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6:30 p.m.

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

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Wednesday, April 25 6:30 p.m.

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	CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS		
Mar 13	Friends of Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library 5:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Sudberry Room		
Mar 15	Serra Mesa Village Connection 3:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Room		
Mar 15	Serra Mesa Planning Group 7 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Room		
Mar 17	Hearing Loss Association of America (San Diego) 10:30 a.m., Mission Village Christian Fellowship		
Mar 20	Serra Mesa Recreation Center Council Meeting 6:30 p.m., 9020 Village Glen Drive		
Mar 28	Friends of Ruffin Canyon 5:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm		
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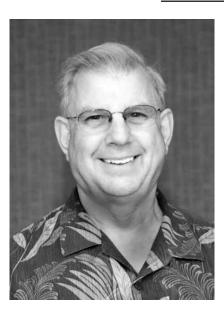
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



You are needed!

It is an exciting time to be living in San Diego. As they say, "We live in interesting times". Recently I was looking at some demographics for Serra Mesa with the following results: Population – 30,387; Median Age – 32.6; Households – 10,039; Persons per household – 2.57; Income per household – 72,245; Number of businesses – 1752; Number of employees – 82,329; Median house value – 442,800. So, what does all this mean? I always thought that we were this little community surrounded by canyons. A bedroom community with very little business and homeowners who worked all day and only returned to lock themselves in their homes. Shows how wrong I was.

It turns out that we are a significant part of San Diego and should take stock of who we are and what we can expect from those who care what we think and want. We are a significant part of the revenue that is sent to our City, County, State, and Federal Government. We have been ignored long enough and it is high time that we let our needs and wants to be heard. So now that we have stated our importance what is it that we want. What are some of the needs and concerns of our neighborhood? At our Council Meetings and various places where we congregate, we hear of the need for a local grocery store where we can shop with reasonable prices and selection without having to drive 5 miles to get there. Sorry but CVS just doesn't have it. At least we can get a few needed items, but it should be nice to shop at a local place where those who do not drive can walk and pick up what they need. We tried a Farmer's Market for the last year and while it started out with a bang, a lack of shoppers and the price of local farmer's produce soon found our market barren because of lack of participation. Our Farmer's Market manager fulfilled his contract for a year and if it was successful, it would still be here.

The homeless is another concern and seems to be a growing problem throughout our City, State, and Nation. Pan Handling has become a local profession and there is hardly a corner around anymore without some individual with their hand out looking for money. Will work for food is no longer an option, they just want cash. When will we learn to stop supporting drug and alcohol habits and donate instead to agencies that are working on the situation? Our local police are faced with sending resources to the worst neighborhoods and thankfully we are not one of them. Resources to our area suffer until law reinforcement is stabilized. Thank goodness we have increased law enforcement pay so we can retain and attract new officers. We have an ear with Officer Tom Bostedt and Lt. Brown who attend each Community Council Meeting. Get a monthly report or ask about a specific problem.

Okay, so where am I going with this? The Serra Mesa Community Council is the answer, but we need your participation and assistance. Together we can solve our problems or at least make them known to those who can assist us. Our local elected officials except for Tony Atkins, who will be speaking at our March 28th Meeting, do not even come to our Council Meetings as they are too involved in "more important issues". People we need to stand together to get the respect we want. Don't like the topics at the meeting, tell us what you want. We are desperate to help the community solve some of our problems. We are the place where you can come and voice your frustrations as to what is wrong and what is right with Serra Mesa. I think we are the crown jewel of San Diego. Everything about us is positive we have a location, accessibility, and a great place to live. It just doesn't happen. Support our local Community Meetings on the 4th Wednesday, our Public Library, our Schools, our Recreation Center, our local businesses, and your local church, synagogue or mosque. We all need you!

Carl Demas, President SMCC

BEAR BUNS HAS NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM





Bear Buns Bakery & Cafe is a popular spot for coffee and munchies located on Greyling next to the Serra Mesa Post Office. It's a good hangout for neighbors to gather for refreshments and conversations.

