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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS	
Sept 13	Friends of Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library 5:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Sudberry Room
Sept 15	Serra Mesa Planning Group 7 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Room
Sept 17	Hearing Loss Association of America (San Diego) 10:30 a.m., Mission Village Christian Fellowship
Sept 20	Serra Mesa Recreation Center Council Meeting 6:30 p.m., 9020 Village Glen Drive
Sept 28	Serra Mesa Community Council 6:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
Sept 28	Friends of Ruffin Canyon 5:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
Oct 9	Friends of Ruffin Canyon Cleanup 9:00 a.m., Shawn Avenue entrance to Ruffin Canyon
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Nov 5	Friends of Ruffin Canyon Cleanup 9:00 a.m., Shawn Avenue entrance to Ruffin Canyon <i>Serra Mesa Enhancement Committee meetings - write to P.O. Box 23315, San Diego, CA, 92193.</i>

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It's Here At Last, a source for fresh vegetables and fruits.

Have you been to our Farmer's Market yet? If you haven't, you just have to get with it. What a wonderful experience of fresh farm produce and wonderful tastes all available in one place. If coffee is your thing, you can get fresh roasted wonderful tasting coffee made just the way you want. Or how about those smoothies? "Out of Site". And if you have a taste for crepes, you cannot beat a banana strawberry crepe with whipped cream of course. A Popsicle you say. You can get a bunch for \$5.00 and what flavors. Brian is our Farmers' Market guy and you can visit him every Wednesday between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Why not stop on your way home from work and bring dinner home for the family? You can get fried chicken or catfish with two sides and feed the masses. And is it good? I have heard nothing but praise from those who have experienced the market and it is long coming.

Thank you Debbie Lou for putting this together. The crowd from the grand opening is over and you can now roam the market at your leisure and actually have a conversation with the vendors. If your thing is fresh fruit and vegetables, then this is your place. All the produce is fresh and most importantly freshly harvested. Everything is straight from the fields and you will never find fresher produce. And the best part is that it is all organic. That means no pesticides or artificial chemicals to prolong the life of the vegetables.

So it is too expensive you say. How about the fact that our local grocery chains have no interest in our business in Serra Market based on the number of outlets we have in town. We have to go to Kearny Mesa or Mission Valley and that takes gas and is a hassle. I can assure you that the vendors at the "market" welcome your presence and are willing to answer all of your questions. I would much rather reward local farmers and vendors with our business and only buy those things that are not available at the market at Vons and Ralphs.

And last but not least, thank you to our Afghani Center neighbors for allowing us to use their parking lots for our Farmer's Market. They are doing this for the neighborhood at no charge. Now how is that for being neighborly? Thank you to one and all for helping to make our Farmer's Market a success.

I will be looking for you, stop by and say hi.

Carl Demas, President of SMCC Board

Supporting the Families of our Fallen Police Officers

Scott Sherman

Like the rest of San Diego, I recently awoke to the tragic news that two of our Police Officers were shot and one, tragically killed.

I have a deep respect for our police force and recognize that the City of San Diego is blessed to have one of the best trained and most professional police department in the nation.

The brave men and women of SDPD leave their homes every day to protect us, not knowing whether they will come home to their families after their watch ends. Tragically, this was the case for the family of Officer Jonathan De Guzman.

Officer Deguzman protected San Diego for 16 years as a police officer, now it's our turn to support the family he has left behind.

The San Diego Police Officers Association is collecting money on behalf of the De Guzman family through their Widows & Orphans Fund.

The Widows & Orphans Fund Provides assistance to families of fallen police officers. Donations for the fund can be mailed to: San Diego Police Officers Association, 8388 Vickers St., San Diego, CA 92111 or via its website at sdpoa.org/about-widows-orphans-fund/.

SDPOA officials asked donors to include "Officer Jonathan De Guzman" in the notes of the online donation or on the memo line of their check.

In addition, a Go Fund Me account for Officer Wade Irvin who was injured in the shooting has been created. Donations to aid in Irwin's recovery expenses can be made at gofundme.com/irwinfamilyfund.

