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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Sept 8	Friends of Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library 5:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Sudberry Room
Sept 15	Serra Mesa Recreation Center Council Meeting 6:30 p.m., 9020 Village Glen Drive
Sept 17	Serra Mesa Planning Group 7 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Room
Sept 23	Serra Mesa Community Council 6:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
Sept 28	Friends of Ruffin Canyon 6:30 p.m., Taft Middle School, 9191 Gramercy Dr.
Oct 3	Friends of Ruffin Canyon Cleanup 9:00 a.m., Shawn Avenue entrance to Ruffin Canyon
Oct 15	Serra Mesa Planning Group 7 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Room
Oct 26	Friends of Ruffin Canyon 6:30 p.m., Taft Middle School, 9191 Gramercy Dr.
Oct 28	Serra Mesa Community Council 6:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
Nov 7	Friends of Ruffin Canyon Cleanup 9:00 a.m., Shawn Avenue entrance to Ruffin Canyon

*Serra Mesa Enhancement Committee meetings -
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Serra Mesa, A Great Place to Live

This year marks my 26th year as a resident of Serra Mesa. I love the neighborhood we live in as it is quiet, friendly, and most of all convenient to everything but a grocery store. One of the things I love most is the friendly attitude of everyone I meet here. Today while walking my dog, I met a young man called Tony. He had just moved into the neighborhood 2 weeks ago and was walking his dogs in Juarez Elementary Joint Use Park. He said as a newcomer he was surprised at the friendly nature of the people he has met in his neighborhood. He and his wife live on Ronda and have wonderful things to say of everyone he has met here. Have you noticed the number of young couples walking their children in strollers and baby buggies? I am encouraged and excited as our neighborhood rejuvenates itself. It was not too long ago that we were concerned that so many of our homes in Serra Mesa were rentals and that rental residents do not have the motivation to improve their properties. Daily I see remodels taking place and upgrading exteriors give new life to our neighborhoods. My point here is that we have a vibrant exciting neighborhood. Have you taken the initiative to meet new residents? If you have children in our schools, you know how great our schools are and how concerned our teachers are for your youngsters. We have one of the best middle schools in Taft Middle School. Our ratings continue to exceed all contenders. We have representatives who are part of your Community Council who regularly

meet with participants of our schools and school board. It is disheartening that many residents of Serra Mesa take their children out of Serra Mesa to attend other schools. Our representatives tell us that those who do miss out on great teachers and the convenience of having a local school.

We are currently attempting to start a Farmer's Market so that you will have the convenience of fresh produce locally. The plan is that as soon as we can find a convenient location, we will be conducting a fund raiser to bring in an organizer to assure us at least 1 year of participation. I am sure you will be hearing of this and I hope you will participate as many hands make a big job small.

The City has increased library hours and Park and Recreational hours to insure that these very important aspects of our neighborhood are available. Our library has concerts on certain Sundays to bring culture to our neighborhood. We have had a movie night on June 26, a concert in the park on August 1st, and will be having another Movie in the Park on September 19th. All of these events are free courtesy of our sponsors who want to provide for our enjoyment. We ask that you bring non-perishable food for our Food Bank. Did you know that we are providing food in the form of can goods, bread, and fresh fruits and vegetables for residents of Serra Mesa. This too is free and happens every Wednesday and the 2nd Saturday of the month from 10AM until 2PM. I have been told that on occasion we have as many as 135 families come for food. We also have a Serra Mesa Friendship Lunch that occurs every Wednesday at noon at Mission Village Christian Fellowship Hall at 2650 Melbourne Drive. This is provided by volunteers and we promise a welcome to all and no sermons.

The reason that all these provisions are free is that there is a great group of volunteers and if you are one, we thank you for your service. If you are not a volunteer and can carve a little time out to serve the "hood" you will be amply rewarded. We will find a place that will interest you!

Carl Demas,
President Serra Mesa Community Council

BENITO JUAREZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Welcome back to school! Juarez Elementary is excited to begin the school year under new leadership. San Diego Unified School District named Skye Oluwa principal on June 28, 2015. Oluwa has served the district since 2000 and comes to Juarez with an extensive knowledge of curriculum and instructional practices. She obtained her master's degree from the University of San Diego and her administrative credential from SDSU. Her recent experience in working with English Learners and a German enrichment program lends knowledge and expertise in understanding the needs and structure necessary to support students' academic achievement and success in our dual language program.

The dual language (Spanish-English) program at Benito Juarez Elementary is preparing for its third year of implementation! The program is a 50-50 instructional model, whereby pupils spend one half of their day in an English setting with an English only speaking teacher (English Language Arts and Math), and the other half of the day in a Spanish setting with a Spanish only speaking teacher (Spanish Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies). Both classes also include Art, PE, and library time. Reading and writing progress is exceeding expectations in both languages! Enrollment is up in the Dual Language grades by nearly 30%! We also offer a fee based after school Spanish enrichment program called Bilingual Kids!

The YMCA runs a full time preschool (ages 3-5) program at Juarez. We are very proud of our partnership with the YMCA Toby Wells facility, and the preschool program is top notch with a blend of academics, play based learning, and social skills development. Our nonresident pre-kindergarteners have priority enrollment into our dual language program! For more information call (858) 496-9622.

