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6:30 p.m.

Serra Mesa - Kearny Mesa Library

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Sept 12	Friends of Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library 5:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Sudberry Room
Sept 16	Hearing Loss Association of America (San Diego) 10:30 a.m., Mission Village Christian Fellowship
Sept 19	Serra Mesa Recreation Center Council Meeting 6:30 p.m., 9020 Village Glen Drive
Sept 21	Serra Mesa Planning Group 7 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Room
Sept 27	Friends of Ruffin Canyon 5:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
Sept 27	Serra Mesa Community Council 6:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
Oct 7	Friends of Ruffin Canyon Cleanup 9:00 a.m., Shawn Avenue entrance to Ruffin Canyon
Oct 17	Serra Mesa Recreation Center Council Meeting 6:30 p.m., 9020 Village Glen Drive
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Oct 25	Serra Mesa Community Council 6:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
Nov 4	Friends of Ruffin Canyon Cleanup 9:00 a.m., Shawn Avenue entrance to Ruffin Canyon Serra Mesa Enhancement Committee meetings - write to P.O. Box 23315, San Diego, CA, 92193.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I received a letter from a Serra Mesa Resident citing a situation where a driver was passed out in his car and was apparently unresponsive. The question was “Whom do I call?” As we are living in a world filled with uncertainty, immediate action may save a life. Calling 911 alerts EMT’s and our Fire Department and brings quick emergency service. The operators are very well trained to ask the right questions so they can respond and possibly save that life. The same answer relates to a crime in progress. If you see something, say something. If the crime has already been committed, call the non-emergency number which is (619) 521-2000. In the Observer there is listing of “important phone numbers” which I suggest you post somewhere that you can access quickly.

Another question asked was “Do we have a Community Relations Officer?” The answer is a resounding yes and his information is as follows:

Officer Tom Bostedt, Community Relations Officer, Eastern Division, 9225 Aero Drive, MS 760, San Diego, CA 92123. Phone: (858)-495-7919; Fax: (858)495-7921; Email: Tbostedt@pd.sandiego.gov

Officer Bostedt is present at most Community Council Meetings held on the 4th Wednesday at 6:30PM at the Serra Mesa/Kearny Mesa Library, 9005 Aero Drive, San Diego, CA 92123.

If you are not following Nextdoor.com, I suggest you sign up for that service. You can stay up to date on all neighborhood news and happenings. You will get daily updates from a site that has become quite the trend.

Another source of neighborhood information is our website at: Serramesa.org. On that site you can find everything about our neighborhood. Our newsletter is posted there as well as current information about all the goings on.

Should you have comments or additional questions, please contact me at:

Carl Demas, President Serra Mesa Community Council, P.O. Box 23315, San Diego, CA 92193

Carl Demas

President Serra Mesa Community Council

Franklin Ridge Road Connection Update

On August 24th the Planning Commission hearing was held for the Serra Mesa Community Plan Amendment Roadway Project. The roadway project refers to the Franklin Ridge Road connection between Phyllis Place in Serra Mesa and Civita in Mission Valley.

Since the Final EIR wasn't available for review until August 18th after the 10 day material submission deadline for inclusion in the Planning Commission packet, the Serra Mesa Planning Group (SMPG) prepared a document based on the Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR). The SMPG PowerPoint presentation at the hearing was based on the Final EIR.

The proceedings are at Webcasts | City of San Diego Official Website. The agenda item begins at 2:19:38. The Serra Mesa Planning Group's presentation started at 4:10. There were a lot of people from both Serra Mesa (including six SMPG board members) and Civita who attended the hearing who opposed the road connection. The pro road supporters included some residents from Serra Mesa (e.g., mostly Hye Park residents), pastor from City View Church, and primarily Mission Valley business representatives. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to support the Serra Mesa Community Plan Amendment.

Next Steps in the Process – City Council's Smart Growth & Land Use Committee hearing and then onto the City Council, the final decision maker. All of these hearings are open to the public.

Schedule for Hearings - An email notice will be sent to the SMCC's email list with information about participating in the process.

