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You are invited to participate in the

**Serra Mesa Community Council**

Wednesday, July 27

6:30 p.m.

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

**Serra Mesa Community Council**

Wednesday, August 24

6:30 p.m.

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



***Serra Mesa in Bloom***

*Picture taken by Christopher French*

**Neighborhood People  
and Friendly Businesses  
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**CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS**

July 2	Friends of Ruffin Canyon Cleanup 9:00 a.m., Shawn Avenue entrance to Ruffin Canyon
July 6	Friends of Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library 5:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Sudberry Room
May 19	Serra Mesa Recreation Center Council Meeting 6:30 p.m., 9020 Village Glen Drive
May 21	Serra Mesa Village Connection 3:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
May 21	Serra Mesa Planning Group 7 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Room
May 27	Friends of Ruffin Canyon 5:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
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Aug 24	Friends of Ruffin Canyon 5:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
Aug 24	Serra Mesa Community Council Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
Sept 3	Friends of Ruffin Canyon Cleanup 9:00 a.m., Shawn Avenue entrance to Ruffin Canyon
Sept 7	Friends of Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library 5:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Sudberry Room

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

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I recently saw a post on Next Door where the author questioned the existence of The Serra Mesa Community Council. My immediate question was how could that be? Sounds to me like we need to make ourselves better known with all the new families moving into our neighborhood. So we need to boost our social media presence and make sure all of our residents know about this greatest secret in San Diego. As many of you know we have reduced the number of meetings per year to four. The months selected by your SMCC Board are Jan, Mar, May, and Sep. It is our hope that the reduced number of meetings would boost attendance as well as making the meetings more meaningful. I am not sure that has worked as we seem to be “Out of sight, Out of mind”. We will be going online with our meetings with Zoom and are working to perfect that media with our equipment but could use an expert if someone out there is willing to run the equipment and enable us to connect with outside presentations. We are getting closer, so look forward to online SMCC Meetings to help extend our presence. We will also be increasing our presence on Facebook and Next-Door to announce our events so you can expect to see more of us on a regular basis.

As we all attempt to get back to “Normal”, I know that we are all experiencing higher prices for things which may by its nature put some of our neighbors in in a tighter position relative to staples like food and prescriptions. Let me remind you that we have a wonderful Serra Mesa Food Pantry located at Mission Village Christian Fellowship, 2650 Melbourne Drive. Hours are Wednesdays, 10AM – 1PM. This is a voluntary non-profit organization manned by volunteers at no cost to the user. To utilize, one must show an address in Serra Mesa. If you would like to contribute, checks can be made out to Mission Village Christian

Fellowship at the same address and San Diego Food Pantry designated or just bring food items an hour before opening.

Should you have a desire to be on the SMCC Board, we do have several openings and would welcome your presence and ideas. We have a lot of issues that require your attention such as committees that further the service of our community. We would also like to interface with our local businesses, schools, Planning Committee, Library Services, Friends of Ruffin Canyon, Homelessness, and Senior Center to support and assist them. Serra Mesa is a wonderful place to live because so many have planned to make it that way and our mission is to perpetuate that idea.

Now more than ever before it behooves us to reach out to our neighbors. Get to know who lives next to you and on your block. Frequent local businesses and let them know how you appreciate them being here. Join the PTA or any of the local organizations who can use your input and involvement. The best way to have a friend is to be a friend so reach out and let folks know that you care about them.

In conclusion, if you have issues, concerns, suggestions for improvements, or a willingness to be involved with solutions please let us know. Contact us via email, phone message, or in attendance of our meetings where we are willing to listen and assist in exceeding your expectations.

Carl Demas, President of SMCC

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## Keeping Public Meetings Safe and Civil

By Mara W. Elliott, San Diego City Attorney

Every citizen has a right to be heard at public meetings when decisions are being made that affect our lives, our families, and our community.

Lately, however, this hallmark of American democracy is being tested. Throughout our country, public meetings are being disrupted by people who make the orderly conduct of business difficult. Some disruptors want to prevent contrary voices from being heard. Others hope to stop government in its tracks. Still others are merely seeking an audience.

These situations can be challenging. Elected officials have an obligation to protect the First Amendment rights of their constituents. But they also have a duty to conduct the people's business in an orderly manner and in a safe environment. When these principles conflict, the public is best served when conflict resolution tactics are deployed.

Recently my Office held a training on de-escalating conflicts at public meetings in partnership with the California School Boards Association, the County Office of Education, and the National Conflict Resolution Center.