The YMCA also runs the free before and after school PrimeTime Program, which goes from 7 am to 6 pm daily. The program focuses on academic support, life and social skills development, and enrichment activities for all participants. This school year, P.R.Y.D.E. (Prevention, Recreation, Youth, Diversity, and Education) will be implemented during PrimeTime to give select students academic enrichment through the collaboration of teachers and other stakeholders to guide student achievement.

Other special features of Juarez include:

- Allergy aware campus
- Joint Use Turfed Field
- Interactive Technology in All Classrooms
- Gifted and Talented Program
- PE Teacher
- Morning Running Program
- Safe Routes to School Program
- University Tutors in All Classrooms
- Blessings in a Backpack Program (bag of supplemental groceries for kids distributed every Friday)
- Character Education with Monthly Foci
- Parent Involvement Opportunities

Visit our website at www.sandi.net/juarez, or contact the office for a tour at (858) 935-2800.



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2:00-6:00 p.m. Friday

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Saturday

Closed Sunday.

Community Sports Information:

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

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

SD United Soccer: (858) 457-4625

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Serra Mesa Recreation Council meets on
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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 September 17 and October 15. To contact us, email 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>.

Welcome to Denise Davidson, elected to the SMPG board on July 16. Thanks to Matt Hendry for his years of service.

Summary of July 16 Meeting

Unfinished South Side of Broadstone – Motion passed to send a letter to the Kearny Mesa Planning Group indicating that the exterior wall on the top floor looks unfinished to the Serra Mesa community directly south and southwest of it. The Kearny Mesa Planning Group followed up with the developer's representative. Their response was that the project was built according to the plans that were approved by the city and at this time they will not be making any modifications. The City has confirmed that this is correct.

Cardinal Drive Storm Drain – Supported the replacement and widening of the storm drain.

Three Way Stop Sign at Hammond and Edinwar or Other Traffic Calming Measures – Discussion focused on the advantages of stop signs versus speed bumps. Since a speed bump study will be conducted after Wegeforth Elementary School is in session, it was decided to table the discussion until results of the study are available.

Recognition – Supported writing an endorsement letter for naming the native habitat garden next to Taft Middle School and at the entrance to Ruffin Canyon on Gramercy Avenue "**The Bonnie Hough Native Habitat Garden**" and placing a memorial boulder with a plaque in memory of Bonnie Hough at the entrance to the garden and Ruffin Canyon.

Scope of Qualcomm Stadium Reconstruction Environmental Impact Report – Passed motion to request that the Serra Mesa community (excluding the Birdland area) be included in the EIR.

Summary of August 20 Meeting

Mazzika Hookah Lounge On-Site Beer License at 8690 Aero Drive – Passed motion to recommend approval.

Top Neighborhood Issues – SMPG was asked by a city council candidate to provide a list of three of Serra Mesa's top issues. In May SMPG prioritized items based on Serra Mesa's Facilities Financing Plan (FFP), which hasn't been updated since 2003. Since there are neighborhood issues which aren't on the FFP, SMPG reviewed a list of items. The Board selected the following four items (two items tied in number of votes):

- Ruffin Canyon Trail
- Improvements to Fire Station #28 located on Kearny Villa Road
- Birdland Traffic Issues
- Undeveloped Lots in Serra Mesa (all privately owned).

Review of Draft EIR Stadium Reconstruction Project – A SMPG Board member will write the Serra Mesa comments and present to the Board for approval at the September 17th meeting.

Review of the Climate Action Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) - A SMPG Board member will write the Serra Mesa comments and present to the Board for approval at the September 17th meeting.

Update

Ruffin Road Improvement – Sharrows have been installed on Ruffin Road.

Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Franklin Ridge Road connection between Phyllis Place and Mission Valley has been delayed again. **The draft EIR is scheduled to be released by the mid to end of September.** This
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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Abandoned Vehicles & Police Non-Emergency	(619) 531-2000	SDG&E Emergencies	(800) 411-7343
Airport Noise - Montgomery Airfield	(858) 573-1436	Senior Citizen Services	(619) 236-6905
Animal Control	(619) 767-2675	Serra Mesa Library	(858) 573-1396
Bus & Trolley Schedules	(619) 233-3004	Serra Mesa Recreation Center	(858) 573-1408
Canyon Cleanup	(619) 533-4411	Sidewalk Repair	(619) 527-7500
Child Abuse Hotline	(858) 560-2191	Stadium Manager	(619) 641-3101
City Clerk - Docket Information	(619) 533-4000	Stadium Security & Noise	(619) 641-3150
Crime - General Business	(619) 531-2000	Stolen Property/Bicycles - To Report	(619) 531-2000
Crime Stoppers	(619) 235-8477	Storm Drain Misuse	(619) 235-1000
Dead Animal Removal (stay on the line)	(858) 694-7000	Street Repair - Faded signs, pavement	(619) 527-7500
Emergency Information - Earthquake	(858) 565-3490	Traffic Signal Maintenance	(619) 527-8650
Fallen Trees	(858) 527-7500	Water Emergencies - City & Private	(619) 515-3525
Fire Department - Non-emergency	(619) 533-4300	Weeds	(619) 533-4444
Flies & Vermin	(858) 694-2888	Zoning/Permits - Questions & Violations	(619) 446-5000
Graffiti	(619) 525-8522		
Hazardous Chemicals & Waste	(858) 694-7000		
Health Violations	(619) 338-2222		
Kearny High Alumni Association	(619) 699-0886		
Litter - City Owned/Private Property	(858) 492-5055		
Meals On Wheels	(619) 260-6110		
Neighborhood Code Compliance	(619) 236-5500		
Barking Dogs, Code Violations, Noise, Safety			
Police Department - Eastern Division	(858) 495-7900		
Post Office	(800) 275-8777		
Poison Control Center	(800) 876-4766		
Rape /Domestic Violence Hotline	(858) 272-1767		
RSVP (Retired Seniors Volunteer Patrol)	(858) 495-7990		



