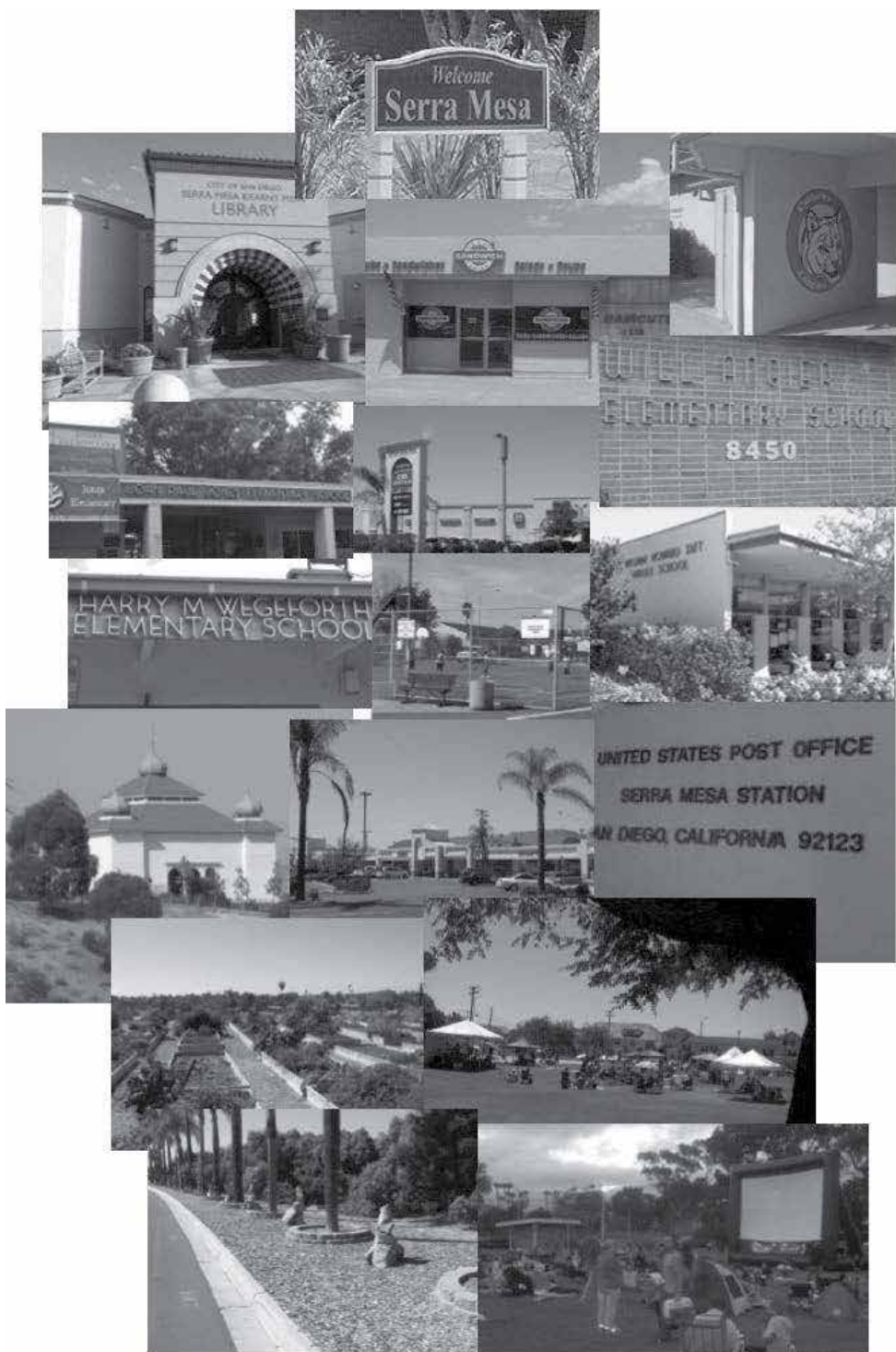


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**CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS**

July 10	Friends of Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library 5:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Sudberry Room
July 17	Serra Mesa Recreation Center Council Meeting 6:30 p.m., 9020 Village Glen Drive
July 19	Serra Mesa Village Connection 3:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
July 19	Serra Mesa Planning Group 7 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Room
July 25	Friends of Ruffin Canyon 5:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
July 25	Serra Mesa Community Council 6:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
Aug 4	Friends of Ruffin Canyon Cleanup 9:00 a.m., Shawn Avenue entrance to Ruffin Canyon
Aug 16	Serra Mesa Village Connection 3:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
Aug 16	Serra Mesa Planning Group 7 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Room
Aug 21	Serra Mesa Recreation Center Council Meeting 6:30 p.m., 9020 Village Glen Drive
Aug 22	Friends of Ruffin Canyon 5:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
Aug 22	Serra Mesa Community Council 6:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
Sept 7	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**



