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**Serra Mesa Community Council**

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Wednesday, August 26

6:30 p.m.

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**CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS**

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| July 14 | Friends of Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library<br>5:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Sudberry Room  |
| July 16 | Serra Mesa Planning Group<br>7 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Room  |
| July 21 | Serra Mesa Recreation Center Council Meeting<br>6:30 p.m., 9020 Village Glen Drive   |
| July 27 | Friends of Ruffin Canyon<br>6:30 p.m., Taft Middle School, 9191 Gramercy Dr.   |
| Aug 1   | Friends of Ruffin Canyon Cleanup<br>9:00 a.m., Shawn Avenue entrance to Ruffin Canyon  |
| Aug 20  | Serra Mesa Planning Group<br>7 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Room  |
| Aug 24  | Friends of Ruffin Canyon<br>6:30 p.m., Taft Middle School, 9191 Gramercy Dr.   |
| Aug 26  | Serra Mesa Community Council<br>Speaking - Dan McAllister-SD County Treasurer/Tax Collector<br>6:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm |
| Sept 5  | Friends of Ruffin Canyon Cleanup<br>9:00 a.m., Shawn Avenue entrance to Ruffin Canyon  |

*Serra Mesa Enhancement Committee meetings -  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### **We miss you Bonnie!**



Our world is without one of our bright shining stars. Those of us who knew her immediately know the vacuum that exists without her. That is Bonnie Hough of course. Her presence was known immediately because of her influence in any discussion or conversation. Many do not know that she was a medical doctor with a doctorate in family medicine. I found Bonnie along with her crew working in our canyons cleaning out the invasive plants and replacing them with native specimens. She was active on our Serra Mesa Village Board making sure we had her input in assisting seniors staying in their homes.

She came upon her knowledge honestly as her dad

was a well-known horticulturist and took his family along as he traveled to Africa, Romania, Yugoslavia, and Czechoslovakia. Bonnie attended college in Puerto Rico and the United States, earning a doctorate in Family Medicine at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. In 1979 Bonnie was involved in a light plane crash which left her a paraplegic. After visiting San Diego for a medical conference, she made a permanent move to the area. After being introduced to a power-chair many of her barriers were removed.

Bonnie became a community activist for many social issues. One of her most active areas was in the environment. She introduced an appreciation of nature and native plants at Taft Middle School. She also found Friends of Ruffin Canyon which is active and growing today. Her Serra Mesa Home is on the canyon and filled with a variety of plants and animals. Her motto was if it did not smell good or could not be eaten than it could not stay there.

Good Bye Bonnie, we miss you. She is survived by her longtime partner Steven Byrd and her children Vryce (nee Emily) and Martha.

Carl Demas, President SMCC



**In the previous Observer, a Kudo was provided to Bonnie Hough**, marking her many contributions to our Serra Mesa community. Unfortunately shortly after the Observer article came out, Bonnie Hough passed away, on May 11, 2015. She is survived by her longtime partner Steven Byrd and her children Vryce and Martha.

Tom Leech

A member of the SM Community Council Board and author, with Jack Farnan, of *Outdoors San Diego: Hiking, Biking & Camping*. Visit his website at [www.outdoorssandiego.com](http://www.outdoorssandiego.com). (And who's your candidate for our next Serra Mesa Kudo? Send info to Tom at [outdoorssd@aol.com](mailto:outdoorssd@aol.com).)

## JONES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**Jones Elementary School** students participated in the first **Walk, Bike To School Day** on Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>!

The purpose for the event was to encourage bicycle safety and physical fitness. The event builds on the popularity of Walk to School Day, which is celebrated across the country in October and in the Spring. National Bike to School Day provides an opportunity for schools across the country to join together to celebrate and to build off of the energy of National Bike Month.

110 students out of 360 Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students biked to school on this day. It was a fabulous event that we look forward to planning again next year!



**Jones Elementary School had their first annual Science and Engineering Fair** sponsored and supported by the Jones PTA and Parent Volunteers! The fair was held on Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30 in the school auditorium! Students, parents, and staff are excited about this wonderful event.

Involvement in the Science fair has the following benefits for students:

- Reinforcement of grade level science, literacy and math skills
- Fosters curiosity awareness and creativity
- Increased scientific knowledge
- Learning research techniques
- Growth in ability to work independently
- Having fun with science and engineering

In addition to the opportunity to work on a project, the Science Fair provided students with an increased awareness of science and an opportunity for them to develop positive attitudes about themselves and their work.

Many thanks to our wonderful PTA, staff, and parent volunteers for their support in making this first Science Fair a huge success!!!

Rita Powell

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## Serra Mesa Recreation Center

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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  
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SD United Soccer: (858) 457-4625  
Serra Mesa Senior Softball:  
(858) 279-4283

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Serra Mesa Recreation Council meets on  
July 21 & September 15 at 6:30 p.m.

