a Class B clearance to depart Montgomery Field ?**

No, you can call Ground Control on 118.225 MHZ or Clearance Delivery on 127.45 to receive clearance through Class B Airspace.

#### **Where is the compass rose located ?**

The southwest end of taxiway G.

#### **What is the largest aircraft that can use Montgomery Field ?**

Montgomery Field is restricted to aircraft having a maximum certified take off gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less.

### **Services and Facilities**

#### **What services and facilities are available?**

There are flight schools, repair and maintenance shops, aircraft rental, sales, and storage, fuel, rental cars, and a restaurant located at Montgomery Field. The surrounding area offers hotels, restaurants, and a wide range of commercial and visitor services.

#### **As a certified flight instructor, can I use Montgomery Field to provide flight training to individuals?**

Yes, if you have a Commercial Operators Permit available from the Airport Operations Center to conduct business at the airport.

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eyes that is able to look over bank statements every 30 days will be able to catch suspicious activities in the early stages.

**9) Don't assume that the friendly handyman is, in fact, licensed**

Before committing to any work on your home, always obtain at least three estimates in writing and check on the name of the contractor with both the Better Business Bureau and with the State License Contractor's Board. Just because someone gives you an impressive business card with a contractor's license number on it, this does not mean that the person is qualified. The license number may have, in fact, been stolen. Additionally, never pay more than 10% of the contract price up front.

**10) Always have a second line of defense at your front door**

You should either have a locked screen door or a security chain guard at your front door. Crooks will attempt to gain entry to your home by using excuses such as a fake emergency, or false uniforms and badges. By having a second line of defense, you will be able to communicate with the stranger on the doorstep without exposing yourself to the possibility of a forced entry. Never allow any stranger into your home, even if the emergency seems real. Instead, tell the stranger that you will call 911.

I hope you have found this as helpful as I have. Should you require to contact Paul Greenwood, his office phone is: (619) 531-3464 or email him at: paul.greenwood@sdcca.org. Help us keep our neighborhood safe.

*Carl Demas*

**Qualcomm Stadium Flyovers**

The CP&L Office at MCAS Miramar wishes to alert you that over the next several months there is a good possibility that the San Diego Chargers and SDSU will request military jet flyovers prior to the start of specific football games at Qualcomm Stadium.

Since the approval for flyovers is based on military needs and training requirements, final decisions cannot be made far in advanced. However, all efforts will be made by our office to get word out to the community as quickly as possible once a decision is made.

Thank you all for your understanding and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

*Juan Lias  
MCAS Miramar CP&L Office  
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## **Serra Mesa / Kearny Mesa Branch Library**

### **New Branch Manager at the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library**

We would like to give a warm welcome to Karen Reilly, new Branch Manager at the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library. She was previously the Youth Services Librarian at the Clairemont and North Clairemont Branch Libraries in San Diego. Her experience includes work as a Law Librarian. We wish Karen all the best in her new assignment.

### **Summer Reading Program “Make a Splash Read” Successful at the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library**

The Summer Reading Program was a great success. A bag filled with prizes was awarded to finishers for 10 books read, that they read to others, or that were read to them. This included two free baseball tickets courtesy of the San Diego Padres. The Friends of the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library were very generous by sponsoring some of the programs and incentives. Thirty eight programs were offered during summer. These were offered on different days for different age groups. The larger group age 6-12 yrs. had programs on Tuesday afternoons. They included magic, comedy, ventriloquism, music, science, puppets, clowns, and introduction to library services. Story time, music and arts & crafts were offered on Tuesday nights for toddlers, and a story time for preschoolers was offered on Friday mornings. A license from Movie Licensing USA was purchased allowing the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch to show movies from a number of major studios. A movie listing was put together with the name of “Sunday Movies @ the Library.” Entire families enjoyed watching free movies on our large screen, surround stereo system, and air conditioned Community Room. There was even a Karaoke Time and Wii Games for teenagers. Special thanks go to our volunteers for their commitment to make it all possible. Our best hope to instill in children a love for reading.