I would like to give my sincere thanks and gratitude to all of our men and women in blue. Thank you for your service to our community and my deepest condolences for your loss. You will always have my support.



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Monthly Regular Activities

3rd Thursday, 3—5pm Connect with others at the Meeting Room at the Serra Mesa Library; speakers and information for seniors and those who care about them.

1st Thursday, 10am-2/3pm Trips to interesting places in San Diego; meet at the Library to carpool.

2nd and 4th Wednesday, 1-3pm Social time for games, conversation, crafts, and whatever; meets at Gethsemane Meeting Room, 2696 Melbourne Dr.

1st and 3rd Mondays, 1-2:30pm Coordinating Board (open to all) at Gethsemane Meeting Room, 2696 Melbourne Dr.

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(resources/information/etc.)

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858-565-2473 (Leave a message)

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Serra Mesa Recreation Center

9020 Village Glen Dr.
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1:00 - 8:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
1:00 - 9:00 p.m. Wednesday
2:00-6:00 p.m. Friday
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Saturday
Closed Sunday.

Community Sports Information:

A.Y.S.O. Soccer: (858) 268-5880

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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
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Serra Mesa residents don't have far to travel to attend community theater. Clairemont Act One (CAO), is an all-volunteer run 501(c)3 community theater in the Clairemont neighborhood of San Diego. Founded in 2011, CAO is committed to providing quality entertainment and creative opportunities to all San Diego neighbors, family and friends.

CAO now offers its current production, a series of short plays in the Halloween spirit, at the discounted student/senior ticket price of \$10 to all Serra Mesa residents. Just identify yourself as a Serra Mesa resident when buying tickets at the door, or you can purchase the discounted tickets online with the discount code SERRA. Online ticket purchase includes a nominal service charge. Audience Halloween costumes are welcome!

<p>Dates: Fri Oct 14 and Sat 15 at 7:00 PM Fri Oct 21 and Sat 22 at 7:00 PM Sat Oct 15: 1:00 PM matinee</p>	<p>Location: NORTHMINSTER COMMUNITY HALL 4324 Clairemont Mesa Blvd, San Diego, CA 92117</p>	<p>Tickets and more info: clairemontactone.org use discount Serra</p>
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Come on out and audition for our Halloween themed one-acts. FUNNY ..BAHAHAHA!



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Abandoned Vehicles & Police Non-Emergency	(619) 531-2000	Police Department - Eastern Division	(858) 495-7900
Airport Noise - Montgomery Airfield	(858) 573-1436	Post Office	(800) 275-8777
Animal Control	(619) 767-2675	Poison Control Center	(800) 876-4766
Bus & Trolley Schedules	(619) 233-3004	Rape /Domestic Violence Hotline	(858) 272-1767
Canyon Cleanup	(619) 533-4411	RSVP (Retired Seniors Volunteer Patrol)	(858) 495-7990
Child Abuse Hotline	(858) 560-2191	SDG&E Emergencies	(800) 411-7343
City Clerk - Docket Information	(619) 533-4000	Senior Citizen Services	(619) 236-6905
Crime - General Business	(619) 531-2000	Serra Mesa Library	(858) 573-1396
Crime Stoppers	(619) 235-8477	Serra Mesa Recreation Center	(858) 573-1408
Dead Animal Removal stay on the line)	(858) 694-7000	Sidewalk Repair	(619) 527-7500
Emergency Information - Earthquake	(858) 565-3490	Stadium Manager	(619) 641-3101
Fallen Trees	(858) 527-7500	Stadium Security & Noise	(619) 641-3150
Fire Department - Non-emergency	(619) 533-4300	Stolen Property/Bicycles - To Report	(619) 531-2000
Flies & Vermin	(858) 694-2888	Storm Drain Misuse	(619) 235-1000
Graffiti	(619) 525-8522	Street Repair - Faded signs, pavement	(619) 527-7500
Hazardous Chemicals & Waste	(858) 694-7000	Traffic Signal Maintenance	(619) 527-8650
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Kearny High Alumni Association	(619) 699-0886	Weeds	(619) 533-4444
Litter - City Owned/Private Property	(858) 492-5055	Zoning/Permits - Questions &Violations	(619) 446-5000
Meals On Wheels	(619) 260-6110		
Neighborhood Code Compliance	(619) 236-5500		
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SERRA MESA ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

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.