Smart Growth & Land Use Committee – Thursday, September 21, 2 pm, 202 C St, 12th Floor

City Council – late October

Posted at <http://www.serramesa.org/hot-topics/>

- SMPG response letter
- SMPG position statement
- Response letter from the attorney retained by the Serra Mesa Community Council (SMCC) to review the Recirculated DEIR
- Get the Facts – Franklin Ridge Road Connection presentation at the SMCC May 24, 2017 meeting
- Presentation to City Councilmember Scott Sherman and his staff on June 15, 2017

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2:00-6:00 p.m. Friday
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Saturday
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N.Y.S. Soccer : (858) 973-6101

SD United Soccer: (858) 457-4625

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City Council Approves First of Several Reform Measures to Fix Housing Crisis

Scott Sherman

In response to the crippling housing crisis the San Diego region currently faces, the City Council approved a package of housing reform measures that will cut red tape and streamline the housing approval pipeline. These reforms will allow the construction of housing to move faster, therefore reducing the cost to build.

Everyone agrees the San Diego region is facing a severe housing crisis. Cost of living is far outpacing income and San Diego families are consistently spending more than 30 percent of their incomes on housing. Average rent in San Diego now costs over \$1,700 a month and the median price of a home in the county well exceeds half-a-million dollars. On average, San Diegans spend more of their annual income on housing than San Franciscans!

In an event labeled "Housing Action Day", the City Council began addressing this crisis by approving three items. These items include:

- Streamlining Companion Unit Construction
- Process Level Reductions of Qualifying Housing Projects
- Reforming the Appeals Process

While these measures will help streamline the housing approval process, there is still much more work to be done. We must continue the momentum and bipartisan efforts to lower the cost of housing for San Diego families.

We must ensure that future generations of San Diegans have the financial option to live in San Diego just as I did as a young man entering the work force. It is our moral imperative to ensure that San Diego families are able to live in the same region instead of being forced to relocate to cheaper regions such as Arizona, Nevada, or Texas.

Future actions being considered by the Smart Growth & Land Use Committee include park equivalencies, deferring fees, setting housing target goals, options for self-certification, and restructuring development fees. Additionally the committee will review opportunities to support funding affordable housing programs.

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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 Animal 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		
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Fri.	8:15 a.m.
Holy Days	Please call the church for schedule

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. 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.

Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library

September/October, 2017 Events/Programs

All San Diego Public Library Locations will be **Closed** on Monday, September 4th in observance of Labor Day.

Adult Programs

Art Exhibits – The Friends of the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library present an exhibit of artwork by the Associated Fine Artists in the Community Room and *21 California Missions* by Rachel Evans in the display cases.

Writer's Workshop – Fridays, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Stretch your creative muscles by learning fundamental and advanced creative writing techniques. Weekly prompts, discussions and lectures will help you to brainstorm new ideas and help you learn to “read as a writer.” Geared towards 55+, but everyone 18+ is welcomed. Registration is recommended but not required. <http://www.sdce.edu/emeritus> Starting on September 8.

eReader/Tech Clinic – Saturdays and Sundays, 2:00 p.m. (except September 9) 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.

September 7, 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!

September 12, 5:00 p.m. Friends of the Library Meeting. Join members of your community to discuss ways to support the library.

September 12, 6:45 p.m. Serra Mesa Library Book Club. Join members of your community to discuss *Bridge of Sighs* by Richard Russo.

September 14, 2:30 p.m. Employment Workshop: Resume Writing Workshop. 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.

September 20, 11:30 a.m. Kearny Mesa Planning Group. A community meeting for an organization that advises the city on land use issues.

September 21, 3:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Village Meeting. Join members of your community for presentations on healthy lifestyles for older adults.

September 21, 7:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Planning Group. A community meeting for an organization that advises the city on land use issues.

September 24, 1:30 p.m. San Diego Folk Song Society. Join the folk song circle and enjoy free, live music.

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September 25, 1:30 p.m. OASIS Monday at the Library Russia, Ukraine, and Crimea: Why the Conflict? Dr. Philip Pryde, professor emeritus at SDSU where he taught courses on the USSR for 32 years, has written three books about the Soviet Union, and has spent time in 13 of the 15 former Soviet republics. He will talk about questions like, what is the reason for the current territorial disputes between Russia and Ukraine.

September 27, 6:30 p.m. Serra Mesa Community Council. A meeting to provide information and act as a forum for identifying and solving community problems.

October 5, 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!

October 10, 6:45 p.m. Serra Mesa Library Book Club. Join members of your community to discuss *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi.

