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Serra Mesa Community Council

Wednesday, September 26
6:30 p.m.

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

Serra Mesa Community Council

Wednesday, October 24
6:30 p.m.

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Sept 11	Friends of Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library 5:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Sudberry Room
Sept 15	Hearing Loss Association of America (San Diego) 10:30 a.m., Mission Village Christian Fellowship
Sept 18	Serra Mesa Recreation Center Council Meeting 6:30 p.m., 9020 Village Glen Drive
Sept 20	Serra Mesa Village Connection 3:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
Sept 20	Serra Mesa Planning Group 7 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Room
Sept 26	Friends of Ruffin Canyon 5:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
Sept 26	Serra Mesa Community Council 6:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
Oct 6	Friends of Ruffin Canyon Cleanup 9:00 a.m., Shawn Avenue entrance to Ruffin Canyon
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*Serra Mesa Enhancement Committee meetings -
 write to P.O. Box 23315, San Diego, CA, 92193.*

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



RoboCalls

One of the absolute things I can expect on an average day is Robocalls and lots of them. In spite of all I do, I continue to get them in an increasing number and attitude on the part of the caller. So, I decided to study the matter and came up with several things that I feel worthwhile to pass on to you. In a Consumer Reports article, I found out that in 2017 alone more than 30 billion robocalls were made in the U.S., as estimated by YouMail (a provider of voicemail and call-blocking services). Recently the Federal Trade Commission took another step to reduce the number of illegal robocalls you receive. As a result, the agency has filed a formal complaint in federal court against a few companies that the FTC says facilitate billions of these calls. The FTC says many used phone numbers from the Do Not Call Registry with spoofed caller ID's which make it look like it is coming from a neighbor. You've got them pitching solar, computer deficiencies, debt-relief, credit card interest reductions, IRS,

and I can go on and on. The FTC's complaint mentions three people, James Christiano, Aaron Michael Jones, and Andrew Salisbury. Their company TelWeb operates an automated dialing platform responsible for selecting the calls to your phone. While the complaint is good news for consumers, the case will ultimately be decided by the court.

Meanwhile, there are steps you can take to minimize the annoyance of these calls. Maureen Mahoney, a policy analyst for Consumers Union, the advocacy division of Consumer Reports, has been calling for telephone companies to provide free robocall blocking technology and for both the industry and the federal government to do more to stop these annoying calls.

So, what can you do to help alleviate robocalls until the problem is corrected?

Use Call Blocking. Several technologies are available including services from your phone company, 3rd party equipment that you purchase, apps that you install on your cell phone. The best systems update their list of numbers regularly and according to Nomorobo who states that they keep adding new numbers that robocallers use. Some call-blocking services and apps are free or have a one-time cost of just a dollar or two.

Nomorobo is free for landlines. Costs cell phone users two dollars after a two-week free trial. Check with your telephone provider or search the web to explore call-blocking.

Do not answer unfamiliar calls. If you do not recognize the caller use an answering machine to screen it. Let the caller leave a message. If you decide to return the call but are uncertain about its legitimacy, don't use the number as it will lead you back to the scammer.

Block Anonymous Calls. Some phone companies will allow you to block anonymous calls. The downside is that friends, relatives, associates, etc. who do not want to be identified will be blocked as well.

Don't Engage. Engagement only fosters more calls. Just hang up.

I know a lot of my friends say that if they don't recognize the name, they don't answer. You may encourage your friends to identify themselves with caller input otherwise you will not respond unless they leave a message. Hopefully, this will help you to deal with the interrupting phone ringer and bring more peace to your household. I know it did mine.