Several years ago, the management team of Todd and Richard took over the operation and has had good success in enhancing the appearance and food options.

On March 3rd a new ownership team, with direct ties to the previous owners, will take over. Ashli Valdez has been the Bear Buns Baker for two years, part of a 13-year career as a baker. Michi Sowers for the past year has been the cafe's Lead Barista, managing the front desk and customer services of food and drinks. They will continue performing those duties and Johnny Valdez, Ashli's husband, is the 3rd new owner as a silent partner. Ashli and Michi are native San Diegans, growing up in Lemon Grove and graduating from Helix High School.

The close connection between new and previous owners was a key factor in the change. Per Ashli: "They wanted someone to keep the same concept, and Michi and I want that also. There'll be no big changes as we'll continue providing delicious cinnamon rolls, muffins, and sticky buns along with coffee and beverages."

Bear Buns is right next to the Serra Mesa Post Office at 3251 Greyling, just north of Sandrock. They open at 6 a.m. and close at 6 p.m. (Sunday 7 a.m. -4 p.m.), and serve food offerings to match breakfast, lunch and early dinner. For specifics check mybearbuns.com or call 858-573-2327.

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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1:00 - 8:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 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 20 & April 17 at 6:30 p.m.

FREE CAREER TRAINING



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Continuing Education leads the way for Entry-Level Medical Jobs



SDCE student at Cesar E. Chavez Campus in Barrio Logan

By: Allura Garis

Spring semester at San Diego Continuing Education (SDCE) is underway and healthcare career training is at its highest level of enrollment.

The healthcare industry is growing faster than ever due to recent changes in the United States' healthcare system. With this growth comes the demand for higher education and skilled workers.

SDCE offers free short-term healthcare career training to San Diego county residents 18+. While registered nursing programs can take minimally two to four years to complete, SDCE's Certified Nursing Assistant program can be generally completed in 260 hours or sixteen weeks.

Additional certifications include Personal Care Assistant/Caregiver and Home Health Aide.

"No one in my family has a high school diploma. This is a big deal for me. I want to show my daughter even if you have a big setback if you really fight for it you can do it," said Susana, SDCE student. Many students like Susana transition regularly from SDCE's Cesar E. Chavez Campus to City College to begin nursing classes.

"We are teaching students to envision earning beyond minimum or low wages, said Carlos O. Turner Cortez, Ph.D., SDCE President. "We are moving full force. We encourage SDCE students to earn income while they are learning and providing paid internships is a successful model."

Last year SDCE awarded nearly 10,000 diplomas and certificates of completion, an increase of 66% from the previous year.

Spring semester classes and free certificate programs at SDCE are currently enrolling. For more information visit, SDCE.EDU

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		
Neighborhood Code Compliance	(619) 236-5500		
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 $$8\!:\!15$ a.m. Please call the church for schedule

Holy Days

THE "NEW" KEARNY HIGH SCHOOL

Did you know that Kearny High is composed of four small specialty schools? In 2004, Kearny closed and reopened as the Kearny High Educational Complex. Kearny's four small schools are: The School of Digital Media and Design (DMD), The School of College Connections (SCC), The School of Engineering, Innovation, and Design (EID), and The School of Science, Connections & Technology (SCT). Each school is contained in a relatively separate area of the site. Shared spaces include the complex office, auditorium, gymnasium, library, student center, locker rooms, athletic facilities, and cafeteria. All schools operate on the same academic calendar and bell schedule. There is one principal who oversees all four small schools, and three of the four schools have their own vice principal.

Through this small school model, students can choose to specialize in curriculum that interests them and relates to their future academic and career goals. Teachers and administrators are able to get better acquainted students and their families, creating a more personalized educational experience with greater student accountability.

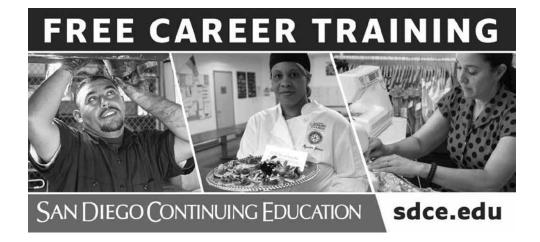
The Kearny campus has also felt "new" due to the opening of a new football stadium (with lights!), baseball field, and weight room in 2015. The gymnasium was also refurbished in 2017.