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item will be scheduled for SMPG review in October or November. If you're interested in this item, sign up to receive email notices at www.serramesa.org/. Once the draft EIR is completed, the public has 30 days to comment. If there is anyone who is an expert in environmental documents and willing to help with the review, please contact email smpg@serramesa.org.

Speed Limit Changes – The City is required by the state to survey the prevailing speeds on classified streets every seven years to keep the speed limits radar enforceable. Survey results indicate that the speed limit can be changed for:

- Health Center Drive, northbound and southbound direction, from 35 mph to 30 mph
- Mesa College Drive between Linda Vista Road and I-805, eastbound and westbound sections, from 35 mph to 30 mph
- Ruffin Road between Aero Drive and Mission Village Drive, northbound and southbound direction, from 35 mph to 40 mph.

Announcement – Exciting News

Mission Village Sidewalk B15004 – this project will install a sidewalk, curb and gutter and a curb ramp on both sides of Mission Village Drive from Ronda to Qualcomm Stadium. Preliminary schedule: Design from June 2015-November 2016 (staff will visit SMPG during this phase), Advertise/Award December 2016-May 2017, Construction June 2017-November 2017. Sidewalks on Mission Village Drive have been a Serra Mesa high priority for many years.

Agenda Items for September 17 Meeting

Review of the Climate Action Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) – Action Item

Review of Draft EIR Stadium Reconstruction Project – Action Item

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. **Volunteers are being trained on September 10.** If you are interested in receiving this training and becoming active with SMEC, send an email to serramesaenhancementcommittee@hotmail.com.

Date of Operation: The exact date that SMEC becomes operational again won't be known until after the training. There may be some procedural items that need to be established. If you have code enforcement complaints, contact the City at 619-236-5500 or go to <http://www.sandiego.gov/nccd/report/>. Also, you can email SMEC with a complaint (include address and the type of complaint). If SMEC is not operational, yet, you will be informed via email.

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.

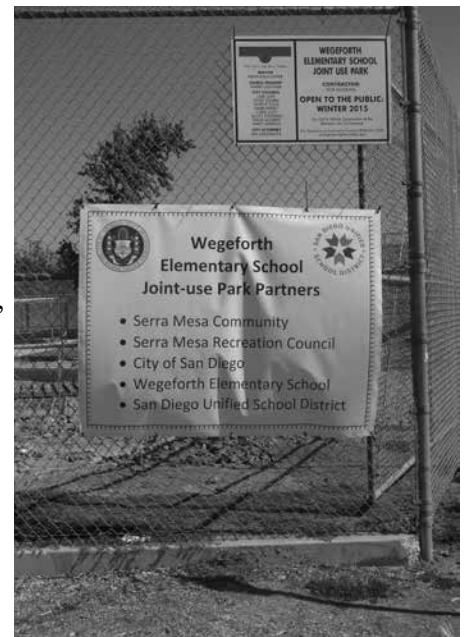
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WEGEFORTH JOINT USE PROJECT

The banner in the photo lists the project partners, including the school district, city, the Serra Mesa Parks & Recreation Council, and the Serra Mesa Community. The project is primarily being built with designated park and recreation funds from the Mirabella development on Kearny Villa Road. Some additional funds were provided from designated park and recreation funds from the Broadstone Corsair development on Aero Drive and from City Councilmember Scott Sherman's office. The school district is providing the land for the joint use project.

The four acre site plan is the result of input from the community, city and school district staff, our city council representative, and consultants at workshops and meetings. The Wegeforth Joint Use Park plan can be found at <http://www.serramesa.org/2015/04/03/wegeforth-joint-use-park/>. The comfort station is completed and in position. Other features will include fields for baseball, t-ball, and soccer; picnic tables, walking track; and a parking lot.

When completed, anticipated date December 2015, this project will be a good example of the combined efforts of the community, government entities, and our elected officials working together on a common goal.



TAFT MIDDLE SCHOOL WELCOMES NEW PRINCIPAL

Hortencia Garcia-Rubio joins the Taft Middle School Staff as the new principal. Hortencia was previously a vice-principal at Point Loma High School and a Dean of Students at San Diego High School. She has been with the San Diego Unified School District since 2002. She is originally from Calexico, California. She is excited at the opportunity to serve Taft Middle School and the Serra Mesa Community. She is looking forward to an exciting school year!