Carl Demas,

SMCC Board President

SERRA MESA VILLAGE SEPTEMBER 2018						
◀ August						October ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Int'l Bacon Day	3 9 AM - WALKING GROUP - SMRC LABOR DAY	4 8:30-10:00 AM - FEELING FIT CLUB - SMRC 1:00-3:30 CERAMICS CLASS - SMRC	5 9 AM - WALKING GROUP - SMRC 10:30 - Exercise - MVCF 12:00 - Luncheon - MVCF	6 8:30-10:00 AM - FEELING FIT CLUB - SMRC 10:00 AM - SMV DAY TRIP-SM/KM Read a Book Day	7 9 AM - WALKING GROUP - SMRC	8 Int'l Literacy Day
9 Grandparents Day	10 9 AM - WALKING GROUP - SMRC 1 PM - SMV Board Mtg HABC	11 8:30-10:00 AM - FEELING FIT CLUB - SMRC 1:00 PM - MOVIE - HABC Make your Bed Day	12 9 AM - WALKING GROUP - SMRC 10:30 - Exercise - MVCF 12:00 - Luncheon - MVCF	13 8:30-10:00 AM - FEELING FIT CLUB - SMRC Blame someone else Day	14 9 AM - WALKING GROUP - SMRC Nat'l cream-filled Donut Day	15 10:30 - HLAA - MVCF
16 Collect Rocks Day	17 9 AM - WALKING GROUP - SMRC	18 8:30-10:00 AM - FEELING FIT CLUB - SMRC 1:00-3:30 CERAMICS CLASS - SMRC	19 9 AM - WALKING GROUP - SMRC 10:30 - Exercise - MVCF 12:00 - Luncheon - MVCF	20 8:30-10:00 AM - FEELING FIT CLUB - SMRC 3:30-5:30 PM - SMV CONNECTION - SM/KM	21 9 AM - WALKING GROUP - SMRC	22 Elephant Appreciation Day
23 Checkers Day	24 9 AM - WALKING GROUP - SMRC 2:00-3:30 - OASIS - SM/KM	25 8:30-10:00 AM - FEELING FIT CLUB - SMRC 1:00 PM - MOVIE - HABC Nat'l Comic Books Day	26 9 AM - WALKING GROUP - SMRC 10:30 - Exercise - MVCF 12:00 - Luncheon - MVCF	27 8:30-10:00 AM - FEELING FIT CLUB - SMRC	28 9 AM - WALKING GROUP - SMRC Ask A Stupid Question Day	29
30 NAT'L MUD PACK DAY	MVCF-Mission Village Christian Fellowship, 2650 Melbourne Drive SMRC-Serra Mesa Rec Ctr, 9020 Village Glen Drive SM/KM-Serra Mesa Kearny Mesa Library, 9005 Aero Drive HABC-Holy Angels Byzantine Church, 2235 Galahad Road					

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	1 9 AM - WALKING GROUP - SMRC 1:00 PM - SMV BOARD MTG - HABC	2 8:30-10:00 AM - FEELING FIT CLUB - SMRC 1:00 PM-3:30 PM - CERAMICS CLASS - SMRC	3 9 AM - WALKING GROUP - SMRC 10:30 - Exercise - MVCF 12:00 - Luncheon - MVCF	4 8:30-10:00 AM - FEELING FIT CLUB - SMRC 10:00 AM - SMV DAY TRIP - SM/KM	5 9 AM - WALKING GROUP - SMRC Do Something Nice Day	6 World Card Making Day
7	8 9 AM - WALKING GROUP - SMRC Columbus Day	9 8:30-10:00 AM - FEELING FIT CLUB - SMRC 1:00 PM - MOVIE - HABC	10 9 AM - WALKING GROUP - SMRC 10:30 - Exercise - MVCF 12:00 - Luncheon - MVCF	11 8:30-10:00 AM - FEELING FIT CLUB - SMRC It's My Party Day	12 9 AM - WALKING GROUP - SMRC Moment of Frustration Day	13
14 Nat'l Dessert Day	15 9 AM - WALKING GROUP - SMRC	16 8:30-10:00 AM - FEELING FIT CLUB - SMRC 1:00 PM-3:30 PM - CERAMICS CLASS - SMRC	17 9 AM - WALKING GROUP - SMRC 10:30 - Exercise - MVCF 12:00 - Luncheon - MVCF	18 8:30-10:00 AM - FEELING FIT CLUB - SMRC 3:30-5:30 PM - SMV CONNECTION - SM/KM	19 9 AM - WALKING GROUP - SMRC	20 10:30 HLAA - MVCF Sweetest Day
21 Babbling Day	22 9 AM - WALKING GROUP - SMRC 2-3:30 - OASIS - SM/KM Nat'l Nut Day	23 8:30-10:00 AM - FEELING FIT CLUB - SMRC 1:00 PM - MOVIE - HABC	24 9 AM - WALKING GROUP - SMRC 10:30 - Exercise - MVCF 12:00 - Luncheon - MVCF	25 8:30-10:00 AM - FEELING FIT CLUB - SMRC World Pasta Day (why not, you exercised)	26 9 AM - WALKING GROUP - SMRC	27 Make a Difference Day
28 Plush Animal Lovers Day	29 9 AM - WALKING GROUP - SMRC	30 8:30-10:00 AM - FEELING FIT CLUB - SMRC Mischief Night	31 9 AM - WALKING GROUP - SMRC 10:30 - Exercise - MVCF 12:00 - Luncheon - MVCF	MVCF-Mission Village Christian Fellowship - 2650 Melbourne Drive SMRC-Serra Mesa Rec Ctr - 9020 Village Glen Drive SM/KM-Serra Mesa Kearny Mesa Library - 9005 Aero Drive HABC-Holy Angels Byzantine Church - 2235 Galahad Road		