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What's Happening in the Village

One of the fastest movements in the country is the concept of "The Village". With health costs rising, independent living getting more expensive, and retirement savings sagging, staying in one's home longer is quickly getting to be a necessity rather than a benefit. The other benefit of "The Village" is the company of exciting mature people willing to share their time and talents with others. There is no reason to sit at home and wonder what you can do for excitement. If any of these things relate to you then you are prime for membership in the Serra Mesa Village. We are currently working with the Serra Mesa Recreation Council to establish a Senior Center in the Recreation building. It is getting exciting and if you have been thinking of joining, now is the time. Come to any of our events and receive a membership form.

Our past August Connection found us celebrating "Creative Arts". I had no idea of the creativity of so many citizens here in Serra Mesa. We had watercolors, oils, crocheting, jewelry, photography, greeting card making, ceramics, pottery, quilting, knitting, and many other beautiful things made by seniors in the neighborhood. Each person had the opportunity of explaining their craft to the audience and the interest of all was overwhelming.

Consider this an invitation to join the Serra Mesa Village for any of our events including:

1. Free Travel the 1st Thursday of every month by meeting at the Serra Mesa Library at 10:00 AM with transportation provided for those who need it. Some entrance fees may apply.
2. Free Connection Meetings the 3rd Thursday at the Serra Mesa Library from 3PM – 5PM.
3. Free Weekly Friendship Lunch every Wednesday at 12 p.m. at Mission Village Fellowship Hall.
4. Free Social Craft meeting the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Gethsemane Lutheran Sunroom.
5. Free low Impact Exercise Class every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. till 10:00 a.m. at the Serra Mesa Recreation Center.

Membership is currently \$25.00 per year and gives you access to free travel to our travel destinations as well as special discounts to many of Serra Mesa Businesses. No matter what your mobility or health issues you are welcome and you will be welcomed with open arms.

Carl Demas, President of the Serra Mesa Village Board



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“Hot Days at the Market” by the Wholesome Neighborhood Project

It has been a great joy and an honor to bring a farmers market to Serra Mesa. From the initial idea that emerged in February 2015, to raising more than \$12,000 for the startup fund, and garnering 1,500+ Facebook likes, we have been so impressed by the community’s enthusiasm and support! Then there was the grand opening on July 6, which attracted so many people that several vendors sold out of some products. Not only is it incredibly rewarding to finally have access to fresh produce nearby, it’s wonderful seeing people at the market socialize with neighbors, support various community organizations such as the community council, the food pantry, and little league, and enjoy live music.



Overall, Market on the Mesa is doing well. Despite the intense heat and humidity of the last few weeks, people continue to steadily come out and shop and are helping the market find its equilibrium. But we face challenges that are common to most young farmers markets. In the last several years, farmers markets have proliferated and now there are more than 40 markets throughout San Diego County. This means that farmers, who have limited supply and staff, get to pick and choose which markets to sell at. Thus it makes sense that farmers will want to sell where they can earn the most return for their effort. We actually had to work very hard to convince farmers to join our market in the beginning, because they did not immediately see the potential here.

The general public is usually not aware of these behind-the-scenes issues that constrain markets, and sometimes shoppers will come to a farmers market and wonder why there aren’t a larger variety of produce vendors. As a new market, and one in a relatively smaller community, we need to start with a fewer number of produce vendors and show there is enough demand for their products before we can add others. Therefore, time will tell whether Market on the Mesa can attract a greater variety of fruit and vegetable vendors. The power is in your hands (and wallet!) so come out regularly and show our produce vendors your love and support.

