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### **Civita Park Amphitheater**

Set in a 15-acre public park that is scenic, has good walking paths, picnic areas, public restrooms, kids' play areas, and leash-free dog parks... continue the story on page 10.

Picture and article by Tom Leech



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**Serra Mesa Community Council**  
No July Meeting

*Serra Mesa - Kearny Mesa Library  
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**CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS**

July 9	Friends of Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library 5:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Sudberry Room
July 18	Serra Mesa Village Connection 3:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
July 18	Serra Mesa Planning Group 7 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Room
No Mtg	No Hearing Loss Association of America (San Diego) Meeting 10:30 a.m., Mission Village Christian Fellowship
July 16	Serra Mesa Recreation Center Council Meeting 6:30 p.m., 9020 Village Glen Drive
July 24	Friends of Ruffin Canyon 5:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
No Mtg	No Serra Mesa Community Council in July 6:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
Aug 3	Friends of Ruffin Canyon Cleanup 9:00 a.m., Shawn Avenue entrance to Ruffin Canyon
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Aug 20	Serra Mesa Recreation Center Council Meeting 6:30 p.m., 9020 Village Glen Drive
June 20	Serra Mesa Village Connection 3:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
June 20	Serra Mesa Planning Group 7 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Room
June 26	Friends of Ruffin Canyon 5:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
No Mtg	No Serra Mesa Community Council in August 6:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
July 4	Friends of Ruffin Canyon Cleanup 9:00 a.m., Shawn Avenue entrance to Ruffin Canyon

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



### **Why can't we just get along?**

It seems that our world, country, state, city, neighborhood, and family is having issues getting along. Everywhere we turn our society is polarized and moving away from each of us as we try to exist in our day to day living. Has synergy, the art of our collective nature being more than the equal of its parts, lost its glamour? Nations are turning from previous allies, peace treaties have lost their value, our congress cannot agree on anything other than antagonistic threats against each other. It seems that we are heading in the direction of no return in tandem with our national debt. And no one cares. We are a nation of laws, but each of us goes in the direction of our liking without consideration for each other.

Well, I think the fix is from the bottom up as it is certainly not coming from the top down. It starts with each of us treating each other in the manner to which we want to be treated. Start first with family and make sure that each member is recognized and considered. If there are issues, confront them with the intent of resolving them and forgiving any deeds that have caused separation. We all need to be needed and loved. Start walking in the other person shoes and take steps to overcome personal attitudes and required issues of acceptance and friendship.

Get out into your neighborhood and make new friends with old neighbors. How long has it been since you have taken cookies or brought their garbage cans off the street? Greet them when you see them and make sure you know their names. Be courteous when

shopping and help a senior when they are in obvious need of assistance. Get involved with your church, library, child's school, little league, neighborhood organizations, and volunteer to one of the many charities just waiting for your participation. I would even invite you to attend a Community Council Meeting and get involved with an improvement you suggest to better the neighborhood.

Don't have the time you say. What is more important than serving? The best way to overcome feeling sorry for yourself, isolation, loneliness, and boredom, is to get involved. Join the gym, get in shape, learn to cook, and eat healthy then share the recipes with neighbors. Invite them over for lunch or dinner. Life can be a wonderful experience if we learn to live it and especially when we can share it with others.

Some tips for developing relationships. Be attentive and listen, find out what the other person is interested in, ask questions and share common likes, invite them to join an event you attend, share contact information, and above all be a friend.

Like the coach says, ok team it is back to basics. Rather than wait for someone else to do it, let's start with us. Isn't that where it counts?

Carl Demas, President Serra Mesa Community Council

Dear Observer Subscriber,

The Serra Mesa Community Council Board voted on April 15, 2019 to **suspend printing and mailing of the *Observer* beginning in January/February 2020**. The *Observer* will continue to be provided online at <http://www.serramesa.org/smcc/observer-newsletter/> and an email notice will be distributed when the newest edition is available. If you don't already receive SMCC notices for meetings and events, please visit <http://www.serramesa.org/> and enter your email address in the "Sign up for Serra Mesa Notices" box. These email addresses are only used by Serra Mesa community groups and aren't shared with any other entity.