Important Dates for Taft Middle School

Thursday, September 24, 2015

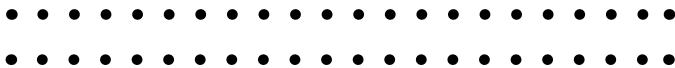
Coffee with the principal
9:00-10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, September 30, 2015

Back to School Night
5:00-7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 22, 2015

Coffee with the principal
9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.



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WEGEFORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Happy autumn! I hope everyone had a nice, relaxing summer. We've been planning our Wegeforth calendar for the upcoming year, which includes many different and/or exciting events!

District Changes

At Wegeforth, we are thrilled about the district's decision to reduce class sizes once again in grades TK-3rd. In the 2015/2016 school year, the class size for these grades has been lowered to a 24:1 average ratio once again. For our school, this means that the district has provided us with an additional primary grade teacher. We welcome Michael Gonzalez to our staff, who is currently slated to teach our 1st/2nd grade combination class. Mr. Gonzalez comes to us from Juarez Elementary School, so he is very familiar with the Serra Mesa community.

Another change this year is that our 4th-5th grade teachers are being provided with a little more time each week to prepare instruction for their students. In elementary school, teachers get weekly preparation time, during which they prepare lessons for their students for all areas of the curriculum. With this additional preparation time for grades 4-6, and the lowered class size in grades TK-3rd, comes additional time with our dance teacher, who provides the preparation time coverage for teachers. Therefore, Mrs. Narlock will be on campus at Wegeforth for 3.5 days per week; last year she was with us for 3 days per week. Because she has become such an integral part of the Wegeforth Elementary community, we couldn't be happier to have her increased presence on campus!

Robotics/STEAM

Additionally, over the past two years, we've been able to purchase a couple of robot kits and have exposed our 5th graders to robotics. Late last year, we began investigating the possibility of developing a STEAM program at Wegeforth; for those of you who are new to STEAM, it stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Mathematics, and involves cross-curricular instruction which goes hand-in-hand with the goals of the Common Core State Standards. Students learn to integrate all content areas and to apply them in real-world applications so that they're able to generalize what they've learned to "real life" situations. Developing a STEAM program is a years-long process, but we are anxious to move onto the next step by visiting schools that have already begun the STEAM journey.

Physical Education

Back in 2013/2014, our Education Specialist and I began investigating ways in which to establish a fitness program for grades TK-2nd. Several years ago, Mrs. Minshew developed a fitness program for grades 3-5, which the general education teachers have taken on, and continue implementing diligently four days per week. This program enables us to meet the California Physical Education requirements of 200 minutes of physical education within every 10 days of instruction. This PE requirement is difficult for schools to meet if they don't have PE instruction provided by the preparation time teacher. Currently, the physical education requirements are met by the general education teachers, in addition to all other curricular areas.

This year, we will be partnering with UCSD to implement the IMPACT program (Increased Movement And Physical Activity Class Time) with our primary students. Mrs. Minshew plans to take this on again in order to spread the physical fitness opportunities to our younger students. We are thrilled to be able to partner with UCSD, via our district PE Resource Teacher, Lynn Barnes-Wallace. It is my hope that you'll hear directly from your children about how much they enjoy this program! The 3rd-5th graders have probably already spoken with you about it since they have the "pleasure" of running the mile at least once a week! However, this prepares them for the State Physical Fitness test that they take in the 5th grade. Several of our 5th graders won the President's

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Physical Fitness Award last year!

PTA News

We welcome a new PTA Board this year:

- Jennifer Chaney, President
- Jessica Jacoste, Secretary
- Griselda Sanabria, Treasurer
- Ashley Noguera, Auditor
- Sherrie Caradonna, Teacher Representative

Our new PTA Board has plenty of fun activities planned this year as well! These events will be included in our annual Parent/Student Handbook, but here's a teaser:

- ❖ Monster Mash
- ❖ Movie Nights
- ❖ Donuts for Dads/Granddads & Muffins for Moms/Grandmoms
- ❖ Read Across America/Dr. Seuss' Birthday
- ❖ Jog-a-thon & Field Day

Partners in Education

Our students at Wegeforth benefit in many ways from our Partners in education:

- Costco Mission Valley provides every student at Wegeforth with a backpack that is filled with school supplies. They also make donations to help pay for supplies throughout the year.
- City View Church provides treats for our teachers and staff to let them know how much they are appreciated. They also provide volunteers for all our events including Monster Mash, Read Across America, Jog-a-thon, Campus Beautification and Field Day.
- MCRD provides resources primarily for military families, but they also have resources for our non-military families. They also send Marine volunteers to Wegeforth approximately twice a month to listen to individual students read, or to assist with PE instruction. Our two liaisons to MCRD also volunteer for some of our events, and became members of our School Site Council last year.
- Mission Federal Credit Union is our newest partner. They provided our staff with breakfast on Teacher Appreciation Day last year. Additionally, MFCU will be providing our staff with lunch on teachers' first day back to work, and will be teaming with our PTA to begin a student savings program this Fall.
- American Legion has just approved donations to Wegeforth to cover school supplies. We will also participate in their award program wherein one 5th grade boy and girl will be recognized for their honesty, service, patriotism, loyalty, and more, which will be awarded at 5th grade promotion. The local American Legion Auxiliary may run book drives as needed, and school supplies.
- The San Diego Zoo contacted me a couple of weeks ago, asking if we are still interested in a partnership

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with them. Our school is named after Dr. Harry Wegeforth, the founder of the San Diego Zoo, which is why I initially contacted them to initiate a partnership a couple of years ago. They get many requests, and were not able to join us at that time. I was thrilled to hear from them and will have meeting in early September.