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Serra Mesa Recreation Center

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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.

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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
September 18 & October 16 at 6:30 p.m.



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What: Hearing Loss Meeting
When: 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept 15 and Oct 20
Where: Mission Village Christian Fellowship
2650 Melbourne Drive
San Diego, CA 92123
Cost: FREE

<http://www.hearinglosssandiego.org/>

WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHER TAKES PARENTING ADVICE FROM CE-MESA COLLEGE

Written by: Allura Garis



*SDCE Student Michael Prine on family trip to Disneyland
Image Source: Prine Photography*

Professional Wedding Photographer, Michael Prine takes a break from the camera to participate in Parent Education Classes at San Diego Continuing Education (SDCE) with his 4-year-old daughter.

SDCE's Child Development certificate program provides parents opportunities to learn about, and promote the social, emotional, physical and cognitive development of children at varying stages of life.

"At the time my wife and I were looking into enrolling our daughter into preschool but they are too expensive," said Prine looking back to his first semester. "I found that with the daily lectures at SDCE I'm gaining a different perspective that reinforces the structure at home."

While a Child Development degree may take minimally 2 or 4 years with full-time study, SDCE prepares students for certification or licensure in as little as 8 months. Upon successful completion, students are ready for entry-level employment or can transition to San Diego City, Mesa or Miramar colleges with up to 3 college credits earned toward an Associate Degree.

Some SDCE classes include opportunities for students to attend and learn with their newborns and toddlers to equip students for hands-on careers in Education, Child Development, and Family Services.

The father of two is working toward his certificate at CE-Mesa College while maintaining his photography business and a job as a dance instructor. "It will be very helpful because my wife and I teach toddlers and do portrait photography with kids."

Prine notes another perk to the program is the flexible class schedule and community. "Every couple wants to catch the sunset and weddings are always on weekends, the program works out because I'm taking care of the kids during the day."

Free Parent Education classes are scheduled mornings, evenings and weekends at SDCE's 7 campuses located across San Diego communities from Barrio Logan to Miramar.