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## **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, at the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, 9505 Aero Drive. The next meetings are July 16 and August 20. To contact us, email [smpg@serramesa.org](mailto:smpg@serramesa.org).

SMPG's revised bylaws which were recently approved by the City Attorney's office increase the number of Board members to 15. With one vacancy and the approved increase in membership **SMPG has four board openings**. 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 of the last six SMPG is eligible to be elected. Bylaws are available at <http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/cpg/bylaws.shtml>.

**Summary of May 21 Meeting** (June 18 meeting cancelled – no agenda items)

**Climate Action Plan** – Passed a motion to send a letter to the Mayor and the City Council in support of the goals of the plan. The plan is at [http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/genplan/cap/pdf/sd\\_cap\\_032515\\_draft.pdf](http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/genplan/cap/pdf/sd_cap_032515_draft.pdf).

**Prioritizing Facilities Financing Projects** – The outdated (some items have been completed) priority list at <http://www.sandiego.gov/facilitiesfinancing/pdf/plans/smpffpfv.pdf>, page 12. SMPG's voted to support the following items as top priorities (no order of preference):

- T7 - Mission Village Drive – sidewalks from Ronda to Qualcomm Stadium
- T10 - Genesee Avenue Widening between the SR163
- P18 - Community Center (conversion of current library)
- P5 - Serra Mesa Community Park Recreation Building
- F1 - Fire Station #28
- Ruffin Canyon Trail (not listed on the financing plan)

Additionally, SMPG doesn't support any of the Hickman Field items listed on the plan. This priority list has been given to City Councilmember Scott Sherman's office for his use. The official Facility Financing Plan isn't changed until there's a Serra Mesa Community Plan update, which isn't scheduled any time soon.

The Serra Mesa Community Plan, adopted in March 1977, is one of the oldest in the City which hasn't yet been updated. Serra Mesa doesn't score as high on the City's criteria list as our neighbors. Mission Valley is currently working on their update and Kearny Mesa is scheduled to begin their update.

**Ruffin Road Improvement** –SMPG voted to support sharrows on Ruffin Road.

### **Update**

**Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Franklin Ridge Road connection** between Phyllis Place and Mission Valley won't be completed until late summer/early fall. If you're interested in this item, sign up to receive email notices at [www.serramesa.org/](http://www.serramesa.org/). Once the draft EIR is completed, the public has 30 days to comment. The item will be scheduled for a SMPG meeting. If there is anyone who is an expert in environmental documents and willing to help with the review, please contact us at [smpg@serramesa.org](mailto:smpg@serramesa.org).

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## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

|   |                |  |                |
|---|----------------|--|----------------|
| Abandoned Vehicles & Police Non-Emergency     | (619) 531-2000 | Neighborhood Code Compliance                 | (619) 236-5500 |
| Airport Noise - Montgomery Airfield           | (858) 573-1436 | Barking Dogs, Code Violations, Noise, Safety |                |
| Animal Control                                | (619) 767-2675 | Police Department - Eastern Division         | (858) 495-7900 |
| Bus & Trolley Schedules                       | (619) 233-3004 | Post Office                                  | (800) 275-8777 |
| Canyon Cleanup                                | (619) 533-4411 | Poison Control Center                        | (800) 876-4766 |
| Child Abuse Hotline                           | (858) 560-2191 | Rape /Domestic Violence Hotline              | (858) 272-1767 |
| City Clerk - Docket Information               | (619) 533-4000 | RSVP (Retired Seniors Volunteer Patrol)      | (858) 495-7990 |
| Crime - General Business                      | (619) 531-2000 | SDG&E Emergencies                            | (800) 411-7343 |
| Crime Stoppers                                | (619) 235-8477 | Senior Citizen Services                      | (619) 236-6905 |
| Dead <b>Animal</b> Removal (stay on the line) | (858) 694-7000 | Serra Mesa Library                           | (858) 573-1396 |
| Emergency Information - Earthquake            | (858) 565-3490 | Serra Mesa Recreation Center                 | (858) 573-1408 |
| Fallen Trees                                  | (858) 527-7500 | Sidewalk Repair                              | (619) 527-7500 |
| Fire Department - Non-emergency               | (619) 533-4300 | Stadium Manager                              | (619) 641-3101 |
| Flies & Vermin                                | (858) 694-2888 | Stadium Security & Noise                     | (619) 641-3150 |
| Graffiti                                      | (619) 525-8522 | Stolen Property/Bicycles - To Report         | (619) 531-2000 |
| Hazardous Chemicals & Waste                   | (858) 694-7000 | Storm Drain Misuse                           | (619) 235-1000 |
| Health Violations                             | (619) 338-2222 | Street Repair - Faded signs, pavement        | (619) 527-7500 |
| Kearny High Alumni Association                | (619) 699-0886 | Traffic Signal Maintenance                   | (619) 527-8650 |
| Litter - City Owned/Private Property          | (858) 492-5055 | Water Emergencies - City & Private           | (619) 515-3525 |
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|   |                | Zoning/Permits - Questions & Violations      | (619) 446-5000 |