The training was attended by school board members from around the county, many of whom have been on the front lines of our society's culture wars. U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland noted last year the "disturbing spike in harassment, intimidation, and threats of violence against school administrators, board members, teachers, and staff who participate in the vital work of running our nation's public schools."

School board members are generally hard-working volunteers whose community service goes unrewarded and unrecognized, and as a former attorney to school districts, I was pleased to be able to help them.

Here is a synopsis of what we discussed:

- Tensions can often be de-escalated before they become disruptions. The key is for elected officials to set a tone of mutual respect for people's ideas and viewpoints, even when we disagree, and to encourage people to explain themselves without engaging in personal attacks or other tactics that distract from the issues at hand.
- Many agencies post Codes of Conduct at their meetings or read them aloud when a meeting begins. The elected officials then remind audience members of these principles when discourse veers toward being uncivil. Most people will adjust their behavior in response to clear and appropriate actions.
- Federal, state, and local laws protect public meetings from disruptive conduct that goes beyond First Amendment-protected speech. These laws are intended to guarantee the safety of all participants and the orderly conduct of public business. In response to disruptions and protests, agencies can adjourn a meeting, clear a room, and remove people to a safe location.
- Disruptive behavior can include speaking out of turn, refusing to leave the lectern, hateful gestures, and threats of harm. No one has a right to interrupt a meeting to speak on whatever topic they wish, or to interrupt or talk over others.
- Disruptive behavior does *not* include criticizing an agency or legislative body, harsh questioning, or booing, all of which were found lawful by the California Supreme Court.
- Elected officials need to have thick skin, and to remain calm even if a speaker says untruthful or personally hurtful things – even mean-spirited speech is protected by the First Amendment. Sometimes all an angry person wants is to have his or her grievances heard.
- Calling in law enforcement is a last resort. It should reflect legitimate concerns about public safety, and not a belief that the threat of arrest will lead to compliance. Threats of arrest will often lead to arrest -- and such incidents can live on long after the initial issue has been forgotten.

We are fortunate to live in a region where political differences are generally aired and resolved with respect. Maintaining that social code is important to everyone, no matter what your political views are, and is vital to a full and meaningful participation in our democracy.



## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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 Police Non-Emergency (619) 531-2000  
 Airport Noise - Montgomery Airfield (858) 573-1436  
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 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  
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 Fire Department - Non-emergency (619) 533-4300  
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 Kearny High Alumni Association (619) 699-0886  
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 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  
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 Street Repair - Faded signs, pavement (619) 527-7500  
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 Mon-Thurs. 7:00 a.m.  
 Fri. 8:15 a.m.  
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Serra Mesa Food Pantry has  
 a drive-thru distribution every  
 Wednesday from 10am-1pm  
 at 2650 Melbourne Drive.



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**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**9:30 AM**  
 Adult Sunday School 8:30 a.m.  
 Children's Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
 Zoom Prayer Meeting—Tuesday 7:00 p.m.  
 Youth Group—Wednesday 6:30 p.m.  
 Small Group Study & Home Fellowship  
 Groups at Various times through the week

*We pray for peace and well-being of the Serra Mesa community*



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## Serra Mesa Village

A Neighborly Network of Seniors For Seniors

### Help Wanted

**...to grow our Village and make it better for all of us "sooner"**

- 1. Publicity and media...do you Facebook? Are you on nextdoor.com? Do you email? We need to have a "PR Team"... no one needs to do this alone...2, 3, or 4 people working together would be dynamite!**
- 2. Do you walk your neighborhood? We have information that needs to be delivered to specific addresses.**
- 3. Do you have knowledge of social services and health resources? Are you interested in helping Villagers stay in their homes? Help form a Care Committee or Health Committee**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Best Contact Info:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I am interested in:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Our Board would like to add members. Each one takes one task...**

**Program planning, secretary, publicity, etc.**

**Come and see us in action on the third Thursday of each month from 2-4PM  
at:**

**Serra Mesa/Kearny Mesa Library**

**9005 Aero Drive, San Diego, CA 92123**

**Contact us at: [serramesavillage10@gmail.com](mailto:serramesavillage10@gmail.com) or leave a message for the  
Village Board at 858-565-2473**

## Prosecuting Hate Crimes Is Our Business

*By Mara W. Elliott, San Diego City Attorney*



Over the past three years, my Office has prosecuted more than 20 hate crime cases, which is both too many and too few.

It's too many because each hate crime is an attack on someone for no reason other than who they are. No one in San Diego should feel targeted or harassed because of their disability, gender, race, religion, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, or for belonging to any other protected class.

