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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Jan 9	Friends of Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library 5:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Sudberry Room
Jan 16	Serra Mesa Recreation Center Council Meeting 6:30 p.m., 9020 Village Glen Drive
Jan 18	Serra Mesa Planning Group 7 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Room
Jan 18	Village General Meeting 3 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Room
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*Serra Mesa Enhancement Committee meetings -
 write to P.O. Box 23315, San Diego, CA, 92193.*

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



HAPPY NEW YEAR

I hope that 2017 was a wonderful year for you. Sometimes the best part of a new year is that the old year is over and we have a clean slate. Regardless of how your year ended, we can look forward to a new year full of many things to keep our attention and directions in line. As you know we have many challenges this year and as like every other year we will face them, analyze, discuss, then resolve them to the best of our ability. Currently, we have a lot of things going for us as a nation. Unemployment is at a longtime low and that means that more jobs are available. The nations businesses are doing well as indicated by the Dow Jones and other reporting agencies. As Californians, we can sympathize with our neighbors who have suffered fire damage and many who have lost everything are reporting that neighbors are coming to their aid and support. Many thanks to the first responders who have fought hard and long to keep the damage to a minimum. We can be thankful that there are many men and women who risk all to keep us as safe as possible. That also brings us to those men and women in the service of our country. Our military has as much responsibility as I can remember as it seems that more and more are deployed on multiple missions. Thank you to all for what you do. Know that you are the subject of our thoughts and prayers as you sacrifice self, family, and health for the benefit of us.

With a new year also comes resolutions where we attempt to improve something about our life. While life in Serra Mesa is as close to ideal as it gets, there are areas that need some attention. As a service organization, the Serra Mesa Community Council (SMCC) needs you. Our monthly meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of most months and we need your participation. We want to know what subjects we should present by way of speakers to help draw out attendance. We need board members so, if you have been putting it off, come to our meeting on January 27 where we will be nominating and electing board members. We are in need of a Vice-President to help schedule speakers and events. If organization is your strong suit, we need you.

The message would not be complete without thanks to all SMCC board members as well as Planning Board Members, Park and Recreation Board Members, Serra Mesa Village, Friendship Lunch Preparers, Serra Mesa Pantry Volunteers, Friends of Ruffin Canyon, Friends of the Library, and Ronda Adams (Editor of our Newsletter). We could not do it without you. THANK YOU!

Carl Demas
President
Serra Mesa Community Council

KUDOS – MILITARY HERO BRINGS HONOR

TO OUR SERRA MESA COMMUNITY

You likely saw lots of press coverage about a U. S. Army soldier who is a Medal of Honor awardee and got a city park named for him. John Baca, then age 20, was in a Vietnam battlefield on a night in 1970 when an enemy grenade landed right next to him. Instantly John removed his helmet, placed it over the grenade, and lay chest down atop the helmet. He was badly wounded but his action kept 8 of his fellow soldiers from getting killed, which likely would have occurred without John's heroic action.

John spent many months after that attack getting major medical treatment. On June 15, 1971, about 16 months after his life-saving action in Vietnam, he was awarded the Medal of Honor by President Richard Nixon.

On December 2nd John, now 68, was honored by his growing-up community of Linda Vista with an event which named a park right at Linda Vista Road after him. The park, located across the street from the commercial center, was renamed the John P. Baca Park. A large sign noting his being a Medal of Honor Recipient was uncovered to major cheers from the many attendees at the event. Many of those were graduates of Kearny Mesa High School, where John had attended and graduated from.

The park dedication event was well attended by roughly 200 people. Music was provided by the U.S. Marine Band, and opening Posting of the Colors brought in by Kearny Mesa High School Army ROTC. The initial ceremonies were led by Doug Beckham, Chair of the Linda Vista Recreation Council (and John's KM High classmate). The Rec Council was the organization that made the park naming possible. Marine Major (Ret.) Bill Mimiage introduced the many military veterans (one who was John's drill instructor during his initial Boot Camp days) and told of John's service experiences and beyond.

John was introduced to much applause and music from the Marine Band. He told of spending over a year in Balboa Park Military Hospital and introduced the nurse who had been of special value that whole time. Two decades after his Vietnam experience, in 1990, he returned there with other U.S. vets to work with their former enemies to build a U.S.-Vietnam friendship clinic.

