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Serra Mesa Community Council

Wednesday, March 23

6:30 p.m.

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

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Wednesday, April 27

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Mar 2	Friends of Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library 5:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Sudberry Room
Mar 5	Friends of Ruffin Canyon Cleanup 9:00 a.m., Shawn Avenue entrance to Ruffin Canyon
Mar 15	Serra Mesa Recreation Center Council Meeting 6:30 p.m., 9020 Village Glen Drive
Mar 17	Serra Mesa Village Connection 3:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
Mar 17	Serra Mesa Planning Group 7 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Room
Mar 23	Friends of Ruffin Canyon 5:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
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April 27	Friends of Ruffin Canyon 5:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
April 27	Serra Mesa Community Council Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
May 4	Friends of Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library 5:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Sudberry Room
May 7	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.**In This Issue...**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Why We Need Clean Elections

Looking over our current situation with so many issues facing our every day living, it came to mind that our country has always been able to find the right person to lead us through difficult times. I think of Franklin D. Roosevelt who brought us out of the great depression, John Kennedy who inspired us to go to the moon, and it seems that the right person was always there at just the right time. As you know the Serra Mesa Community Council (SMCC) and the Serra Mesa Planning Group (SMPG) have worked for many years to improve the communications and general living conditions with the City of San Diego. In this endeavor, I have had the privilege to work with many talented people who could very well do a great job representing our interests. One of the problems has always been the cost of running a campaign and the allegiance one has when accepting funds from special interest groups. In my opinion, developers, big money contributors and lobbyists have more influence and clout at City Hall at all levels than our neighborhoods. The result is that neighborhood needs are often ignored or sacrificed.

Clean Elections is a movement proposing that neighborhood candidates could earn the right for public financing of their campaigns thereby assuring that they could run a competitive campaign. The neighborhoods could get behind their candidates with the knowledge that their interests are being addressed and proposed. I am attaching a link that will take you to a short presentation addressing Clean Elections. <https://vimeo.com/662125335> (You may need to copy and paste URL)

The intent of the movement is to put this on the ballot of the City of San Diego in 2024. If you wish to know

more about the mechanics of this legislation, refer to David Garrick's article in the June 2, 2020 edition of the Union Tribune.

Public Service is a noble venture and desperately needed to ensure that our Republic is properly managed. I would also like to take this opportunity to any Serra Mesa Resident who has an interest in running for public office to contact us and advise us of your intention. We would like to speak to you to see how we may assist you. I would also like to encourage parents and teachers of tomorrows leaders to speak positively and help develop those who have an interest.

I think we can all agree that if we want more of the same, we should continue to do what we are doing. If we want something different, we have to do something different. Should you wish to contact me, email: communitycouncil@serramesa.org or leave a message at (858) 565-2473

Carl Demas, President of SMCC

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Traveling by Air? Leave Your Firearms at Home

By Mara W. Elliott, San Diego City Attorney

More people tried to bring firearms onto airplanes last year than ever before, and San Diego was part of that trend.

The U.S. Transportation Security Administration knew it had a problem on its hands as early as October, when the number of guns confiscated at airport security checkpoints had already surpassed the previous all-time high and was continuing to climb.

At San Diego International Airport, 13 individuals were referred to our Office after being caught trying to bring guns onto planes in 2021, nearly as many as the previous three years combined.

This trend is concerning. People expect air travel to be safe, and are alarmed by the increasing number of flights being locked down or diverted because of mask protesters and inebriated passengers. We rely more than ever on the TSA to keep planes weapon-free, but the gun industry works faster, creating new guns and gun parts that are undetectable and untraceable.

When airport police confiscate weapons, the cases are often referred to my office. We can file misdemeanor charges ranging from introducing a weapon into a secure area to carrying a loaded firearm in a public place.

In San Diego, the typical traveler caught by the TSA is a male who has a loaded handgun in his carry-on bag or backpack and no criminal record. About one-quarter of them are current or former law enforcement or military.

Almost always, when caught, the gun owner will say they were in a hurry to get to the airport and forgot the gun was in their bag. Others claim they put the gun in their bag to keep it away from their children, untrustworthy roommates, or even thieving family members.

They are usually cooperative and often upset or frightened about how the arrest will affect their careers and futures. Among those stopped in San Diego were a pastor, lifeguard, real estate agent, plastic surgeon, firearm company employee, and at least two who said they needed to carry a gun because they frequently traveled with large amounts of cash.