Student Council

Our Student Council will also sponsor some fun events for students. We'll have lots of Spirit Days, wherein students get to come to school dressed according to a common theme like Crazy Hair Day. Students will be able to do some silly things to me as a result of reaching fundraising goals. This year, Student Council will also sponsor a Variety Show, which will be coordinated by Mrs. Narlock and me. It's been quite a while since Wegeforth has had a Variety Show! Keep your eyes and ears open for information about auditions after the Spring Dance performance!

Our Student Council elections will be held in mid-to-late October or early November. If your child is interested in running for a Student Council office, look for the paperwork to come home in late September or early October. There are officer and Classroom Representative positions open to students in grades 3-5 who wish to run. There are guidelines around running for office, and all that information will be outlined in the candidate paperwork.

Joint-use Park

A great deal of progress is being made on our joint-use park. The completion date may be delayed about a week, but that will not impact our school greatly. There have been very few bumps in the road, so to speak, in the construction of the park, and anticipate the Dedication Ceremony to take place mid-January, barring additional delays.

We are so very excited about adding this resource to our already wonderful little school! On a daily basis, our students will be able to use the park for fitness, and we hope to be able to use it for recess. Our Jog-a-thon and Field Day will be held in the new park as well. Your children will derive so many benefits from this amazing park during the school day, and the Serra Mesa community will have full use of it outside school hours. This project is the result of an incredible partnership between San Diego Unified School District and the City of San Diego.

Student Safety

Wegeforth is also implementing Positive Behavior and Interventions Support (PBIS) systems this year. This is based on the Safe & Civil Schools program. All staff will be trained on the policies that our team has developed, which target each area of the school. We've completed our policies for our playgrounds and lunch area, and will develop additional policies to address different areas as we complete each one. Teachers will be providing lessons on these policies for students, and I will be training all staff on the policies and supervision guidelines. The goal is to have consistency across faculty and staff in implementation of the policies, and all students to have a full understanding of the expectations in each school environment. The purpose of the adoption of these policies is to increase safety and learning at Wegeforth Elementary School.

Electronic Flyer Delivery Starts September 15, 2015

Wegeforth is getting ready to launch a new electronic flyer communication tool called "peachjar." To view school-approved eflyers, simply click the "peachjar" button on Wegeforth's website homepage. The flyers will also be emailed directly to you.

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This “green” initiative will save our school a great deal of paper and reduce copy costs by thousands of dollars. On top of that, posting school flyers in this electronic backpack removes a significant administrative burden from teachers, office staff, and volunteers. It also makes accessing important information about school much easier for parents.

No action is required on your part. You will receive a welcome email from our service provider (peachjar) that includes a username and password. This is provided to give you the opportunity to manage your account and flyer delivery preferences. You do not need to login to receive or view school eflyers.

To ensure smooth delivery of this communication, we suggest you add “school@peachjar.com” to your email contacts. When you receive your first eflyer, be sure to click “always display images.”

This system is used exclusively for distribution of school-approved flyers. Your email address will not be shared or used for any other purpose, and you may opt out at any time.

Thank you for supporting our efforts to ensure parents are well informed about school programs, activities, and events.

Common Core State Standards

During the last couple of years, our teachers have learned more and more about Common Core State Standards (CCSS), and our students in grades 3-5 were able to experience the new online State testing that is based on CCSS last year. There are some significant shifts that we’ve worked on making, including the transfer of primary responsibility for learning from the teacher to students, increasing students talking to one another about their work, improving our classroom environments to increase student independence, and students using evidence from texts read to support points made about literature and non-fiction. Student being proponents of their own education, pushing one another for deeper understanding across content areas, will build independence within your children. We learn so much from taking risks, making mistakes and getting a better grasp of the content by analyzing those mistakes, which all lead to the level of learning and confidence that our students need in order to become career- or college-ready by the time they leave high school. Students will be equipped to compete in our global workforce after they’ve become proficient in their school studies, based on these new standards.

It is my hope that we’ll have parent workshops this year, sponsored either by Wegeforth or San Diego Unified, the goal of which would be to demystify Common Core State Standards for our parents. It takes time, and actual participation in some of the instruction, to get a good grasp of the different ideology behind these new standards. However, we are confident that students will become thinkers and life-long learners, able to work within a team or individually, in order to reach their highest potential.

I look forward to meeting all of our new students and their parents, welcoming back our returning students and parents, and to a very fun and productive school year! If you would like to schedule an appointment with me to learn more about our amazing school, please email me at lsandoval@sandi.net.

Sincerely,

Lori Sandoval,
Principal of Wegeforth Elementary

Memorable Places, LIBRARY CONCERT Cuban Music

by Tom Leech

On a recent really hot August Sunday afternoon, many music fans filled our Serra Mesa/Kearny Mesa Library on Aero Drive just east of Sandrock. The opportunity to escape the heat and enjoy an hour or so in the library's air-conditioned meeting room may have lured a much larger crowd than usual, but based on the audience's spirited reaction to the band's musica, that surely was a major lure.