In recent years John lived in Julian and was known for giving out that town's famous apple pies. About two years ago he moved to Serra Mesa, and can often be seen walking with his dog JoJo around our neighborhoods and local parks.

So how about a loud "OOO-RAH!" (many heard at the park event) for our neighbor John Baca's notable contributions to this country.

Tom Leech is a frequent Observer contributor and a member of the SM Community Council Board and the SM Park & Rec Committee. He's the author of many books, including *On the Road in '68: a Year of Turmoil, a Journey of Friendship*. For info visit www.presentationspress.com.

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SD United Soccer: (858) 457-4625

Serra Mesa Senior Softball:
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Serra Mesa Recreation Council meets on
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What's being placed on the utility poles and why is there trenching on Murray Ridge Road?

Conversations with the workers/representatives indicate that the purpose of the project is to improve cell reception in Serra Mesa. This information is extracted from the Crown Castle website at http://www.crowncastle.com/projects/wireless-carriers-san-diego_ca.aspx:

“Crown Castle became involved with San Diego when the city needed a solution that could complement its traditional macro wireless infrastructure and address topography and zoning challenges...

Today, Crown Castle has a fiber network throughout the San Diego metropolitan area that can be used to serve macrocell sites and SCS nodes...”



JONES ELEMENTARY

Jones Elementary was the recipient of a generous gift from The Bikes for Kids Foundation and Pacific Advisors. Every second and third grade student that was currently enrolled at Jones Elementary received a new bicycle and a helmet!

The second and third grade teachers had their students write about their “Big Dreams” for the future. During an assembly they learned some of them would receive a bike in celebration of their writing. It was an incredible moment when we opened the curtains on the stage and our students realized they would each be receiving a new bike. There were screams, cheers, tears, and jumping for joy from both the students and teachers!

Through this gift we were thrilled to give our students the opportunity to enjoy riding a bike throughout their community as well as supporting ways to develop their physical health and well-being.

It was a truly memorable day for everyone involved!



Allison Buell
Principal



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 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		
Meals On Wheels	(619) 260-6110		
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Mon-Thurs.	7:00 a.m.
Fri.	8:15 a.m.
Holy Days	Please call the church for schedule

FRANKLIN RIDGE ROAD UPDATE

On October 30 the City Council voted 8-1 to approve the Serra Mesa Community Plan Amendment for the Roadway Connection. Councilmember Barbara Bry was the dissenting vote. To listen to the hearing go to http://granicus.sandiego.gov/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=3, select October 30; hearing begins at 9:39. The discussion centered on the road connection providing a regional improvement, Fire and Rescue Department's need for a primary access road, improvement in circulation, and impacts on Mission Valley. Impacts on Serra Mesa were not discussed by the city councilmembers.

There were inaccuracies and/or misleading statements presented during the hearing from speakers, staff, and city councilmembers. Here's one example from City Councilmember Scott Sherman:

"I heard people from the Serra Mesa group saying that they voted for Civita in the beginning. Well then you voted for Phyllis Place Road connector because this was part of the mitigation of allowing for Phyllis Place for the Civita project to be built."

This is inaccurate. The Serra Mesa Planning Group passed a motion on June 5, 2008 recommending approval of Quarry Falls with the condition that there be no road connection to Phyllis Place.

Thanks to those Serra Mesa residents who attended the hearing and either spoke or ceded their time so others would have sufficient time to speak. Your presence was greatly appreciated. The Serra Mesa Planning Group provided a professional presentation and described in detail the impacts of the road connection on Serra Mesa and the weaknesses of the Environmental Impact Report.

An environmental lawsuit was filed on November 27 on behalf of the "Save Civita Because Sudberry Won't" group. The group is suing to protect public safety and the quality of life in Civita and Serra Mesa because Sudberry and the politicians it owns refuse to do that. There are Serra Mesa residents on this group's board, who will represent Serra Mesa's interests. Media articles about the lawsuit are at <http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/politics/sd-me-freeway-dispute-20171128-story.html> and <http://www.sandiegoreader.com/news/2017/nov/28/ticker-save-civita-because-sudberry-wont/>. The U-T article mistakenly indicated Murray Ridge is being widened instead of Phyllis Place.