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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.

Timeliness – An online publication will provide more timely information.

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SMCC will still need operational funds: e.g., post office box, Constant Contact, etc. Donations would be welcomed and are tax deductible since SMCC is a 501(c)3 organization. Checks can be mailed to SMCC, PO Box 23315, San Diego, CA 92193. Please write **SMCC Donation** in the memo.

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Sincerely,

Your Serra Mesa Community Council Board

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2:00-6:00 p.m. Friday  
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Serra Mesa Recreation Council meets on  
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## Karismas' Korner of Knowledge

By Karisma Brown, Girl Scout Troop #3822

Peaches. Yes we have a peach tree in the orchard adjacent to the Serra Mesa Community Garden. Not one of the easiest fruit trees to grow but just like anything grown with love the fruit taste so much better when you can say you grew it yourself. It is a fantastic way to have fresh fruit right outside your door and a great way to increase healthy eating habits. When you grow fruit at home without the use of chemicals or fertilizers you have a ready supply of organic fruit without the high price of organic produce found in the store.

While fruit trees do require watering, pruning and a bit of ongoing care, most varieties are easy to grow and require just a little care and love to experience the reward of having fresh fruit for salads, pies and even gift baskets.

There are many resources but the California Garden Web designed by the UC Master Gardener Program of the University of California has a wealth of information about backyard gardening, including information on growing your own fruit.

We are so lucky to have wonderful warm weather in San Diego and sunshine that make this a prime location for growing most common fruit trees. Some varieties like apples and cherries need a colder climate in winter to allow them to go dormant.

Hope you will try and enjoy the two Peach(y) recipes included "Raspberry Peach Iced Tea Lemonade" and "Pan Fried Pork Chops with Peach Salsa".



## Karismas' Korner of Knowledge, continued

By Karisma Brown, Girl Scout Troop #3822

### Raspberry Peach Iced Tea Lemonade

**prep:** 15 mins | **cook:** 10 mins | **total:** 25 mins

**author:** bakerbynature

Sweet peach puree, red raspberries, black tea, and fresh squeezed lemonade all mixed up in one cold, cool, and utterly refreshing Summertime beverage.

#### Ingredients

- For the Raspberry Peach Nectar:
  - 1 pound fresh, ripe peaches
  - 3-4 cups water
  - 2 cups fresh raspberries
- For the Lemonade:
  - 1 cup fresh squeezed lemon juice (about 8 large lemons)
  - 2 tablespoons confectioners' sugar, optional
- For the Iced Tea:
  - (4) 18.5 oz bottles of Unsweetened Straight Up Snapple® Tea (photo in post for easy reference)
  - 1 cup fresh raspberries
  - 1 cup peaches, sliced

#### Instructions

1. To make the Raspberry Peach Nectar:
2. Bring 3-4 cups of water to boil in a medium-sized stock pot or sauce pan (you want enough water to be able to easily submerge the peaches). Once boiling, carefully dip each peach into the water and leave them there until the skin becomes soft and begins to loosen from the flesh. Using a slotted spoon remove from the peaches from the boiling water and place them in a large bowl of ice cold water; this will stop the cooking process. Once cool to the touch, peel the peaches, remove the pit and cut into slices.
3. Place the sliced peaches, raspberries, and 1 cup of water in a blender; pulse until smooth.
4. Strain the liquefied raspberry/peach mixture through a sieve. Store the nectar in a sealed jar or container in the refrigerator until ready to use. Can be made up to 2 days in advance.
5. For the lemonade:
6. Using a citrus juicer or manual squeeze tool juice lemons until you have one full cup of juice. Pour this juice into a large pitcher. Stir in the sugar, if using.
7. To assemble:
8. In a large pitcher or punch bowl combine the iced tea, lemonade, and nectar. Stir well to combine, and taste. If the taste is too sweet, add more lemon juice; if the taste is too tart, add more nectar. Pour into glasses with ice and garnish with extra raspberries and peach slices.