Fall classes begin Tuesday, September 4 at SDCE. Orientation for Child Development is required and will be held in class during the second week of the semester. Learn more at sdce.edu.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Abandoned Vehicles &		Police Department - Eastern Division	(858) 495-7900
Police Non-Emergency	(619) 531-2000	Post Office	(800) 275-8777
Airport Noise - Montgomery Airfield	(858) 573-1436	Poison Control Center	(800) 876-4766
Animal Control	(619) 767-2675	Rape /Domestic Violence Hotline	(858) 272-1767
Bus & Trolley Schedules	(619) 233-3004	RSVP (Retired Seniors Volunteer Patrol)	(858) 495-7990
Canyon Cleanup	(619) 533-4411	SDG&E Emergencies	(800) 411-7343
Child Abuse Hotline	(858) 560-2191	Senior Citizen Services	(619) 236-6905
City Clerk - Docket Information	(619) 533-4000	Serra Mesa Library	(858) 573-1396
Crime - General Business	(619) 531-2000	Serra Mesa Recreation Center	(858) 573-1408
Crime Stoppers	(619) 235-8477	Sidewalk Repair	(619) 527-7500
Dead Animal Removal stay on the line)	(858) 694-7000	Stadium Manager	(619) 641-3101
Emergency Information - Earthquake	(858) 565-3490	Stadium Security & Noise	(619) 641-3150
Fallen Trees	(858) 527-7500	Stolen Property/Bicycles - To Report	(619) 531-2000
Fire Department - Non-emergency	(619) 533-4300	Storm Drain Misuse	(619) 235-1000
Flies & Vermin	(858) 694-2888	Street Repair - Faded signs, pavement	(619) 527-7500
Graffiti	(619) 525-8522	Traffic Signal Maintenance	(619) 527-8650
Hazardous Chemicals & Waste	(858) 694-7000	Water Emergencies - City & Private	(619) 515-3525
Health Violations	(619) 338-2222	Weeds	(619) 533-4444
Kearny High Alumni Association	(619) 699-0886	Zoning/Permits - Questions & Violations	(619) 446-5000
Litter - City Owned/Private Property	(858) 492-5055		
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Saturday	8:00a.m.&5:30p.m.
Mon-Thurs.	7:00 a.m.
Fri.	8:15 a.m.
Holy Days	Please call the church for schedule

NEW APP “MYWATEREASY” TO LAUNCH SOON

Scott Sherman



The City of San Diego will soon be launching a new web portal and mobile app that will provide customers with direct access to the tools needed to manage their water account.

What Does It Do?

MyWaterEasy is a new web-and-mobile based app which gives customers access to water usage, outage notifications and more. The customer portal enables customers to see their water usage anytime during the billing cycle. After registering and providing up-to-date contact information, the customer can elect to receive water alerts. The alerts will notify customers if their water usage indicates a potential leak or abnormal usage.

What Else Does It Offer?

The app also provides services such as making online bill payments, and requesting opening and closing accounts or even transferring your bill to a new address. *MyWaterEasy* puts payment options and must-know water information in the palm of your hand.

You're in Control

Save money by knowing your daily and hourly consumption history, water usage comparisons by day, week, month, year and supporting information such as weather trends. This enables you to better understand and make informed decisions about your water use and associated water bill.

How Easy Is MyWaterEasy to Find?

Please go to www.customerportal.sandiego.gov or search “*MyWaterEasy*” in the App Store or Google Play.

You Can Now Help Others with “H2O SD”

The *MyWaterEasy* app has an additional feature which allows you to help others by donating to the H2O SD Program. This program helps low-income and fixed-income water utility customers. Your tax-deductible donation goes directly to helping qualified low-income customers receive a \$100 credit on their water bill. You can use your credit or debit card to make a one-time donation, or you can set up a recurring donation.

While much more work needs to be done to improve customer service, I hope this app will help District 7 residents better manage their water bill.

Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library

September/October, 2018 Events/Programs

All San Diego Public Library Locations will be **Closed** Monday, September 3rd in observance of Labor Day and Thursday, October 11 for Staff Development Day.

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

Adult Programs

Japanese Brush Painting – Mondays, 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (except 9/24 & 10/22, 3:45-5:45 p.m.)

Thursdays, 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (except 10/11)

Learn how to create beautiful tones of Japanese sumi-ink and paint with unique Japanese brush style. Geared towards 55+, but everyone 18+ is welcomed. Enroll anytime in the class.

Piano Class: Tuesdays 11:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

- **Beginner Level** 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- **Beginner/Intermediate Level** 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- **Intermediate Level** 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Explore your musical talent through learning the fundamentals of piano techniques. Geared towards 55+, but everyone 18+ is welcomed. Enroll anytime in the class.

