



## **Donations for Bonnie Hough's Memorial Plaque**

We are finally getting the right of entry permission to proceed with the Boulder Memorial.

Darren Mahoney of Sign - Age Inc. has been asked to design, order and install the plaque on the boulder.

Thanks to the great response for pledges and donations we are really close to raising the funds needed for the Bonnie Hough Memorial Plaque. This bronze plaque will be placed on a boulder in the Bonnie Hough Native Habitat Garden at the head of Ruffin Canyon on the west side of Taft. If you have not already donated and wish to do so consider helping us reach the finish line. Whatever you can give will be greatly appreciated. And thanks to all of you who have donated and/or pledged to this fund.

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You are invited to participate in the

**Serra Mesa Community Council**

Wednesday, March 22

6:30 p.m.

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

**Serra Mesa Community Council**

Wednesday, April 26

6:30 p.m.

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

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**CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS**

Mar 14	Friends of Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library 5:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Sudberry Room
Mar 16	Serra Mesa Planning Group 7 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Room
Mar 17	Serra Mesa Recreation Center Council Meeting 6:30 p.m., 9020 Village Glen Drive
Mar 18	Hearing Loss Association of America (San Diego) 10:30 a.m., Mission Village Christian Fellowship
Mar 22	Serra Mesa Community Council 6:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
Mar 22	Friends of Ruffin Canyon 5:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
Apr 1	Friends of Ruffin Canyon Cleanup 9:00 a.m., Shawn Avenue entrance to Ruffin Canyon
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Apr 26	Serra Mesa Community Council 6:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
May 6	Friends of Ruffin Canyon Cleanup 9:00 a.m., Shawn Avenue entrance to Ruffin Canyon <i>Serra Mesa Enhancement Committee meetings -            write to P.O. Box 23315, San Diego, CA, 92193.</i>

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



### **A Welcome Place for your Ideas!**

As citizens of one of the greatest cities anywhere, we look forward to great weather, proximity to the ocean, mountains, and some of the best attractions anywhere. We will miss the Chargers but why worry about something we cannot control? I see lots of plans for the Mission Valley facility but only time will tell as we look forward to our ever-changing landscape. In the greatest city, I also think we live in one of the best neighborhoods in that city. We have all the makings of the best of all circumstances: proximity to the freeways, and for the most part quiet neighborhoods. If we have any problems, they are when we try to leave Serra Mesa. The traffic continues to build during certain times of the day. New buildings are going up all around us. Other than a few of the vacant properties, we don't see a lot of overbuilding in Serra Mesa and I am sure that we all appreciate that.

We do have a few annoyances and one of the foremost is not having a major food store in our shopping area. Your Community Council has been trying for years to attract a food store but to no avail. If anybody has any new ideas, your Community Council Board would like to hear them. I personally hear from residents that the empty lots give the impression of blight in our area and is there anything we can do to build needed service or businesses to make life in Serra Mesa even better. Once again, your Council has tried to contact the owners of these properties to ask them if there are any current plans. The answer is that the property is

owned by people who have inherited these properties and they are waiting for contamination issues as well as a healthy business climate. Once again, there is nothing we can do and your Council is looking for ideas to rectify the issue. Another issue we hear about is noise from Montgomery Field. We have several neighbors who would like the noise to be better regulated and controlled by directing air traffic over commercial areas. We would like to hear of these or other issues that impact our living conditions in Serra Mesa. You can vent your concerns via emailing us at: [communitycouncil@serramesa.org](mailto:communitycouncil@serramesa.org) or calling our answering service at (858)-565-2473 and leaving your name, telephone number and concern. Take a look at our new website at: [www.serramesa.org](http://www.serramesa.org). There is a calendar telling you what events are going on as well as the ability to contact any of our service groups such as the Planning Committee, the Park & Rec group, friends of the library, and our [Observer Newsletter](#). We also have a new monthly newspaper called the [Serra Mesa Connection](#). You may have received it and if not you should be receiving it shortly as they broaden their delivery patterns. Either way you can stay up-to-date on what is going on. Remember that we have our General Meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every Month except July and December at the Serra Mesa/Kearny Mesa Library starting at 6:30PM.

There is no reason your concerns cannot be addressed or that you are uninformed. We are interested in what you are thinking.

Carl Demas,  
President of the Serra Mesa Community Council.