The penalties generally include forfeiture of the weapon and fines of up to \$1,000. The courts often order defendants to take firearms safety courses, perform community service, and submit to a Fourth Amendment waiver for a set period of time, which means their persons and property are subject to search if law enforcement believes they are committing new crimes. The defendant may receive court-ordered diversion which keeps them out of jail as long as they remain law abiding and possess no weapons for a set period, usually six months to a year.

In addition, the TSA may levy hefty fines for these violations: bringing a loaded firearm through airport security can cost as much as \$13,910; bringing an unloaded gun on a plane will result in a fine up to \$2,475.

Remember: Travelers are *never* permitted to bring ammunition and loaded or unloaded firearms onboard commercial aircraft in the United States. Unloaded firearms and ammunition may be transported in checked luggage if properly stored in a hard-sided locked case and declared to airline personnel upon check-in. Different states, local governments, and airlines may have additional restrictions. It is up to the traveler to know and abide by them.



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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



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

Saturday 8:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Mon-Thurs. 7:00 a.m.

Fri. 8:15 a.m.

Holy Days Please call the church for schedule



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

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Prosecutors in my office evaluate each case on its facts and file charges only when the elements of a crime are present. Sometimes an individual has a reasonable explanation that shows a good-faith attempt to follow the law. Others are not interested in complying with the law: three of the 24 individuals charged by our Office in the past four years failed to appear in court and now have warrants out for their arrest.

Restrictions on firearms during air travel exist to keep all of us safe from the threat of potential gun violence, including accidental shootings, in crowded airports and in our skies. Ignorance of the law, being forgetful, or being in a hurry, is no excuse.

So, regardless of your reason for carrying a gun to the airport, think again. You can save yourself a lot of time, trouble, and costly legal consequences by making sure you comply with laws that keep travelers safe.

What's Happening to Housing?

California Senate Bill 9 (SB 9) effective January 1, 2022 and the City of San Diego's recent changes to the land use code will greatly impact the housing in established neighborhoods. In Serra Mesa there are numerous owners who have or are in the process of making additions to their homes.

The following information focuses only on regulations pertaining to properties zoned for single dwelling units outside of the Coastal Overlay Zone and is summarized/copied from <https://www.sandiego.gov/city-clerk/officialdocs/council-agendas-minutes-results> (Select Feb 8, 2022, Click Item #333) and <https://www.sandiego.gov/development-services/news-programs/programs/companion-junior-units>.

Definitions:

- Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) commonly known as Granny Flats – detached or attached structures on a residential lot; permanent housing; shall not be used for rental terms less than 31 consecutive days.
- Junior Accessory Dwelling Units (JADUs) – dwelling unit 500 s.f. or less in size and within existing or proposed single family unit or detached garage or attached or detached ADU. May include separate or shared sanitation facilities.
- Transit Priority Area (TPA) – “an area within one-half mile of a major transit stop that is existing or planned...” The map at <https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/transit-priority-map.pdf> currently shows most of Serra Mesa except for the Birdland area outside of a TPA.

Size (gross floor area):

- ADU: Minimum, 150 s.f.; Maximum, 1200 s.f.
- JADU: Minimum, 150 s.f.; Maximum, 500 s.f.

Parking for ADU and JADU: No parking spaces required (including not required for garage conversions).

Setbacks for ADU and JADU:

- If conversion of existing structure, may adhere to setback of existing structure.
- If addition to existing structure proposed, ADU adhere to the front and street-side setbacks. 0' setback for side and rear yard allowed for single story; 4' for multi-story.
- If new structure proposed, ADU adhere to front and street side yard setbacks. 0" setback for side and rear yard allowed for single story; 4' for multi-story.

Building Permitted within Single-Family Zone

- 1 Single Dwelling Unit
- 1 ADU
- 1 JADU

ADU Bonus Program: One additional ADU permitted for every ADU on premises that is set aside as affordable for period of not less than 15 years. No limit to number of bonus ADUs within a TPA; one bonus ADU outside a TPA.

Development Impact Fees: First 2 ADUs are exempt; all ADUs in excess of two greater than 750 s.f. pay proportionate or scaled DIF.

Tree: If 2 or more ADUs or JADUs constructed, 2 trees must be provided on site for every 5,000 s.f. of lot area; minimum, one tree.