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**One Paseo** –At the April 16 SMPG meeting the vote for a resolution to support opposition to One Paseo among eight of the 11 members present was 4 in favor, 3 against, and 1 abstention. The City's final determination: If there were 8 members of the SMPG present who were qualified to vote, and 1 member abstained, the quorum would remain a quorum of 8, and the simple majority of the quorum would equate to 5. Thus the vote did not pass.

### Agenda Items for July 16 Meeting

**Cardinal Drive Storm Drain** – replacement of storm drain pipe and construction of two new drain cleanouts within an existing 8 foot wide public drainage easement located at East Cardinal Drive, north of Bobolink Way.

**Three Way Stop Sign at Hammond and Edihar** (tentative).

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## Village News...\$4,000 Grant Received for Care Committee

The Serra Mesa Village continues to develop its vision of a “neighborly network of seniors for seniors”. Each Village develops in response to its community. Most Villages (ours is this way) offer a combination of social activities, educational opportunities, and some form of “Care Committee” with the goal of having resources to help seniors meet their goal of staying in their homes as long as possible. The Village is a membership based organization, and the dues are \$25 per person per year.

The Serra Mesa Village will benefit from a \$4,000 “Edgar Grant” Gethsemane Lutheran Church received from Lutheran Social Services of Southern California. The Grant was awarded to help “jumpstart” the Care Committee of the Serra Mesa Village. The Village Board has not yet decided how to use this grant. A speaker from Jewish Family Services in May helped us understand how they work with seniors with increasing frailty, and in July, our speaker is from Elder-help. Since we have no Social Services Agency in Serra Mesa, we are leaning toward contracting with an existing agency. If you have ideas or want to be part of the Care Committee, email [villageatserramesa@gmail.com](mailto:villageatserramesa@gmail.com) or leave a message at the Community Council number, 858-565-2473 or come to a Board or General Membership Meeting.

When do we meet? The General Membership Meetings on the third Thursday of the month (July 16, August 20, and September 17 etc.) at the Library on Aero feature a speaker and a time to network and plan. The Board meets from 1-2:30pm on the 1st and 3rd Mondays in the Meeting Room at Gethsemane Lutheran Church (2696 Melbourne Drive). Those meetings are open to all. Games and conversation are available on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays afternoons again in the Meeting Room at Gethsemane. (Until we get a dedicated “Senior Center”, we will need to borrow space.) An Excursion “somewhere in San Diego” happens on the 1st Thursday of the month. And last but not least, there is a Friendship Lunch at Mission Village Christian Fellowship (2650 Melbourne Drive) every Wednesday at noon which is sponsored by these two churches. There are plans to transition this meal to the Village...meanwhile, come and check it out...soup, bread, and a dessert. There is no charge but everyone is invited to bring a can or package of food for the Serra Mesa Food Pantry. If you have ideas or want to be part of the Village, email [villageatserramesa@gmail.com](mailto:villageatserramesa@gmail.com) or leave a message at the Community Council number, 858-565-2473.

So, exciting things are happening. While members are 55 and over, everyone who cares for seniors is invited to come.

## Gospel Music Concerts

All who like gospel music of all forms (country, revival hymns, contemporary, African American, and more!) are invited to two free concerts with Debbie and Andy Attwood at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 2696 Melbourne Drive (Shawn, one block off Mission Village Drive). The concerts are July 25 and August 22 and are followed by a Salad Bar Supper which is also free. If you have the time and like this kind of music, we hope you’ll accept our invitation.

## MEMORABLE SERRA MESA SCENES DO YOU RECOGNIZE THEM?

by Tom Leech

Serra Mesa has some special scenes -- buildings, objects, places, gardens -- that readily catch your eye when you see them. That is, IF you see them. We’ve shown many memorable neighborhood scenes in the Observer, and here’s the latest. Do you know what this is and where it is? **For the answer, go to page 12.**





## Serra Mesa Enhancement Committee Update

The City asked the Serra Mesa Enhancement Committee (SMEC) to suspend activities in December 2014 until new code enforcement training is conducted with the volunteers. The May/June training mentioned in the last Observer edition was delayed. **Training will be scheduled sometime between mid-July and August.** If you are interested in receiving this training and becoming active with SMEC, write to P.O. Box 23315, San Diego, CA 92193 or send an email to [serramesaenhancementcommittee@hotmail.com](mailto:serramesaenhancementcommittee@hotmail.com).