**courses:** beverage

**cuisine:** american



## Karismas' Korner of Knowledge, continued

By Karisma Brown, Girl Scout Troop #3822

### Pan Fried Pork Chops with Peach Salsa

#### Ingredients

2-8 ounce Pork Chops

Few small knobs of butter

1 sprig fresh Rosemary

1 sprig fresh Thyme

2 cloves garlic, lightly crushed

Salt and pepper

Olive oil for frying

Cook pork chops at room temperature. Season with salt and pepper. Heat olive oil and fry chops 3-4 minutes on each side. Flip over and cook with butter, rosemary, thyme and garlic. Fry again 3-4 minutes each side. Take chops out of pan and rest for 4-8 minutes.

#### Peach Salsa

2 Peaches, skinned and diced

2 Tomatoes diced

1 small red onion diced

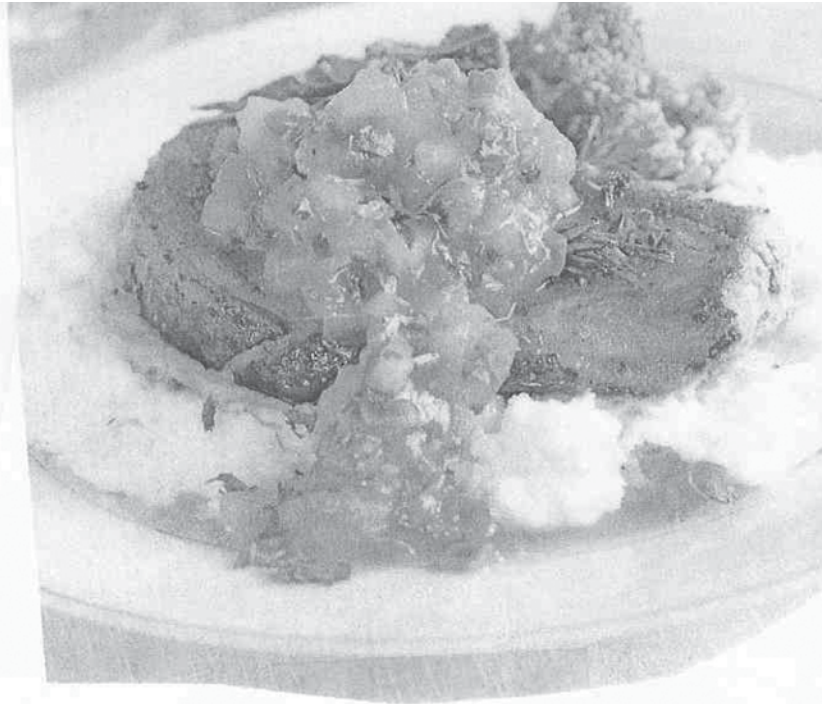
2 tbsp apple cider vinegar

1 tbsp honey

1 tbsp cilantro

1 sprig of Thyme

Heat up a little olive oil in a pan and sauté onion until soft. Add in your peach and tomatoes stir then add vinegar, honey, thyme and a little salt and pepper. Simmer until thickened, stirring occasionally. Remove sprig of thyme and sprinkle with cilantro.



## 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:** Because more time is needed to complete the administrative record **the judge moved the trial to September 19, 1:30 pm.**

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.

Steps in the timeline: City certifies administrative record > 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.

**Lawsuit Fees:** 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. Thanks to all of you who have donated to this worthwhile cause!

## Fun concerts nearby, at a nice new park

On a lovely Saturday afternoon, we recently went to an enjoyable concert in a pleasant setting about 5 minutes from where most of us Serra Mesans live. That happened to be at the new public park created at the major development called Civita, just off I-805 and Phyllis Place. It’s also where more concerts will be held this summer, readily available for us to enjoy.

Civita is the complex that will eventually have 4600 housing units, with about half done and many more in work right now. It’s also been the subject of a serious conflict with our Serra Mesa community due to a planned major road connection from Civita onto Phyllis Place. Should that road connection occur (which SM Community Council opposes), the project’s environmental impact reports show major traffic and congestion complications.