### **September Events**

**Colorful Expressions: Watercolors by Kathy McClelland**

The Friends of the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch library will open an exhibit of watercolors by local artist Kathy McClelland with a reception for the artist on Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, from 1:30-3:00 p.m. Ms. McClelland’s lyrical works are evocations of nature and the world around her, and many are inspired by the work of her husband, photographer Steve McClelland. Ms. McClelland’s paintings will be on display in the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library community room through October 30<sup>th</sup>.

**The three-dimensional art of Bill Riley**

The Friends of the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library present an exhibit of the sculptural works of local artist Bill Riley in the library space through October 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Riley’s surf sculpture, Tiki art and imaginative cat characters are influenced by his Ocean Beach home.

### **Children Programs**

Every Tuesday from 6 – 7 p.m.

Hopscotch Tiny Tots Stories and Crafts

Join Miss Kim for music, stories, arts and crafts in a program which is ideal for babies and toddlers.

Every Wednesday from 6 – 7:45 p.m.

Free Tutoring

In cooperation with Volunteer San Diego, the library offers free tutoring and homework help every Wednesday evening.

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Every Friday at 10:00 a.m.

Preschool Story time

Join Grandma Patti for our very popular story time, which is perfect for pre-schoolers and their families.

Bob Snavely A.K.A. Cowboy Bob – Great live music for Pre-Schoolers. Come and join us. You hear.

- Friday, October 15 @ 10:00 a.m.
- Friday, October 22 @ 10:00 a.m.
- Friday, October 29 @ 10:00 a.m.

### **Adult Programs**

Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 1 p.m.

Resumes and Cover Letters, a workshop in partnership with the Metro Career Center

Learn how to prepare an effective, attention-grabbing resume and cover letter, how to look at your resume from the employer's perspective, and how to best showcase your skills. Receive sample cover letters and & resumes.

Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 4 p.m.

Therapeutic Stress Reduction and Laughter Yoga

Dr. Funshine, also known as Caroline Ann Meeks, MD, will show you how to reduce stress and add joy and laughter to your life, through breathing, meditation and exercise. No yoga mats or special clothes are required, and all are welcome.

Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:45 p.m.

Librarian's Book Club

Join members of your community to discuss the book Eat Pray Love, by Elizabeth Gilbert. No registration is required, and the book is available for checkout at the Serra Mesa Library.

Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> 3:30 – 5 p.m.

GameFest on the Mesa!

Join us for an afternoon of Wii games, chosen by the participants. No registration is required.

Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

Evening Concert

Music on the Mesa presents a 1930s Trains and Rails Reprise, appropriate for the entire family.

Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 1-3 p.m.

Prospecting the Hidden Job Market, a workshop in partnership with the Metro Career Center

It is estimated that only 20% of all job openings are advertised by employers. The remaining 80% of all jobs are filled by other means. Learn the best, proven job search strategies for tapping into the hidden job market where the best employment opportunities are found.

### **St. Columba Parish**

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Sunday Mass	7:30, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m., 5:30 p.m.
Saturdays	8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Weekdays	6:30 a.m. & 8:15 a.m.
Holy Days	Vigil 5:30 p.m., 6:30, 8:15, 9:00 a.m., & 5:30 p.m.

## *Serra Mesa Trees*

The last of 200 requested street trees have been installed within the Underground Utilities Program Block 6Z Project. This would not have been so successful without the assistance of Mary Johnson of the City Urban Forestry Advisory Committee. Trees were planted on Mobley, Larkin, Sovereign, Lassie, Laddie, Halsted, Pasternak and others.

All recipients contacted were pleased with the new trees which included Jacarandas, Gold Medallions, Crape Myrtles Raywood Ash and Hong Kong Orchids.

The tree planting will be beneficial to the community in many ways including water conservation. Take a look at the story below to see how tree planting saves water.