Have other questions or concerns? We’ve put together responses to some of our most frequently asked questions here <http://tinyurl.com/marketFAQs>

And to see all of the vendors currently selling at the market, click here <http://tinyurl.com/REVISEDvendorlist>

We welcome any and all feedback, positive or negative. Please email us at smfarmersmarket@outlook.com with your thoughts, concerns, or any questions that were not answered in the FAQ’s, and we’ll be glad to reply.

Thanks again for supporting Market on the Mesa, and next time you’re there, please come by the manager’s booth and say hi!

Market on the Mesa is open every Wednesday from 3-7pm at 3333 Sandrock Rd (in the north lot of the former bank building, across from the CVS). Parking is available in the south lot- please do not park in the adjacent strip mall as they will tow.

Wholesome Neighborhood Project is a nonprofit organization founded to increase people’s access to fresh produce and educate communities about healthy eating and living. It is led by Astrid Brown, Debbie Lou, Gloria Roma, Terri Strait, and Diana Wendel.



Sustaining and Growing Safe Routes to School in Serra Mesa

The 2016-2017 school year is started up and ...

- Activities in the school areas are picking up again, so please look out for one another - be aware (not distracted) + be courteous
- Safe Routes to School activities will continue at Juarez Elementary **If you are interested to join in to support the school's activities please contact Volunteer Safety Patrol team lead Joanne Snyder at 2dancingcats@gmail.com**
- Consider ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION options now and again to/from school - walking, riding a bike, skateboarding, and scootering
- Remember to make good use of a helmet and follow good safety habits. Parents, please lead by example (kids see everything!)
- Wednesday, October 5th is International Walk to School Day. We encourage you to plan an event at your school. For helpful tips and tools go to <http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/>



Consider starting a walking school bus in your Serra Mesa neighborhood !!!

- ▶ Gather families together
- ▶ Walk to school together for all the benefits for students, parents, and the community
- ▶ Have an adult at the front and the back of the walking school bus looking out for everyone's safety
- ▶ Enjoy going CAR FREE !!!
- ▶ Have Fun !!!

San Diego Police Department Retired Seniors Volunteer Patrol (RSVP)

Volunteers are Needed

The Eastern Division of SDPD Eastern Division is reaching out to the Kearny Mesa, Serra Mesa community for volunteers for the Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol, an agency which provides assistance to the police department. Volunteers will participate in the following activities:

- Patrol the streets of our neighborhoods in a patrol car
- Perform business community checks
- Check the homes of vacationing neighbors
- Report city deficiencies, i.e. nonfunctioning traffic signals, potholes, street flooding
- Issue citations to those who violate disabled parking rules
- Visit homebound seniors
- Traffic control
- Public speaking
- Many more exciting and rewarding tasks

We do not participate directly in crime prevention, however we serve as the extra eyes and ears of the police department.

If you are interested in this type of community service and meet the following requirements, please contact us.

- 50+ Years Old
- Semi or Fully Retired
- Good Physical or Mental Health
- Ability to Volunteer in Community Service
an Minimum of 3 days per month
- Valid California Driver's License



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Award-Winning California Youth Conservatory Theatre Announces

“The Wiz”

Directed by Shaun T. Evans

At The Lyceum Theatre in Horton Plaza
September 10 through September 25, 2016

Award-Winning CYC Theatre presents “The Wiz”

Featuring several of the city’s most talented professionals and up-and-coming young performers in a fun-filled, family-friendly Broadway musical based on L. Frank Baum’s timeless novel.

SAN DIEGO (August 10, 2016) – Coming off the unprecedented success of their recent productions of *Les Miserables*, *RENT* and *Into the Woods*, the California Youth Conservatory (CYC), three-time winner of the San Diego A-List Award for “Best Theatre Group”, will present “The Wiz” at the popular Lyceum Theatre in downtown San Diego’s Horton Plaza. *The Wiz*, which originally opened on Broadway in 1974, was first conceived as an urbanized retelling of the classic L. Frank Baum novel, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* in the context of modern African American culture. This new production by the award-winning actor/director Shaun T. Evans features a multi-ethnic cast of seasoned professionals backed up by some of San Diego’s brightest up-and-coming stars. This production also features a superb live band led by Tamara Paige, brilliant lighting design by Michael Hoffman, skillful choreography by M.J. Turner and costume design by Mandy LaRowe. For the second show in a row, the company is thrilled to again have members of the Gay Men’s Chorus of San Diego in the show.