**Focus:** The focus of SMEC is information, education, cooperation and assistance in the area of code compliance. SMEC sends educational letters to residents requesting voluntary compliance in the areas of excessive weeds, miscellaneous storage, lawn parking, and other violations on an as needed basis. Many people are simply not aware of the codes, whose main purpose is to help keep the community looking nice, keep peace among its neighbors, and prevent nuisances in the neighborhood. SMEC makes referrals to Code Compliance as a last resort when the resident doesn't respond to our letters.

**Composition:** SMEC is composed of residents living in Serra Mesa (includes the Birdland area). SMEC volunteers are required to go to a City-sponsored training in order to be indemnified by the City. The amount of volunteer time varies with the volunteer from one hour a month to many.

**Confidentiality:** SMEC maintains the confidentiality of complainants, violators, and volunteers. SMEC members remain anonymous so the benefits of volunteering are intrinsic - the satisfaction of seeing improvements in the community and helping residents resolve community concerns.

**Accomplishments:** SMEC provides information through regular *Observer* columns. The efforts of SMEC have resulted in improvements in many residences in Serra Mesa and the resolution of community issues. The identity of SMEC cases is kept confidential.

## Low Impact Fitness Class Serra Mesa Recreation Center

**If you are interested** in participating in a group exercise style of chair aerobics or low impact aerobics geared towards seniors or returning or new exercisers, I will be starting a group come early September. I would like to get an idea of the interest. So if you are interested in participating you can let me know in one of two ways. Either email me at [fitkatinsd@aol.com](mailto:fitkatinsd@aol.com) or show up at Serra Mesa Rec center on Wednesday July 8th at 12 noon. I will be talking about what to expect from the classes and we can decide together what days and times might work best for everyone.

Looking forward to working towards the health of Serra Mesa seniors!

Thank you!

Katrina





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## Food Pantry News

What a great celebration of the 5th Anniversary of the Serra Mesa Food Pantry! Thanks to everyone who made it possible. What mature fruit is coming from the orchard four years since the Serra Mesa Community Garden & Orchard began. Hundreds of pounds of vegetables will be donated to the Pantry from the Community Garden. This is a community effort. Thanks to all who support the Food Pantry with their food donations and their dollars which help run the pantry and purchase food at deep discount at the Food Banks.

Next up...an invitation to share of bounty from your home with the Pantry. We have three sources of fresh fruit and vegetables: the two Food Banks, the Community Garden & Orchard, and Serra Mesa residents who bring their "extra" fruit or vegetables from their gardens and/or trees. Jenny Mendoza, a senior at Serra High School and a lifelong resident of Serra Mesa, has chosen "Gleaning for the Gold" for her Girl Scout Gold Award Project. She has assembled a group of volunteers who will come and help harvest your "pesticide-free, worm-free produce". They cannot use fruit that has already dropped to the ground but will help you harvest if you need it. If you or a neighbor have "extra" fruit that would just drop to the ground, contact Jenny at [jmendoza1@san.rr.com](mailto:jmendoza1@san.rr.com) or 858-627-9838.

If you have food (cans or packages of basic foods) or dollars to donate or need to use the Food Pantry yourself, it is open from 10am-2pm every Wednesday and 10am-2pm on the second Saturday at 2650 Melbourne Drive, across from Juarez Elementary.

## A Hidden Treasure in Serra Mesa

Many people do not know of the rich possibilities through the Continuing Education program of the San Diego Community College District. Funded through the State of California, these classes are free. The Serra Mesa Village had a presentation about their "Emeritus" program, classes designed with seniors in mind. (Did we say "FREE"?) The North City campus is located at 8355 Aero Drive and can be reached at 6190388-1800. They have a variety of classes but have a specialty in all sorts of computer classes. (Did we say "FREE"?)

## Film Fridays & Sundown Sundays

Join us at Civita for our summer movies and concerts in the Temporary Park. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and picnic baskets.

Civita Temporary Park is located at the corner of Civita Blvd. and Via Alta.  
No glass bottles please.



For more information, visit [www.civitalife.com](http://www.civitalife.com)

Film Friday  
Movie Nights  
7-10 p.m. (movie 7:45 p.m.)

July 17  
August 21

Free popcorn  
\$1 tacos



Sundown Sunday  
Concerts  
5:30 to 7 p.m.

July 12  
Nancarrow  
August 9  
Siren's Crush



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Maybe you have a special neighbor that you'd like to say "thank you" to, or maybe you have a new neighbor that you'd like to say "welcome." We highly recommend giving a subscription to the Observer (six editions/year). A post card will be sent to the recipient.

Please fill out the enclosed form and send it with your check to P.O. Box 23315,  
San Diego, CA. 92193.

