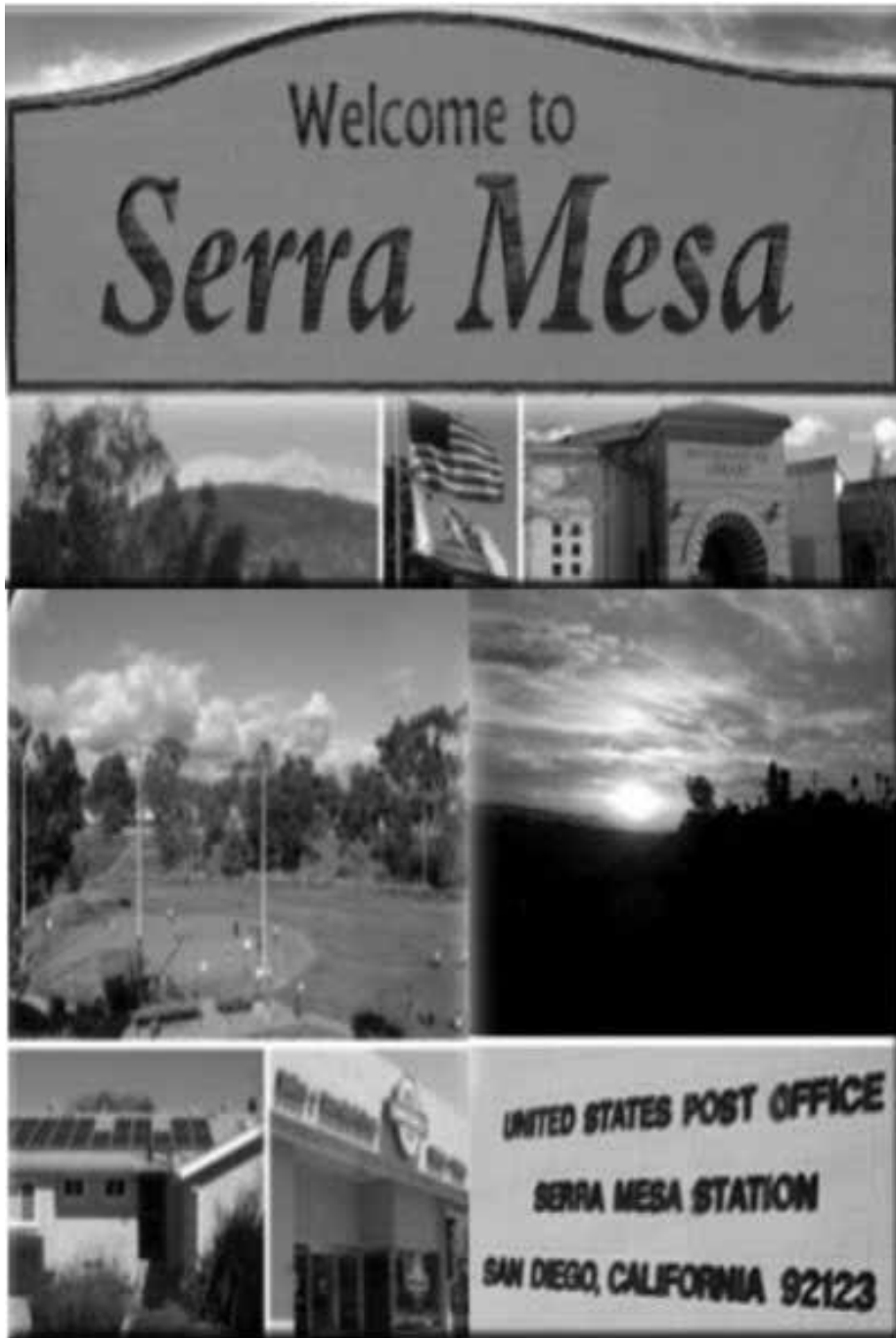


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Wednesday, May 22

6:30 p.m.

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

May 14	Friends of Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library 5:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Sudberry Room
May 16	Serra Mesa Village Connection 3:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Free Elections

There has been so much of politics in our everyday life that we forget that the process is unique to the free world and that so many do not have any choice of who they have an opportunity to select. Here in the good old USA, we do have a choice, or do we? Unless the candidates have money or a financial backer, the selection is limited. The old saying is, "If you like what you have, keep doing what you're doing if not, do something different." Here in Serra Mesa, we have decided to look at San Diego Clean Elections. The point here is to enable a candidate without a financial benefactor to run for office and have a chance of appealing to the people to ask for their vote.