## Mission Village Christian Fellowship

Mission Village Christian Fellowship - a long time Serra Mesa neighbor is excited to announce that they will be welcoming a new Pastor, Pastor Steve de Vos and his family to the pulpit and heart of our church. After the retirement of Pastor Carl Baker, the church had a Pastor search and after going through hundreds of resumes and multiple interviews, have called Pastor de Vos to pastor the fellowship.

Pastor de Vos will be taking his position as our Shepherd in late March or early April - just in time for Easter!

It's an exciting time in our fellowship! If you've not made yourself aware of the "Light on the Hill" of Serra Mesa/Mission Village - we invite you to come to a service on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am..and then join us in welcoming our new Pastor!

Jennifer French  
Moderator for Mission Village Christian Fellowship  
2650 Melbourne Dr  
San Diego, CA 92123



## Serra Mesa Village Events are growing.

As you may know, we started "The Village" as a place where seniors can maintain a strong sense of purpose. It is our intent to provide that space in life after retirement where we are looking for exciting things to do. What we don't want to do is stay home and have no place to go. Well, should that be your desire, we are increasing the number of events and taking full advantage of the Parks and Recreation Facility at 9020 Village Glen Dr. The City has provided space for us to meet and is working with us to spruce up the meeting rooms for our events. Please see the attached calendars for a listing of those events and we encourage you to invite others. We are emphasizing fun, health, and excitement. Mark your calendar for April 20th for our benefit at Maggie's Café where a portion of your check will be donated to the Village. We look forward to seeing you at one of our events. Look for us on [serramesa.org](http://serramesa.org).

Carl Demas,  
President of The Serra Mesa Village

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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

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

SD United Soccer: (858) 457-4625

Serra Mesa Senior Softball:  
(858) 279-4283

Serra Mesa Little League: (858) 279-8361

Serra Mesa Recreation Council meets on  
March 21 & April 18 at 6:30 p.m.

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[rev.karin@yahoo.com](mailto:rev.karin@yahoo.com)

[www.gethsemanesd.org](http://www.gethsemanesd.org)

2696 Melbourne Drive  
San Diego, CA 92123

Worship 8:00, 9:30 am  
(858) 277-6572

## ***Getting It Done***

### **Reporting City Maintenance Problems**

Get It Done is a City of San Diego mobile app that can be used to report non-emergency problem. Also, the app allows a resident to monitor the status of a reported case. Submission to Get It Done is easy and quick.

#### **Process**

- Download the app for a mobile device at <https://www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done> or submit problems online at <https://getitdone.force.com/TSWNewReport>
- Information requested for reporting a problem:
  - Enter address
  - Report category/type: Select street light, traffic signal, storm drain, street flooded, illegal discharge, over irrigation, curb, damaged guardrail, faded striping, parking meter, pothole, sidewalk, street sweeping, traffic sign, abandoned vehicle, dead animal, graffiti, litter/dumping, other, or tree hazard
  - Description
  - Upload images
  - Can we contact you – yes or no; if yes, the contact information (name, email address, phone number) that's entered is not visible to the public
- After clicking on Submit, a report number is provided. If an email address was entered, an email with the report information is sent.
- Status of Report – Click on the link provided in the email or if an email wasn't sent, go to <https://getitdone.force.com/TSWViewReportByList> and find the report number. This site provides a lot of information. It shows the quantity of problems by categories. Also, by clicking on the Switch to Map View button, the status of problems in a geographic area can be viewed.

### **Code Violations**

The focus of the Serra Mesa Enhancement Committee (SMEC), a community volunteer group, 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, plant growth on sidewalks, 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.

Send any code compliance complaints (anonymously if preferred) that you would like SMEC to pursue or any ideas for articles to P.O. Box 23315, San Diego, CA 92193 or [serramesaenhancementcommittee@hotmail.com](mailto:serramesaenhancementcommittee@hotmail.com).

Alternatively, code violations can be submitted directly to the City of San Diego by calling 619-236-5500 or filling out the form online at <http://www.sandiego.gov/ced/report/investigation.shtml>. You will be required to provide your name and contact information. This information is kept confidential.