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## MEMORABLE SERRA MESA SCENES -- DO YOU RECOGNIZE THEM?

by Tom Leech

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This structure is the kids' redwood play house at the Serra Mesa Christian Fellowship Children's Community Playground. It's very attention-getting as you drive along Murray Ridge Road at Harjoan Avenue. Pastor Luis Juarez provided some of the details as to how this fun house came about: "I especially enjoy Yosemite National Park, and its many trees. That was inspiration for this project and two years ago we bought this redwood-style kids house as a to-assemble kit. The description suggested it could be assembled by one man and a helper in one day. Well, it didn't quite work that way for us – it took 3 general contractors (volunteers) and 10 of our church youth two 8-hour days to get it put together. The finished product gets lots of action."

It is indeed memorable-looking and a fun house for exploring and climbing. The play area also includes a fountain, shade tree, and a basketball court (kid's size), which Pastor Juarez said is open for any community children to have fun with for free. The church is supportive of children in other ways, with an annual June rummage sale with all sales going to nearby Jones Elementary School. With other fund-raising programs, they support a Tijuana orphanage, including a barbeque for the kids and staff at the TJ location. Community members are invited to stop by the church parking lot any Wednesday from 7-9 a.m. for free coffee and a prayer.

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## UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS

As the weather warms (did it ever cool?!), we are starting to plan for some fun family events at our local park this summer. **SAVE THE DATES!** All events will be at Cabrillo Heights Park.

- **Saturday August 1<sup>st</sup>** Concert in the Park with the Siers Bros from 2pm – 5pm – picnic with your neighbors!
- **Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup>** Movie Night – Big Hero 6 – starts at dusk (around 7pm), food truck and ice cream truck available

As we have in the past, we will collect non-perishable food for our own Serra Mesa Food Pantry. Bins will be at each event for your donation. The Serra Mesa Food Pantry is a tremendous resource providing food to individuals and/or families who live in the Serra Mesa area and who are experiencing temporary struggles in obtaining basic necessities during illness, unemployment, or other crisis. Their goal is to lessen the impact of hunger in our community. Thanks for your support!

Sponsorships are needed to help defray our costs! Please contact Serra Mesa Community Council if you or your company can help, [communitycouncil@serramesa.org](mailto:communitycouncil@serramesa.org) or 858-565-2473. Sponsors from previous years include the Chargers, Home Instead Home Care, Rawknyks barbershop, Crunch Fitness, Alliant Residential, Dr. Joe Sparrow, and Greyling Dental.

We look forward to spending time with our neighbors and reconnecting with our community. Join us!

## Lateral Lining Project Coming to Our Neighborhood

The Pipeline Rehabilitation J-2 (Laterals) Project is part of a program established by the City of San Diego and the Environmental Protection Agency mandating the rehabilitation of old and deteriorated sewer mains. The rehabilitation of existing sewer mains will improve the sewage collection systems within the different areas of the project. The project is located within all Council Districts. It is within the communities of Rancho Bernardo, Mira Mesa, Scripps/Miramar Ranch, La Jolla, Pacific Beach, University, Clairemont Mesa, Midway-Pacific Hwy, Peninsula, Linda Vista, Uptown, **Serra Mesa**, Balboa Park, Greater North Park, Southeastern San Diego, Southeastern, Navajo, College Area, Encanto Neighborhoods, Otay Mesa-Nestor, and San Ysidro. The project includes the rehabilitation of approximately 3,209 existing 4", 6" and 8" sewer laterals within the City's right of way utilizing **trenchless technology**. Access to rehabilitate the sewer laterals will be made through the existing manholes and cleanouts that are installed as part of the projects. Other related work entails external spot repairs to laterals as needed.

Residents may detect odor generation resulting from a material called resin used to solidify the lining that is installed along the walls of the existing sewer laterals. There is **no danger to residents and homes near the project area**. You will see construction crew members wearing personal protective gear, as required by the Occupational Safety and Health Organization (OSHA), to enter the manholes safely and prevent the inhaling of tiny filters resulting from construction activity inside the manholes. Residents near the construction area should not be concerned about exposure to these elements, as they are nowhere near the sewer pipe.

The installation of clean outs will require an excavation to uncover the lateral near the property line (see photo). There will be traffic control planned implemented by the Contractor as required, to protect everyone's safety within the project areas. The Contractor will also be directed to keep the area as clean as possible from dust and dirt at all times. Construction will be underway from Fall 2015 to Fall 2017\*