How does it work? Candidates who wish to earn the right to run as clean elections must: a) Raise a large number of small donations - \$5 each to show that they have significant support, b) Agree to voluntary spending limits, c) Agree to take no campaign contributions from a private donor, d) Agree to put no money into their campaign from their own pocket. The candidate would then receive public funding for their campaign. San Diego Clean Elections is strictly voluntary. The advantage is that the candidate is contacting prospective voters instead of raising funds. The cost of clean elections will be \$4 per person per year as there are roughly 1.4 million residents in San Diego that would be \$5.6 million per year. We believe those clean elections will pay for itself as it will limit political payback giveaways and sweetheart deals given in exchange for campaign contributions by developers and special interest.

Clean elections have been successful in Arizona, Maine, and the city of Albuquerque. We believe that using public funds for clean elections is appropriate as it empowers representatives to represent all the people instead of the wealthy and powerful. The ethics committee that already monitors San Diego elections has been tapped to administer the Clean Elections Measure. If you would like to learn more, the website is sdcleanelections.org.

We look forward to gathering signatures so we can put it on the ballot in November.

Come to our Community Council General Meetings on the 4th Wednesday of every month except July and December when we are dark.

Carl Demas, President of SMCC Board

Karismas' Korner of Knowledge

By Karisma Brown, Girl Scout Troop #3822

For many years now it has been a pleasure sharing in the experience of gardening with my grandmother. She and I have tended to her garden located in the Community Garden area in Serra Mesa. In addition to the many other people who have planted a variety of vegetables and fruits in their garden plots something of interest to me has been the orchard located in the same area. The orchard provides a variety of fruits when harvested and provided to the pantry for distribution to members of the community. Being able to provide fresh produce makes sense because of the benefits to ones nutritional health.

In the next couple of additions of the Serra Mesa Observer I would like to introduce you to the many species of trees the orchard has to offer.

The Fig variety "Black Mission" is a very hardy tree that will produce an abundant harvest if maintained properly. It requires one to be able to harvest the fruit before the birds get their fill. One way to deter birds from the fruit is to hang shiny objects in the tree. The reflection will distract the birds and then they do not seem to be as interested in taking your harvest from you.

Remember also to remove any fallen leaves and fruit from the base of the tree so that insects will not find a home and infest the tree which will effect fruit production.

I have included two recipes "Fig and Arugula Salad" and "Fig and Caramelized Onion Flatbread" with ingredients such as the Arugula that can planted at home so you can enjoy fresh.

Until next time, hope you enjoy!



Fig and Arugula Salad



Prep
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Ready In
15 m

Recipe By: Serena123

"So simple and so delicious!"

Ingredients

4 cups arugula	2 tablespoons toasted pine nuts
8 fresh figs, quartered	2 tablespoons honey
1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese	2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar

Directions

- 1 Toss arugula, figs, Parmesan cheese, and pine nuts together in a large bowl.
- 2 Drizzle honey and balsamic vinegar over salad before serving.

Karismas' Korner of Knowledge, continued

By Karisma Brown, Girl Scout Troop #3822



Fig and Caramelized Onion Flatbread

Prep Time: 10 mins Cook Time: 1 hour

Total Time: 1 hour 10 mins Yield: 2-3 main dish or 6 appetizer

Ingredients

- 3 medium sweet onions, cut in half and sliced from root to stem into thin slices
- 3 Tbsp. unsalted butter
- 2 flatbreads (8-inch)
- 2 Tbsp. crumbled feta cheese, plus extra for the top
- 2 cups lightly packed fresh arugula
- 3 large fresh figs, sliced
- olive oil
- salt and pepper

Instructions

- 1 Place the skillet (stainless steel or cast-iron skillet work the best!) over medium/low heat and melt butter.
- 2 Add onion to the pan and stir to coat with butter.
- 3 Check and stir the onions every 5-10 minutes. If onions begin to burn, lower the heat.
- 4 Around 10 minutes onions will start to soften and turn translucent. Around 30 minutes the onions will begin to turn light brown in color. Around 50 minutes the onions will be dark golden and smell very caramelized. At this point, you can remove the onions from the heat.
- 5 Preheat the oven to 425F.
- 6 Scatter the onions evenly over each flatbread and sprinkle 1 tablespoon of feta cheese on each. Bake the flatbreads on a baking sheet for 8-10 minutes or until crisp. Remove and cool slightly.
- 7 Toss arugula with olive oil and salt and pepper to taste. Top each flatbread with equal amounts of arugula and sliced figs. Sprinkle with additional feta, if desired.
- 8 Cut into slices and serve warm.