October 12, 2:30 p.m. Employment Workshop: Winning Interview Techniques. Make your dream job a reality! Gain information and resources to develop expert interviewing skills. Open to all, especially military families. Offered by the Fleet and Family Support Center.

October 18, 11:30 a.m. Kearny Mesa Planning Group. A community meeting for an organization that advises the city on land use issues.

October 19, 3:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Village Meeting. Join members of your community for presentations on healthy lifestyles for older adults.

October 19, 7:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Planning Group. A community meeting for an organization that advises the city on land use issues.

October 22, 1:30 p.m. San Diego Folk Song Society. Join the folk song circle and enjoy free, live music.

October 25, 6:30 p.m. Serra Mesa Community Council. A meeting to provide information and act as a forum for identifying and solving community problems.

October 30, 1:30 p.m. OASIS Monday at the Library Genealogy: Be An Ancestor Detective. October is Family History Month. How much do you really know about your family? Now is the time to find the answers to questions about your ancestors: where they lived, how they lived, how they came to the U.S. and lots more. Knowing your ancestors is knowing yourself. The class will cover how and where to begin.

Children Programs

Do Your Homework @ the Library Homework Help -Mondays and Thursdays 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Students in Kindergarten through 8th grade can come in for free homework assistance! Bring in your homework to get assistance from one of our Homework Coaches!

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. Join Ms. Carrie and Ms. Sandy every Friday morning for stories, songs, and fun!

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September 1, 4:00 p.m. STEAM2 Academy: Exploring the Five Senses. Learn all about the five senses; taste, sight, touch, smell, and hearing with hands on experiments. This program is geared toward kids ages 4-8.

September 6 & 20, 4:00 p.m. LEGO Builder Club. Join us to build Lego creations that will be displayed in the library.

September 11 & 25, 10:30 a.m. Preschool Craft. Join us for a fun, easy-to-make children's craft.

September 13 & 27, 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.

September 14, 21 & 28, 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 18, 10:30 a.m. Yoga Storytime for Kids. Toddlers will hear stories and songs while learning yoga poses.

October 2 & 16, 10:30 a.m. Yoga Storytime for Kids. Toddlers will hear stories and songs while learning yoga poses.

October 4 & 18, 4:00 p.m. LEGO Builder Club. Join us to build Lego creations that will be displayed in the library.

October 6, 4:00 p.m. STEAM2 Academy: Boom! Volcanoes! What is a volcano? Why does it erupt? Learn all about eruptions, lava, magma and more and make your very own volcano! This program is geared toward kids ages 4-8.

October 9, 23, & 30, 10:30 a.m. Preschool Craft. Join us for a fun, easy-to-make children's craft.

October 11 & 25, 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.

October 12, 19, & 26, 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.

October 25, 4:00 p.m. Halloween at the Library. Join us for Halloween fun! We will be screening the animated short "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" and making a Halloween themed craft. Costumes are encouraged but not required.

Apply for a Free Computer!! Computers 2 SD Kids at the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library – Classes on September 23 and October 28

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 1st of each month.

Congratulations Jo Deeg

The Serra Mesa Village celebrates seniors by honoring those who have proved that life relevant and when one has purpose, anything is possible. See the photo of long time Serra Mesa Resident Jo Deeg at the Sea World Dolphin Encounter. Congratulations Jo and thanks for leading the way.




FALL FESTIVAL

ST. COLUMBA PARISH

October 13-15, 2017

Friday 6:00pm - 10:00pm
Saturday 12:00pm - 10:00pm
Sunday 10:30am - 4:00pm

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Siers Brothers Band SAT 2PM-5PM

GEN.X SAT 5:30PM-6:30PM

Betamaxx Band SAT 7PM-9PM

Relax Max SUN 11:30AM-1:30PM

Coyote Blues Redemption SUN 2PM-4PM

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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.

SDPD EASTERN DIVISION

OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY SEPT 16TH
11:00AM - 3:00PM

KIDS
BOUNCE
HOUSE

BASKETBALL
FREE THROW
COMPETITION

FOOD
TRUCKS

SDPD
RECRUITING

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K9

SWAT



SDPD EASTERN DIVISION
9225 AERO DRIVE
San Diego, CA 92123



We cordially invite you to attend our 2017 Open House! Tour our police station and view demonstrations of our 'tools of the trade'. Learn more about SWAT, K9, School Safety Patrol, evidence processing and a lot more. Explore our vehicles and find out what its like to sit in the front seat (or back seat) of a real patrol car.