Independent of the road connection issue, the Civita development does provide some real value to our SM world. They’ve developed a 15-acre public park that is scenic, has good walking paths, picnic areas, public restrooms, kids’ play areas, and leash-free dog parks. And an amphitheater where concerts are occurring, such as the one we just saw featuring 4 bands: the Kearny Mesa Concert Band, the Navy Southwest Concert Band, the Japanese Training Squadron Band, and a group of Japanese Drummers. Also, excellent female vocalists from the U.S. Navy and Japanese bands. Combine that with a San Diego sunny day and a lovely park and you have an outstanding afternoon.

With more to come. Civita itself is sponsoring a series of Sunday night concerts; for specifics check their web at <https://www.civitalife.com/community-tour/events/>. Other organizations will also likely be sponsoring concerts there, such as the KM Concert Band (info at [www.kearnymesaconcertband.com](http://www.kearnymesaconcertband.com)).

Getting to the park. (1) Take Murray Ridge Road to the red light at Mission Center Road, drive down the hill to the light at Civita Road, turn left into the Civita development, and park along the street or in the several lots next to the public park. (2) Head west on Friars Rd from Mission Village Drive and turn right at Qualcomm Way into Civita. (3) A strolling option is to head down Ainsley Rd., turn on Kaplan into Civita and walk a few blocks over to the park.

Look forward to seeing you at the park -- walking the pooch, having a picnic, or enjoying a concert (maybe all at the same time).

Tom Leech is a frequent contributor to the Observer and member of the Serra Mesa Community Council. He’s an author of many books with his latest of relevance to many Serra Mesans titled FUN ON THE JOB: Amusing and true tales from Rosie-the-Riveters to Rocket Scientists at a Major Aerospace Company (known as Consolidated/Vultee, Convair, GD, Astronautics, Space Systems, and more), available at amazon.com.



## **Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library**

### **July/August 2019 Events/Programs**

All San Diego Public Library Locations will be **Closed** Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of Independence Day.

**Art Exhibits** – The Friends of the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library presents Sue Z. Gold's art exhibit in the Community Room.

### **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](http://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 12th 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 August 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.

**Writer's Workshop – Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. through August 13** 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. – 3:30 p.m. through August 15**

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.

**July 3, 1:00 p.m. OASIS at the Library: Statue of Liberty-The Light by the Golden Door.** Did you know that when Auguste Bartholdi first envisioned the Statue of Liberty he wanted it to be a lighthouse? Did you realize that the U.S. government wanted nothing to do with it? And that when it finally arrived as a gift from the people of France to America there was no place to put it? Here is the story of how Lady Liberty came to be on time Bedloe's Island in New York Harbor, how it was designed, built and finally shone its light on the New World. Presented by Mark Carlson.

**July 9, 5:00 p.m. Friends of the Library Meeting.** Join members of your community to discuss ways to support the library.

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**July 9, 6:45 p.m. Serra Mesa Library Book Club.** Join members of your community to discuss *A Manual for Cleaning Women* by Lucia Berlin.

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

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

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

**August 7, 1:00 p.m. OASIS at the Library: Home Front-San Diego in World War II.** The City of San Diego was profoundly changed by World War II. The population nearly doubled between 1940 and 1943. During that period, 1,500 people a week were moving into San Diego and entire new neighborhoods, such as Linda Vista, grew up. Balboa Park was rapidly transformed into a navy training base and San Diego became a hub for military activity in the Pacific. This talk includes a slide show with newspaper headlines, photos and news reel footage from the period. Presented by Vincent Rossi.

**August 13, 6:45 p.m. Serra Mesa Library Book Club.** Join members of your community to discuss *Waiting for Snow in Havana* by Carlos M.N. Eire.

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

**August 21, 11:30 a.m. Kearny Mesa Planning Group.** A community meeting for an organization that advises the city on land use issues.