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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
May 21 & June 18 at 6:30 p.m.



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City Clerk - Docket Information	(619) 533-4000	Senior Citizen Services	(619) 236-6905
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Hazardous Chemicals & Waste	(858) 694-7000	Traffic Signal Maintenance	(619) 527-8650
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Holy Days	Please call the church for schedule

Meet Gethsemane Lutheran Church's New Pastor



Gethsemane Lutheran Church (2696 Melbourne Drive, corner of Shawn Ave. and Melbourne Dr.) is pleased to introduce our new Pastor, the Rev. Karla Seyb-Stockton, to the Serra Mesa community.

Pastor Karla joined Gethsemane on March 4 and was installed on March 24 by the Rev. Dr. Andrew Taylor, Bishop of the Pacifica Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

Pastor Karla is looking forward to participating in the life of the Serra Mesa community and to working with Gethsemane's highly-regarded preschool and the preschool families. She is also committed to Gethsemane's legacy of community outreach, including collaborations with Mission Village Christian Fellowship on the Serra Mesa Food Pastry and the Serra Mesa Community Garden and Orchard.

Pastor Karla is a proud Navy Veteran having served as a chaplain for 20 years after graduating from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary. Her Navy chaplaincy tenure included shipboard duty on the USS PRAIRIE (AD 15) and USS TARAWA (LHA 1) and assignment to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

After retiring from the Navy in 2008, Pastor Karla served as Associate Pastor at Incarnation Lutheran in Poway until 2017 and then as an Intentional Interim Pastor for two area churches during their pastoral search processes.

Pastor Karla is married to her high school sweetheart and fellow avid Padres fan Ed Stockton (also a Navy Veteran), and they are approaching their 34th anniversary.

An Iowa native, Pastor Karla and her four siblings were raised on the family farm, which has been in their family for over 140 years. As a 4-H member, Pastor Karla honed her skills in cooking, sewing and calf-raising. She was an exchange student in Sweden after high school graduation.

Pastor Karla earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Iowa State University, expecting to become a counseling psychologist. Her call to ministry came when she was working as a youth director for a Lutheran church in Bucyrus, Ohio.

Pastor Karla is an active volunteer with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and is involved with the philanthropy team of her quilting guild.

Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library

May/June 2019 Events/Programs

All San Diego Public Library Locations will be **Closed** Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day.

Art Exhibits – The Friends of the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library presents *Grand Designs: Oodles of Doodles* by David Ege in May and Sue Z. Gold's art exhibit in June in the Community Room, and a display of Scott Bruckner's *Contemporary Sculpture with The Warmth of Wood* in the display cases.

Summer Reading Program 2019!! June 1 to August 31

Join the Summer Reading Program and see that *It's Showtime at Your Library!* It's free to sign up for ALL AGES at www.sandiegolibrary.org beginning on June 1st. Keep track of the books you read this summer with your online reading log and earn prizes for reading! Every Wednesday from June 5th through August 14th at 4:00 p.m., join us for a special Summer Reading Event featuring clowns, magicians, animals, and more!

Adult Programs

Communicating with Technology – Mondays, 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. through June 3 (except 5/27)

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.

Piano Class - Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. through June 4

- **Beginner 1** (No experience) 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- **Beginner 2** (Limited, less than 1 year of experience) 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- **Intermediate** (More than 1 year of experience) 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. through June 4 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.

Japanese Brush Painting - Thursdays, 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. through June 6

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.

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

May 1, 1:00 p.m. OASIS at the Library: Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. The Seven Wonders have awed mankind from the 2nd century BCE to the Modern Era. Today only the Great Pyramid at Giza still stands. The Lighthouse at Alexandria, the Temples of Zeus, and the almost-mythical Hanging Gardens of

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Babylon have either withered or passed into folklore. Join lecturer and author Mark Carlson as he details these wonders and provides images recreated by today's leading archaeologists and architects.

