

Celebrating Bruce Ingram Day 2021

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You are invited to participate in the
Serra Mesa Community Council
Wednesday, July 28
6:30 p.m.

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

Serra Mesa Community Council
No Meeting in August

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Community Room, 9005 Aero Drive*

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U.S. Representative Sara Jacobs	(619) 280-5353
U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein	(619) 231-9712

Meetings Postponed Until Further Notice - Stay Home Stay Safe

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

July 13	Friends of Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library 5:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Sudberry Room
July 15	Serra Mesa Village Connection 3:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
July 15	Serra Mesa Planning Group 7 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Room
July 20	Serra Mesa Recreation Center Council Meeting 6:30 p.m., 9020 Village Glen Drive
No Mtg	Hearing Loss Association of America (San Diego) Meeting 10:30 a.m., Mission Village Christian Fellowship
July 28	Friends of Ruffin Canyon 5:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
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Aug 7	Friends of Ruffin Canyon Cleanup 9:00 a.m., Shawn Avenue entrance to Ruffin Canyon
Aug 17	Serra Mesa Recreation Center Council Meeting 6:30 p.m., 9020 Village Glen Drive
Aug 19	Serra Mesa Village Connection 3:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
Aug 19	Serra Mesa Planning Group 7 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Room
No Mtg	Hearing Loss Association of America (San Diego) Meeting 10:30 a.m., Mission Village Christian Fellowship
Aug 25	Friends of Ruffin Canyon 5:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
No Mtg	Serra Mesa Community Council Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
Sept 4	Friends of Ruffin Canyon Cleanup 9:00 a.m., Shawn Avenue entrance to Ruffin Canyon

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Growing Older at Home

As we retire, many are planning on aging in place. Many of us have investigated independent living, which offers many amenities. Still, the cost is a deterrent, especially if we own our homes and need to be concerned with maintenance and taxes. The recent pandemic has also shown us that the regulations concerning that lifestyle can be stifling and limiting the options we enjoy as independent homeowners. Single-level one-story homes, which most in Serra Mesa are, are the desired feature of aging because of a limited number of stairs. The no-step thresholds modifications of wider hallways, doorways, and showers are easy fixes to accommodate a wheelchair-accessible and barrier-free environment.

As baby boomers born between 1946 and 1964 continue to age, the U.S. Census Bureau predicts that people over the age of 65 will outnumber those under 18 as soon as 2034. To address the needs of this rapidly growing population, AARP encourages its members to carefully consider ways to make their homes places where they can comfortably and safely age in place.

These kinds of upgrades can start with simple things like:

1. Installing task lighting in kitchens to accommodate fading eyesight.
2. Multi-height countertops allow people of all abilities to stand and sit while working in the kitchen.
3. Investing in nonslip tiles and grab bars in bathrooms.
4. Relocating select electrical outlets to be 18-24" higher from the more typical 12" off the floor to make them more accessible.

AARP recently introduced HomeFit, a free augmented-reality app on iOS that can scan a room and suggest improvements to help turn a house into a "lifelong home," free of safety and mobility risks. It is an extension of the organization's "lifelong home,"

The future of Serra Mesa gets better every day as our home values escalate in this part of the world that offers great weather and diversity of culture and attracts visitors from over the world. It would be a shame to trade the great attraction of our homes for a 600 or 700 sq. ft. apartment in a building where fresh air is an elevator ride away.

The information for this article was received from "Growing older at home" by Christina Poletto, The New York Times 6/3/21

Carl Demas, Board President,
Serra Mesa Community Council



Protecting Victims from Domestic Violence Homicide by San Diego City Attorney Mara W. Elliott

Helping victims of domestic violence escape the cycle of abuse is one of the most difficult and important things I do as City Attorney.

The catalyst for a program that saves lives every year was the brutal murder of 19-year-old Diana, who did everything she could to break free from an abusive relationship, but was ultimately killed by her husband.