There will be activities for all ages-including a bounce house,a dunk tank, a fire engine, the SDPD low rider patrol car, and a live DJ spinning tunes. Also sample a variety of different foods from local food trucks. Come on out, as we look forward to seeing you soon!

San Diego Police Department Retired Seniors Volunteer Patrol (RSVP)

Volunteers are Needed

The Eastern Division of SDPD Eastern Division is reaching out to the Kearny Mesa, Serra Mesa community for volunteers for the Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol, an agency which provides assistance to the police department. Volunteers will participate in the following activities:

- Patrol the streets of our neighborhoods in a patrol car
- Perform business community checks
- Check the homes of vacationing neighbors
- Report city deficiencies, i.e. nonfunctioning traffic signals, potholes, street flooding
- Issue citations to those who violate disabled parking rules
- Visit homebound seniors
- Traffic control
- Public speaking
- Many more exciting and rewarding tasks

We do not participate directly in crime prevention, however we serve as the extra eyes and ears of the police department.

If you are interested in this type of community service and meet the following requirements, please contact us.

- 50+ Years Old
- Semi or Fully Retired
- Good Physical or Mental Health
- Ability to Volunteer in Community Service an Minimum of 3 days per month
- Valid California Driver's License



Please contact us at 858-495-7990, 9225 Aero Drive, San Diego, CA 92123

Serra Mesa Village Activities for September 2017						
◀ Aug 2017						Oct 2017 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 9am Walking Group	2
3	4 Labor Day 9am Walking Group	5 8:30-10am Feeling Fit Club 1:30pm Board Meeting at SMRC	6 9am Walking Group 12-1PM Friendship Lunch at MVCF	7 8:30-10am Feeling Fit Club 10am Day Trip to Heritage Park Meet at SM/KM Library	8 9am Walking Group	9
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17	18 9am Walking Group	19 8:30-10am Feeling Fit Club	20 9am Walking Group 12-1PM Friendship Lunch at MVCF	21 8:30-10am Feeling Fit Club 3-5pm General Meeting at SM/KM Library, Stroke Prevention	22 9am Walking Group	23
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SMRC = Serra Mesa Recreational Center, 9020 Village Glen Drive

MVCF = Mission Village Christian Fellowship, 2650 Melbourne Drive

SM/KM = Serra Mesa/Kearny Mesa Library, 9005 Aero Drive

Serra Mesa Village Activities for October 2017						
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You should consider joining the Village.

Are you 55 years or more experienced? Are you looking for associating with some exciting people?

Do you like having a good time? Then you may be perfect for the "Village".

Some of our activities are:

Travel to an interesting San Diego destination on the 1st Thursday of the month

Weekly Free Lunch (Soup, Salad, Bread, Dessert) at Mission Village Christian Fellowship,
2650 Melbourne Dr. Wednesday Noon until 1:00 p.m.

Classic Movies on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at the Serra Mesa Recreation Center.

Walking Group every Monday, Wednesday, Friday
from 9:00-10:00 a.m., meet at the Recreation Center.

Feeling Fit Club every Tues and Thurs from 8:30-10:00 a.m.
Starts after Aug 21 at Recreation Center.

General Information or Activity Meeting 3:00-5:00 p.m. on
the 3rd Wednesday at the Serra Mesa Library.

If you have planning skills and like to create fun activities, there is room for you on our Board.

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Clairemont Act One Presents:

No Sh*t Sherlock!

An Evening of Funny Mayhem and Murder One Acts!



Thurs, Fri, Sat November 2, 3 & 4 at 7 pm
and 1 PM matinee Nov 4.

Northminster Community Hall
4324 Clairemont Mesa Blvd, San Diego, CA 92117

www.clairemontactone.org

Mention Serra Mesa at the door for \$10 tickets!
SAVE THE DATE

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.)

(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: _____	

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"/>	Community Council. 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"/>	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.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation Council. 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"/>	Enhancement Committee. 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"/>	Friends of the Library. 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"/>	Friends of Ruffin Canyon. Friends of Ruffin Canyon removes invasive non native plants from the canyon and replaces them with natives.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Serra Mesa Food Pantry. 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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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