It's too few because we know that most hate crimes are never reported and so can never be prosecuted.

Hate crime victims are reluctant to come forward for a variety of reasons, including embarrassment, fear of retaliation, and distrust of authorities.

As City Attorney, I implore anyone who has been a victim of a hate crime to report it to law enforcement. Hate crimes are rarely isolated. Offenders who get away with it once are likely to reoffend. As misdemeanor prosecutors, we know that stopping haters early may prevent later, more serious crimes, including felonies.

When a case is brought to my Office, we take it seriously. We work with victims to ensure the best outcomes for them. We listen and we seek justice. We can help you.

A hate crime is defined as a crime against a person, group, or property motivated by the victim's real or perceived protected social group. Examples include threats, both verbal or written; physical assault or attempted assault; and hate-related graffiti, including swastikas and other offensive symbols.

We've prosecuted a wide variety of cases:

- One recent case that received a lot of publicity involved an Ocean Beach man who struck and verbally abused a Latino SDG&E worker who was monitoring a roadblock, yelling at him to go back to his country and to "speak English."
- Another current case that will be going to trial soon involves a man who was verbally and physically abusive to an autistic transgender person living in the same apartment building. The perpetrator disparaged the victim by mockingly calling him a "freak" and a "weirdo" and referring to the victim as "she" even though his preferred pronouns are he and him.
- In one particularly violent attack, a man brandished knives at four victims, threatening to stab them while stating, "I hate Mexicans."
- Some perpetrators attack multiple groups at once. A recent case involved a man who battered an employee at a Hillcrest café, employing an anti-gay slur and then drawing a swastika on the restaurant window.
- At least half a dozen prosecutions involved people yelling the "N-word" at Black victims, which constitutes a hate crime.

As cruel and disturbing as these cases are, victims should rest assured that our Office will always stand up against bullies and haters. If you have been subjected to a hate crime, please know that we are here to protect and to help you.

Our Office works with state and federal agencies to ensure that anyone committing a hate crime is prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

### What to do if you are the victim of a hate crime:

If you have been assaulted, contact 911 or go to a local hospital if you need immediate medical attention.

You can also report hate crimes to the San Diego Police Department [by contacting the San Diego Police Department's 24-hour number for non-emergency calls and general information at \(619\) 531-2000. Call \(858\) 484-3154 if you live in the 858 area code.](#) Or you can file a crime report online at [www.sandiego.gov/police/crimereports/startaccess](http://www.sandiego.gov/police/crimereports/startaccess).

You can also call the City Attorney's Office at 619-236-6220.

For more information, please visit the City Attorney's website, here: [Say No to Hate | Office of the City Attorney | City of San Diego Official Website](#)

JULY 2022 SERRA MESA VILLAGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS							August ▶
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AUGUST 2022 SERRA MESA VILLAGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS							September ▶
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SMRC - SERRA MESA REC CTR 9020 VILLAGE DRIVE

SM/KM - SERRA MESA/ KEARNY MESA LIBRARY - 9005 AERO DR

HABC - HOLY ANGELS BYZANTINE CHURCH - 2235 GALAHAD ROAD

## 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, at Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library and via online meetings. To receive notices about meetings which will include an online link, sign up at <http://www.serramesa.org/>. Next meetings: July 21 and August 18. To contact us, email [smpg@serramesa.org](mailto:smpg@serramesa.org).

**4 Board Openings:** SMPG's bylaws allow fifteen board members. 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>.

### Update on June 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting

- **Bus Stop** – SMPG passed a motion to support two additional bus stop signs at corner of Greyling Drive and Polland Street
- **Sharp Medical Campus Improvements & Upgrades** – Modernization project (#696413) at 7901 Frost Street to meet California 2030 hospital seismic requirements. Includes 6-level 86,000-square-foot expansion of Mary Birch building & 7-level 207,000-square-foot hospital tower & other upgrades. SMPG passed a motion to support the project with the condition that a transit plan be pursued and employee parking be offered at no cost. The notice of application is at [https://docs.sandiego.gov/citybulletin\\_publicnotices/LandUseAndDevelopment/PN%201300%20PTS%20696413%20NA%201-6-2022%20SMC%20CUP%20PDP.pdf](https://docs.sandiego.gov/citybulletin_publicnotices/LandUseAndDevelopment/PN%201300%20PTS%20696413%20NA%201-6-2022%20SMC%20CUP%20PDP.pdf).