Diana was trying to end a violent marriage. She knew she was in grave danger, so her family accompanied her wherever she went, even to school. They were waiting along with her 10-month-old daughter for her to finish a class at City College on the day in 2010 when her husband, waiting in a tree to spot her leaving class, brutally murdered her in a campus restroom.

Tragedies like Diana's are not uncommon. Victims of domestic violence are at their greatest risk when they're attempting to leave an abuser. A week before Diana was killed, her husband kidnapped and raped her. She was able to escape and notify police, but the District Attorney's Office later told the media there had not been enough evidence to charge him with a crime. Diana obtained a temporary restraining order, but that didn't deter her husband.

Diana's death gave rise to a special task force that fast-tracks critical services and rallies around individuals who are at extreme risk of being murdered by their partner. A coalition of law enforcement, government agencies, and non-profit organizations make up the San Diego County Domestic Violence High Risk Case Response Team, also known as the "High Risk Team."

My office's Victim Services Coordinators support High Risk Team victims through the worst times in their lives with the goal of preventing another case like Diana's from occurring. If warning signs indicate a victim is at risk of being murdered -- they've been strangled or threatened with a firearm, for example -- the High Risk Team steps in, regardless of whether criminal charges have been filed.

High Risk Team victims are often financially dependent on their abuser, have young children, and need medical care. When a victim is identified as a High Risk Team candidate, we first respond to their immediate safety needs by connecting them to emergency housing and support services. We collaborate with other agencies to supply essentials, help them access public benefits and

childcare, and work to secure them a safe home. Once we ensure that we have met their basic needs, we help them regain their independence by achieving personal and professional goals.

In one situation, an abuser habitually stalked his partner in violation of a restraining order. Our Victim Services Coordinators helped her and her son safely relocate to an area unknown to her abuser and establish a confidential mailing address. Upon her relocation, the survivor said she "finally felt safe."

With the help of the High Risk Team, one survivor became a specialized medical assistant, and another is attending a trade school.

Children who have been traumatized by abuse in the home are also supported throughout their healing process. Our Victim Services Coordinators work with our partners to place child survivors in programs that specialize in helping young people recover from abuse and trauma.

A committed partner of the High Risk Team, the City Attorney's Office works to protect vulnerable San Diegans from the most devastating consequences of domestic violence. Since its inception in 2011, the High Risk Team has served more than 400 individuals, with no known fatalities.

If you believe you are in danger, please contact the San Diego Family Justice Center, a division of the City Attorney's Office, which provides comprehensive services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and sex trafficking. You are not alone. We are here to help. You are safe at the San Diego Family Justice Center.

619-533-6000 (M-F, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

888-DV-LINKS (888-385-4657) 24 hours

Call 9-1-1 for emergencies

<https://www.sandiego.gov/fjc>

Mara W. Elliott is the San Diego City Attorney



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Abandoned Vehicles &	
Police Non-Emergency	(619) 531-2000
Airport Noise - Montgomery Airfield	(858) 573-1436
Animal Control-Incorporated S.D.	(619) 299-7012
Bus & Trolley Schedules	(619) 233-3004
Canyon Cleanup	(619) 533-4411
Child Abuse Hotline	(858) 560-2191
City Clerk - Docket Information	(619) 533-4000
Crime - General Business	(619) 531-2000
Crime Stoppers	(619) 235-8477
Dead Animal Removal stay on the line	(858) 694-7000
Emergency Information - Earthquake	(858) 565-3490
Fallen Trees	(858) 527-7500
Fire Department - Non-emergency	(619) 533-4300
Flies & Vermin	(858) 694-2888
Graffiti	(619) 525-8522
Hazardous Chemicals & Waste	(858) 694-7000
Health Violations	(619) 338-2222
Kearny High Alumni Association	(619) 699-0886
Litter - City Owned/Private Property	(858) 492-5055
Meals On Wheels	(619) 260-6110
Neighborhood Code Compliance	(619) 236-5500
Barking Dogs, Code Violations, Noise, Safety	
Police Department - Eastern Division	(858) 495-7900
Post Office	(800) 275-8777
Poison Control Center	(800) 876-4766
Rape /Domestic Violence Hotline	(858) 272-1767
RSVP (Retired Seniors Volunteer Patrol)	(858) 495-7990
SDG&E Emergencies	(800) 411-7343
Senior Citizen Services	(619) 236-6905
Serra Mesa Library	(858) 573-1396
Serra Mesa Recreation Center	(858) 573-1408
Sidewalk Repair	(619) 527-7500
Stadium Manager	(619) 641-3101
Stadium Security & Noise	(619) 641-3150
Stolen Property/Bicycles - To Report	(619) 531-2000
Storm Drain Misuse	(619) 235-1000
Street Repair - Faded signs, pavement	(619) 527-7500
Traffic Signal Maintenance	(619) 527-8650
Water Emergencies - City & Private	(619) 515-3525
Weeds	(619) 533-4444
Zoning/Permits - Questions &Violations	(619) 446-5000