## **IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

Abandoned Vehicles &		Police Department - Eastern Division	(858) 495-7900
Police Non-Emergency	(619) 531-2000	Post Office	(800) 275-8777
Airport Noise - Montgomery Airfield	(858) 573-1436	Poison Control Center	(800) 876-4766
Animal Control	(619) 767-2675	Rape /Domestic Violence Hotline	(858) 272-1767
Bus & Trolley Schedules	(619) 233-3004	RSVP (Retired Seniors Volunteer Patrol)	(858) 495-7990
Canyon Cleanup	(619) 533-4411	SDG&E Emergencies	(800) 411-7343
Child Abuse Hotline	(858) 560-2191	Senior Citizen Services	(619) 236-6905
City Clerk - Docket Information	(619) 533-4000	Serra Mesa Library	(858) 573-1396
Crime - General Business	(619) 531-2000	Serra Mesa Recreation Center	(858) 573-1408
Crime Stoppers	(619) 235-8477	Sidewalk Repair	(619) 527-7500
Dead <b>Animal</b> Removal stay on the line)	(858) 694-7000	Stadium Manager	(619) 641-3101
Emergency Information - Earthquake	(858) 565-3490	Stadium Security & Noise	(619) 641-3150
Fallen Trees	(858) 527-7500	Stolen Property/Bicycles - To Report	(619) 531-2000
Fire Department - Non-emergency	(619) 533-4300	Storm Drain Misuse	(619) 235-1000
Flies & Vermin	(858) 694-2888	Street Repair - Faded signs, pavement	(619) 527-7500
Graffiti	(619) 525-8522	Traffic Signal Maintenance	(619) 527-8650
Hazardous Chemicals & Waste	(858) 694-7000	Water Emergencies - City & Private	(619) 515-3525
Health Violations	(619) 338-2222	Weeds	(619) 533-4444
Kearny High Alumni Association	(619) 699-0886	Zoning/Permits - Questions & Violations	(619) 446-5000
Litter - City Owned/Private Property	(858) 492-5055		
Meals On Wheels	(619) 260-6110		
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Sunday Mass	7:30, 9:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Mon-Fri.	7:00 a.m.
Holy Days	Please call the church for schedule



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

#### **March/April, 2017 Events/Programs**

All San Diego Public Library Locations will be **Closed** on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> in observance of Cesar Chavez Day.

#### **Adult Programs**

**Art Exhibits** – The Friends of the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library present an exhibit of oil paintings by Flower Day in the Community Room and Navy soldier sculptures by Howard Hill in March and a paper mache dragon by Sophia Ege in April in the display cases.

**eReader/Tech Clinic – Saturdays and Sundays, 2:00 p.m. (Except March 25<sup>th</sup>)** Learn how to download library eBooks to your eReader or computer. Quick tips & helpful hints to get the most out of your downloads. Bring your own eReader, tablet, or laptop for hands on learning.

**Knitting Circle – Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.** Join the knitting circle. Improve your skills in this traditional art form.

**Zumba® Dance Fitness –Thursdays, 1:00 p.m.** The Zumba Fitness program fuses Latin rhythms with easy-to-follow moves. Limit 30 participants.

**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. Limit 30 participants.

**Tech Teachings – Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m.** Join us for a class to learn or review basic computer skills like Google, Facebook, email and more. Limit 6 participants. Sign up at the front desk or call 858-573-1396.

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

**March 14, 6:45 p.m. Serra Mesa Library Book Club.** Join members of your community to discuss *The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain.

**March 15, 11:30 a.m. Kearny Mesa Planning Group.** A community meeting for an organization that advises the city on land use issues.

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

**March 16, 7:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Planning Group.** A community meeting for an organization that advises the city on land use issues.

**March 18, 4:00 p.m. Spring Concert: Swinging with Dean.** Multi-talented musician Dean Ratzman performs music from the '50s, '60s and '70s, plus Rock and Soul hits of great American Artists.

**March 22, 6:30 p.m. Serra Mesa Community Council.** A meeting to provide information and act as a forum for identifying and solving community problems.

**March 24, 1:00 p.m. Metro Career Workshop: Exploring Job Options.** Learn how to evaluate yourself to find the best job for you in this workshop offered by the San Diego Metro Career Center.

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

**March 27, 1:30 p.m. OASIS Monday at the Library: Photography 101** This class will teach you the fundamentals of how to take amazing photographs with just a few simple, easy to learn techniques.