### **A New Concern for Montgomery-Gibbs Airport**

It has been brought to my attention that we have an issue with lead in aviation fuel which the E.P.A. has not enforced with a probable influence of Airline Industry lobbyists. A study by Marie Lynn Miranda of Duke University definitively states that the emissions from General Aviation airplanes are affecting children up to .6 miles of Regional Airports in Durham, N.C.

In August of 2017, a study by Pew Charitable Trusts regarding children and lead poisoning with the result that Children living .6 miles from an airport is 5.7% higher than those children living 2.5 miles from an airport.

In 2014, 28 airports were sued for violating Prop 65 (Clean Air Act), and \$500,000 is paid to the Center for Environmental Health (CEH) and are required to put up warning signs. On October 5, 2017, Governor Brown signed legislation requiring all children between 12 and 24 months of age to be tested for lead in their blood.

The FAA has been testing alternative fuels since 2013 to replace Avgas at the William J Hughs facility in Atlantic City, New Jersey. A progress report given in 2017 states that they are in Phase 2.

So far, the only action taken is signs posted adjacent to the airport. Some cure huh?

The airport is a training facility for new pilots who come from all over the world to learn to fly. That means a lot of touch and go which means more takeoffs and landings. I know this is a profitable business for flying schools but of what benefit is it to the community. Just a lot of leaded air.

Come on community leaders, who is looking after the safety of our citizens? Let's clean up this area which was cleaned up in the outlawing of leaded gas for automobiles in 1973. It seems that a lot of us are suffering for the benefit of a few.

Your comments are welcomed, please contact me at [communitycouncil@serramesa.org](mailto:communitycouncil@serramesa.org) or leave a message at 858-565-2473

Carl Demas, SMCC Board President



## RSVP Seeks Volunteers

San Diego Police Department - Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol (RSVP) is seeking volunteers to assist the Department in providing neighborhood safety and crime prevention.

Volunteers help officers by performing tasks that allow the police to focus on crime. Some of the work that RSVP officers provide include:

- Patrol neighborhood streets.
- Search for lost children and Alzheimer patients.
- Perform business security checks.
- Help with graffiti abatement.
- Check on homes of vacationing neighbors.
- Issue citations for disabled parking violations.
- Visit homebound seniors.
- Traffic control.
- Participate in special events.

Volunteers must be at least 50 years of age and able to commit to a minimum of three days per month. For more information, please call (858) 495-7990.

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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  
July 17 & August 21 at 6:30 p.m.

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## San Diego Continuing Education Graduate Starts Fast-Growing Self-Care Line “Leonie Lemon”

Written by: Allura Garis



Leonie Molina Gonzales SDCE Graduate/owner of “Leonie Lemon”

Making it as a top fashion designer can be a challenge, but for Leonie Molina Gonzales, she used her skills she learned at San Diego Continuing Education (SDCE) to become an entrepreneur in the top trending health and fitness world.

Leonie enrolled in Sewing Fundamentals at SDCE’s West City Campus in Point Loma. “We started off by learning how to sew a tote bag using many techniques from sewing a zipper to finishing seams with a serger,” she said. “Prior to taking sewing classes I didn’t even know that there was a correct way to cut fabric.”

SDCE’s fashion students receive a multitude of technical and creative skills such as pattern making and tailoring to create their own designs.

“Before I graduated from SDCE I was working many random jobs that were not fulfilling,” said Leonie, 33.

Her newfound fashion skills allowed Leonie to start “Leonie Lemon” a self-care product company that sells eye pillows, neck pillows and plant accessories and products to help reduce waste.

Last year, West Elm and Pottery Barn invited Leonie to host a “Leonie Lemon” pop-up shop in their stores. She also sells products to local yoga studios and at yoga festivals.

Leonie will continue her education this fall in SDCE’s Business Program to expand her self-care line.

Fashion students at SDCE often transition to San Diego Mesa College and a credit by exam agreement allows them to earn college credit for completed noncredit classes at SDCE to use toward an associate of science degree in fashion.

Free fashion classes take place at SDCE’s Cesar Chavez, West City and North City Campuses in San Diego, California. Fall classes begin September 4.