May 14, 6:45 p.m. Serra Mesa Library Book Club. Join members of your community to discuss *Less* by Andrew Sean Greer.

May 15, 11:30 a.m. Kearny Mesa Planning Group. A community meeting for an organization that advises the city on land use issues.

May 16, 3:30 p.m. Serra Mesa Village Meeting. Join members of your community for presentations on healthy lifestyles for older adults.

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May 18, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. How To Festival. Join a variety of free community presentations and workshops throughout the day. Attendees will learn a variety of "how to's" like fold origami, paint rocks, use binoculars or earn DogeCoin. For more information visit: www.sandiego.gov/blog/how-festival-library

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

June 5, 1:00 p.m. OASIS at the Library: Little Surfer Girl Meets Eleanor Rigby-

Music from the Surf & the British Isles. In this wonderful musical hour, we will sample and celebrate the creativity of Rock 'n Roll's golden era. The evolution of surf music and the British "invasion" will add a special beat to your tapping foot! Sampled artists will include The Beach Boys, The Ventures, The Animals, The Beatles, and much more! Recordings will feature tracks from The Ed Sullivan Show, classic recordings and live shows! Rock's emergence as the dominant musical force and soundtrack of the 60's and 70's will enrich your day.

June 11, 6:45 p.m. Serra Mesa Library Book Club. Join members of your community to discuss *Hillbilly Elegy* by J. D. Vance.

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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. through 6/6 (except 5/27) 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 5/27) Join Ms. Carrie every Monday morning

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for stories, songs, and fun that foster early literacy skills!

Paws to Read with Love on a Leash – 2nd and 4th Mondays, 3:00 p.m. (except 5/27) Children can read aloud to trained and certified therapy dogs. “Paws to Read” is designed to help children improve their reading skills and confidence in reading out loud.

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 can make noise, play, and meet new friends. This is a loosely structured, baby-led program of play, music, songs and more. For babies and toddlers 0-2 years.

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

May 8, 4:00 p.m. After School Kafternoon Craft. Join us for a fun and free craft geared towards ages 4-10.

May 29, 4:00 p.m. Underwater Coding. Join us with for some coding fun using Scratch, a drag-and-drop visual computer programming language. Learn how to use Scratch and code your own underwater scene, complete with fish and a scuba diver. Program is for geared towards 9-12 year olds. Registration is required. <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/underwater-coding>

June 5, 4:00 p.m. Summer Reading Program: Dance Party. Get ready to “Shake It Off,” “Move It-Move It,” and get “Footloose”! Kick off the Summer with an awesome dance party featuring your favorite kid-friendly dance music.

June 8, 1:00 p.m. Slimy Sea Creatures. Want to learn about sea stars, sand dollars, moon snails and other slimy creatures? In this class, you will act as a marine biologist as you discover the secrets of how octopuses change color and how oysters make pearls. Finish the class by creating artwork inspired by your underwater exploration. Program is for students 3rd-5th grade. Space is limited. **Registration required.** SanDiego.gov/LibraryNext

June 12, 4:00 p.m. Summer Reading Program: Kids to Canyons Nature Walk and Talk. Join Park Ranger Carey for a nature walk and talk focusing on the different plants, and their uses, that are found in the canyon right outside the library. Bring water and a hat and wear comfortable shoes and sunscreen for an easy nature walk into the canyon located behind the library.

June 19, 4:00 p.m. Summer Reading Program: Hullabaloo. Everybody clap your hands along with the family friendly music of Hullabaloo!

June 26, 4:00 p.m. Summer Reading Program: Sparkles the Clown. Sparkles the Clown come to give us a hilarious and whimsical magic and bubble show!

Apply for a Free Computer!! Computers 2 SD Kids at the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library – Classes on May 18 and June 22

The San Diego Public Library and Computers 2 SD Kids are teaming up to provide computers for families with children. 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. Sign-up at the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library or call 858-573-1396 starting on the 1st of each month.