Interested in a tour? Contact school receptionist Maria Lopez at 858-496-8370 extension 2008 or mlopez4@ sandi.net.



Photo:

Student CJ Garzon assists Kearny Principal Ana Díaz-Booz with the ribbon cutting for Kearny's Komet Stadium in 2015. Photo credit: Laura Farrar



Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library

March/April, 2018 Events/Programs

All San Diego Public Library Locations will be **Closed** Friday, March 30th and Saturday, March 31st in observance of Cesar Chavez Day.

Art Exhibits – The Friends of the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library present the exhibit "Feather Rishi" by Lewis Grimes in the Community Room and Hopi Art and Kachina Dolls by Rachel Evans in the display cases.

Adult Programs

Japanese Brush Painting – Wednesdays, 1:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. (except March 7 & 28) and Thursdays, 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Except March 29). 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/

AARP Tax Preparation Assistance – Fridays, February 2 thru April 13, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 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.

Knitting Circle – Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. (except March 31) Join the knitting circle. Improve your skills in this traditional art form.

Tech Clinic – Saturdays and Sundays, 2:00 p.m. (except March 31) 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.

March 13, 5:00 p.m. Friends of the Library Meeting. Join members of your community to discuss ways to support the library.

March 13, 6:45 p.m. Serra Mesa Library Book Club. Join members of your community to discuss *The Son* by Philipp Meyer.

March 15, 3:30 p.m. Serra Mesa Village Meeting. Join members of your community for presentations on healthy lifestyles for older adults.

March 15, 7:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Planning Group. A community meeting for an organization that advises the city on land use issues.

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

March 26, 1:30 p.m. OASIS Monday at the Library: Brain Fit Now. Join this evidence-based workshop to boost your brain health and lower your risk for Alzheimer's disease and dementia. Learn about Brain Fit Now! A method that includes brain training, memory strategies, nutrition advice, physical activity, social connection tips, and stress management.

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

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

April 10, 6:30 p.m. One Book One San Diego, Special Book Discussion. This event joins up with the Serra

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Mesa Library Book Club and Stonecrest Book Club for a "Sips, Sweets & Spirited Discussion." Come and discuss *The Sandcastle Girls* by Chris Bohjalian with other members of the community. Light refreshments of Armenian snacks will be provided. Please ask library staff for a copy of the book. Everyone 18+ is welcomed.

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

April 19, 3:30 p.m. Serra Mesa Village Meeting. Join members of your community for presentations on healthy lifestyles for older adults.

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

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

April 23, 1:30 p.m. OASIS Monday at the Library: How to Give a TED Talk. Do you have what it takes to give a TED or TED-style talk? Join Marilyn McPhie for an informative presentation on how to get invited to speak at a TED event, what to talk about, how to prepare a talk, how to deliver your talk and how to make the most of the experience. See what is involved in "ideas worth spreading."

April 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.

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. through April 13 (except March 30). Join Ms. Carrie and Ms. Sandy every Friday morning for stories, songs, and fun!

March 3, 1:00 p.m. Kelp Forest Ecosystems. Students learn about the incredible algae in our ecosystem, including an interactive "creature features" lesson highlighting invertebrates, fish and sharks. In addition to this practical marine biology lesson, students will create an art project using watercolor pencils. Program is for students 6th-8th grade. Space is limited. Registration required. SanDiego.gov/LibraryNext

March 5 & 19, 10:30 a.m. Monday Morning Storytime Join Ms. Carrie for stories, songs, and fun!

March 5, 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 7 & 21, 4:00 p.m. LEGO Builder Club. Join us to build Lego creations that will be displayed in the library.