Serra Mesa Recreation Center

9020 Village Glen Dr.
(858) 573-1408

Temporarily Closed

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

Community Sports Information:

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

N.Y.S. Soccer : (858) 973-6101

SD United Soccer: (858) 457-4625

Serra Mesa Senior Softball:
(858) 279-4283

Serra Mesa Little League: (858) 279-8361

Serra Mesa Recreation Council meets on
July 20 & August 17 at 6:30 p.m.



Serra Mesa Food Pantry has a drive-thru distribution every Wednesday from 10am-1pm at 2650 Melbourne Drive.



St. Columba Parish

3327 Glencolum Drive

San Diego, CA 92123

(858) 277-3863

www.stcolumbasandiego.com

Sunday Mass	7:30, 9:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
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

Working to Prevent Mass Shootings

By Mara W. Elliott

Every time I read about a mass shooting somewhere in America, I ask myself: Was this tragedy preventable?

The answer is usually yes. In most cases, perpetrators of mass shootings make their intentions known. Studies show that nearly 80 percent made explicit public threats -- often on social media or directly to their intended targets -- well in advance of the massacre. Yet in many parts of our country, those "red flags" are ignored.

In San Diego, my Office works every day to keep the unthinkable from happening. Working closely with the courts and law enforcement, our Gun Violence Response Unit acts quickly on threats of gun violence, whether it's someone intent on suicide, a vengeful ex, or a would-be mass shooter who holds a grudge against a school or workplace. Where warranted, the Unit petitions the court for a gun violence restraining order (GVRO), a crisis intervention tool that allows law enforcement to temporarily remove access to firearms from individuals who pose a threat to themselves or to others.

In one recent case, a 25-year-old man who was disturbed by COVID closures was regularly attending "Freedom Rallies" with his infant daughter, and calling for mass violence on social media. "Protesting is not the answer," he posted. "None of this is going to stop without bloodshed." The morning of the next protest, police served him with a GVRO. They found he'd packed a handgun and ammo into his daughter's diaper bag.

Another protest-related GVRO was obtained against a 32-year-old man who was posting threats on social media against Democrats and Black Lives Matter protesters. "All I want is a fight and a good death," he wrote. "I'm ready to die. I welcome Valhalla." (Valhalla is the Norse heaven, and a term appropriated by white supremacists.) Using a GVRO, police confiscated two unregistered AR-15s and a semi-automatic gun with a silencer.

In the three and a half years since my Office launched California's first comprehensive GVRO program, we have intervened with a GVRO in more than 550 dangerous situations, roughly one-third involving domestic violence. Removing access to firearms from these volatile situations not only protects the immediate parties, but can prevent future violence on a larger scale. A study of 749 mass shootings found that 70 percent of the shooters were men with a history of domestic violence.