**April 6, 2:30 p.m. Coloring Club for Adults.** Find out why coloring for adults is the latest & greatest way to de-stress! Come and spend an hour of stress relieving, mindful, and calm creative expression. Supplies are provided!

**April 11, 6:45 p.m. Serra Mesa Library Book Club.** Join members of your community to discuss *The Book Seller of Kabal* by Asne Seierstad.

**April 19, 11:30 a.m. Kearny Mesa Planning Group.** A community meeting for an organization that advises



the city on land use issues.

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

**April 20, 7:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Planning Group.** A community meeting for an organization that advises the city on land use issues.

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

**April 24, 1:30 p.m. OASIS Monday at the Library: Easter Island: The Story Behind the Mysteries.** Join us for a FREE interesting talk by archaeologist Kay Sanger about Easter Island in the Pacific Ocean. This illustrated talk will answer questions such as: Who made the moai, the monumental statues? How did they make them? Who lives on the island now? What can I see and do if I go there? and much more.

**April 27, 2:30 p.m. Employment Workshop: Resume Writing.** Make sure your Resume stands out! Get the latest tips and techniques to wow employers with an organized, effective and winning resume. Open to all, especially military families. Offered by the Fleet and Family Support Center.

### **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 preschoolers.

**Friday Morning Storytime – Fridays, 10:00 a.m. (Except March 31<sup>st</sup>)** Join Ms. Carrie and Ms. Sandy every Friday morning for stories, songs, and fun!

**March 1 & 15, 4:00 p.m. Lego Builder Club.** Join us to build Lego creations that will be displayed in the library.

**March 2, 4:00 p.m. Dr. Seuss Celebration.** Come celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday with a Dr. Seuss animated short film and a Dr. Seuss craft.

**March 3, 4:00 p.m. STEAM2 Academy: Soil Science.** Use soil and water sensors to learn about the pH of the soil and water that allows plants to grow. This program is geared toward kids ages 4-8.

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

**March 8, 12:00 p.m. Baby/Toddler Explore Time.** Come let your baby or toddler learn about the world by exploring. Little ones are able to make noise, play, and meet new friends. This is a loosely structured, baby-led program of play, music, art, stories, songs and more. For babies and toddlers 0-2 years.

**March 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.

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

**March 28, 6:00 p.m. Spring Into STEAM: Bees Builders.** Local Beekeeper, Hilary Kearney, will provide an interactive presentation teaching children what a beekeeper does and explores the concepts of pollination, beehives and bees' lifecycles. This program is geared toward kids ages 9-12. Space is limited. Register at 858-573-1396.

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

**April 5 & 19, 4:00 p.m. Lego Builder Club.** Join us to build Lego creations that will be displayed in the library.

**April 7, 4:00 p.m. STEAM2 Academy: Entomology.** Don your entomologist hats and use a microscope and magnifying glass to take a closer look at bugs on specimen slides. We will also make a fun art project called "Bug Off!" and learn some new insect songs. This program is geared toward kids ages 4-8.

## **St. Columba Catholic School**

St. Columba Catholic School prepares students in Preschool through 8th grade. The school was founded in 1963 and was originally staffed by the well-known Sisters of Mercy, who remained in place until 1983.

Today, St. Columba is honored to have some of San Diego's very best teachers caring for its students each day. Amenities include a computer lab with a full-time technology teacher, a full library, an expansive sports field, an auditorium and Catholic Church. Plus, students can choose from a wide spectrum of fun and educational after-school clubs and sports programs.

One of the many reasons parents choose St. Columba for their children is the faith-based education. Students attend Mass as a school family each Friday. Older students are paired with younger students, a benefit to both age groups. At student Masses, the children participate as altar servers, musicians, choir members, lectors, and more. Families in the Serra Mesa community and surrounding neighborhoods are always welcome and encouraged to tour St. Columba Catholic School. Ms. Rose Navarro enjoys the opportunity to "show off" the gem that is St. Columba. "Parents often aren't aware that a true, faith-based education is available to their children, so close to home," said Ms. Navarro. "Many of our school families live nearby. We get to know each other. We laugh together. We cry together and support each other. We are each other's extended family.