Serra Mesa Village Newsletter

We are finally returning to some regular activities such as meeting in person at the Serra Mesa Library on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 2-4PM. We were informed of Jewish Family Services programs by Stephen Carney of their "On the Go Transportation Programs". If you would like more information, please click on the On the Go Info Link. Our latest travel trip brought us to Balboa Park and a visit to the Mingei International Museum. Our travel guide and board member Bill Horton led us on an always informational excursion and for March 3rd we plan on attending Cabrillo Monument and Museum for a tour of that facility. Our next four movies are 3-8 Snow White, 3-22 Ten Commandments I, 4-12 Ten Commandments II, and on 4-26 Dangerous Liaisons. We have a walking group that meets in front of the Recreation Center on M, W, & F at 8AM. Finally, our Ceramic Group meets every Thursday from 12:30-4:30PM in the Recreation Center Craft Room. We are open to new participants as our yearly membership dues are only \$25.00 and that covers all organizational and operating costs. You can contact us at: serramesavillage.org, email: serramesavillage10@gmail.com or by phone at (858) 0565-2473



Come join us for some really worthwhile activities and companionship.



[OntheGoInfo.pdf](#)

County Representation

Serra Mesa is now split into two districts – **Birdland in District 4 represented by Supervisor Nathan Fletcher and the rest of Serra Mesa in District 2 represented by Supervisor Joel Anderson.** Neighboring communities: Part of Kearny Mesa, all of Tierrasanta and Allied Gardens in District 2; Mission Valley in District 4. Currently District 2 is represented by Supervisor Joel Anderson; District 4, Supervisor Nathan Fletcher.

The article in the last edition of the Serra Mesa Observer indicated that the map becomes effective after the 2022 general election. However, the Board of Supervisors **voted to make the new map effective immediately.**

Serra Mesa Recreation Center

9020 Village Glen Dr.
(858) 573-1408

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

<http://www.ayso780.org>

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
<http://www.serramesalittleleague.org>

Serra Mesa Recreation Council meets on
March 15 & April 19 at 6:30 p.m.

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Other Regulations

ADU: owner who agrees to reside in one of dwelling units for minimum of 3 years is exempt from paying Development Impact Fee.

JADU: separate exterior entry, separate independent kitchen, may have separate independent sanitation facilities, property owner required to live on-site, not be leased for term of less than 31 consecutive days, neither primary dwelling unit nor junior unit may be sold or conveyed separately and owner shall reside in either primary dwelling unit, ADU or JADU.

SB 9 requires that the City ministerially approve the subdivision of a parcel zoned for single family use into two equal parcels (not less than 1,200 s.f.). The owner is required to reside for a minimum of three years in one of the lots.

City's Implementation of SB9

- Maximum of 4 units
- Exclusions in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones
- 4' setbacks for multistory units
- No required parking space inside TPA; 1 parking space for 3rd and 4th unit outside of TPA
- 2 trees for every 5,000 s.f. of lot area with minimum of one tree
- ADUs and JADUS not allowed

Franklin Ridge Road Connection Update

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. An appeal was filed on May 21, 2020. On December 16, 2021 the Court of Appeal ruled against the appeal and supported the judge's ruling against the environmental lawsuit.

Issue: If this freeway connector is completed, *lives are at risk*. **A 4-lane, 55-mph freeway connector will immediately allow over 23,000 cars daily increasing to over 34,000 cars a day** through Serra Mesa and half-mile stretches of Via Alta and Franklin Ridge roads in Civita. This freeway connector will clog the only access road for many homes in Serra Mesa, creating a dangerous situation for emergency access and evacuation of that area. Also, the road connection creates a safety risk for the elementary school at the corner of Via Alta and Civita Blvd scheduled to open in Fall 2022.

Action: Petition for Review filed with the Supreme Court of California on January 25, 2022. Petition at <http://www.serramesa.org/hot-topics/>.

Funds Needed: Turn your concerns about the road connection into action. Donations are tax deductible. Thanks to all of the generous people who have donated to this cause and made the fundraising effort a success. Online donation information is at <https://savecivita.com/take-action/> or checks can be addressed to Save Civita and mailed to Save Civita, PO Box 23315, San Diego, CA 92193.

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

Free Courses Adults 55+ Can Take for Personal Enrichment

Written By: Allura Garis



Drawing and Painting, Brain Fitness, Orchestra among free options for older adults at San Diego College of Continuing Education.