The library regularly hosts these Sunday afternoon concerts and typical low attendance means many Serra Mesans are missing out on the opportunity to enjoy a variety of musical styles. This was the Buena Vista SoCal Club, a large live band presenting Latin American and Cuban music. The band's makeup included trumpet and trombone players, bongo drummers, guitarists, even a pianist playing on the library's large grand piano. Vocalists got the audience members stirred, with many warbling along with such songs as "Guantanamera," (did you know Pete Seeger was one of that song's authors?) and some live wires dancing to these sparky Latin beats. The environment was enhanced with walls displaying original paintings of many of our natural scenes.

Just ahead are two concerts which can make for enjoyable Sunday afternoons at our SM/KM Library. September 6 at 1:30 p.m. will be the Wind & Rain Ensemble presenting traditional Japanese music. Then on the 20th, at 2:00 p.m. is pianist Peter Rutman. Also for parents and grandparents, almost every Thursday at 10 a.m. Cowboy Bob hosts "Music Time for Kids" there. Mark your calendars and to keep alerted about upcoming concerts visit <https://www.facebook.com/SerraMesaLibrary/events>.

Tom Leech is a Board Member of the Serra Mesa Community Council. He's a long-time freelance writer, with articles appearing in many publications. He's the author of several books, among them *Say it like Shakespeare: The Bard's Timeless Tips for Communication Success*, 2nd Edition (for specifics visit www.presentationspress.com).





Sudberry Properties Announces Groundbreaking of Civita Park

SAN DIEGO – Sudberry Properties, developer of the urban-style village of Civita in Mission Valley, announced that Hazard Construction Company commenced construction today on the first two phases of Civita Park, a public park designed to serve as the centerpiece of the community. The 14.3-acre park, which will be operated by the Civita Maintenance Assessment District, is located at the intersection of Civita Boulevard and Russell Parkway.

The City of San Diego Parks & Recreation Department, as well as the Public Works Department, Engineering Section, worked closely with Sudberry Properties, their consultants and the community to design a park that will be a signature public open space in San Diego.

The multi-level park, which cascades down the former quarry site, was designed by Schmidt Design Group, Inc., of San Diego, a firm noted for its sustainable design of public spaces and parks. Planned to cater to both active and passive uses, group activities and solo relaxation, the future park incorporates ideas from hundreds of local residents collected from a series of public meetings.

“Our design for Civita Park was inspired by the feedback we received from the community, the rich history of the site, the watershed, as well as the dramatic and unique attributes of the site,” said Glen Schmidt, FASLA, president, Schmidt Design Group.

“Civita Park is the unifying element of Civita,” said Mark K. Radelow, vice president/senior project manager at Sudberry Properties. “It will serve as the heart of the community and the main gathering spot. Trails will link the park to the surrounding neighborhoods, providing easy access to all residents,” he explained.

The park will be built in phases, with Phase I and IV, totaling about 10 acres, completed in about 16 months, explained Radelow. “Phase I is planned to include a large central plaza that accommodate a variety of active and passive activities. It is also designed with rose gardens, a military tribute with a 100-foot-tall flagpole, an outdoor grassy amphitheater with a dramatic stage design, a recirculating interactive water feature and a game area with chess, ping pong and other activities. The plaza is accented by a number of vine-covered shaded trellis areas,” Radelow said.

Other areas now under construction in Phase I will feature a large open field for casual sports play, two basketball half courts and a community garden. The southern and eastern border of the park will feature a formal tree-sheltered promenade.

A dry streambed and walking trail is designed to run the length of the park along the western edge of the site.

“The natural-looking streambed will function as a biofiltration system that will clean storm-water runoff from parts of Civita and Serra Mesa before it is fed into the San Diego River and out to sea,” said Radelow.

The park’s Phase IV, which is also under construction, is located at the top of the property near the summit of Via Alta. This phase, which will also be accessible to pedestrians from Serra Mesa, is planned to include passive parkland and a dog park for large and small dogs. This portion of the park will be connected to the southern portion by a pathway.

Future phases of Civita Park will include separate children's play areas for toddlers and youngsters, a plaza that will showcase equipment from the site's mining past, a tree-shaded picnic grove, interpretive gardens crisscrossed with trails, scenic lookouts and restrooms.

"We're confident that this park will become the center of community life," said Marco A. Sessa, senior vice president, Sudberry Properties. "It will have something for everyone, cool places to meditate, fly a kite, play basketball or bocce, or attend a community concert. The grand opening of Civita Park will be the culmination of a collaborative effort involving the City of San Diego's Parks & Recreation, Public Works and Engineering, Sudberry Properties, Schmidt Design Group, and hundreds of civic leaders and citizens. Our hope is that it will truly become a place worthy of affection by Civita residents and the entire Mission Valley community."

Updates on construction progress will be available at CivitaLife.com



SERRA MESA VILLAGE AND WELLNESS

Wellness is a journey for all ages and all times. Nutrition, exercise, social relationships, wise decision-making, meaningful work (whether paid or volunteer)...paying attention to these and more are components of "being well at any age and in any circumstance".