### Clean out excavation and installation.



### The finished cleanout.



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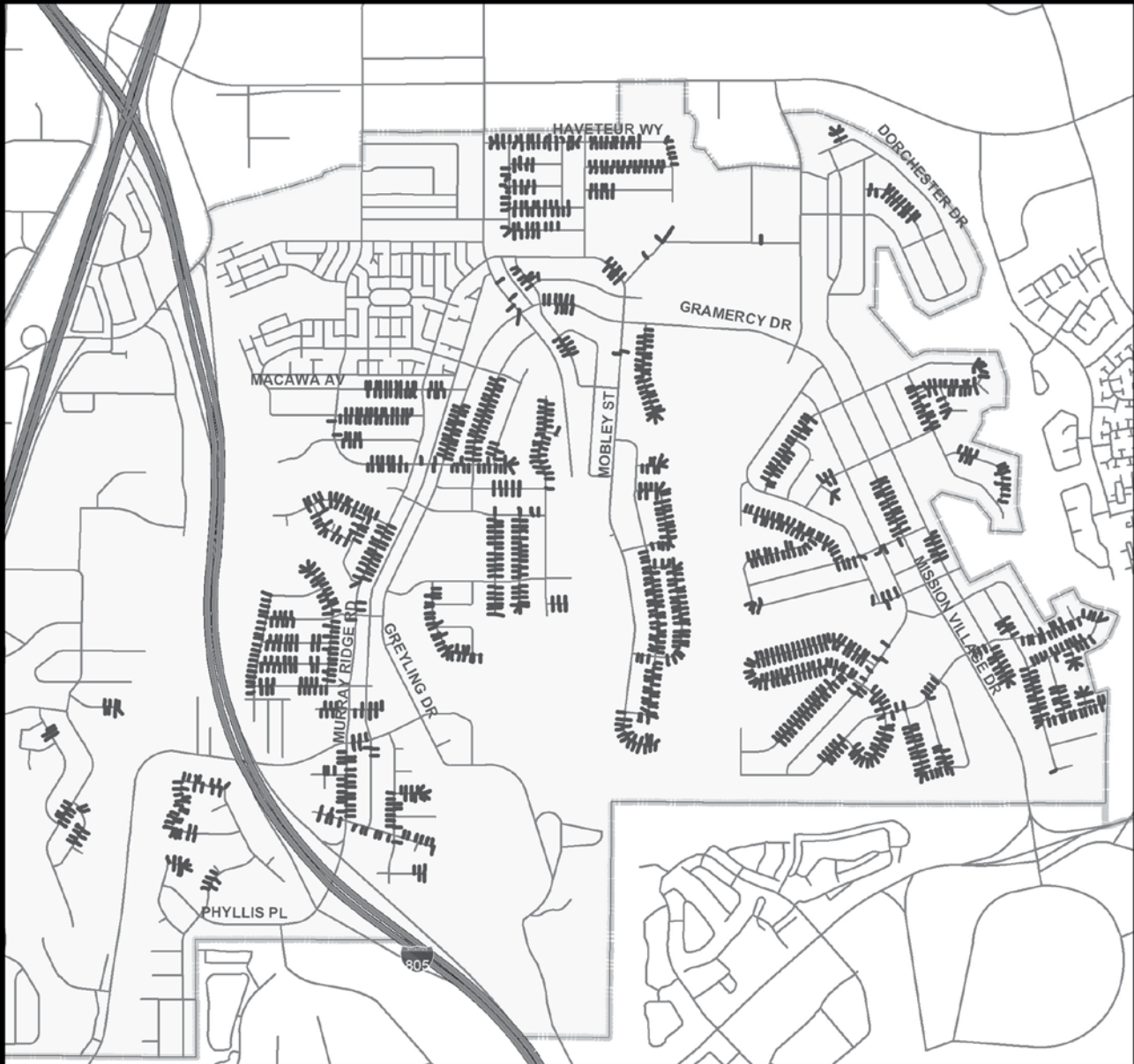
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Date: May 21, 2015

## SMCC Subscription Application or Renewal Form & Interest/Volunteer Survey

If you are interested in being contacted about any of the organizations listed below and/or you wish to receive a bi-monthly newsletter **or renew** your subscription, please fill out the following information. Return this form to the Serra Mesa Community Council, PO Box 23315, San Diego, CA 92193.

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

**Subscription Form** - Enclosed is my check payable to the Serra Mesa Community Council to subscribe at the following level:

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**How did you hear about us?** \_\_\_\_\_

| Need More Information    | Want to Volunteer        | Brief Description of Serra Mesa Organizations  |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Community Council.</b> Sponsors clean-ups, publishes newsletter, liaison between elected officials & the community, meets 10 times/yr. Volunteers needed: Board & special projects. Commitment: varies. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Planning Group.</b> Advises the City on the Serra Mesa Community Plan and land use issues. Volunteers needed. Trained & indemnified by the City. Commitment: 3.5 hours/month.                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Recreation Council.</b> Plans, promote, publicizes & helps provide recreation opportunities for citizens in Serra Mesa. Volunteers needed: Council. No training needed. Commitment: 1.5 hour/month      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Enhancement Committee.</b> Sends educational letters to residents requesting code compliance. Promotes community improvement. Trained & indemnified by the City. Commitment: 3 hours/month.             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Friends of the Library.</b> Provides summer reading program, extra books & tapes, & sponsors special library events for the Serra Mesa Library. Volunteers needed: Board. Commitment: 5 hours/month.    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Friends of Ruffin Canyon.</b> Friends of Ruffin Canyon removes invasive non native plants from the canyon and replaces them with natives.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Serra Mesa Food Pantry.</b> Staff the Food Pantry, pick up donated food, coordinate food drives, organize community sponsors. Commitment: varies.   |

To volunteer for one of the groups listed below call 858-565-2473.