Writing Class – Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. Join a community of writers (beginning-advanced level) and learn techniques for writing autobiographies, fiction, and non-fiction reports. Designed to meet the interests of older adults in writing short stories, poetry, and articles for publication or self-improvement. Course covers writing newspaper articles, outlining and writing autobiographies, fiction techniques for writing short stories and novels, and an introduction to poetry writing. Geared towards 55+, but everyone 18+ is welcomed. Enroll anytime in the class.

Communicating with Technology – Fridays, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (except October 12)

Focused on the technologies that we use to communicate. Includes hands on learning with smartphones and tablets, as well as lecture/discussion. Topics include: The Cloud, Productivity, Operating systems, Web browsers, Google, Apple and Microsoft tools, Social networks, Photography, Online safety and more. Bring your own device for more hands-on learning. Geared towards 55+, but everyone 18+ is welcomed. Enroll anytime in the class.

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

Tech Clinic – Saturdays and Sundays, 2:00 p.m. (except September 8, 9 and 22) Need help understanding how to use your tablet or mobile phone? Bring in your device for hands-on, one-on-one help to answer general questions about your device. Learn how to access SDPL's digital content and other eResources.

September 11, 5:00 p.m. Friends of the Library Meeting. Join members of your community to discuss ways to support the library.

September 11, 6:45 p.m. Serra Mesa Library Book Club. Join members of your community to discuss *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley.

September 19, 11:30 a.m. Kearny Mesa Planning Group. A community meeting for an organization that advises the city on land use issues.

September 20, 3:30 p.m. Serra Mesa Village Meeting. Join members of your community for presentations on healthy lifestyles for older adults.

September 26, 7:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Planning Group. A community meeting for an organization that advises the city on land use issues.

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September 24, 2:00 p.m. OASIS Monday at the Library: Major Wine Regions of California. Why does Napa Valley produce excellent long living Cabernet Sauvignon but lacks Pinot Noir of great heritage? Southern California is still searching for that perfect variety to “hang a star on.” This class will familiarize you with the six major California grape-growing regions, so you can make the best choices when purchasing California wines.

September 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 9, 6:45 p.m. Serra Mesa Library Book Club. Join members of your community to discuss *The Gene* by Siddhartha Mukherjee.

October 17, 11:30 a.m. Kearny Mesa Planning Group. A community meeting for an organization that advises the city on land use issues.

October 18, 3:30 p.m. Serra Mesa Village Meeting. Join members of your community for presentations on healthy lifestyles for older adults.

October 18, 7:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Planning Group. A community meeting for an organization that advises the city on land use issues.

October 21, 2:30 p.m. Autumn Piano Concert. Join us for an autumnal piano concert by local pianist, Laurent Bonetto.

October 22, 2:00 p.m. OASIS Monday at the Library: Achieving Peace of Mind-Planning for Future Health Care. We all have unique wishes for our future health care; care we may want to have and that which we may not want. This workshop will explain selection of a Health Care Agent, the Advance Health Care Directive and POLST (Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment) documents. Palliative and Hospice Care and the California End of Life Option Act, passed in June 2016, will be included in the discussion.

October 24, 6:30 p.m. Serra Mesa Community Council. A meeting to provide information and act as a forum for identifying and solving community problems.

Family Program

October 10, 4:00 p.m. Autumn Rocks: Rock Painting. Celebrate the fall with rock painting fun. Paint a rock to hide around the neighborhood as part of #SerraMesaRocks. Painting supplies will be provided, please bring your own rock.

Children Programs

Do Your Homework @ the Library Homework Help -Mondays and Thursdays 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (except September 3 and October 11) Students in Kindergarten through 8th grade can come in for free homework assistance! Bring in your homework to get assistance from one of our Homework Coaches!

Monday Morning Storytime – Mondays, 10:00 a.m. (except September 3) Join Ms. Carrie every Monday morning for stories, songs, and fun that foster early literacy skills!

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.