March 10, 1:00 p.m. Kitchen Chemistry: Glorious Chocolate. The many wonders of chocolate, from the biochemical effects on humans to how and why it changes state are probed. We look at the history of the cocoa tree, including how it is processed and which chemicals contribute to the unique chocolate taste. Budding bakers will run an edible experiment and make chocolate cookies. Program is for students 6th-8th grade. Space is limited. Registration required. SanDiego.gov/LibraryNext

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- March 12 & 26, 10:30 a.m. Preschool Craft. Join us for a fun, easy-to-make children's craft.
- March 14 & 28, 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 15, 22, & 29, 10:00 a.m. Music Time for Kids with Cowboy Bob. Come dance with Cowboy Bob as he introduces music and instruments in a show appropriate for all ages.
- March 24, 1:00 p.m. Wearable Electronics. Students will learn the basics of series circuits and build a set of flashlight gloves to take home. Program is for students 6th-8th grade. Space is limited. Registration required. SanDiego.gov/LibraryNext
- April 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 10:30 a.m. Monday Morning Storytime Join Ms. Carrie every Monday morning for stories, songs, and fun!
- April 4 & 18, 4:00 p.m. LEGO Builder Club. Join us to build Lego creations that will be displayed in the library.
- April 7, 1:00 p.m. Messy Science. Join us for hands-on learning activities, including the opportunity to design structures and test their resiliency. Students explore concepts such as tsunamis, landslides, permafrost, glaciers, and sea level rise. Learn why and how things ooze, what makes an explosion and the hidden reason why some things can spin and others cannot. Come prepared to make a mess. Program is for students 6th-8th grade. Space is limited. Registration required. SanDiego.gov/LibraryNext
- **April 11, 6:00 p.m. Spring Into STEAM: Build a Mars Colony.** NASA plans to send astronauts to Mars in 2030s. In this program, students will investigate if humans can live on the red planet and what they would need to survive. Using recycled materials students will design and build a Mars colony. This program is geared toward kids ages 9-12. Space is limited. Register at www.SanDiego.gov/STEAM.
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- **April 21, 1:00 p.m. Mysteries of the Human Genome.** During this class, students will explore the mysteries of the human genome. Learn about what makes each person unique and what people have in common. 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 March 24 and April 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.

SERRA MESA PLANNING GROUP ELECTIONS TO BE HELD ON MARCH 15

The Serra Mesa Planning Group will hold annual elections at its next meeting on Thursday, March 15that the Serra Mesa/Kearney Mesa Library. The election will be held at 6:45 pm. The Serra Mesa Planning Group meeting will begin immediately following the voting or 7:15 pm-whichever is later. Election results will be announced during the meeting.

To be eligible to be elected to the Serra Mesa Planning Group (SMPG), you need to live in the community AND/OR own a business in the community AND/OR own land in the community. You also need to have attended at least two out of the last three meetings.

Community Planning Groups provide official recommendations to the City of San Diego on community goals and land development proposals.

Members serve a two-year term with half of the 15-member board being open for election every other year.

If you've been to a Serra Mesa Planning Group meeting, you're probably noticed placards that contain the name of the member and the name of an elementary school. Although that member probably did not attend that school, the goal of the Serra Mesa Planning Group is to get representation from different parts of the community and, because Serra Mesa is generally a residential community with six elementary schools in the San Diego School District, it seemed to make sense to have at least two members from the area covered by each of the six schools.

Because of this it is actually possible to get fewer votes than another candidate and still get elected. Here's how that works. Let's say you live in (or own land in or own a business in) the Cubberley area. Let's also say there are two people running for one open seat in the Cubberley area. You get 10 votes but the other person-that does not live in (or own land in or own a business in) the Cubberley area- gets 11 votes. Because you are live in (or own land in or own a business in) the Cubberley area and the other candidate does not, you would win the seat-even though you got fewer votes.

But, remember, the goal is to get two members representing each of the six elementary schools-for a

Don't Miss our Spring Event! Serra Mesa Egg Scramble!!

Serra Mesa's Spring Egg Scramble is back!

Be the first to reach the golden egg and win a basket from the Spring Bunny! Each age group will have two golden eggs to find.

The event begins at 10:00 am with face painting, crafts, a bounce house, and tons of summer activities as we gear up for the main event. Top off your visit with a picture taken with the Spring Bunny!