The Save Civita Because Sudberry Won't group's focus is safety issues that the City Council didn't address, e.g., semi-trucks using the route, speed limit, emergency access impacted by congestion, church parking lot not aligning with the road connection (the conditional use permit allows left turns from the church driveway and the City can't require the parking lot reconfiguration mitigation since this is private property), bisection of Phyllis Place Park, and only two crosswalks a half mile apart at the top and bottom of Via Alta and Franklin Ridge (more crosswalks can't be added because of the steepness of the grade and curves in the roads). An elementary school is planned at the corner of Via Alta and Civita Boulevard.

For more information about the Save Civita Because Sudberry Won't group, go to <http://www.savecivita.com/>. If you are interested in contributing funds to the lawsuit, go to gofundme.com/save-civita.

Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library

January/February 2018 Events/Programs

All San Diego Public Library Locations will be **Closed** Monday, January 1st in observance of New Year's Day, Monday, January 15th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and Monday, February 19th in observance of Presidents' Day.

Adult Programs

Writer's Workshop – Fridays in January, 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>

AARP Tax Preparation Assistance – Fridays, February 2 thru April 13, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. The AARP will be providing free tax help for taxpayers with low to moderate income on Fridays, February 2 - April 13. Please call/visit the library to make an appointment. Appointments can be made 2 weeks before the appointment date, beginning on Friday, January 19.

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

Tech Clinic – Saturdays and Sundays, 2:00 p.m. (except February 17) Need help understanding how to use your tablet or mobile phone? Bring in your device for hands-on, one-on-one help to answer general questions about your device. Learn how to access SDPL's digital content and other eResources.

Japanese Brush Painting – Thursdays, February 1 thru June 7, 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Learn how to create beautiful tones of Japanese sumi-ink and paint with unique Japanese brush style. Geared towards 55+, but everyone 18+ is welcomed. “Walk-in registration in the class”. <https://cestudent.sdccd.edu/cereg/>

January 4, 2:00 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!

January 9, 5:00 p.m. Friends of the Library Meeting. Join members of your community to discuss ways to support the library.

January 9, 6:45 p.m. Serra Mesa Library Book Club. Join members of your community to discuss *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho.

January 17, 11:30 a.m. Kearny Mesa Planning Group. A community meeting for an organization that advises the city on land use issues.

January 18, 3:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Village Meeting. Join members of your community for presentations on healthy lifestyles for older adults.

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January 22, 1:30 p.m. OASIS Monday at the Library: Don't Be Left in the Dark: Emergency Preparedness Tips From SDG&E. Join us for a FREE workshop and learn how to be prepared in case of an emergency. Learn about your “energy zone” and the programs, services and tools SDG&E offers to help you be prepared in case of a power outage.

January 24, 6:30 p.m. Serra Mesa Community Council. A meeting to provide information and act as a forum for identifying and solving community problems.

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February 21, 11:30 a.m. Kearny Mesa Planning Group. A community meeting for an organization that advises the city on land use issues.

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

February 26, 1:30 p.m. OASIS Monday at the Library: The 2-Minute Perfect Posture Breathing Meditation. Join Dr. Patch in this fun and enlightening workshop as he teaches a simple meditation that you can perform anytime, anywhere. Based upon the Triad of Life--the Physical, Chemical, and Mental aspects of health--he will condense thirty-five years of holistic practice into a two-minute exercise that you can master in minutes to achieve better posture, get more energy-fueling oxygen to your brain, feel calmer and more present. Dr. Patch practices chiropractic in Ocean Beach where he has been taking care of his friends, family, and neighbors since 1984.

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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. (Except Jan. 1 & 15, and Feb. 19) 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!

January 3 & 17, 4:00 p.m. LEGO Builder Club. Join us to build Lego creations that will be displayed in the library.

January 5, 4:00 p.m. STEAM2 Academy: Marine Science! Learn about marine science and meet some local tide pool residents. We will play a fun marine biology game. This program is geared toward kids ages 4-8.

January 8, 22, & 29, 10:30 a.m. Preschool Craft. Join us for a fun, easy-to-make children's craft.

January 10 & 24, 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.

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January 11, 18, & 25, 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.