"If you are curious what other parents have to say about St. Columba Catholic School, you can watch some short video testimonials at [www.stcolumbaschool.org/videos](http://www.stcolumbaschool.org/videos). It's quite simple to schedule a free tour. Just fill out the short form at [www.stcolumbaschool.org/schedule-a-tour](http://www.stcolumbaschool.org/schedule-a-tour). The charisma of the school has always been its family-friendly community and dedication to our students. As is evident, this school has been a labor of love since its beginning and still remains apparent. Over the past fifty years, parishioner and parent support is a constant, and the administration, faculty, and staff are grateful for the continued generosity of spirit shown by the parish and our extended community.

It is our mission to live the Gospel message of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, and in doing so prepare our students to live a Christ centered life in an ever-changing world.

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## **FRIENDS OF RUFFIN CANYON**

Monica Fuentes is the Chair of Friends of Ruffin Canyon ([jomonicer@yahoo.com](mailto:jomonicer@yahoo.com)) Friends of Ruffin Canyon Board meetings are the 4th Wed. of the month at 5:30 at the Library on Aero Drive before the Community Council Meeting.

Canyon Clean-ups and Restoration are the 1st Saturday of each month and rotate between Taft/Ruffin Canyon and Shawn at 9:00. All are welcome. Please join us.

### **Creek to Bay Clean-up on Saturday April 22 - Earth Day**

Meet at the Serra Mesa Recreation Center - Ball Field on Village Glen for the Library Canyon Clean-up and Restoration.

### **A Ruffin Canyon Enhancement Hike was held at Shawn Ave. on Feb. 25.**

Eric Bowlby led a hike exploring the potential areas for a safer trail from Serra Mesa to Escala/Friars Rd. San Diego Canyonlands invited the stakeholders to the third of a series of Enhancement Planning Workshops for Ruffin Canyon....this one was a field trip.

SD Canyonlands is continuing the planning process for enhancement of Ruffin Canyon including habitat restoration, potential trails, viewpoints, etc.

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

**April 12, 12:00 p.m. Baby/Toddler Explore Time. \*New Program** Come let your baby or toddler learn about the world by exploring. Little ones are able to make noise, play, and meet new friends. This is a loosely structured, baby-led program of play, music, art, stories, songs and more. For babies and toddlers 0-2 years.

**April 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.

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

The San Diego Public Library and Computers 2 SD Kids are teaming up to provide computers for families with children. 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. Sign-up at the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library or call 858-573-1396 starting on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month.

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Below is a link to the planning documentation and maps SD Canyonlands has for Ruffin Canyon. **If you missed the first two stakeholder meetings on Sept. 28th, and November 30th,** please review the Canyon Enhancement Planning orientation sheet and the meeting notes. Just scroll down to the Ruffin Canyon files and maps.

[www.sdcanyonlands.org/cep](http://www.sdcanyonlands.org/cep) ***Eric Bowlby - Executive Director, San Diego Canyonlands (SDCL)***  
(619) 284-9399, [eric@sdcaanyonlands.org](mailto:eric@sdcaanyonlands.org)

### **Donations for Bonnie Hough's Memorial Plaque**

We are finally getting the right of entry permission to proceed with the Boulder Memorial.

Darren Mahoney of Sign - Age Inc. has been asked to design, order and install the plaque on the boulder.

Thanks to the great response for pledges and donations we are really close to raising the funds needed for the Bonnie Hough Memorial Plaque. This bronze plaque will be placed on a boulder in the Bonnie Hough Native Habitat Garden at the head of Ruffin Canyon on the west side of Taft. If you have not already donated and wish to do so consider helping us reach the finish line. Whatever you can give will be greatly appreciated. And thanks to all of you who have donated and/or pledged to this fund.

Here is how you can donate to **The Friends of Ruffin Canyon/Bonnie Hough Memorial:**

*You can send a check payable to **Serra Mesa Community Council** (5013c/tax deductible) and in the memo line write "The Friends of Ruffin Canyon /Bonnie's Memorial" Mail to P.O. Box 23315, San Diego, CA 92193*

**Or**

You can make your donation (tax deductible) on line to **The San Diego River Park Foundation's web address** - make sure you include a note stating it is for Bonnie's Memorial:

[http://sandiegoriver.org/tribute\\_gift.html](http://sandiegoriver.org/tribute_gift.html)

Please forward this information to others who might be interested.  
Look for the new signs at the east side of Taft and entrance to Ruffin Canyon.