At the August General Meeting, the Village focus was exercise. Crunch Fitness, Serra Mesa's very own gym, offered seniors specific services. Leslie Johnson, a local teacher of Tai Chi at Oasis and other settings, introduced this ancient practice. Tom Leech explored walking and hiking in Serra Mesa and throughout the County. Low impact exercise and "just walking" rounded out the options. There truly are many options.

Every day, the streets of Serra Mesa have walkers on them. If you need motivation of another person to get up and out, the Village offered to be a clearing house for those who are looking for a "walking buddy". Email serramesavillage10@gmail.com to request a "walking buddy". If you are limited to a specific area or day or time, put that in the email. You also can leave a message at 858-565-2473.

In addition, the Serra Mesa Village and Gethsemane Lutheran Church will offer three free demonstration classes on "Low Impact Exercise". This is exercising done while standing, sitting in a chair, or a combination of sitting and standing. Three classes will be offered on September 9, 16, and 23 from 11:00 to 11:45am at Gethsemane's meeting room at 2696 Melbourne Drive (across from Juarez Elementary, one block off Mission Village Drive). One of the participants will be Ruth Galvan who is 99 years old. She was introduced to the concept at a Friendship Lunch and wants in. So, all are welcome to come and give this way of staying fit a try. (Bonus--if it stays hot, the room has AC!!) Serra Mesa resident Katrina Meehan, an experienced fitness instructor for seniors, will lead the class. After these classes, future ones may be offered if the interest is there, and a permanent location is found.

The word from all the experts for everyone, children to seniors, is "keep moving"!



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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Planning Group. 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.
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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.

Elder Abuse – An Unfortunate Reality From the Chair of Serra Mesa Village

As we age, we hope that our surroundings are filled with understanding, concern, neighbors who reach out to help, and family members who are looking out for our best interests. As it turns out, abusers are only interested in stealing our money and property. They can be strangers, family members, and yes even neighbors. Fortunately there is The DA's Elder Abuse Unit who in addition to prosecuting crimes against seniors, addresses the special needs of seniors who often require additional attention to meet their needs. The particular program is called EAAOP (Elder Abuse Advocacy & Outreach Program). The services provided are: a. Information and assistance to seniors involved in the criminal Justice Process; b. Emergency services for victims who may need shelter, food, medications, and clothing; c. Transportation to and from court; d. victim restitution; e. referrals to community resources.

Some of the warning signs of Elder Abuse are Physical which include: Obvious cuts, bruises, burns, detached retina, bleeding or scalp wounds. Some of the Emotional Abuses include depression, mood changes, anger, fear of being touched, withdrawal, and introverted.

At some time when we age, we are not capable of doing all the things we need to do during a normal day. Because of physical limitations and safety considerations we are cast into the position of requiring assistance in daily living. It is at that time that we need to choose a caregiver who can provide assistance for those actions we can no longer perform. No one volunteers to be a caregiver. It just happens and usually the nearest person to the person ends up with the job and the responsibility. It could be a relative and usually the closest daughter is assigned the job. In a recent survey, 90% of seniors want to stay in their current home and surroundings. I had an aunt whose children were living elsewhere and since she lived in an apartment complex, her neighbors ended up watching over her and assisted her as she had done for others over the years. In Serra Mesa, we are fortunate enough to have the Serra Mesa Village as a resource for recommending various actions depending on the personality and needs of the subject. Almost all of the Village members are currently caregivers or have been caregivers and are experienced in the art of dealing with elderly personalities. If you would like to contact our Serra Mesa Village Care section, email us at: serramesavillage10@gmail.com or leave a message for the Village Board at: 858-565-2473.

Some of the issues dealing with caregivers and especially unwilling caregivers is neglect where the elder feels unable to speak freely or spend time with others. Because of its nature a caregiver may have issues with providing personal hygiene or clothing. Sometimes a caregiver may have a history of violence, alcohol or drug abuse. The resultant is an elder with sores, illness, dehydration, malnutrition, and limited physical movement.

Self-neglect is a condition where an elder does not allow for a caregiver. In this case the elder may be in greater danger without a caregiver because of scams, scandalous sales personnel, and insensitive financial investment persons.

So what can you do?

If you are an elderly person needing some assistance: First contact your family to help you select a caregiver. Secondly, before you hire someone, insist on personal references, pay for a background check, use a bonded and insured agency, find out what type of background check the agency has done, lock all valuable items (especially jewelry), and keep an inventory of valuables.

How to report suspected abuse of a senior citizen or dependent adult. Contact Adult Protective Service, (800) 510-2020.

For more information visit the District Attorney's website: www.sdcda.org/helping/elder-abuse.html

SERRA MESA-KEARNY MESA BRANCH LIBRARY

September/October, 2015 Events/Programs

Adult Programs

Art Exhibits – The Friends of the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library present a Halloween exhibit by the Ege Family in the display cases and the art of Joshua Helland in the Community Room.

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.

Knitting Circle – Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. Join the Knitting Circle to meet new friends and practice a traditional art form.

September 6, 1:30 p.m. Wind and Rain Ensemble Concert. Come and enjoy a FREE concert featuring traditional Japanese instruments with Mary Lu Brandwein playing the shakuhachi and Yuki Easter playing the koto.