BY WILLIE D. JONES // APRIL 2008

*23 April 2008—Remember when you were a kid and your parents made a big fuss about turning off the light when you left a room? Who knew that, besides adding to the monthly electric bill, keeping a single 60-watt lightbulb lit for 12 hours uses as much as 60 liters of water? According to researchers at the Virginia Water Resources Research Center, in Blacksburg, Va., fossil-fuel-fired thermoelectric power plants consume more than 500 billion L of fresh water per day in the United States alone. "That translates to an average of 95 L of water to produce 1 kilowatt-hour of electricity," says Tamim Younos, associate director of the center and a professor of water resources at Virginia Tech, where the center is housed.*

*Why so much? Water plays a number of roles in energy production, including pumping crude oil out of the ground, helping to remove pollutants from power plant exhaust, generating steam that turns turbines, flushing away residue after fossil fuels are burned, and keeping power plants cool.*

*The electric power produced for our residences come from power plants through a power distribution grid. The electric power derives from a power site within the power plant. The power site of a power system consists of a central mover like a turbine that is then pushed by water or steam to run a system of generators.*

*Total Electricity usage (all applications) per year for comparison:*

*USA                    12,000 kWh per capita*

*California        8,000 kWh per capita*

*California's 8,000 kWh per capita equates to 181,000 gallons of water per year to create that energy. By planting shade trees strategically around your property you can reduce energy consumption by as much as 12%.*

*If you plant a tree today on the west side of your home, in five years your energy use should be 3% less (5,430 gallons saved). In 15 years the savings will be nearly 12% (21,720 gallons of water saved). - Dr. E. Greg McPherson, Center for Urban Forest Research.*

This is more than enough to justify watering that little sapling for a few years until it starts paying off BIG TIME!.

*Drew Potocki, Urban Forester  
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## **Airport Noise Restrictions**

### **Who do I contact to complain about airplane noise at Montgomery Field?**

Call the Montgomery Field Airport Noise Abatement Officer at (858) 573-1436 or email at [wreiter@sandiego.gov](mailto:wreiter@sandiego.gov).

### **What happens when a complaint is made regarding airport noise at Montgomery Field?**

The complaint is investigated to determine if a violation of airport noise regulations occurred. If there was a violation, a citation will be issued to the aircraft operator. If there was not a violation but the complaint resulted from a poor or nonstandard aircraft operating technique, the aircraft operator will be contacted and asked to change his operating procedures to prevent a recurrence. Complaints are kept on file and their locations plotted for trend analysis purposes.

### **What noise abatement restrictions are in effect?**

The daytime noise limit of 88 decibels is in effect from 6:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. The night time noise limit of 70 decibels is in effect from 11:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. These limits apply in residential areas near the airport.

### **Is there a curfew at Montgomery Field?**

No. The airport is open for public use at all times. There are very restrictive night time noise limits between 11:30 p.m. and 6:30 a.m.

### **How are noise regulations enforced?**

A very extensive noise monitoring system which includes eleven devices to record noise levels in communities surrounding the airport. When a violation is detected a citation is issued to the aircraft owner. The fines can range up to \$250 dollars. Aircraft operators are informed that noise restrictions are strictly enforced, monitored, and of the potential fine amounts.

### **Why is there airplane traffic during the middle of the night... aren't they in violation?**

Occasional violations do occur, and there are also aircraft which are exempt from the noise limits such as emergency medical flights, and government - local, State, Federal and law enforcement aircraft.

### **Is there a minimum legal altitude planes can fly over residential areas?**

Federal Air Regulations specify a minimum altitude of 1,000 feet over congested areas except when in the Airport Traffic Area for take off and landing.

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Federal Air Regulations do not specify a minimum altitude for helicopters. They normally operate no less than 500 feet above the ground.

### **Can the City require helicopters to fly at higher altitudes?**

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### *Juarez Elementary*

Juarez Elementary School, your neighborhood school, K-5, welcomes you to a new school year!