We believe our quick action saves lives. Here are just a few of the hundreds of dangerous situations in which we've intervened:

- A 30-year-old man rented a hotel room in downtown San Diego, across from the federal courthouse. He made videos of himself appearing to do a practice run for a mass shooting, using multiple weapons and "dry-firing" out the window at unsuspecting pedestrians below. Two assault rifles were among the 14 firearms confiscated. All firearms were purchased in the 16-month period leading up to the incident.
- A 21-year-old man posted a picture of himself holding an AR-15 rifle on social media with a message saying "RIP" to his former high school. He wrote that no one would be graduating from that zip code, and that he hoped to die.
- Multiple employees at a military tech company complained about a 60-year-old co-worker who analyzed mass shootings and bragged he would do it better. He once commented that it would be easy to do a drive-by shooting while the employees were lined up during a fire drill, and described pointing guns at his neighbors.

Family members, classmates, neighbors, and co-workers are often the first to witness potentially dangerous situations. They contact police and we obtain a GVRO before a credible threat becomes a terrifying reality.

My message to you is this: if you know someone who is exhibiting threatening, dangerous, or suicidal behavior, and they have access to guns, contact law enforcement immediately.

San Diego is one of America's safest cities, and with your help, we can keep it that way.

San Diego Police Department's 24-hour non-emergency number: 619-531-2000

Call 911 in an emergency





If you are a senior, this report is designed especially for you!

Are you assured that you are being seen for who you are? Do you have those who will correct you and level as to what is but love you no matter what? Do you want to have someone to standby when you can't just keep on going? There is a system available for you here in Serra Mesa and it is called a "Village". It is for persons 55+ and any who want to volunteer to assist us in connecting with each other and providing resources necessary to maintain, support, and enrich full engaged adults as we age and remain in the homes we love.

Some of the things we do are: Provide social support, enlightenment, or engagement when attending our monthly meetings, local travel experiences with transportation provided, bi-weekly movies, walks in the neighborhood, weekly zoom contact meetings, and even a ceramics class and opportunity at our Serra Mesa Recreation Center.

Some of the rewards are: Support when you feel like giving up, more energy and strength than you could generate on your own, enrichment through many life-long relationships, an encouraging community that allows your passions an avenue to achievement, feeling a sense of accomplishment surrounded by those who care for you, and the best reward of all in knowing that you are contributing in a community to become a better person.

In conclusion, as we come out of these pandemic doldrums, get attached to a group who truly wants to accept and utilize your talents. Get connected today by contacting:

Kathy Andrews or Carl Demas

Serramesavillage10@gmail.com or call (858) 565-2473 and leave a message.

Serra Mesa Planning Group News

The Serra Mesa Planning Group (SMPG) is officially recognized by the City and makes recommendations on land use issues to the City. SMPG meets the third Thursday of the month, 7 pm. Until the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library opens SMPG is meeting online. Next meetings: July 15th and August 19th. When there isn't an agenda item a meeting cancellation notice is sent to anyone who has signed up at www.serramesa.org/. To contact us, email smpg@serramesa.org.

Board Opening: There are two openings on the Board. Anyone who is at least 18 years old, affiliated with the community as a property owner, resident of Serra Mesa, or a local Serra Mesa business person and who has attended two SMPG meetings in the last six months is eligible to be elected. The City provides training. See www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/resources.

Redistricting Commission Presentation (June 17th SMPG meeting): The commission is responsible for establishing the boundaries for City Council districts. According to the website at www.sandiego.gov/redistricting-commission "Districts must be comprised of contiguous territory and made as equal in population as shown by the Census reports, and as geographically compact as possible." District 7 is represented by Justine Nielsen. For more information and to receive notices about redistricting go to their website. In 2010 SMPG, representing Serra Mesa's interests attended and participated in redistricting meetings.