This spring, adults 55 and older can learn another creative skill for no-cost that enhances brain function and reverses the effects of age-related decline. From playing the Ukulele, watercolor painting, healthy living to preparing for retirement, San Diego College of Continuing Education's (SDCCE's) Emeritus Program offers free online and hybrid classes throughout San Diego county.

Nearly 200 free courses are specifically designed for older adults to help maintain independence, stay intellectually stimulated, socially engaged and physically fit.

Among the most popular choices are, Rediscover San Diego Art, scholars journey through virtual tours inside the studios of local modern artists and after engage in lecture-discussion. For cinema fans, the Favorite Books as Movies course explores literary techniques in addition to film adaptations. Inside the Health Education classroom, students learn how to reduce stress and anxiety through physical and mental health exercises. Traditionally offered on campus, many classes are currently offered online and partially online.

"SDCCE's Emeritus program really keeps my mind and body going especially through the COVID-19 pandemic and encourages socialization," said Joan Stevens, 82, a retired elementary school teacher from Brooklyn. She first learned about free classes at SDCCE at age 64 when she enrolled in a music appreciation class and has been a student ever since.

During the spring semester, Stevens will take opera, music appreciation, literature, play reading, history of rock and roll, brain fitness, creative writing, and art appreciation.

New this year at SDCCE is the Law & the Retiree curriculum series. "Whether retired or planning to retire, this series gives an overview of legal topics in areas of healthcare, insurance, housing, and retirement. Students can use this knowledge to better communicate with public agencies or personal representatives such as their lawyers and doctors," said SDCCE faculty Harvey Zeytuntsyan, J.D.

Enrollment is open now. Sign up at SDCCE.EDU/EMERITUS.

Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library(858) 573-1396 facebook.com/SerraMesaLibrary/Email Questions to SMstaff@san Diego.gov**Holiday Closures**

All San Diego Public Library Locations will be closed

Thursday, March 31 in observance of César Chávez Day

Limited Hours In-Person/Contactless Pickup Service

The Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library is open for in-person service on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. On Monday and Thursday-Saturday we provide access to physical materials through our limited Contactless Pickup Service. Place holds at <https://sandiego.gov/public-library> and find more information and for updates about Contactless Pickup Service and In-Person Service at <https://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/in-person-library-services>

**In Person Services**

Tuesday
11:30-8:00
Wednesday
9:30-6:00

Contactless Pickup

Monday
11:30-8:00
Thursday-Saturday
9:30-6:00

In-Person Service

31 locations are now open 6 days a week for In-Person Services. Available Services include Item Checkout, Computer Usage, Printing, Holds Pickup, Reference, Browsing, Study Rooms, and Library Account Assistance.

Hours: Monday and Tuesday 11:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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| • Balboa | • Mission Hills-Hillcrest/Knox | • San Carlos |
| • Carmel Mountain Ranch | • Mission Valley | • San Ysidro |
| • Carmel Valley | • North Park | • Scripps Miramar Ranch |
| • Central | • North University Community | • Skyline Hills |
| • City Heights | • Oak Park | • Tierrasanta |
| • College-Rolando | • Otay Mesa-Nestor | • University Heights |
| • Kensington | • Pacific Beach | • University Community |
| • La Jolla/Riford | • Paradise Hills | • Valencia Park/Malcolm X |
| • Linda Vista | • Point Loma/Hervey | |
| • Logan Heights | • Rancho Bernardo | |

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>
- **Kanopy:** Free access to movies with your library card <https://sandiegopl.kanopy.com/>
- **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 Wednesday Morning Storytime with Ms. Carrie

Join Ms. Carrie, on Zoom, Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am for virtual stories, songs, and fun that foster early literacy skills. Register at <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/events/virtual-wednesday-morning-storytime-ms-carrie-44>. When you register for one storytime, you will receive an email with the Meeting Room and Passcode good for storytimes until April 27th, so you do not need to register for each session.

Serra Mesa Book Club

Join the Serra Mesa Book Club on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. March 8th will discuss *Into the Water* by Paula Hawkins, and April 12th will discuss *Empire of Pain: The Secret History of the Sackler Dynasty* by Patrick Radden Keefe.