This year we are excited about the opening of a NEW YMCA PRE K PROGRAM!!! This affordable program will help prepare children for school via play based instruction. Meals are included and the program schedule will be in line with the K-5 school schedule. For more information, please contact Glenda DeVeaux at 619-298-3576, ext. 4228.

Juarez Elementary also provides FREE before and after school childcare for school age students through the YMCA PrimeTime program.

Join us at our Back To School Night on Wednesday, September 22, from 5:30-7:30. Come meet the staff, join the PTA, meet our Mission Federal Credit Union Partners in Education, and visit classrooms!

*Marceline Marques  
Principal  
(858) 496-8145*

### *Cubberley Elementary*

Greetings!

It's time for the new school year to begin! We are very excited to welcome our returning and new students to Cubberley. We are now enrolling kindergarten and new students.

**Cubberley Preschool** is now enrolling students! Our program will provide a nurturing, caring environment in developing a smooth transition to kindergarten. For registration information please call Danielle Graves at (619) 717-1598.

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## ***St. Columba School***

Greetings! St. Columba School welcomes our students and families back as we begin the 2010 – 2011 school year. We also congratulate our recent 2010 graduates and wish them all well as they begin their high school years. This past summer has been a busy one, with many of our students staying on for summer camp, our teachers taking classes and getting their rooms ready, and having the campus cleaned and the parking lot resealed and striped.

We have lots of activities planned for the school year starting with our new parent “Meet and Greet” that was held on August 25. New families met with their mentor family and will be helped through the first few weeks of school and all that it entails. Our wonderful Parent Teacher Group hosted this informational meeting along with our Ice Cream Social and Mexican Dinner Night later in the month. Throughout the year, we have many “fun-raisers” and fund raisers to build community and support our many educational and co-curricular programs. Some favorites events to look forward to are our Gala – Auction and Dinner Dance in November, our annual Springfest in April, always fun for the entire community, and our Golf Tournament in May. Look for more information as the year progresses.

We are also in the process of starting a Children’s Garden on campus – thanks again to the leadership of our fantastic school families; look for updates as our dream becomes reality and our students enjoy the wonder of watching seeds turn into food! We also continue to provide many educational opportunities, and services for our students and their families. Come see what St. Columba is all about as we start the new school year “teaching the heart, mind and soul” of our students.

*In Peace,  
Mrs. G. Nau  
Principal*

### **Serra Mesa Recreation Center**

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1:00 - 9:00 p.m., Wednesday  
2:00-6:00 p.m., Friday  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Saturday  
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Community Sports Information:  
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N.Y.S. Soccer : (858) 973-6101  
SD United Soccer: (858) 457-4625  
Serra Mesa Senior Softball: (858) 279-4283  
Serra Mesa Little League: (858) 279-8361

Serra Mesa Recreation Council  
meets on November 10th at 6:30pm

### ***Gethsemane Christian Preschool***

Now beginning our 28th year, Gethsemane Christian Preschool has openings for this fall for children ages 2 through 6.

Area schools can vouch for the fine kindergarten preparation our children experience.

There are both full time and part time schedules for the combined daycare/preschool. The Preschool is open from 6:30am to 6pm Monday through Friday and is located at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 2696 Melbourne Drive.

For information and/or a tour, call 858-277-7710 and ask for the Director, Lee Bergeron.

## **Serra Mesa Community Council Welcomes July / August New and Renewed Members**

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Please fill out the enclosed form and send it with your check to P.O. Box 23315,  
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### **Friendship Lunch**

When the Senior Lunch program ended in our community, Gethsemane Lutheran Church and Mission Village Christian Fellowship churches teamed up to offer the community a "Friendship Lunch" every Wednesday at noon. The two churches rotate by months with the odd number months at Gethsemane and the even number months at Mission Village. The food is donated each week with a menu of soup, bread, and a sweet. There is no cost but everyone is encouraged to bring a can or box of food to share with the Serra Mesa Food Pantry. The two churches are located on Melbourne Drive, across from Juarez Elementary School. For information, call 858-277-6572 or 858-278-2633.

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