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Serra Mesa Village June 2019						
	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	Nat'l Rocky Road Day	3 1:00 PM - SMV Board Mtg HABC	4 Nat'l Cheese Day	5 10:00 AM Exercise 12:00 Ceramics SMRC 1:00 PM Oasis SM/KM	6 10:00 AM SMV Day Trip SM/KM	7 Nat'l Donut Day
9	10 Iced Tea Day	11 1:00 PM SMV Movie HABC	12 10:00 AM Exercise 12:00 Ceramics SMRC	13 Weed Your Garden Day	14	15 10:30 AM HLAA MVCF
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Reasons for Decision: The Observer has been published and mailed for 33 years. We thank all of you who have been loyal subscribers. We recognize that this decision may be a disappointment. This hard decision was made based primarily on the following:

Costs – Increase in cost of printing the newsletter. Since the number of subscriptions has steadily declined, we will reach the point this year where the Observer no longer qualifies for the cheapest mailing rate. The new mailing rate would be cost prohibitive.

Volunteers – Maintaining a subscription database and mailing the Observer requires a lot of volunteers hours. Dedicated volunteers have provided this service for decades. If any of these volunteers needed a break, it would be a challenge to replace them.

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Sincerely,

Your Serra Mesa Community Council Board

Simone Scano Continues to excel after SDCE, at UC San Diego Early Childhood Education Center

Written By: Allura Garis



SDCE Graduate Simone Scano

Simone Scano traveled to the United States from a small town near Venice, Italy following his husband's career as a biomedical researcher. The emotional relocation pushed Scano toward his dream job. Remembering his experience teaching Italian language to youth in Germany inspired him to explore a career path in child development.

Scano completed the free Child Development Certificate program at San Diego Continuing Education (SDCE) in January 2019 while taking English as a Second Language (ESL) courses.

"My want to become a preschool teacher was misunderstood because in Italy it's a job exclusively for women. Here in San Diego, I finally have the opportunity to study and work in early education," said Scano. He explained he was bullied in high school for being different. "It is important for young children to have a positive male role model in their lives."

SDCE is California's largest noncredit institution and the adult education division of the San Diego Community College District (SDCCD). SDCE students can transition to San Diego City, Mesa or Miramar colleges with up to 3 college credits earned toward an Associate Degree.

Following the completion of SDCE's Child Development Certificate Programs, Scano was hired as a Preschool Assistant for the University of California San Diego (UC San Diego) Early Childhood Education Center in La Jolla. "The child development courses at SDCE were a great tool for attaining knowledge, skills, and practice to become an early childhood educator," said Scano. He assists UC San Diego's Early Childhood Education Center with lesson planning, circle time, storytelling, and art projects--a mirror image to SDCE's curriculum.

Scano plans to advance his career by achieving an Associate of Science Degree in Child Development at San Diego Mesa College. His long-term goal is to become a preschool teacher with a specialty in teaching children Italian through music and dance.

For more information about SDCE or to enroll visit, SDCE.EDU.

Franklin Ridge Road Connection Update

Summary: An environmental lawsuit regarding the approval of the road connection from Phyllis Place in Serra Mesa to Civita in Mission Valley was filed on November 27, 2017. The “Save Civita Because Sudberry Won’t” group, a 501(c)3 nonprofit, is suing to protect public safety and the quality of life in Civita and Serra Mesa. There are Serra Mesa residents on this group’s board, who represent Serra Mesa’s interests.

Lawsuit Timeline Update: The original timeline stipulated that the City would review and certify the Administrative Record by December 31, 2018. There have been “discussions” between the City and the petitioner’s attorney about the documents to be included in the Administrative Record. Consequently, there’s been a delay.

The Administrative Record is important because this is the evidence for the lawsuit and incorporates the materials that were directly or indirectly considered by the decision maker, the City Council. Typically the materials that are included are the project application and supplemental documents, environmental documents, staff reports, public hearing records, and comments and submissions from interested parties.

Next steps in the timeline: City files answer to petition > Petitioner (Save Civita Because Sudberry Won’t) files brief; City’s response > Petitioner’s reply > hearing before judge. The judge will decide on the merits of the case.

The updated timeline when available will be posted at <http://www.serramesa.org/hot-topics/>.

Lawsuit Fees: Funds are needed for the lawsuit. If you have concerns about the road connection, please consider donating to this cause. Donation information is at <http://savecivita.com/take-action/> or checks can be addressed to Save Civita and mailed to Save Civita, PO Box 23315, San Diego, CA 92193.

Airport Master Plan Commentary

The Montgomery-Gibbs Environmental Coalition is calling on San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer to correct an imbalance that occurred in selecting the Montgomery-Gibbs Executive Airport Master Plan Advisory Committee because there was never a public outreach for volunteers from the community.