## 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

Serra Mesa Recreation Council meets on  
July 19 & August 16 at 6:30 p.m.



## **Year-round Mission Valley Farmers Market Opens Saturdays in Civita Park from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**SAN DIEGO** – The new year-round Mission Valley Farmers Market is now open every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Civita Park, 7960 Civita Blvd.

The market features 35+ vendors, including seven certified growers offering a wide variety of fruits, vegetables, and flowers. An array of specialty growers and producers offer exotic mushrooms, microgreens, honey, salsa, hummus, olive oil, vegan cheese, almonds, seafood, beef, eggs, chicken, baked goods, spices, teas, coconuts, Moroccan delicacies, kombucha, bakery items and more. Plus, there is live music every week.

In addition to abundant produce and specialty items, the Mission Valley Farmers Market features a wide variety of prepared foods for a convenient breakfast or lunch. There is a full-service coffee cart, plus cuisine from around the world, including crepes, tamales, sushi, and Thai, Filipino, and Indian dishes.

“We have about 35 vendors now and we will be growing to about 50 vendors in the next months,” said Ron LaChance, the market manager, who has been establishing and managing markets in San Diego County for 22 years.

“Civita Park is a unique venue for a farmers market, offering an amazing environment for the whole family,” he said. “The market is adjacent to the interactive 48-jet splash fountain, which is a magnet for little kids. Additionally, there are picnic tables, expansive lawns, playgrounds, and game areas surrounding the market. No other farmers market in San Diego County has access to such a beautiful amenity.”

LaChance says he is planning to add a “Makers Market,” featuring home-crafted items from local craftsmen, once a month and periodic blood drives.

For information on vendors and special events, visit the [Mission Valley Farmers Market Facebook Page](#).





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

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

Email Questions to [SMstaff@saniego.gov](mailto:SMstaff@saniego.gov)

### **Library Hours**

Monday and Tuesday: 11:30 am - 8:00 pm

Wednesday through Saturday: 9:30 am - 6:00 pm

### **Holiday Closures**

All San Diego Public Library Locations will be closed Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

### **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://saniego.gov/eLibrary>
- **Movies:** Free access to movies with your library card <https://saniegopl.kanopy.com/>
- **Online Book Clubs:** <https://saniego.gov/bookclubs>
- **Program Videos:** <https://saniego.gov/public-library/program-videos>

### **Summer Reading Program 2022!! June 1 to August 31**

Join the Summer Reading Program and Read Off the Beaten Path! It's free to sign up for ALL AGES at [www.saniegolibrary.org](http://www.saniegolibrary.org). Keep track of the books you read this summer with your online reading log and earn prizes for reading! Every Wednesday from June 22nd through August 17th at 4:00 pm, join us for a special Summer Reading Event featuring clowns, magicians, animals, and more!

### **Where's ODI? July 1 to July 31**

ODI (Opportunity, Discovery, Inspiration) the Coyote is hiding somewhere inside all 36 branches of the San Diego Public Library. How many can you find? Find the miniature Odi hiding in the library to get a commemorative button. Each library has a different button design. Pick up your official passport at any library branch beginning July 1 to start your adventure. (Buttons available while supplies last)

### **In-Person Pajama Storytime with Ms. Carrie**

Put on your favorite PJs and join Ms. Carrie in the Community Room Monday evenings at 6:30 pm for a pajama storytime. Pajamas are encouraged, but not required. No sign up required.

### **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://saniego.librarymarket.com/event/virtual-wednesday-morning-storytime-ms-carrie-46>. When you register for one storytime, you will receive an email with the Meeting Room and Passcode good for storytimes until July 27<sup>th</sup>, 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. July 12<sup>th</sup> will discuss *The Last Mile* by David Baldacci, and August 9<sup>th</sup> will discuss *Grandma Gatewood's Walk: The Inspiring Story of the Woman Who Saved The Appalachian Trail* by Ben Montgomery.

### **July 6, 6:00 p.m. Friends of the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library Meeting.**

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](mailto:serramesalibraryfriends@gmail.com) for the log in information.

**July 6, 4:00 p.m. Summer Reading Program: Wild Wonders Animal Show.** Come meet and learn about real life wild animals! Wild Wonders will bring a variety of live wild animals to the library.

**July 13, 4:00 p.m. Summer Reading Program: Dance to Evolve.** Stomp like an elephant to the beat, leap like a leopard, and run, filled with fun, like the wild animals of the safari.