Park Ranger Jason Allen will be installing **City Park Signs to designate the "Bonnie Hough Native Habitat Garden".**

Serra Mesa Village Events for March 2017						
◀ Feb 2017						Apr 2017 ▶
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			<b>1</b> 12-1PM Friendship Lunch at MVCF  1-3PM Social/Game time at SMRC	<b>2</b> 8:30-10AM Fit Club at SMRC 10AM-2PM Travel Event is Museum of Making Music	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 1PM SMVillage Board Meeting at SMRC	<b>7</b> 8:30-10AM Fit Club at SMRC	<b>8</b> 12-1PM Friendship Lunch at MVCF  1-3PM Movie at SMRC Movie: Fiddler on the Roof	<b>9</b> 8:30-10AM Fit Club at SMRC	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 8:30-10AM Fit Club at SMRC	<b>15</b> 12-1PM Friendship Lunch at MVCF 1-3PM Social/Game time at SMRC	<b>16</b> 8:30-10AM Fit Club at SMRC 3-5PM SM Village Connection at SM/KM Library: Program is S.D. Memorial Society	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 8:30-10AM Fit Club at SMRC	<b>22</b> 12-1PM Friendship Lunch at MVCF  1-3PM /Movie at SMRC Around the World in 80 days	<b>23</b> 8:30-10AM Fit Club at SMRC	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 1:30PM Oasis at SM/KM Library: Photography 101	<b>28</b> 8:30-10AM Fit Club at SMRC	<b>29</b> 12-1PM Friendship Lunch at MVCF	<b>30</b> 8:30-10AM Fit Club at SMRC	<b>31</b>	Notes:

SMRC – Serra Mesa Recreational Center - 9020 Village Glen Dr.  
 MVCF – Mission Village Christian Fellowship – 2650 Melbourne Dr.  
 SM/KM Library - 9005 Aero Drive

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***Serra Mesa Community Council Welcomes  
January / February New and Renewed Subscribers***

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When it is time to renew your Observer, the renewal date is highlighted and stamped, "to be renewed." Also, a postcard will be mailed and, if possible, a phone call is made to remind you. It is greatly appreciated if you pay as soon as you notice it's time to renew.

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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858-430-6755

## Benefit Night Request

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Payable to: \_\_\_\_\_

Address to send the check: \_\_\_\_\_

Tax ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person in charge: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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and your neighbors safe from a house fire.



## **Smoke alarms save lives!**

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### **Qualifications:**

- Must be age 62 years or older**
- Must own your home**

To receive your FREE Smoke Alarm installation,  
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**Burn Institute**

**858-541-2277 x 13**

**[smokealarm@burninstitute.org](mailto:smokealarm@burninstitute.org)**

**Homeowners will be given a liability release to complete and sign  
authorizing access to property and the installation of smoke alarms.**



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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

# 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:

Household (\$15) \_\_\_\_ Sponsor (\$25) \_\_\_\_ Benefactor (\$50) \_\_\_\_

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

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.

# Serra Mesa Enhancement Committee

The role of the Serra Mesa Enhancement Committee (SMEC) is to provide information, education, cooperation, and assistance in the area of City Code Compliance. After confirming a code violation SMEC sends a friendly, educational letter asking for compliance. In 90% of the cases people come into compliance and cases are not reported to the City. If you have a problem in your area, report the problem with this confidential form.

## Request for Investigation

**Return form to:** Serra Mesa Enhancement Committee,  
Post Office Box 23315, San Diego, California 92193

Please investigate this address: \_\_\_\_\_

This is the problem: (give complete details; time of day, license plate of vehicles, type of vehicles, condition of property, owner's or renter's name if known etc.)

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(Please use back if necessary.)

Your name (will not be disclosed): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Area \_\_\_\_\_ Contacted complainant \_\_\_\_\_

Complaint Referred to (specify date)	Action Steps (specify date)
_____ Code Compliance	Second Checker: No Violation, Close _____ Violation _____
_____ Police	_____
_____ Signs	1st Letter: _____
_____ Tree Division	Second Checker: No Violation, Close _____ Violation _____
_____ Vector Control	_____
_____ Vehicle Abatement	2nd Letter: _____
_____ Weeds	Second Checker: No Violation, Close _____ Violation _____
_____ Other	_____
	Thank You: _____ Reopen Previous Case: _____