The lead role of Dorothy is shared (on alternating performances) by Miss Jasmine January, a recent theatre graduate from Howard University in Washington DC and young Miss Isabella Walther-Meade, a native San Diegan and new young talent. These impressive young ladies are joined on stage by some well-known local professional performers like Shaun T. Evans (most recently seen in Hollywood at the La Jolla Playhouse) as “The Lion” and San Diego powerhouse, Miss Leigh Scarritt as “Evilene, the Wicked Witch of the West.” Other professional performers in the cast are Antonio Williams as “The Tin Man”, Tiffie Polite as “The Wiz” and Eboni Muse as “Addaperle.” The cast is rounded out by a corps of bright-shining young stars from all over southern California.

Of the show, producer/director Shaun T. Evans says, “If you like *The Wizard of Oz*, then you’ll LOVE *The Wiz*. The difference is that *The Wiz* gets you tapping your feet, then stomping your feet to the music in ways the *Wizard of Oz* never could. “Dorothy in *The Wizard of Oz* is a sweet and naive little flower whereas “Dorothy” in *The Wiz* is a tough, sassy girl who’s had it tough growing up. Her struggle to find a sense of belonging is more moving and real. We hope people will bring their friends and families downtown to enjoy this production with us.”

ABOUT THE COMPANY

Hailed by celebrities and critics alike, the award-winning California Youth Conservatory Theatre is an innovative new company formed to offer real-world, professional training to aspiring young performers. Widely regarded as the most professional and ‘serious’ youth performing arts company, CYC has earned a reputation for staging plays and musicals of extraordinary quality like the summer production of *Les Miserables* at the Lyceum Theatre. Under the direction of veteran Actor/Director Shaun T. Evans, the company is the only such young-performer’s training theatre to use professional actors as teaching artists and mentors for its students—and the only youth group to regularly employ Equity actors. CYC Theatre has also made theatre history with several ‘first-ever’ productions of bold titles by a youth theatre group like *RENT*, *Ragtime* and *A Few Good Men*. 2016 marks the 13th Anniversary season for this group.

FACT SHEET

WHAT: The California Youth Conservatory theatre (CYC) presents “The Wiz” based on L. Frank Baum’s novel, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*.

WHERE: Lyceum Theatre in Downtown San Diego—79 Horton Plaza, San Diego, CA 92101

WHEN: September 10-September 25, 2016

COST: Tickets range \$18-\$32. Discounts are available for students, seniors and military.

HOW: Tickets can be purchased by calling the Lyceum Theatre Box Office at 619-544-1000 or online at www.cyctheatre.com.

CAST:

Timothy Adkins: Crow, Winkie, The Lion
(Understudy)