January 20, 1:00 p.m. Physics of the Fidget Spinner. Fidget spinners aren't a distraction, they're a tangible lesson in the laws of physics. Students explore concepts of energy conservation, how motion transfers, and the law of gravity and tension. Program is for students 6th-8th grade. Space is limited. **Registration required.** SanDiego.gov/LibraryNext

January 27, 1:00 p.m. Marine Mammals of California. This course introduces students to the many marine mammal's native to San Diego, including seals, sea lions, dolphins and great whales. Program is for students 6th-8th grade. Space is limited. **Registration required.** SanDiego.gov/LibraryNext

February 3, 1:00 p.m. Wearable Electronics. Students will learn the basics of series circuits and build a Valentine's Day heart shaped bow or pin with red/pink lights end-product to take home. Program is for students 6th-8th grade. Space is limited. **Registration required.** SanDiego.gov/LibraryNext

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

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

February 10, 1:00 p.m. Coral Reef EcoArt. Students will suit up for a virtual snorkel or scuba dive and learn the basics of scuba equipment. The class highlights the major taxonomic groups, and teaches how to identify what kind of creature you might be looking at. Budding oceanographers create a diorama full of colorful fish and invertebrates they can take home. No prior experience is necessary. Program is for students 6th-8th grade. Space is limited. **Registration required.** SanDiego.gov/LibraryNext

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February 24, 1:00 p.m. Tiny House Architecture. During this class, students will learn the fundamentals of tiny house construction by designing and building a tiny house out of clay and found materials. Program is for students 6th-8th grade. Space is limited. **Registration required.** SanDiego.gov/LibraryNext

Apply for a Free Computer!! Computers 2 SD Kids at the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library – Classes on January 27 and February 24

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.

Mission Village Ronda to Qualcomm Sidewalk

Project Identification Number: B15004 (Transportation Asset)

Project Description: The scope of work includes the installation of new concrete sidewalk on both sides of Mission Village Drive between Ronda Avenue and Friars Road, including installation of curb and gutter, AC pavement, driveway, curb ramps, curb outlets, retaining curbs, retaining walls, pedestrian barricades, and island passageway, re-striping of crosswalks, bike lanes and traffic striping as needed, and relocation of pedestrian pushbuttons.

Project Details (source of information is from environmental determination notice dated March 7, 2017): A Site Development Permit (SDP) for replacement and installation of a total of 18,460 square feet (SF) of sidewalk, 1,780 linear feet (LF) of 6-inch Type "G" curb and gutter, 530 SF of commercial driveway, 625 SF of pervious concrete sidewalk, and 7,300 SF of asphalt concrete (AC) pavement. The new, 5-foot-wide sidewalk would replace the existing AC sidewalk along the east and west sides of Mission Village Drive. A one-foot wide, 4-inch deep decomposed granite (DG) parkway would be installed between the back of new curb and the new sidewalk along Mission Village Drive, north of the Friars Road off- and on-ramps.

An existing parking lot is located north of the Friars Road West on-ramp and Mission Village Drive intersection, which will be utilized by construction crews as a staging area. All work will occur within the City of San Diego street right -of -way, with the exception of approximately 1,000 square feet at the southern portion of the project. The majority of the impact for this section is the removal and replacement of existing AC sidewalk with PCC sidewalk, and replacement of the commercial driveway.

Impacts to vegetation will include trimming and removal of trees within the street right -of way along the new sidewalk alignment. The project would also include the following improvements: installation of a curb ramp, signal modifications to pedestrian push buttons, and restriping.

The project includes a design feature that will implement the MSCP City of San Diego Subarea Plan Land Use Adjacency Guidelines during project construction to avoid indirect impacts to biological resources.

Additional Comment: Seven new trees will be watered by the contractor for three years after construction completion.

Construction Period: Begin November 2017 and End anticipated in February 2018

Contractor: Blue Pacific Engineering and Construction

Contact Information: For questions or concerns about the project, call the Public Works Department construction project information line at (619) 533-4207, email engineering@sandiego.gov . Reference the project name in the inquiry.

Information Source: Extracted from <http://cipapp.sandiego.gov/cipdistrictnav.aspx> and/or provided by Wendy Gamboa, City of San Diego Civil Engineer.

Historical Perspective: Periodically the Serra Mesa Planning Group (SMPG) is asked by the city council office to submit a list of priority projects for Serra Mesa. SMPG recognizes that there are many people who walk Mission Village Drive and improvements are desperately needed. Consequently, since 2003 SMPG has designated the sidewalks from Mission Village to Qualcomm as one of their top five priorities. Fortunately, the project is now fully funded and should be completed in early 2018.