Library NExT 2022

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 4:00-8:00 pm. Stay tuned for news about upcoming used book sales by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/SerraMesaLibrary>

Spring Into STEAM

Set off on an adventure to explore botany, agriculture, and forestation in this annual Spring into STEAM event. Spring into STEAM is the San Diego Public Library's science-focused program series for 9-12-year-old students. Workshops take place both virtually and in person at various library locations during the months of March, April and May. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/spring-into-steam>

Friends of the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library Meeting. March 2, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

Community members are welcome to join, become a member, and discuss ways to support the library. This meeting will be held in virtually on Zoom. Please email serramesalibraryfriends@gmail.com for the log in information.

AARP Tax Preparation Assistance – Fridays February 4 through April 15, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The AARP will be providing free tax help **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY** for taxpayers with low to moderate income on Fridays, February 4 - April 15. Appointments can only be made **IN PERSON**. Fridays, sign up with AARP tax preparers at the library to schedule an appointment. Masks will be required for individuals ages 2+ regardless of vaccination status.

Mobile Hotspots

Mobile Hotspots are now available for check out at the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library. The mobile hotspots are easy to use and allow users to connect their laptop, tablet and other Wi-Fi enabled devices to the internet. Find out more information at <https://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/san-diego-access-4-all>



Engineering & Capital Projects



FACT SHEET

Mission Center Canyon A

Background

The City of San Diego has more than 3,000 miles of sewer pipelines to provide wastewater services to its businesses and residences. Some pipelines are more than 100 years old, are deteriorating, and are in need of replacement, repair and upgrades. To avoid future service disruptions, such as sewer pipeline stoppages and spills, the aging pipelines will be replaced or rehabilitated. The new pipelines will bring the existing sewer pipelines up to modern standards, accommodate community growth and reduce maintenance requirements.

Project Overview

Mission Center Canyon A project will replace the aging and deteriorating sewer pipelines in the Birdland and Serra Mesa areas of San Diego. The construction of this project will take place on City right-of-way (streets) and other paved surfaces. The project will:

- Replace 0.57 miles (3,017 feet) of existing 8-inch sewer pipelines
- Rehabilitate 0.11 miles (606 feet) of existing 8-inch sewer pipelines
- Resurface/ Slurry streets impacted by its construction activities
- Install new curb ramps that will improve mobility access for people with physical disabilities
- Use best management practices (BMPs) for erosion control, storm drain inlet protection and restoration of disturbed areas to their original condition