Lauren Ashley: Crow, Winkie, Ozzian, Assistant
Dance Captain

Armani Barrett: Crow, Winkie, Ozzian

Cassandra Blust: Munchkin, Winkie, Poppie

Elizabeth Blust: Winkie, Ozzian

Darian Buchanan: Winkie, Ozzian

Roberto Pablo Cone: Munchkin, Flying Monkey

Savion Dozier-Schad: Crow, Winkie, Ozzian

Dahani Evans: Munchkin

Natalie Evans: Munchkin

Shaun Evans, Jr.: Munchkin

Shaun T. Evans*: The Lion, Director

Jonathan Harris: Munchkin, Winkie

Ruby Harris: Munchkin

Michael Harrison: Winkie, Ozzian, Messenger

Chloe Hinder: Munchkin, Winkie, Ozzian

Brookelyn Isackson: Munchkin, Ozzian

Danielle Jackson-Grillo: Auntie Em, Glinda

Jasmine January: Dorothy, Winkie

Victoria Jorge: Munchkin, Winkie

Caroline Lee: Winkie, Ozzian

Ryan Luetzow: Munchkin, Flying Monkey, Winkie

Ian Metayer: Munchkin, Flying Monkey

Lucia Mills: Lord High Underling, Winkie, Ozzian

Ananda Mosi: Munchkin, Winkie, Ozzian

Eboni Muse: Addaperle

Eve Norban: Munchkin, Ozzian

Kobi Oldenburg: Toto, Munchkin, Flying Monkey

Soren Oldenburg: Head Flying Monkey, Munchkin

David Pierce: Ozzian, Winkie

Jonathan Polite: Munchkin

Tiffie Polite: The Wiz

Jayden Ponder: The Scarecrow, Winkie

Chloe Pryor: Munchkin, Ozzian

Erik Gabriel Ramirez: The Royal Gatekeeper, Pro-
duction Assistant

Miss Leigh Scarritt*: Evilene, the Wicked Witch of
the West

Natasha Sequi: Crow, Winkie, Ozzian

Kate Thorvick: Lord High Underling, Winkie, Oz-
zian, Dance Captain

Crosby Turner: Munchkin

Piper Joy Turner: Munchkin

Elizabeth Velazquez: Munchkin, Winkie

Olivia Wiese: The Scarecrow, Winkie, Ozzian

Antonio Williams: The Tin Man

Olesia Winbush: Toto, Munchkin

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: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

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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 _____ _____
_____ Police	1st Letter: _____
_____ Signs	Second Checker: No Violation, Close _____ Violation _____ _____
_____ Tree Division	2nd Letter: _____
_____ Vector Control	Second Checker: No Violation, Close _____ Violation _____ _____
_____ Vehicle Abatement	Thank You: _____ Reopen Previous Case: _____
_____ Weeds	
_____ Other	

SERRA MESA-KEARNY MESA BRANCH LIBRARY

September/October, 2016 Events/Programs

All San Diego Public Library Locations will be Closed on Monday, September 5th in observance of Labor Day and Friday, October 7th for Staff Development Day.

Adult Programs

Art Exhibits – The Friends of the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library present an exhibit of work by the Associated Fine Artists in the Community Room. An exhibit celebrating the 75th anniversary of Kearny Mesa High School in the display cases.

eReader/Tech Clinic – Saturdays and Sundays, 2:00 p.m. (Except September 3rd) Learn how to download library eBooks to your eReader or computer. Quick tips & helpful hints to get the most out of your downloads. Bring your own eReader, tablet, or laptop for hands on learning.

Knitting Circle – Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. Join the knitting circle. Improve your skills in this traditional art form.

Zumba® Dance/Toning Fitness –Thursdays, 1:00 p.m. The Zumba Fitness program fuses Latin rhythms with easy-to-follow moves. Thursday'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.

September 9, 1:00 p.m. Finding Hidden Jobs. This workshop by the San Diego Metro Career Center shows you the best search strategies for tapping into the hidden job market.

September 13, 5:00 p.m. Friends of the Library Meeting. Join members of your community to discuss ways to support the library.

September 13, 6:45 p.m. Serra Mesa Library Book Club. Join members of your community to discuss *Keep Quiet* by Lisa Scottoline.

September 15, 3:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Village Meeting. Join members of your community for presentations on healthy lifestyles for older adults.

September 15, 7:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Planning Group. A community meeting for an organization that advises the city on land use issues.

September 18, 2:00 p.m. Music on the Mesa: The W. Trio. Come and enjoy a FREE concert by local violin, cello and piano trio, The W. Trio performing classical music.

September 19, 11:00 a.m. Healthy Lifestyles. If you or someone you know is struggling with Nutrition, Weight, Stress or Diabetes this Workshop is for you! Presented by Mary Hyde, CHHC. For more information contact 858-750-3112 or maryhyde@we-are-well.com.

September 21, 12:00 p.m. Kearny Mesa Planning Group. A community meeting for an organization that advises the city on land use issues.

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September 23, 1:00 p.m. Skills & Accomplishments. This workshop by the San Diego Metro Career Center shows you how to identify and present your best skills to prospective employers.