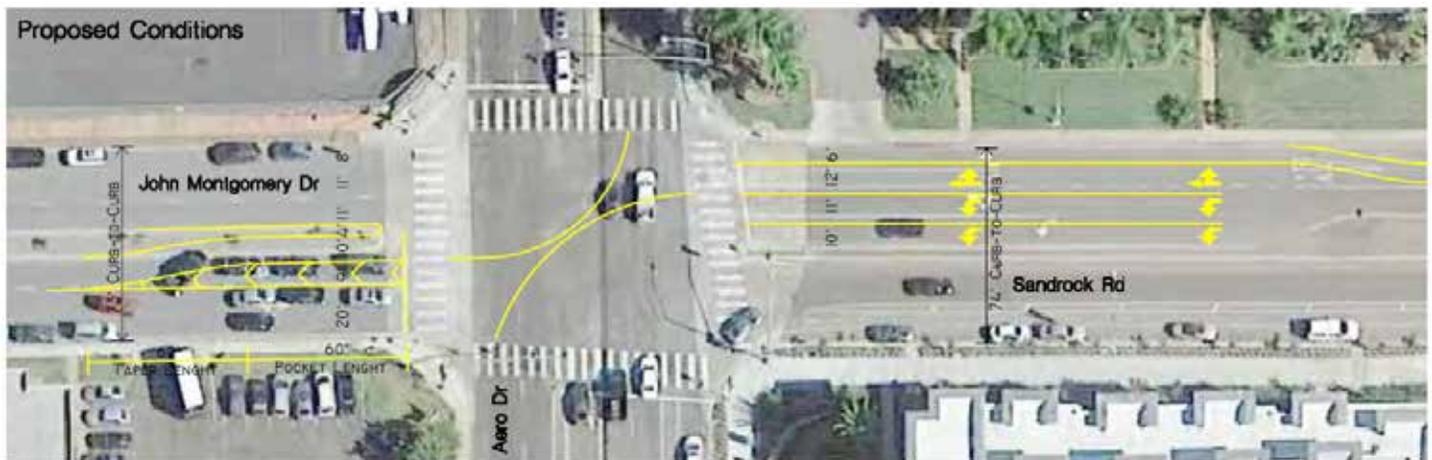
Road Changes on Sandrock and Aero Drive

Street work along Aero Drive and the Sandrock/Aero Drive intersection is the result of the VA Project located on Aero Drive, approved in January 2019. For history/details of this project, refer to <http://www.serramesa.org/news-events/>.

As a result of the project the following road changes are required to be completed in a manner satisfactory to the City Engineer and prior to occupancy:

- 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.

Here’s the conceptual plan that was approved:



Franklin Ridge Road Connection Update

Appeal: Filed on May 21, 2020. The appellant brief was filed on December 18, 2020. The city filed their brief on April 9, 2021. The appellant’s brief is expected to be filed in late June 2021.

Background: 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. A 501(c)3 nonprofit Board, composed of representatives from Civita and Serra Mesa, sued to protect public safety and the quality of life in Civita and Serra Mesa. On January 28, 2020, more than two years later, the San Diego County Superior Court ruled against the environmental lawsuit. The decision supported the City’s process.

More information: <http://www.serramesa.org/hot-topics/> (includes appeal, briefs, and ruling) and <https://savecivita.com/>.

Getting It Done

Get It Done can be used to report a non-emergency problem. Also, the program allows a resident to monitor the status of a reported case. Submission to Get It Done is easy and quick.*

Process

- Download the app for a mobile device at <https://www.sandiego.gov/getitdone> or submit the problem online at <https://www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done>. Get It Done Guidelines are at <https://www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done/outreach>.
- I Need To...: Select the desired action. For a community type issue, Select Report.
- Report: Select the desired issue. Common Community Issues: Dead animal, encampment, graffiti, litter/dumping, lost or found pet, missed trash collection, noise complaint, over irrigation, oversized vehicle, parking zone issue, pothole, problem on street or sidewalk, sidewalk maintenance, storm drain issue, street flooding, street light issue, traffic sign problem, traffic signal problem, tree hazard, and vehicle (72 hour violation). Additionally, reports can be made on some crime related issues.
- Report Now: Click on Report Now.
- Information requested for reporting a problem:
 - Enter address
 - Report category/type: Select
 - Description: 1 issue per report
 - Upload images: Include photo if possible.
 - Enter contact information (name, email address, phone number) that's entered is not visible to the public
- Click Submit and the blue Done button. If an email address was entered, an email with the report information is sent.
- Status of Report – Click on the link provided in the email or if an email wasn't sent, go to <https://getitdone.force.com/TSWViewReportByList> and find the report number. This site provides a lot of information. It shows the quantity of problems by categories. Also, by clicking on the Switch to Map View button, the status of problems in a geographic area can be viewed.
- Estimated time for problem resolution is at <https://getitdone.force.com/SiteArticlesList>