**July 20, 4:00 p.m. Summer Reading Program: Music with Hullabaloo.** Everybody clap your hands along with the family friendly music of Hullabaloo!

**July 26, 4:00 p.m. Library NExT: Natural Wonders of San Diego.** Did you know our bays are relict canyons from the last ice age? This workshop will tour various canyons, coastlines, and mountains within the region investigating the clues our rock record leaves about how things came to be. Program is for students 3rd-5th grade. Space is limited. Registration required. [SanDiego.gov/LibraryNext](https://www.sandiego.gov/LibraryNext)

**July 27, 4:00 p.m. Summer Reading Program: Juggler Michael Rayner.** A juggling show like no other! See Michael Rayner perform strange amazing feats with everyday objects!

**August 2, 6:30p.m. National Night Out: Community Safety Awareness Gathering.** A community-building campaign promoting strong police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. Featuring community leader guest speakers, demonstrations, activity booths, and light refreshments. Open to all ages.

**August 3, 4:00 p.m. Summer Reading Program: Zovargo Animal Show.** Zovargo provides an interactive program featuring friendly animal ambassadors! Get close & experience an animal program that is full of fun!

**August 10, 4:00 p.m. Summer Reading Program: Mad Science.** Check out out-of-this-world demonstrations and experiments. See amazing chemical reactions, fantastic forces, and more.

**August 16, 4:00 p.m. Library NExT: Making of a Superhero.** Participants will learn about the concept of the hero's journey, the attributes of a hero, identify their own "superpowers," and explore how science, technology, psychology and medicine contribute to today's heroes. Program is for students 3rd-5th grade. Space is limited. Registration required. [SanDiego.gov/LibraryNext](https://www.sandiego.gov/LibraryNext)

**August 17, 4:00 p.m. Summer Reading Program: Ventriloquist Marc Griffiths.** Meet a cast of undersea characters and dive into a hilarious, feel-good show "Oceans of Possibility"

### **Friends of the Library Donations**

The Friends of the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library are currently accepting book donations during the library's open hours.

### **Friends of the Library Volunteers Needed**

Looking to get more involved with your community? Love books and your library? Reach out to Friends of Serra Mesa Library to hear more about how you can help! Email us at [serramesalibraryfriends@gmail.com](mailto:serramesalibraryfriends@gmail.com) or DM on Instagram @serramesalibraryfriends

### **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>





## **Sundown Sunday Concert Series Returns to Civita Park**

*Four-Concert Summer Series Starts with Betamaxx Concert on June 12*

**SAN DIEGO** - The popular Sundown Sunday concert series at Civita returns this summer with four concerts, starting with the '80s dance band [Betamaxx](#) on June 12. Betamaxx delivers a non-stop nostalgia-filled, rock concert that keeps the dance floor packed with tunes from Michael Jackson, Madonna, New Wave of New Order, Bon Jovi, Depeche Mode and more.

The free summer concerts run from 6 -7:30 p.m. at the outdoor amphitheater in Civita Park, located at the intersection of Civita Boulevard and Russell Park Way in San Diego's Mission Valley. Bring blankets, beach chairs and picnics or purchase a selection of food truck treats. No glass, please.

The [Cassie B Project](#) performs party music that ranges from the latest Top 40 hits to nostalgic music from the past on July 10. Come prepared to join Cassie B in dancing your heart out.

[The Mighty Untouchables](#) performs on August 11. This supreme multi-cultural mix of musicians and singers entertain throughout the world, bringing everything from Motown to classic rock, along with Latin, country and current pop hits. Their repertoire includes songs from Lizzo, Bruno Mars, Justin Timberlake, Lady Gaga, Ed Sheeran, Earth, Wind & Fire, Michael Jackson, Prince, Toto, David Bowie, The Temptations, Journey, and more.

[Atomic Groove](#), the quintessential variety band that performs everything from dance jams from every decade to soul, classic rock and jazz, will perform September 11. Atomic Grove's energetic song selection gets everybody onto the dance floor.

The 14-acre Civita Park is the social and civic heart of Civita, the new 230-acre master-planned community being developed on a former rock quarry site in Mission Valley. The multi-level public park features active play areas, civic event areas, gardens, stylish group seating, a community garden, a dog park, outdoor game areas, a military tribute, and an interactive splash fountain. For information on the community and updates on the concert series, visit [www.civitalife.com](http://www.civitalife.com)



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## Dated Material

### **Serra Mesa Food Pantry**

**Has a Drive-Thru distribution every Wednesdays 10:00-1:00 p.m.**

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