All of the volunteer community members, save one, were selected from the confines of the Airports Advisory Committee whose members are appointed by the Mayor. There also were no representatives from any environmental groups included as members of the Master Plan Advisory Committee even though part of the process was supposed to include that type of organization.

That resulted in the Master Plan Advisory Committee being more heavily weighted towards those with a vested interest in the airport, such as tenants, flight school operators, and government officials. That failed to fulfill the City’s own objective of engaging the diversity of community members in involvement in all phases of the planning process that was stated in the Public Involvement Plan dated April 13, 2017.

The Master Plan Advisory Committee should have been balanced with more input from people who live in the communities surrounding the airport, as well as environmental organizations. Having public meetings did not fulfill the objective of engaging the public in all phases of the planning process because one of the roles filled by members of the Master Plan Advisory Committee was to collaborate on key issues; community members had no opportunity to do that and instead could only offer recommendations and suggestions at the public meetings.

Although there will be no more meetings of the Master Plan Advisory Committee, there is still time for the Mayor to correct that imbalance by allowing additional community participation as the Master Plan rolls forward to completion. Attached is a letter that has been sent to Mayor Kevin Faulconer requesting that be done.

Sandra Stahl, MGEC Executive Director

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VA Clinic on Aero

Dr. Robert M. Smith, VA Medical Center Director, and Cynthia Butler, VA Public Affairs office, attended the April 18th Serra Mesa Planning Group meeting discussing the VA clinic (circle on map) and answering questions. They offered to attend future meetings.



Facts (adapted from information provided by Dr. Smith at meeting and press release from Cynthia Butler)

- Relocation and expansion of the Mission Valley health care services to 8875 Aero Drive (former bank vault building), located in Kearny Mesa
- 99,986 s.f. clinic
- 550 parking spaces (4 story parking lot will be constructed)
- Can provide health care services to 160,000 patient visits/year; goal is 40% telecare (remote care)
- Cost \$22.2 million
- Services at this site: Primary Care, Mental Health, some specialty programs, Laboratory and Telehealth Care, Eye Clinic/Low Vision/Blind Rehabilitation, Audiology, Gynecology/Women's Clinic, Podiatry, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Mental Health (WAVE and CORE programs) Prosthetics, Radiology and Pharmacy dispensing (limited medications)
- Services NOT provided at this site: no opiate treatment, no substance abuse treatment, no homeless treatment, no inpatient or overnight services or sedation- or anesthesia-requiring procedures
- Hours: generally open 8 am-4 pm; drop-in on Saturday
- 150-200 employees (physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses, pharmacists, social workers, dietitians, integrated mental health providers and administrative staff)
- Transportation service provided
- Veteran Benefits Regional Office will still be providing services at Rio San Diego Drive location
- Tentative Schedule: Ground breaking and construction, October 1; Ribbon Cutting, December 10, 2021

Facts Regarding Changes to Roads (adapted from Staff Report, refer to <http://www.serramesa.org/news-events/>)

- Westernmost driveway on the site will be removed
- Median along Aero Drive extended along project frontage
- Median to include a left turn lane for westbound traffic which allows left-turn only access into project
- Signal phasing at Aero Drive/Sandrock Road intersection
- Modifications to southbound approach of Sandrock Road include replacing existing 9 ft raised median with 4 ft raised median and restriping to provide shared thru/right-turn lane, 10 ft painted median with chevron markings, and dedicated left-turn lane.
- The northbound approach of Sandrock Road shall be restriped to provide two dedicated left-turn lanes and a shared thru/right-turn lane. According to the Conditional Use Permit the Sandrock improvement "...shall be completed in a manner that is satisfactory to the City Engineer. All improvements shall be installed and operational prior to occupancy."

What is the best configuration for Sandrock Road? Should the bike lane be located between the left turn lane and the shared thru/right turn lane? Or should the bike lane be located between the thru/right turn and the curb?

Morris Dye, Development Project Manager for city, mdye@sanidiego.gov, indicates "A design will be approved during public improvement plan review." In a subsequent communication Morris indicated that "The public improvement plan would be a plan submitted by the applicant for City transportation staff to review. It is a ministerial review similar to a building permit review which does not solicit public input." From the City's public information officer, "...please submit any inquiries about the project details including plans for the ensuing submittal of a public improvement plan regarding the intersection, directly to the applicant Steven Bossi or the Atlantis Group." Contact information for Steven Bossi: sbossi@atlantisssd.com, 619-450-6440.