Project Schedule

Completion of Project Design: December 2022

Construction: Summer 2022 – Winter 2023*

Project Budget

This project's construction budget is \$2.1 million.*

** Construction schedule and project budget are subject to change.*



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Project Name



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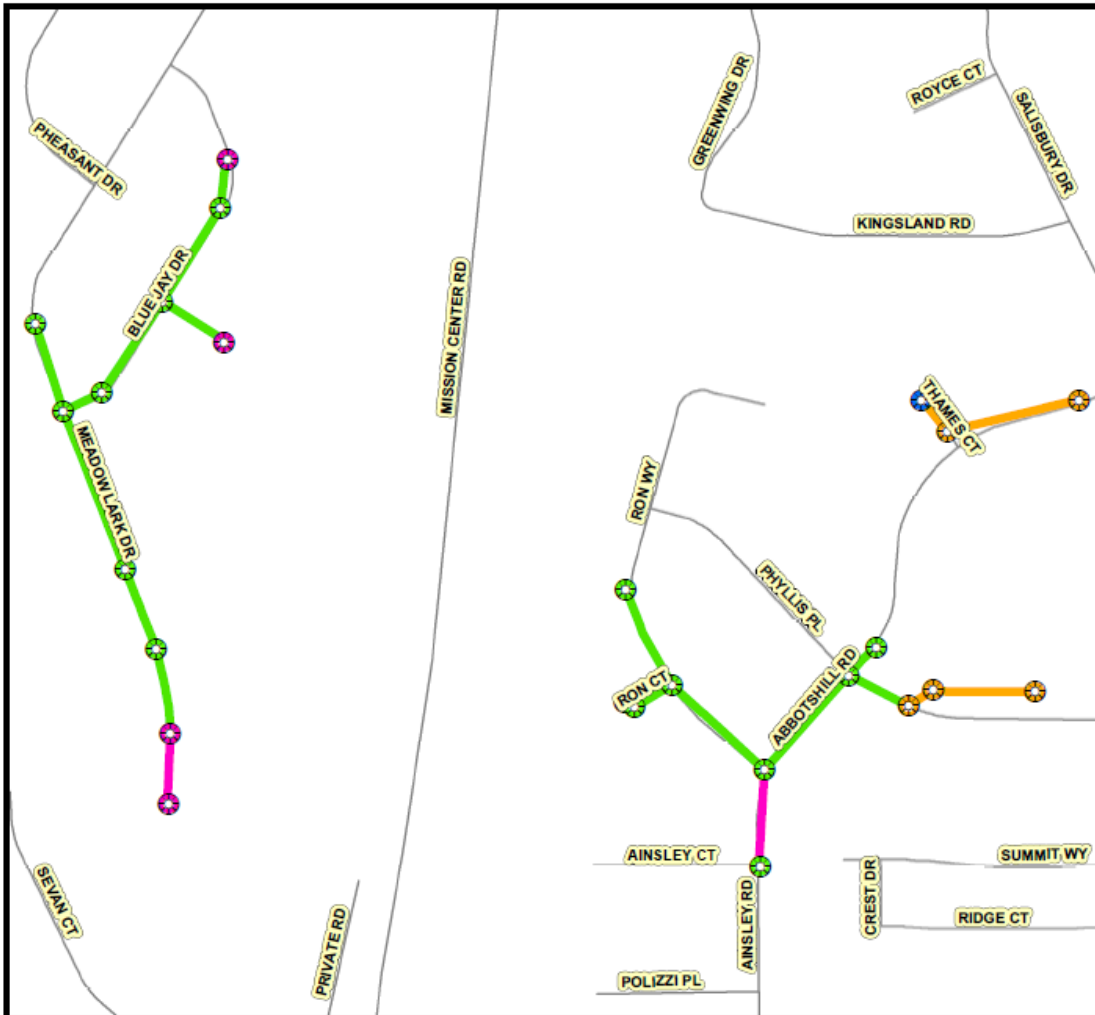
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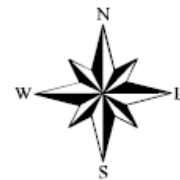
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Legend

- New Manholes
- New Cleanouts
- Rehab Manholes
- New Sewer
- Replace Sewer
- Rehab Sewer




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COUNCIL DISTRICT: 7



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MARCH 2022 SERRA MESA VILLAGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS						
<div>◀ February</div>					<div>April ▶</div>	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Ash Wednesday 12:30 - 4:30 - CERAMICS SMRC	3 10:00 AM - SMV DAY TRIP - SM/KM	4 8:00 AM - SMV WALK SMRC	5
6 Nat'l Oreo cookie Day 	7 8:00 AM - SMV WALK SMRC	8 Int'l. Women's Day 2:00 PM - SMV MOVIE HABC	9 8:00 AM - SMV WALK SMRC 12:30 - 4:30 - CERAMICS SMRC	10 1:00 PM - SMV ZOOM CHAT	11 8:00 AM - SMV WALK SMRC	12 Plant a flower day
13 Daylight Saving Begins	14 8:00 AM - SMV WALK SMRC	15 2:00 PM - SMV CONNECTION MTG. SM/KM	16 8:00 AM - SMV WALK SMRC 12:30 - 4:30 - CERAMICS SMRC	17 Saint Patrick's Day 1:00 PM - SMV ZOOM CHAT	18 8:00 AM - SMV WALK SMRC	19
20 Start of Spring (Spring Equinox)	21 8:00 AM - SMV WALK SMRC	22 2:00 PM - SMV MOVIE HABC	23 8:00 AM - SMV WALK SMRC 12:30 - 4:30 - CERAMICS SMRC	24 1:00 PM - SMV ZOOM CHAT	25 8:00 AM - SMV WALK SMRC	26 Earth Hour Nat'l Spinach Day
27	28 8:00 AM - SMV WALK SMRC	29	30 8:00 AM - SMV WALK SMRC	31 1:00 PM - SMV ZOOM CHAT		