*Get It Done has received positive feedback for ease of use and prompt resolution from many, many people. A neighbor recently reported two different issues. The safety issue was resolved the next day; the other one, less than a week.

Brush Management/Weed Abatement

Get It Done doesn't seem to handle brush management/weed abatement cases. For details refer to <https://www.sandiego.gov/fire/services/complaintinspections>. For complaints about weeds on a non-vacant lot call the Fire Hazard Advisor at 619-533-4444. For information on weeds on a private vacant lot, refer to <https://www.sandiego.gov/fire/services/brush/lotprogram>.

Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library

(858) 573-1396 [facebook.com/SerraMesaLibrary/](https://www.facebook.com/SerraMesaLibrary/)

Email Questions to SMstaff@sanidiego.gov

Under the guidance of the City of San Diego, 12 San Diego Public Library locations are open for limited in-person services and an additional 13 locations provide Contactless Holds Pickup and Online library services. All book drops are available to the public. For the most up to date information please visit the [Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/SerraMesaKearnyMesaLibrary) and the San Diego Public Library homepage <https://sandiego.gov/public-library>

Contactless Pickup Service

While the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library is closed for in-person service, we provide access to physical materials through our limited Contactless Pickup Service, as well as at an additional 12 Pickup Service Locations. Place holds at <https://sandiego.gov/public-library> and find more information and for updates about Contactless Pickup Service at <https://sandiego.gov/public-library/pickup-service>

Hours: Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Limited In-Person Service

12 locations are now open for limited In-Person Services. Limited Services include Computer Usage (up to two hours), Printing, Holds Pickup, Reference and Reader's Advisory, Getting/Renewing a Library Card, and Browsing.

Hours: Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Limited In-Person Service Locations:

- Central
- Carmel Valley
- College-Rolando
- La Jolla/Riford
- Logan Heights
- Mira Mesa
- Mission Hills-Hillcrest/Knox
- Mission Valley
- Point Loma/Hervey
- Rancho Bernardo
- San Ysidro
- Valencia Park/Malcolm X

Online library services available 24/7

- **eBooks, eAudiobooks and Digital Magazines:** take a look at our eLibrary resource, we've got some new resources for the kids and adults <https://sandiego.gov/eLibrary>
- **Online Book Clubs** <https://sandiego.gov/bookclubs>
- **Videos:** <https://sandiego.gov/public-library/program-videos>
 - [Learn Bicycle Repair & Maintenance](#)
 - [Library Opera Insights Series:](#) a series of free lectures for the community by San Diego Opera and UC San Diego
 - [Virtual Hub:](#) virtual library media collection <https://sandiego.gov/sdplvirtual>

Virtual Monday Morning Storytime with Ms. Carrie

Join Ms. Carrie, on Zoom, Monday mornings at 10:00am for virtual stories, songs, and fun that foster early literacy skills. Register at <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/events/virtual-monday-morning-storytime-ms-carrie-45>. When you register for one storytime, you will receive an email with the Meeting Room and Passcode good for storytimes until September 27th, so you do not need to register for each session.

Serra Mesa Book Club

Join the Serra Mesa Book Club virtually on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. For registration, contact library staff at smstaff@sandiego.gov. July 13th will discuss *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* by Mark T. Sullivan and August 10th will discuss *The Radium Girls* by Kate Moore.

Library NExt 2021

In partnership with Sally Ride Science, check out this series of workshops for elementary, middle and high school students on topics including robotics, circuits, coding, and 64 + other STEAM subjects. Visit <https://www.sandiego.gov/librarynext> for more information and to view the current workshop schedule.