**Churches.** Volunteer needs, training, & commitment varies with each church.

**Education & PTAs.** Volunteers needed: school based parent groups, readers/listeners in the schools, & various projects at schools. Training & commitment varies with activity.

**Sports** (Soccer, Baseball, Basketball). Volunteers needed: referees, managers, coaches, scorekeepers, etc. Training & commitment varies with activity.

**Youth Activities** (Girls Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc.). Volunteers needed: leaders, sponsors, & volunteers for special activities. Training provided. Commitment varies.

**Views concerning the present and future Serra Mesa.** Please attach a sheet with issues, suggested goals, and suggestions.

**Skills/Experience/Interests.** Sometimes an organization needs specialized help. If you wish to volunteer, then please attach a sheet with a list of your skills/experiences.

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## **SERRA MESA-KEARNY MESA BRANCH LIBRARY**

### **July/August, 2015 Events/Programs**

#### **Adult Programs**

**Art Exhibits** – The Friends of the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library present a Kearny High School Alumni Exhibit in the display cases.

**Zumba® Dance/Toning Fitness – Mondays & Thursdays, 1:00 p.m.** The Zumba® Fitness program fuses Latin rhythms with easy-to-follow moves. Monday's class includes a half hour of Zumba Dance and a half hour of toning.

**Zumba® Gold Fitness – Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m.** The Zumba® Gold Fitness program fuses Latin rhythms with easy-to-follow moves. This class is designed for beginners and active seniors.

**July 6 & 20, 10:00 a.m. Diabetes Wellness.** Coaching for people with diabetes, their family and friends presented by Mary Hyde, CHHC. For more information contact 858-750-3112 or maryhyde@we-are-well.com.

**July 10, 1:00 p.m. Resume Strategies.** This workshop by the San Diego Metro Career Center teaches you how to build professional, attention-grabbing resumes.

**July 14, 5:00 p.m. Friends of the Library Meeting.** Join members of your community to discuss ways to support the library.

**July 14, 6:45 p.m. Serra Mesa Library Book Club.** Join members of your community to discuss *Shoot the Moon* by Billie Letts.

**July 16, 3:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Village Meeting.** Join members of your community for presentations on healthy lifestyles for older adults.

**July 19, 2:00 p.m. Music on the Mesa: George Jiri Svoboda.** Come and enjoy a FREE Baroque guitar concert in honor of Bach's 330<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**July 24, 1:00 p.m. Resume Review Clinic.** This workshop by the San Diego Metro Career Center offers tips on improving the language and layout of your resume.

**July 26, 1:30 p.m. San Diego Folk Song Society.** Join the folk song circle and enjoy free, live music.

**August 3 & 17, 10:00 a.m. Diabetes Wellness.** Coaching for people with diabetes, their family and friends presented by Mary Hyde, CHHC. For more information contact 858-750-3112 or maryhyde@we-are-well.com.

**August 11, 6:45 p.m. Serra Mesa Library Book Club.** Join members of your community to discuss *Monstress* by Lysley Tenorio.

**August 14, 1:00 p.m. Your Personal Commercial.** This workshop by the San Diego Metro Career Center teaches you how to communicate your value to employers effectively and professionally.

**August 16, 2:00 p.m. Music on the Mesa: The Swamp Critters.** Come and enjoy a FREE concert of Cajun and Zydeco music by the Swamp Critters.

**August 20, 3:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Village Meeting.** Join members of your community for presentations on healthy lifestyles for older adults.

## **SERRA MESA-KEARNY MESA BRANCH LIBRARY**

**August 23, 1:30 p.m. San Diego Folk Song Society.** Join the folk song circle and enjoy free, live music.

**August 26, 6:30 p.m. Serra Mesa Community Council.** A meeting to provide information and act as a forum for identifying and solving community problems.

**August 28, 1:00 p.m. Salary Negotiation.** Learn how to effectively negotiate your salary with any employer in this workshop offered by the San Diego Metro Career Center.