September 8, 6:45 p.m. Serra Mesa Library Book Club. Join members of your community to discuss *We Need to Talk About Kevin* by Lionel Schriver.

September 11, 1:00 p.m. Finding Hidden Jobs. This workshop by the San Diego Metro Career Center teaches you how to use proven job search strategies for tapping into the hidden job market.

September 17, 3:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Village Meeting. Join members of your community for presentations on healthy lifestyles for older adults.

September 20, 2:00 p.m. Music on the Mesa: Peter Rutman. Come and enjoy a FREE piano concert by local musician, Peter Rutman.

September 21, 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.

September 22, 6:00 p.m. Social Security Benefits for Seniors Workshop. Older adults are invited to learn about Social Security benefits in a workshop presented by the Heffernan Group.

September 23, 6:30 p.m. Serra Mesa Community Council. A meeting to provide information and act as a forum for identifying and solving community problems.

September 25, 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.

September 27, 1:30 p.m. San Diego Folk Song Society. Join the folk song circle and enjoy free, live music.

September 29, 5:00 p.m. Friends of the Library Meeting. Join members of your community to discuss ways to support the library.

October 5 & 19, 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.

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October 9, 1:00 p.m. What to Say at Job Interviews. This workshop by the San Diego Metro Career Center teaches you how to prepare effectively for job interviews.

October 13, 6:45 p.m. Serra Mesa Library Book Club. Join members of your community to discuss *The End of Your Life Book Club* by Will Schwalbe.

October 15, 3:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Village Meeting. Join members of your community for presentations on healthy lifestyles for older adults.

October 23, 1:00 p.m. Labor Market Websites. Learn how to navigate the best labor market information websites in this workshop offered by the San Diego Metro Career Center.

October 25, 1:30 p.m. San Diego Folk Song Society. Join the folk song circle and enjoy free, live music.

October 28, 6:30 p.m. Serra Mesa Community Council. A meeting to provide information and act as a forum for identifying and solving community problems.

Children Programs

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.

September 2 & 16, 4:00 p.m. Lego Builder Club. Join us to build Lego creations that will be displayed in the library.

September 21, 10:30 a.m. Yoga Storytime for Kids. Toddlers will hear stories and songs while learning yoga poses.

September 10, 17 & 24, 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.

September 14 & 28, 10:30 a.m. Preschool Craft. Join us for a fun, easy-to-make children's craft.

September 25, 11:00 a.m. Math Circle. Learn new ways of approaching math problems in a group led by Dr. A. Chiznik from San Diego State University.

October 5 & 19, 10:30 a.m. Yoga Storytime for Kids. Toddlers will hear stories and songs while learning yoga poses.

October 7 & 21, 4:00 p.m. Lego Builder Club. Join us to build Lego creations that will be displayed in the library.

October 9 & 23, 11:00 a.m. Math Circle. Learn new ways of approaching math problems in a group led by Dr. A. Chiznik from San Diego State University.

October 12 & 26, 10:30 a.m. Preschool Craft. Join us for a fun, easy-to-make children's craft.

October 15, 22 & 29, 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.

SERRA MESA-KEARNY MESA BRANCH LIBRARY

October 27, 5:00 p.m. Trick-or-Treat in the Library. Trick-or-treat around the library to gather treats and then enjoy a holiday film.

Apply for a Free Computer!! Computers 2 SD Kids at the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library – Classes on September 26 and October 24

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 1st 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.

Another Stellar Summer in Serra Mesa!

The Events Committee of Serra Mesa Community Council planned three events in Serra Mesa this summer, a concert in the park and two movie nights. Thank you to our sponsors Broadstone Corsair, the Chargers, Crunch Fitness, Serra Mesa Parks and Recreation Council, Bear Buns Bakery, and Stadium Market.

Our summer events season was kicked off with a movie night showing *Alexander and the Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*, Friday June 26. Serra Mesa Little League benefited from operating the snack bar that evening, serving burgers, popcorn, drinks and candy. The concert in the park was on Saturday August 1 with the native Serra Mesans, the Siers Bros Band. Saturday September 19 is family movie night showing *Big Hero 6*. All events were held at Cabrillo Heights Park and hosted a food drive to benefit the Serra Mesa Food Pantry. Over 300 cans/boxes of food was donated to assist our Serra Mesa families!

We appreciate your feedback and would love your help with future events. These are great opportunities to bring our community together and enjoy our awesome neighborhood. We look forward to hearing from you!

Volunteers to help plan, and sponsors to help fund these events are needed so we can bring more of these events to our neighborhood. Please contact us if you can help! Call 858-565-2473 or email communitycouncil@serramesa.org.



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FRIENDSHIP LUNCH OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

Join us for the Friendship Lunch
Volunteers from our neighborhood offer
the Serra Mesa community
a soup, bread, and dessert every Wednesday noon to 1:00 p.m.

The "Friendship Lunch" has **no age limitation**

There is no cost but all are invited to bring non-perishable cans or
packages of food for the Serra Mesa Food Pantry

Located at Mission Village Christian Fellowship 2650 Melbourne Drive 92123
More information at 858-277-6572 or 858-278-2633