Lisa Scott, City Councilmember Scott Sherman's representative, indicated she'll find out more about the configuration of the bike lanes on Sandrock Road and report back to the Serra Mesa Planning Group.

State Bills Impacting Housing

An April article in the *La Jolla Light* discusses pending California senate bills, SB330 and SB50, and their impact on San Diego. The article states that SB330, known as the Housing Crisis Act of 2019 "...would suspend specific local rules and regulations that are recognized as obstacles to housing production and it would establish reasonable time periods for processing housing permits..." The 30-foot height limit for the San Diego coastline would be suspended.

Also, "SB50 eliminates hyper-low-density zoning near public transit and job centers, thus legalizing apartment buildings and affordable housing in these locations so that more people can live near transit." Furthermore, it's stated that "...areas within a half a mile of major public transit, like a trolley line, or a quarter mile of a bus line, would be impacted." SB50 would affect a lot of Serra Mesa because of bus route 928 and 25.

For more detailed information about these bills refer to the *La Jolla Light* article at <https://www.lajollalight.com/news/sd-senate-bill-330-height-limit-la-jolla-meeting-20190408-htmlstory.html>.

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Re: Montgomery-Gibbs Master Plan Advisory Committee Imbalance

Honorable Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer
City Administration Building
202 C Street, 11th Floor
San Diego, CA 92101

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a protocol of analysis and public disclosure of environmental impacts of proposed projects, and in a departure from the National Environmental Policy Act all feasible measures must be adopted to mitigate those impacts. To date all feasible measures have not been adopted, and it appears there is no plan to do so.

Thus far the community at large and environmental groups have not been fairly represented in the process of adopting the Montgomery-Gibbs Executive Airport Master Plan. There was no public outreach for volunteers from the community for the Master Plan Advisory Committee; the only recruiting was within the confines of the Airports Advisory Committee, except for one person who was directly recruited from the Clairemont Town Council by the Airports Program Manager.

There were only four community representatives on the Montgomery-Gibbs Master Plan Advisory Committee, three of whom are on the Airport Advisory Committee and those members are appointed by the Mayor. The remainder of the 19 Advisory Committee members were city officials and individuals who have a vested interest in the airport such as tenants and flight school operators.

According to city documents regarding the Montgomery-Gibbs Executive Airport Master Plan Advisory Committee, "Representation Committee members will be chosen by identifying organizations and agencies that represent the various elements that will be considered in the Montgomery-Gibbs Executive Airport Master Plan. Identified organizations will then be asked to choose individuals to represent them on the Committee." Environmental elements are being considered in adoption of the Master Plan, but no environmental groups are included in the process.

Because there were no environmental group representatives on the Montgomery-Gibbs Executive Airport Master Plan Advisory Committee, the process has so far been more heavily weighted towards persons who have a vested interest in General Aviation rather than giving a balance as to how it will affect the environment on site, as well as that in the surrounding communities. In addition, there are only two environmental organizations listed in the city's Public Involvement Plan: San Diego Audubon Society and The San Diego Foundation. No members of either organization were members of the Master Plan Advisory Committee.

In addition, The San Diego Foundation is a non-profit funding organization that gives grants to environmental groups and other types of civic minded groups, rather than being actively involved in being a gatekeeper to protect the environment; therefore their inclusion in the Public Involvement Plan appears to only be a token effort by the city to take community environmental concerns seriously, and as noted previously The San Diego Foundation was not included as a member of the Master Plan Advisory Committee.

Regardless of whether the Audubon Society and the San Diego Foundation were not asked to participate or they both declined, there are many other local environmental groups that were ignored and are not listed on the city's Public Involvement Plan, and also not included in the Master Plan process thus far, such as The Serra Club, The Endangered Habitats League, San Diego Democrats for Environmental Action, San Diego EarthWorks, ECOLIFE Foundation, The Chaparral Institute, and The League of Conservation Voters San Diego, among others that apparently were not even considered as participants.

As a result, the Montgomery-Gibbs Environmental Coalition is adjuring that a representative from at least two local environmental groups and two members of the community at large who live in the areas surrounding the airport be selected to be involved in the final process of approving the Master Plan, so as to more evenly weigh the balance between those who have a vested interest in airport operations, and community members and others concerned about the environmental impact of the Master Plan.