Friends of the Library Donations

The Friends of the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library are currently accepting book donations on Mondays from 3:00-5:30pm. Stay tune for news about upcoming used book sales by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/SerraMesaLibrary>.

Summer Reading Program! June 1 to August 31, 2021

Join the Summer Reading Program and see that *Reading Colors Your World!* It's free to sign up for ALL AGES at <https://www.sandiego.gov/summerreading>. Keep track of the books you read this summer with your online reading log and earn prizes for reading! Tune into the [Virtual Hub](#) on Thursdays at 3:30pm for special performances featuring clowns, magicians, animals, and more!



Celebrating Bruce Ingram Day 2021

Councilmember Raul Campillo

I had the honor of declaring May 21, 2021 Bruce Ingram Day in the City of San Diego. Bruce is a staple of the community who has been waving, blowing kisses, and spreading joy to residents of Serra Mesa from a street corner for over 30 years.

Not only were did we declare May 21, 2021 Bruce Ingram Day, but my team and I were able to get in on the fun. We joined Bruce to wave to passing by cars, and he lifted our spirits for the rest of the day. You can watch the full news story, and learn more about Bruce by clicking the links below.

[Click here to watch the full news story: https://www.10news.com/positivelysandiego/bruce-ingram-day-city-of-san-diego-honors-serra-mesas-waving-man](https://www.10news.com/positivelysandiego/bruce-ingram-day-city-of-san-diego-honors-serra-mesas-waving-man)

[Click here to read Bruce's story: https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/communities/san-diego/story/2021-04-22/after-30-years-of-spreading-joy-from-a-street-corner-serra-mesa-mans-neighbors-are-giving-back](https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/communities/san-diego/story/2021-04-22/after-30-years-of-spreading-joy-from-a-street-corner-serra-mesa-mans-neighbors-are-giving-back)



After beginning onsite construction operations in May 2020, the County's new Youth Transition Campus is now 75% complete. Doors are expected to open by the end of 2021. Balfour Beatty Construction began work in June on Meadow Lark Drive between Starling and Vista Hill. The work includes sidewalk replacement and the addition of street lighting on the east side of Meadow Lark Drive; a new facility driveway that directly aligns with Starling; several trenches into and crossing the street for electrical, communications, and other utilities; the installation of new poles and electrical service by SDG&E; and the installation of a traffic signal at the corner of Meadow Lark and Vista Hill. The work will temporarily eliminate parking on the east side of Meadowlark and will require lane re-routing and traffic control which will impact traffic flow on Meadow Lark without shutting it down. The MTS bus stop in front of the existing facility will be closed until mid-July, with bus service still accessible near the corner of Vista Hill and Meadow Lark. This first phase of work on Meadow Lark will continue into the fall of 2021. Following move-in operations at the end of 2021, the balance of the new parking lot will continue north of the current construction to the Vista Hill intersection and will last until May 2022, including further sidewalk replacement on the east side of Meadow Lark. When complete, the construction on Meadow Lark will improve traffic flow with the new road alignment, easier access into the YTC facility, and the new signalized intersection. Additionally, the new facility will include ample parking for County staff and visitors, helping to alleviate parking challenges in the neighborhood.

The YTC represents a fundamental shift in the County's methodology for rehabilitating youth in custody, building on years of academic research and success in similar new facilities around the county. Plans are in the works for Phase 2 which will demolish and replace the balance of the aging campus, potentially as early as the beginning of 2022, which will fully modernize the facility to align with current best practices for youth rehabilitation.

Fiscal Year 22 Funded Budget Priorities

Councilmember Raul A. Campillo

I am encouraged by the results of the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget process because I believe our budget makes substantial investments in our communities where those investments are needed most. The significant expenditures dedicated to fighting homelessness and improving our roads go a long way towards improving quality of life in our City. In short, the Adopted Budget:

- creates more opportunities for children and youth,
- supports the creation of local jobs,
- invests in critical fire prevention, and
- takes on the core issues of infrastructure and homelessness that District 7 constituents call my office to discuss on a daily basis.