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Please fill out the enclosed form and send it with your check to P.O. Box 23315,
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SERRA MESA VILLAGE NEWS

Serra Mesa Village – a Neighborly Network of Seniors for Seniors – has ambitious plans for the New Year! Our primary goal is to increase membership. The more members we have, the more services we can offer our senior neighbors. We would love to have you join us.

We now have a meeting place – Serra Mesa Rec Ctr - and will soon have a schedule of “Open” hours.

Come enjoy a cup of coffee, a movie, take a class or socialize with others.

Monthly “Connection” meetings are held at Serra Mesa/ Kearney Mesa Library the 3rd Thurs. of every month from 3-5 pm. (Feb. thru May 3:30- 5:30pm). Programs are informative, fun and include refreshments & a 50/50 drawing.

Please check us out at “serramesa.helpfulvillage.com” or call 858-565-2473, leave your name, address, phone number & we’ll call or mail you more information. Email us at “serramesavillage10@gmail.com”

The Village concept is a national movement to help seniors remain in their homes as long as they want. Target group is 55 and over, but ALL are welcome, especially those who would volunteer much needed services.

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Kearny Mesa AYSO Champions!

Kearny Mesa AYSO, whose home field is at Cabrillo Heights park in Serra Mesa, dominated the Area 11R tournament in San Marcos on December 2nd and 3rd. Of the 9 teams representing Kearny Mesa AYSO (Region 780), 6 teams competed in the championship game, with 3 teams claiming victory! Congratulations to our U10 Boys, the Blue Lightning, U14 Boys, and U14 Girls, the Violet Virus! The winners will be representing Area R in the Section 11 tournament to be played in Garden Grove in February, competing against 7 other Areas in Southern California. Area 11R is composed of 6 regions and encompasses the area of San Diego County from State Route 76 (north) to State Route 94 (south); and from the Pacific Ocean (west) to approximately 20 miles inland (east).

For more information about Kearny Mesa AYSO, visit www.ayso780.org. Congratulations to all the teams that competed and best of luck to our three teams moving on to the next level.



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SIGN-UPS FOR LITTLE LEAGUE

Serra Mesa Little League is ramping up for our Spring 2018 season! Cabrillo Heights neighborhood park is our home field. We are looking for players, coaches, umpires, sponsors, and volunteers to join our league. Players must be 4 years old as of August 31, 2018 to be eligible. No experience required. You can sign up on our website at www.serramesalittleleague.org. If you are available to help promote and encourage youth baseball in our neighborhood, join us! For more information or with questions, contact us at serramesalittleleague@outlook.com.

SERRA MESA TRAIL GETS BOOST FROM AN EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

In December, 16-year old Boy Scout Shane Britton completed his project as a key factor toward receiving his Eagle Scout award. Result –we now have a new wooden footbridge across the stream in our Serra Mesa Ruffin Canyon. Shane, with help from roughly 20 fellow scouts, friends, and adults, was able to get the many wood planks from Gramercy Street down the foot trail that runs on the west side of Taft Middle School. Shane and crew then assembled the foot bridge, enabling hikers to easily cross over this stream. Before, to cross, hikers would step carefully over a series of rocks placed in the stream bed (most of the year the stream is maybe 2-3” deep, with more water after our rare rainfalls).

Shane and his family live in Santee, where they moved about 3 years ago from New Jersey. He’s a student at Santee’s Westfield High School. He was looking for a good hands-on project that would take some work, add value, and meet the required approved by his Scout Troop #324. With a lead to Friends of Ruffin Canyon leader Monica Fuentes, he got the idea to develop a project for our Serra Mesa canyon. He scouted the canyon and came up with the idea for the footbridge, with a possible design similar to another wooden footbridge in the canyon, also near Taft. He got the OK from the city park ranger, and after about 2 months got his troop’s committee OK to proceed.

Shane and and crew worked over 3 weekends to prepare the site. They got the pressure-treated wood from La Mesa Lumber. To pay for this not inexpensive project, he got some help from family and friends. He also set up a “Fund Me” account so people could contribute on-line or via mail. Those who would like to help Shane pay for the project can go to www.fundly.com and search for Shane Britton’s Eagle Project. Contributions can also be sent via regular mail to his home address 9761 Medina Drive, Santee, CA 92071. He has some more activities ahead and expects to get his Eagle award in perhaps 3 months.



So how about a loud “Attaboy!” for Shane’s noble project benefitting our Serra Mesa natural world? (Point of info – your writer made it to “Life” level but not to “Eagle” in his Indiana hometown scout troop.)