The Egg Scramble will begin promptly at 11:00am!

Date: Saturday, April 24, 2018 Time: 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Location: Wegeforth Joint Use Field, adjacent to

Serra Mesa Rec



total of 12 members-but there are 15 members. That means there would be at least three "open" seats. So, in the earlier example, the candidate that did not win the seat for the school could still win an "open" seat by getting the most votes of those that did not get a "school" seat.

Finally, if there aren't any candidates for an open seat in an elementary school area, that seat would become an "open" seat and could be won by anyone meeting the requirements to be a Serra Mesa Planning Group member.

Note to Tom: Thanks for explaining this to me before I became a member!

Any questions or interested in being a candidate? Ask it by sending an email to SMPG@SerraMesa.org

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

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

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

Franklin Ridge Road Update

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. There are Serra Mesa residents on this group's board, who will represent Serra Mesa's interests. An environmental lawsuit can take a year or longer before being heard by a judge, who makes the final legal decision.

For more information about the Serra Mesa perspective, go to http://www.serramesa.org/hot-topics/; Civita perspective, http://www.savecivita.com/.

Additional funds are needed for the lawsuit. If you are interested in contributing, go to http://www.savecivita.com/action-1.html.

SERRA MESA VILLAGE NEWS



A Christmas outing to the Del; plant your own succulent garden; Ceramics class; These are recent activities of Serra Mesa Village, A Neighborly Network of Seniors for Seniors. Monthly Connection Meetings, held the third Thursday of every month at Serra Mesa Library have included presentations from Hearing Loss Assoc. & Heart & Stroke Prevention. Upcoming outings, first Thursday of every month, include Living Coast Discovery Center, a day in Julian and Japanese Friendship Garden in April (to enjoy the Cherry Blossoms). Although Serra Mesa Village meetings are geared to seniors, all are welcome, especially those who would volunteer to help seniors in need. March and April calendars for the Village are included in this issue including times and where to meet. Please join us. Call 858-565-2473 – leave your name, phone number/email and a Board Member will contact you to answer your questions.





Serra Mesa Housing History: Rancho Cabrillo Neighborhood

Gwen Sanchez via Suzanne Wells shared with us the original sales brochure for her home located in Rancho Cabrillo, an area of Serra Mesa, located south of Gowdy, north of Raejean, east of Greyling, and west of Chaucey. Here's the brochure information:

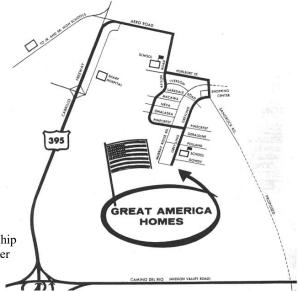
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FEATURE CHECK LIST