APRIL 2022 SERRA MESA VILLAGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<div> <div>◀ March</div> <div>May ▶</div> </div>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 8:00 AM - SMV WALK SMRC	2
3 Chocolate mousse day	4 8:00 AM - SMV WALK SMRC	5	6 8:00 AM - SMV WALK SMRC 12:30 - 4:30 - CERAMICS SMRC	7 10:00 AM - SMV DAY TRIP - SM/KM	8 8:00 AM - SMV WALK SMRC	9
10 Hug your dog day	11 8:00 AM - SMV WALK SMRC	12 2:00 PM - SMV MOVIE HABC	13 8:00 AM - SMV WALK SMRC 12:30 - 4:30 - CERAMICS SMRC	14 Holy Thursday 1:00 PM - SMV ZOOM CHAT	15 Good Friday 8:00 AM - SMV WALK SMRC	16 Nat'l Librarian Day
17 Easter	18 Tax Day (Taxes Due) 8:00 AM - SMV WALK SMRC	19 2:00 PM - SMV CONNECTION MTG. SM/KM	20 8:00 AM - SMV WALK SMRC 12:30 - 4:30 - CERAMICS SMRC	21 1:00 PM - SMV ZOOM CHAT	22 Earth Day 8:00 AM - SMV WALK SMRC	23
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SMRC - SERRA MESA REC CTR - 9020 VILLAGE GLEN DR
 SM/KM - SERRA MESA/ KEARNY MESA LIBRARY - 9005 AERO DR
 HABC - HOLY ANGELS BYZANTINE CHURCH - 2235 GALAHAD ROAD



Native Plant Installation in Ruffin Canyon

On February 5, San Diego Canyonlands and Friends of Ruffin Canyon had a native plant installation in Shawn Canyon. Canyonlands has been working for months to clear non- native invasive plants out of the Taft Ruffin Canyon area. Volunteers came from all over the county to help. Two high school groups, one from Del Norte and one from Point Loma pitched in the dig the rocky soil and plant the plants that were purposely place by Canyonlands in 3 areas of the canyon. After planting and watering protective cones were placed around the plants to discourage rabbits from nibbling on the new natives.

Friends of Ruffin Canyon and Canyonlands will be in the Canyon again on March 5th from 9 am to 12 pm to clear more invasive non-native plants from the landscape. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, you can sign up on the San Diego Canyonlands website or show up on the 5th at the Shawn Canyon entrance. Hope to see you there.

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Taft Joint Use Project Update

An article in the last Observer edition described the Taft Joint Use Project and the issue with the stage being removed from the design. There was a contradiction – in 2018 the community was assured by our former city councilmember and the Parks & Recreation Department representative that the project was fully funded. But now the department indicates that because of insufficient funding the concrete flush stage pad and curved seat wall have been removed.

The department has provided a breakdown of funding and assured us that the City isn't paying for any amenities that are specifically required by the school district. The school district is contributing 5.3 acres of land and approximately \$4.8 million; the City, \$3 million (additionally \$419,000 was spent "to complete the public input GDP and construction document phases of the project").

An email has been sent to City Councilmember Raul Campillo's office asking for a staff response to the following questions:

- Why can't a walking path be designed to go around the stage?
- How much does it cost to build a stage?
- Why wasn't the community kept informed about the changes by staff and the Mayor's office?

Serra Mesa Planning Group News

Meetings: 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, via online meetings. To receive notices about meetings, which would include a link for the online meeting, sign up at <http://www.serramesa.org/>. Next meetings: March 17 and April 21. To contact us, email smpg@serramesa.org.

Elections: SMPG's bylaws allow fifteen Board members. On March 17, 2022 SMPG will conduct an annual election for board members for two year terms. 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 <https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/resources>.

Current SMPG board members are Jim Antoshak, Chris Castillo, Ian Clampett, Denise Davidson, Kira Finkenberg (Secretary), Rochelle Freeman-Zuniga, Adam Gardner, Tony Guerra, Cindy Moore, Chris Rosemond (Vice-Chair), Sandra Stahl, and Catherine Stempel (Chair).

Information Item: There will be sewer replacement projects in Serra Mesa. Areas of improvement include Birdland and Mission Center Road.

Action Items:

January 20th meeting – SMPG Board established a subcommittee to review the proposed changes to community planning groups (CPGs). The City Attorney has determined that the current structure of CPGs “conflicts with the City Charter”. City Councilmember Joe LaCava is spearheading the CPG reform effort and modifying the proposed changes as he receives feedback from the community. Full information at <https://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd1/policies-priorities>. The City Council will hear the item this spring.

February 17th meeting – SMPG Board voted to send the letter (<http://www.serramesa.org/smpg/smpg-annual-reports/>) drafted by the subcommittee.



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