### **Children Programs**

**Monday Morning Storytime – Mondays, 10:00 a.m.** 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. (EXCEPT JULY)** Join Miss Kim for music, stories, arts and crafts in a program which is ideal for toddlers and preschoolers. *\*Ms. Kim will be on Summer hiatus for July and return in August\**

**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.

**July 3, 4:00 p.m. Summer Reading Program: Mad Science “Ta-Da!”.** Prepare to be amazed as we explore the science behind magic! Children and adults of all ages will leave with an understanding on how magicians use the principals of science to develop illusions. Through our many fascinating acts, we will attempt to make paper disappear, create balls of water, hover over objects, and may even levitate!

**July 10, 4:00 p.m. Summer Reading Program: Wild Wonders Creature Feature.** Come meet and learn about real life wild animals! Wild Wonders will bring a variety of live wild animals to the library.

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**July 17, 3:00 p.m. Children's Book Sale.** Support our Friends of the Library and pick up some new-to-you gently used books for Summer Reading at our Children's Book Sale.

**July 17, 4:00 p.m. Summer Reading Program: Zoovargo.** Zovargo provides this unique, interactive program featuring friendly animal ambassadors! Get close and experience an animal program that is full of fun!

**July 24, 4:00 p.m. Summer Reading Program: Cowboy Ken.** Cowboy Ken presents a lively show of old cowboy songs, tall tales, true stories, historical facts, trick roping, and lots of audience participation and fun.

**July 27, 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](http://SanDiego.gov/LibraryNext)

**July 31, 4:00 p.m. Summer Reading Program: Craig Newton's Multicultural Music Show.** Get ready for foot stomping, toe tapping, hand clapping, sing-along fun as Craig brings TEN different instruments to your library. Guitar from Spain, Flute from France, a Drum from Africa, Saxophone from Belgium, and much more! Entertaining and Educational for all ages!

**August 7, 4:00 p.m. Summer Reading Program: Michael Rayner's Found Object Juggling.** A juggling show like no other! See Michael Rayner perform strange amazing feats with everyday objects!

**August 14, 4:00 p.m. Summer Reading Program: End of Summer Reading Sock Hop.** Grab your poodle skirt and lace up your saddle shoes for an End of Summer Reading Sock Hop! Dance along to classic 50's and 60's bops.

**August 17, 1:00 p.m. Exploring the Science of Harry Potter.** Explore the science and magic of the world of Harry Potter through video clips, presentations, discussions, activities and artwork. Topics include genetics and trait prediction (parseltongue, giants, squibs), acid/base chemistry (Marauder's Map), fantastic beasts and herbology. Science has never been so magical! Program is for students 6th-8th grade. Space is limited. **Registration required.** [SanDiego.gov/LibraryNext](http://SanDiego.gov/LibraryNext)

**Apply for a Free Computer!! Computers 2 SD Kids at the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library – Classes on July 27 and August 24**

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 1<sup>st</sup> of each month.

SERRA MESA VILLAGE JULY 2019							August ▶
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<b>7</b> CHOCOLATE DAY	<b>8</b>		<b>9</b> 1:00 PM SMV Movie HABC	<b>10</b> 10:15 AM Exercise 12:00 Ceramics SMRC	<b>11</b> 10:00 AM SMV DAY TRIP SM/KM	<b>12</b> PECAN PIE DAY	<b>13</b> BARBERSHOP MUSIC APPRECIATION DAY (VAY SPEBSQSA)
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> BE A DORK DAY		<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 10:15 AM Exercise 12:00 Ceramics SMRC	<b>18</b> 3:30 PM SMV Meeting SM/KM	<b>19</b> NAT'L DAQUIRI DAY	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> NAT'L JUNK FOOD DAY	<b>22</b>		<b>23</b> 1:00 PM SMV Movie HABC	<b>24</b> 10:15 AM Exercise 12:00 Ceramics SMRC	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> ALL OR NOTHING DAY	<b>27</b>
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11	12 MIDDLE CHILD DAY	13 1:00 PM SMV Movie HABC	14 10:15 AM Exercise 12:00 Ceramics SMRC	15 NO MEETING RELAXATION DAY	16 NAT'L TELL A JOKE DAY	17	
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