It would have been more fairly balanced to have half of the 19 Master Plan Advisory Committee members be selected outside the arena of dominant connection to the airport. Even though there are no more meetings scheduled for the Master Plan Advisory Committee, adding two more community members plus two representing local environmental groups to the final process of approval will correct that imbalance.

Respectfully,
Sandra Stahl MGEC Executive Director

cc: Council President Pro Tem Barbara Bry; Councilmember Jennifer Campbell; Councilmember Chris Ward ; Councilmember Monica Montgomery; Councilmember Mark Kersey; Councilmember Chris Cate; Councilmember Scott Sherman; Councilmember Vivian Moreno; Council President Georgette Gómez; Ronald H. Villa, Deputy Chief Operating Officer; Cybele L. Thompson, Director, Real Estate Assets; Rod Propst, Deputy Director, Airports Division; The Serra Club; The Endangered Habitats League; San Diego Democrats for Environmental Action; San Diego EarthWorks; ECOLIFE Foundation; The Chaparral Institute; The League of Conservation Voters San Diego

SDGE Time of Use Pricing Plans - Report by Carl Demas, SMCC Board President

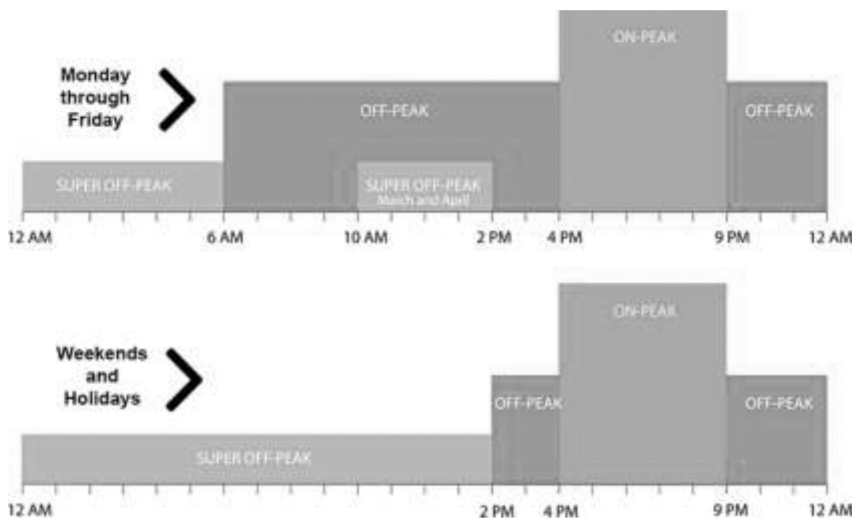
At our April Community Council General Meeting, our speaker scheduled incorrectly and apologized to all who attended with questions and concerns. As a result, I promised that we would report on the SDGE Time Matters Plan and try to clear up as many questions as possible as well as give you contact information as given at the end of this article. Once again, I apologize to those who came and did not get the answers they wanted.

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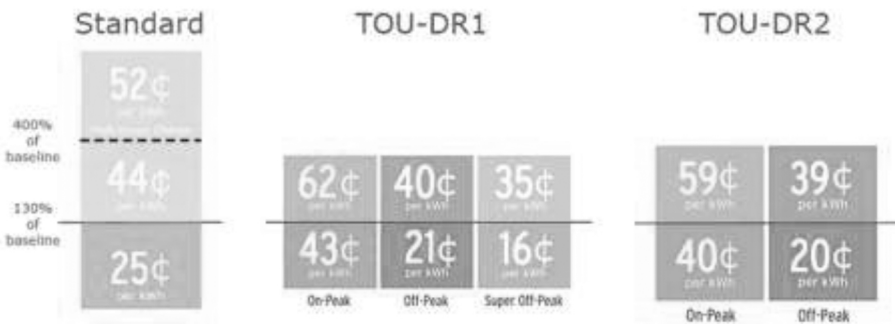
Here are the current winter prices for the Standard pricing plan and the Time-of-Use pricing plans.”

**Winter Season
November 1 - May 31**



Prices effective March 1, 2019

**Summer Season
June 1 - October 31**



To learn more about the SDGE Program, you can logon to their website at: www.sdge.com/timematters or you can contact their community representative: Arnie Garcia, Community Outreach, (858) 654-1115 or his Mobil (619) 922-3069. Should you wish to email him, he can be reached at: ARGarcia1@semprautilities.com