Baby/Toddler Explore Time – Fridays, 10:00 a.m. Come let your baby or toddler learn about the world by exploring. Little ones are able to make noise, play, and meet new friends. This is a loosely structured, baby-led program of play, music, art, stories, songs and more. For babies and toddlers 0-2 years.

September 4, 4:00 p.m. STEAM2 Academy: All About Apples! Miss Kim will share a story about the history of apples in the USA, we'll celebrate Johnny Appleseed's birthday (September 26), play an apple trivia game, and the grand finale: an apple taste test! This program is geared toward kids ages 4-8.

September 5 & 19, 4:00 p.m. LEGO Builder Club. Join us to build Lego creations that will be displayed in the

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library.

September 15, 1:00 p.m. Kitchen Chemistry: Glorious Chocolate. The many wonders of chocolate, from the biochemical effects on humans to how and why it changes state are probed. We look at the history of the cocoa tree, including how it is processed and which chemicals contribute to the unique chocolate taste. Budding bakers will run an edible experiment and make chocolate cookies. Program is for students 6th-8th grade. Space is limited. **Registration required.** SanDiego.gov/LibraryNext

October 3 & 17, 4:00 p.m. LEGO Builder Club. Join us to build Lego creations that will be displayed in the library.

October 5, 4:00 p.m. STEAM2 Academy: Pumpkin Science! Before guessing (and then counting!) the number of pumpkin seeds in a pumpkin, we'll take a closer look at the seeds with a microscope. Then, we'll look at some soil with the microscope as well as a soil sensor! We'll also get creative with decorating some paper pumpkins! This program is geared toward kids ages 4-8.

October 6, 1:00 p.m. Being Sherlock: The Art of the Mystery and the Science of Forensics. If you like reading mysteries and are intrigued by crime investigation, then this class is for you! Explore the exciting world of forensics, including DNA evidence, fingerprints and handwriting analysis. Then learn how mystery writers incorporate this information into their books. No experience is required. Program is for students 6th-8th grade. Space is limited. **Registration required.** SanDiego.gov/LibraryNext

October 24, 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," making a Halloween themed craft, and having a fun mini dance party. Costumes are encouraged but not required.

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THREE SERRA MESANS IN MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

by Tom Leech

A recent tribute to a Serra Mesa athlete triggered a dialogue with long-time SM resident Everett Kaukonen. He recalls the summer days around '70 - '72 when he and others were coaches for 6 teams playing in Serra Mesa Little League baseball. "This was fairly new to Serra Mesa, though Mission Village had its own team. Our teams played at various fields in the SM community, and it's amazing that three of those kids ended up playing major league baseball."

The big event that just occurred was when Alan Trammell was inducted this summer into the National Baseball Hall of Fame. Per Everett, "Alan was not on my team though he grew up on Kaplan Street on my side of Serra Mesa, called 'the pit' by some." He played baseball at Kearny High School and was selected in the 1976 Major League Baseball (MLB) draft by the Detroit Tigers, for whom he would play shortstop and serve as team coach for a total of 20 years. In 1984, the Tigers won the AL pennant and the World Series in which Trammell was named MVP.

Everett recalls Jack Daugherty as a player in the SM Little League. He also was a KM High grad and made his major league debut in 1987 as a first baseman with the Montreal Expos. After spending the '88 season in the minors, he was sent to the Texas Rangers. Daugherty's best season was 1990, as he appeared in 125 games and became only the 2nd Ranger to hit over .300 with 100 or more at-bats in back to back seasons.

One more SM Little Leaguer at this time was Brian Giles. He had a family baseball heritage as his grandfather, George Giles, was an All-Star first baseman for the Kansas City Monarchs of the Negro National League in the late 1920s. Another KM High grad, he was drafted at age 18 by the NY Mets. As 2nd baseman and shortstop, he played for 4 big league teams, 3 seasons for the Mets, then 1 each with the Milwaukee Brewers, Chicago White Sox and Seattle Mariners. FYI another Brian Giles, attended Granite Hills High School and played many years for the Pittsburgh Pirates. How's that for coincidence?