### **Children Programs**

#### **Summer Reading Program 2015!! June 15 to August 15**

Read to the Rhythm and join the Summer Reading Program! It's free to sign up at [www.sandiegolibrary.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org) beginning on June 15th. Keep track of the books you read this summer with your online reading log and earn prizes for reading! Every Wednesday from June 17th through August 19th at 4:00 p.m., join us for a special Summer Reading Shows featuring clowns, magicians, animals, and more!

**Kids Night with Hopscotch Tiny Tots – Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.** Join Miss Kim for music, stories, arts and crafts in a program which is ideal for toddlers and pre-schoolers.

**Preschool Storytime – Fridays, 10:00 a.m.** Join Grandma Patti for our very popular story time, which is perfect for pre-schoolers and their families.

**Chess Club – Fridays, 4:00 p.m.** Join instructors from the Lone Kings Chess Club and learn game tactics and strategies.

**July 6 & 20, 10:30 a.m. Yoga Storytime for Kids.** Toddlers will hear stories and songs while learning yoga poses.

**July 8, 4:00 p.m. Summer Reading Program: Sparkles the Clown.** Join us for a fun show filled with jokes and laughter!

**July 9, 16, 23 & 30, 10:00 a.m. Music Time for Kids with Cowboy Bob.** Come dance with Cowboy Bob as he introduces music and instruments in a show appropriate for all ages.

**July 9, 4:00 p.m. Symphony Storytime.** Join us for stories and songs told by a musician from the San Diego Symphony!

**July 13 & 27, 10:30 a.m. Preschool Craft.** Join us for a fun, easy-to-make children's craft.

**July 15, 4:00 p.m. Summer Reading Program: Justin Rivera Magic Show.** Join us for a fun program of magic and wonderment!

**July 22, 4:00 p.m. Summer Reading Program: Krypton Yvonne Science Show.** Join us for a fun show of science experiments!

**July 29, 4:00 p.m. Summer Reading Program: Dance Around the World.** Join us for a fun show featuring dances from around the world!

**August 3 & 17, 10:30 a.m. Yoga Storytime for Kids.** Toddlers will hear stories and songs while learning yoga poses.

**August 5, 4:00 p.m. Summer Reading Program: Wild Wonders Animal Show.** Join us for a fun program showing off exotic animals!

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## **SERRA MESA-KEARNY MESA BRANCH LIBRARY**

**August 10, 24 & 31, 10:30 a.m. Preschool Craft.** Join us for a fun, easy-to-make children's craft.

**August 12, 4:00 p.m. Summer Reading Program: Scott Land Puppet Show.** Join us for a fantastic puppet show!

**August 13, 20 & 27, 10:00 a.m. Music Time for Kids with Cowboy Bob.** Come dance with Cowboy Bob as he introduces music and instruments in a show appropriate for all ages.

**August 19, 4:00 p.m. Book Time with Ronald McDonald.** Join us for a fun show featuring Ronald McDonald!

**Apply for a Free Computer!! Computers 2 SD Kids at the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library – Classes on July 25 and August 22**

The San Diego Public Library and Computers 2 SD Kids are teaming up to provide computers for families with children. Sign-up at the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library starting on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. Volunteers will guide you through an introductory computer class at the library. Attendance at this class is required before you can receive a computer. Computers 2 SD Kids will give you a Technology Assistance Program application. They will review it and notify you whether you qualify based on your verified income.



### **News Release**

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### **Civita Celebrates Summer with Free Movies and Concerts**

Summer festivities are underway at Civita, with a series of free movies and music concerts in the community's temporary park, located at the corner of Civita Boulevard and Via Alta.

The public is invited to join Civita on July 17 and August 21 for the "Film Friday" series, featuring family-friendly movies shown on the big screen. Come early and bring a picnic or enjoy tasty tacos for \$1 and free popcorn (starting at 6:30pm.) Films start at approximately 7:45 p.m. Movies are listed on the Civita website at [civitalife.com](http://civitalife.com)

Wind down the weekend at Civita's "Sundown Sunday" summer concert series, showcasing great local talent. On Sunday, July 12, one of San Diego's most popular original Country Rock bands, Nancarrow, will perform. On August 9, another local favorite, Siren's Crush, will perform their wide range of classic dance favorites. Concerts start at 5:30 p.m. bring your lawn chairs or blankets and picnic basket, or grab a gourmet burger from InSlider, one of San Diego's favorite food trucks.

For more information, visit [civitalife.com](http://civitalife.com).

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## **FRIENDSHIP LUNCH OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY**

Join us for the Friendship Lunch.

Gethsemane Lutheran Church and Mission Village Christian Fellowship offer the Serra Mesa community a soup, bread, and dessert lunch every Wednesday at noon.

The “Friendship Lunch” with **no age limitation** is at

There is no cost but all are invited to bring a can or package of food for the Serra Mesa Food Pantry.

Located at 2650 Melbourne Drive.

More information at 858-277-6572 or 858-278-2633.