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

September 26, 1:30 p.m. OASIS Monday at the Library: Anti-Aging Skincare: Turning Back the Clock with Lisa Langstone. Join us for a FREE lecture on how to turn back the clock with tips, tools and techniques to keep your skin youthful!

October 11, 6:45 p.m. Serra Mesa Library Book Club. Join members of your community to discuss *War Letters* by Andrew Carroll.

October 14, 1:00 p.m. What to Say in Job Interviews. This workshop by the San Diego Metro Career Center teaches you how to conduct yourself during job interviews.

October 16, 2:00 p.m. Music on the Mesa: Peter Rutman. Come and enjoy a FREE concert by local jazz pianist Peter Rutman.

October 17, 11:00 a.m. Healthy Lifestyles. If you or someone you know is struggling with Nutrition, Weight, Stress or Diabetes this Workshop is for you! Presented by Mary Hyde, CHHC. For more information contact 858-750-3112 or maryhyde@we-are-well.com.

October 19, 12:00 p.m. Kearny Mesa Planning Group. A community meeting for an organization that advises the city on land use issues.

October 20, 3:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Village Meeting. Join members of your community for presentations on healthy lifestyles for older adults.

October 20, 7:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Planning Group. A community meeting for an organization that advises the city on land use issues.

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

October 24, 1:30 p.m. OASIS Monday at the Library: Art: An American Journey. Join us for a FREE interesting talk that takes us on a visual journey throughout America through the eyes of artists painting their America at certain times and in certain places. We start in New York City and end up in present day Southern California.

October 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.

October 28, 1:00 p.m. Thank You Letters. This workshop, offered by the San Diego Metro Career Center, teaches you the benefits of sending a "Thank You" letter within 24 hours after a job interview.

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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 preschoolers.

Friday Morning Storytime – Fridays, 10:00 a.m. (except October 7th) Join Ms. Carrie every Friday morning for stories, songs, and fun!

September 8, 4:00 p.m. Roald Dahl StoryBox. Let's celebrate Roald Dahl's 100th birthday! Centered around some of Dahl's other famous stories like *The Enormous Crocodile*, Write Out Loud San Diego will use the Kamishibai (StoryBox) method of storytelling to immerse us in Roald Dahl's stories.

September 12 & 26, 10:30 a.m. Preschool Craft. Join us for a fun, easy-to-make children's craft.

September 15, 22 & 29, 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.

September 19, 10:30 a.m. Yoga Storytime for Kids. Toddlers will hear stories and songs while learning yoga poses.

September 19, 4:00 p.m. Talk Like a Pirate Day. Avast ye, Buccaneers! Celebrate International Talk Like a Pirate Day with pirate themed fun! Hear pirate tales, make a pirate craft, and learn how to talk like a pirate! Ideal for ages 4-10.

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

October 10, 24 & 31, 10:30 a.m. Preschool Craft. Join us for a fun, easy-to-make children's craft.

October 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.

October 26, 4:00 p.m. Halloween at the Library. Join us for Halloween fun! We will be screening the animated short "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" and making a Halloween themed craft. Costumes are encouraged but not required.

Apply for a Free Computer!! Computers 2 SD Kids at the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library – Classes on September 24 and October 22

The San Diego Public Library and Computers 2 SD Kids are teaming up to provide computers for families with children. Sign-up at the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library starting on the 1st of each month. Volunteers will guide you through an introductory computer class at the library. Attendance at this class is required before you can receive a computer. Computers 2 SD Kids will give you a Technology Assistance Program application. They will review it and notify you whether you qualify based on your verified income.

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FRIENDSHIP LUNCH OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

Join us for the Friendship Lunch
Volunteers from our neighborhood offer
the Serra Mesa community
a soup, bread, and dessert every Wednesday noon to 1:00 p.m.

The "Friendship Lunch" has **no age limitation**

There is no cost but all are invited to bring non-perishable cans or
packages of food for the Serra Mesa Food Pantry

Located at Mission Village Christian Fellowship 2650 Melbourne Drive 92123
More information at 858-277-6572 or 858-278-2633

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.