Young lads have long memories of their fun Little League experiences. Everett recalls a few years ago when he was walking along a SM sidewalk, a highway patrol car stopped and the police officer said "I know you don't remember me, but I was on your team."

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UTILITY BOX PAINTING PROJECT

In March 2018, two young artists began working on a Utility Box Painting Project on Mission Village Drive and Shawn Avenue, across from the Pizza Hut and Stadium Market and Liquor store in Serra Mesa. The project was a year-long collaboration between 11th grade Dimensions Collaborative School (DCS) student, Marlie Gonzales, and her mentor, Kat Schroeder, a DCS graduate who is now a junior at Cal Poly SLO majoring in Studio Art. Using wall paints from Lowe's as a base and paint pens for details, the utility box transformed into a beautiful work of art.

How long did it take?

Marlie Gonzales (MG): From the time that the box was presented to us to the time it was finished, it took about a year and five months, which was from when the Serra Mesa Board gave us the electrical box to paint to the absolute end of us painting the box.

How many hours in a day did you work on it?

Kat Schroeder (KS): We stayed at the box as late as we could each day. Sometimes we only met for an hour or two, and sometimes we got there around noon and painted until around 8pm.

What mediums did you use?

MG: We used outdoor house paint, paint pens, and sharpies on the box.

How did you come up with the idea?

MG: Kat and I had been brainstorming on ideas for the box, and the Serra Mesa council emailed us and said that they wanted very nature-inspired paintings. So we decided on the flowers, the girls, butterflies, and the huge leaves.

Have you ever done anything like this before?

KS: I've never taken on a project like this before. I've done some similar things when I was a kid, like helping to paint a mural at the zoo, but this was the first time I have ever done a project like this from start to finish.

Is there anything you learned during the process?

MG: I learned how much the community that we were working with really appreciated what we were doing for them. Many people stopped by the box while we were working and told us how much they loved it. I also learned that murals take way like longer than I thought they did!

What would you have done differently?

KS: I think I would have spent more time on the preliminary drawings. When we began sketching on the box, we didn't have a completed plan. We knew what we each wanted to include, but I think it would have been helpful if we had taken the time to draw the whole thing out on paper first.

How much did this project cost?

MG: The project cost around \$400, including the supplies that the school bought for us.

What steps did you have to take to do something like this?

KS: Funny story - my mom was at the farmer's market and happened to run into someone who is on the Board for Serra Mesa. They got to talking and my mom said she might have students who would be interested in painting a utility box. After that, we just had to send in our design to get approved. This part was really relaxed,



like I said, we didn't have a fully drawn idea. We just sent them a few basic sketches and similar drawings we had already done and explained our idea in the email. They approved the drawing and after that we were free to start!

What would you say to someone who wants to do this?

MG: I would tell them that it's a lot of work. They have to be committed to finishing, but in the end when it's all finished and done, it's 100% worth it to be able to display your art for the whole community to see!

KG: I think the most important thing to keep in mind when doing a project like this is that it won't go how you think it will. I think it's best not to have too many expectations going in. There were so many things that surprised us - the box was really tall and thin, the paint colors looked different in the sun, people kept parking close to the box and we had to work around their cars, the paint pens smudged, the varnish went on bubbly, the darker colored paints needed at least 3 coats - none of these things were bad and we worked through them all fine, but I think it definitely helped that we didn't have many expectations and we were open to exploring and experimenting since neither of us had done a project like this before. Oh! And it is vital to bring an easy-up and speakers when you are actually painting! Marlie brought both and it made the process fun and comfortable!



Aiden Keltner (project photographer) is an 11th grade DCS student whose focus is on cinematography. He has shot student films and commercials and has worked on feature film sets. After photographing this Utility Box Painting Project, Aiden is now open to the idea of photography as a career.

Siah Ordonez (freelance writer) is a DCS graduate who is currently studying art and interior design at Grossmont College.

From artwork to photography to writing, this project was entirely completed by DCS students and alum. For more information about DCS, go to www.dimensions.org.

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