LOCATION

10 minutes from downtown, 5 minutes from Convair

Astronautics

Bus Service

Elementary school on site

Jr.-Sr. High nearby

Shopping Center in and expanding

View lots up to one acre

Utilities, streets, walks, curbs in and paid for

Landscaping, lawn, trees and shrubs front sides and rear

CONSTRUCTION & INTERIORS

Up to 1400 sq ft. inside living area

1 x 6 solid sub-floors laid diagonally

Select oak hardwood floors over insulation

Painted walls and ceilings

Bourne aluminum windows and screens

Solid core front door

Buffet pass-thru

Solid foundation walls

Fireplaces with ash pits and clean-outs

Barbecue flued to chimneys

2 1/2 car garages with overhead doors

Large concrete patios fully covered

Glass lined hot water heaters with 10 year warranty

Rough-in for water softener with every house

Minneapolis-Honeywell round thermostats

Electric heating lamps in baths

Chimes by No-Tone Challenger locks Sliding wardrobe doors

100 amp service

6-foot ceramic tile shower stalls

5 feet of tile over tub

Heavy rock roofs in color

Lath and plaster

Custom lighting fixtures

Pullmans in bath-tile topped

Double mirrors in baths

Natural cedar kitchen cabinets

Built in O'Keefe & Merritt ranges and ovens in color with

glass door and timing controls

8-foot aluminum sliding patio doors

Ceramic tile kitchen counter tops

All exterior doors fully weatherstripped

Insulated with aluminum foil backed insulation

Full 16 foot driveways

Choice of two or three elevations with each model

Matico vinyl tile in kitchens and baths

Waste King garbage disposals

Colored plumbing fixtures throughout

Nutone Coppertone hoods, fan and light over ranges

Central forced air heat with summer switch and full insulation

of ducts

Hollywood rear doors-sliding vents

Chrome plated fixtures

Termite resistant sills

Double sinks

Grade marked lumber

All floor plans expandable

All Copper plumbing



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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	City State Zip Code			
Home Phone _		Work Phone Occupation				
Subscription	n Form - En	closed is my check payable to the Serra Mesa	•	e 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 Organizat	tions			
		Community Council. Sponsors clean-ups, publishes newsletter, liaison between elected officials & the community, meets 10 times/yr. Volunteers needed: Board & special projects. Commitment: varies.				
		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.				
		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				
		Enhancement Committee. Sends educational letters to residents requesting code compliance. Promotes community improvement. Trained & indemnified by the City. Commitment: 3 hours/month.				
		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.				
		Friends of Ruffin Canyon. Friends of Ruffin Canyon removes invasive non native plants from the canyon and replaces them with natives.				
		Serra Mesa Food Pantry . Staff the Food Pantry, pick up donated food, coordinate food drives, organize community sponsors. Commitment: varies.				
		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

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SMRC

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9 AM - WALKING GROUP -

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10:30 AM-EXERCISE

MVCF

12:00 FRIENDSHIP LUNCH - MVCF 1:30 PM - MOVIE SMRC

10:30 AM-EXERCISE

12:00 - FRIENDSHIP

MVCF

LUNCH - MVCF

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8:30-10:00 AM FEELING

NAT'L GOOF OFF DAY

8:30-10:00 AM FEELING

FIT CLUB - SMRC

FIT CLUB - SMRC

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9 AM - WALKING

GROUP - SMRC

9 AM - WALKING

I AM IN CONTROL DAY

GROUP - SMRC

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8:30-10:00 AM FFFLING

2:00-4:00 PM CERAMICS

8:30-10:00 AM FEELING

FIT CLUB - SMRC

FIT CLUB - SMRC

CLASS - SMRC

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9 AM - WALKING

GROUP - SMRC

9 AM - WALKING

GROUP - SMRC

1:30 PM - OASIS

SM/KM

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25 WAFFLE DAY 12:00 - Friendship

Lunch - MVCF

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SM/KM Library - 9005 Aero Drive

10:30 AM - Exercise - MVCF

9:00 AM walking group -

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SMRC-Serra Mesa Rec Ctr - 9020 Village Glen Dr.

MVCF-Mission Village Christian Fellowship - 2650 Melbourne Dr.

SMRC

12:00 - Friendship

Lunch - MVCF 1:30 - Movie - SMRC

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Feeling Fit Club SMRC

3:30-5:30 PM - SMV

Connection/SM/KM

Feeling Fit Club SMRC

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Day Trip - SM/KM

Feeling Fit Club SMRC

GRILLED CHEESE DAY

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9:00 AM walking group

SMRC

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9:00 AM walking group-

SMRC

LARBOR DAY

SMRC

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IDAY

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KISS YOUR MATE DAY

LOOK UP AT THE SKY

2:00-4:00 PM - CERAMICS

CLASS - SMRC

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CLASS - SMRC

8:30-10:00 AM -

Feeling Fit Club SMRC

Feeling Fit Club SMRC

2:00-4:00 PM - CERAMICS

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WORLD PARTY DAY

Feeling Fit Club SMRC

SMRC
1:00 PM - Board Mtg
SMRC

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9:00 AM walking group SMRC

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9:00 AM walking group -

9:00 AM walking group -

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9:00 AM walking group -

SMRC

1:30 PM -OASIS

SM/KM

SMRC

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THAT SUCKS DAY

EARTH DAY