The Office of Child and Youth Success is a long overdue step towards making our City more family-friendly and focusing on achieving better outcomes for the most vulnerable youth in our communities. This is a crucial step towards achieving the strong economic recovery I have been committed to since I have been in office. I am proud to have carried the torch in advocating for this improvement to our City that will help you and your neighbors find affordable, quality childcare and provide children with educational, employment, and recreational opportunities.

As Chair of the Economic Development and Intergovernmental Relations committee, my committee colleagues and I are committed to supporting small businesses that barely made it through the pandemic, and the workers that make those businesses go. I was very glad to see that the FY22 budget includes \$10 million in nonprofit and small business loans in hard-hit industries. Our new budget also created a concierge team to support small businesses and dedicated \$750,000 to expand and grow the small business enhancement program to include microgrants, plus another \$900,000 in discretionary grants to provide support to nonprofits and small businesses. Lastly, I was thrilled to see

another much-needed investment in the future of our workforce: \$1 million for the Connect2Careers workforce development program to bolster youth employment.

Fire season is now year-round in the City of San Diego. For many residents in District 7, the greatest threat to their property and quality of life comes from fires. As Vice Chair of the Public Safety & Livable Neighborhoods Committee, I have advocated for the funds needed to protect our homes and businesses. I was very glad to see that our calls for additional resources were answered with the re-instatement of funding for maintenance of an additional helicopter the Fire-Rescue Department uses to extinguish fires and keep us safe, as well as a boost to weed abatement funding. I am grateful to the Mayor for including this property- and life-sustaining investment in the FY2022 budget.

I have walked, driven, and biked on the streets in District 7, and my Office is in constant communication with residents and City staff to see repairs made. Fixing our roads is a top priority of mine and will be until we dramatically improve the conditions of the roads. I advocated strongly for the maximum possible funds to be allocated to street repairs, and I am optimistic about what our City staff will be able to do with the \$74.9 million for street repaving that has been allocated. My Office will continue pointing City staff in the direction of those much-needed street repairs in our neighborhoods, and I encourage you to use the Get It Done App to report needed repairs as well.

One of, if not the greatest issue facing our City is our current homelessness crisis. I believe the Mayor has heard the calls from the residents, from me, and from my colleagues to implement new and creative approaches to this crisis that will get people off the streets and into dignified shelter. I was gratified to see that the Budget included creation of a new Homelessness Strategies Department to ensure the City is set up to be successful in its efforts to end homelessness. Also, more than \$7 million has been allocated for new approaches to help people struggling with substance use and addictions to exit homelessness. These are just a few of the seven-figure investments our budget makes in addressing the

Friends of Ruffin Canyon

By Cindy McIntyre

On Saturday May 29, the Friends of Ruffin Canyon were able to finally hold a community clean-up of the Rec-Library canyon. A small but mighty group of 9 volunteers tackled the cut non-native invasive plants that had accumulated for the past 18 months. The I Love A Clean San Diego events that usually took place every 6 months had not happened for 18 months with Covid.

We invite you to take a walk on the canyon trail and observe many native plants that feed the birds, bees, butterflies and reptiles of the canyon. There is a native bee colony in an old telephone pole. It is marked by signage. Volunteers were Kevin, Monica, John, Barry, Rose, Cindy, Kathleen, Jamie and Cindy.

We will be starting our monthly first Saturday of the month clean-ups at Taft and Shawn so. For any questions or to join our email list friendsofruffincanyon@gmail.com.



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homelessness epidemic, and I am optimistic for the results that can follow if we implement these proposed and funded programs successfully.

Overall, I am very encouraged by the adopted FY22 budget, and I thank all of you who attended townhalls, wrote emails, made phone calls, and sent in letters to advocate for the issues that matter to you. If you have any questions about the budget or how we went about advocating for District 7 families, please do not hesitate to contact my office at RaulCampillo@sandiego.gov or 619-236-6677. We will be happy to assist you.



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