Tom Leech is a frequent Observer contributor and a member of the SM Community Council Board and the SM Park & Rec Committee. He’s the author of many books, with his most current titled FUN ON THE JOB: Amusing and true tales from Rosie-the-Riveters to Rocket Scientists at a Major Aerospace Company (i.e. 8 decades of Consolidated, Convair, GD...) For info visit www.presentationpress.com.

SERRA MESA VILLAGE JANUARY 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Natl Hangover Day	2 8:30-10:00AM-Feeling Fit - SMRC	3 9:00 AM-Walking Group - SMRC 10:30 - Exercise-MVCF 12-1 Friendship Lunch MVCF	4 8:30-10:00AM-Feeling Fit - SMRC 10:00AM - SMV Day Day Trip SM/KM	5 9:00 AM-Walking gp SMRC	6 Cuddle up Day
7	8 9:00 AM-Walking gp SMRC 1:00 PM-SMV Board Meeting SMRC	9 8:30-10:00AM-Feeling Fit - SMRC	10 9:00 AM-Walking group SMRC 10:30 - Exercise-MVCF 12-1 Friendship Lunch MVCF 1:30 PM - Movie SMRC	11 8:30-10:00AM-Feeling Fit - SMRC	12 9:00 AM-Walking gp SMRC	13
14 Dress up your pet Day	15 9:00 AM-Walking gp SMRC	16 8:30-10:00AM-Feeling Fit - SMRC Appreciate a Dragon Day	17 9:00 AM-Walking Group SMRC 10:30 - Exercise-MVCF 12-1 Friendship Lunch MVCF	18 8:30-10:00AM-Feeling Fit - SMRC 3:00-5:00 PM - SMV Connection SM/KM	19 9:00 AM-Walking gp SMRC	20 Natl Cheese Lovers Day
21	22 9:00 AM-Walking gp SMRC Natl Puzzle Day	23 8:30-10:00AM-Feeling Fit - SMRC Natl Pie Day	24 9:00 AM-Walking Group SMRC 10:30 - Exercise-MVCF 12-1 Friendship Lunch MVCF 1:30 PM - Movie SMRC	25 8:30-10:00AM-Feeling Fit - SMRC	26 9:00 AM-Walking gp SMRC	27 Chocolate Cake Day
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SERRA MESA VILLAGE FEBRUARY 2018							Mrz 2018 ▶
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4		5 9:00 AM - Walking gp SMRC 1:00 PM SMV Board Meeting - SMRC	6 8:30-10:00AM- Feeling Fit - SMRC	7 9:00 AM-Walking gp SMRC 10:30 – Exercise-MVCF 12-1 Friendship Lunch MVCF	8 8:30-10:00AM-Feeling Fit SMRC Kite Flying Day	9 9:00 AM-Walking gp SMRC	10
11 Don't cry over spilled milk Day		12 9:00 AM-Walking gp SMRC	13 8:30-10:00AM- Feeling Fit - SMRC	14 9:00 AM-Walking gp SMRC 10:30 – Exercise-MVCF 12-1 Friendship Lunch MVCF 1:30 PM-Movie SMRC	15 8:30-10:00AM-Feeling Fit SMRC 3:30 -5:30 SMV Connection-SM/KM	16 9:00 AM-Walking gp SMRC	17 Random acts of Kindness Day
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St. Columba 2017 Festival



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 _____
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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.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Serra Mesa Village. An active non-profit organization for residents 55+ who promote connections to help our members thrive.

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



Serra Mesa Little League

2018 Spring Registration

We are looking for players of all skills and abilities!

(Ages 4-14 on or before August 31, 2018)

We are also looking for volunteers, coaches, managers, and umpires. No experience? No problem! Training will be provided.

Division	Age	Cost
T-Ball*	4-6	\$160
Caps*	7-8	\$180
Minors*	9-10	\$180
Majors*	11-12	\$180
Juniors	13-14	\$155

*Included in registration fee is a \$50 snack bar deposit which is refunded if two snack bar shifts are completed.

**Military and
Family Discounts available!!**

Important Dates

Player Assessments	1/20/18
	1/27/18
Cap Day	2/03/18
Opening Day Ceremonies	3/03/18
Picture Day	3/03/18

Registration includes:

team hat, shirt, socks, belt, team picture and trophy.

Online registration available at www.serramesalittleleague.org



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