## **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
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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
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Fallen Trees	(858) 527-7500	Stolen Property/Bicycles - To Report	(619) 531-2000
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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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Holy Days	Please call the church for schedule

## FREE CHILD / ELDERLY ID EVENT

The Kearny Mesa Moose Lodge 1852 / Chapter 1337 will be holding a Free Child / Elderly ID Event on Saturday, August 4, 2018.

Moose Lodges throughout San Diego County are bringing an identification system to parents and guardians that may make it easier to find missing children, elderly people with dementia, or anyone with special needs.

In the U.S., approximately 2,000 children are reported missing and thousands of elderly wander off every day. The first 48 hours are imperative for locating a missing person, there is no time to waste. Are you prepared for such an emergency?

The EZ Child / Elderly ID system digitally records a person's fingerprints, photographs, height, weight, eye & hair color, birthmarks, scars, and burns them to a CD for the parent or guardian to keep in case of an emergency. Should someone become missing, this information can easily be e-mailed or personally delivered to law enforcement. The sooner a readily available, complete description of a missing person can be broadcast, transmitted or converted into flyers and poster, the better! This gives law enforcement the best possible tools to locate the missing individual.

To provide the FREE IDs, the Loyal Order of Moose, a fraternal service organization, has partnered with the Safe Surfin' Foundation. The Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, aims to prevent children from becoming victims of internet predators. Safe Surfin' was founded in 2000 by Sheriff Michael Brown and Robin Sundquist of the Bedford County sheriff's Office in Virginia and is the educational "arm" of the nationally recognized Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force.

The EZ Child / Elderly ID System is the nations' most comprehensive digital fingerprinting child and elderly identification system. All personal data is erased from the computer after it is burned to the CD. No data is ever collected or stored and NO FEE is ever charge for this service.

### The next FREE EZ Child / Elderly ID Event will be:

For more information about this event or to have us come to your event please e-mail:

[MooseEZID@gmx.com](mailto:MooseEZID@gmx.com)

To learn more about the Loyal Order of Moose or the Safe Surfin' Foundtion visit: [mooseintl.org](http://mooseintl.org) or [safesurfin'.org](http://safesurfin'.org)

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

### **July/August, 2018 Events/Programs**

All San Diego Public Library Locations will be **Closed** Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of Independence Day.

**Art Exhibits** – The Friends of the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library present drawings by the Colored Pencil Society in the Community Room.

### **Summer Reading Program 2018!! June 1 to August 1**

Join the Summer Reading Program and see that *Reading Takes You Everywhere!* It's free to sign up for **ALL AGES** at [www.sandiego.gov/SummerReading](http://www.sandiego.gov/SummerReading) beginning on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Keep track of the books you read this summer with your online reading log and earn prizes for reading! Every Wednesday from June 6th through August 1st at 4:00 p.m., join us for a special Summer Reading Shows featuring clowns, magicians, animals, and more!

### **Adult Programs**

**Beginner Piano Class – Mondays, 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. through July 23** Explore your musical talent through learning the fundamentals of piano techniques. Geared towards 55+, but everyone 18+ is welcomed. <https://cestudent.sdccd.edu/cereg/>

**Intermediate Piano Class – Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. through July 24** Explore your musical talent through learning the fundamentals of piano techniques. Geared towards 55+, but everyone 18+ is welcomed. <https://cestudent.sdccd.edu/cereg/>

**Japanese Brush Painting –Thursdays, 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. through August 16** 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/>

**Communicating with Technology – Fridays, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. through August 17** Focused on the devices we use to communicate. We will spend two weeks working on four different device (iPad, Android, Windows 10, and Mac). Bring your own device for hands on learning. Geared towards 55+, but everyone 18+ is welcomed. <https://cestudent.sdccd.edu/cereg/>

**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 August 4, 5, 18, and 19)** 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.

**July 10, 5:00 p.m. Friends of the Library Meeting.** Join members of your community to discuss ways to support the library.

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**July 10, 6:45 p.m. Serra Mesa Library Book Club.** Join members of your community to discuss *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann.

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

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

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

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

**July 23, 1:30 p.m. OASIS Monday at the Library: Understanding Senior Residential Care Options.** This class provides an overview of the types of senior living facilities available in San Diego and what each has to offer. Learn the differences among Assisted Living, Home Care, Alzheimer's Care, and continuing Care Retirement Homes. Guidelines for financing will also be covered.

**August 14, 6:45 p.m. Serra Mesa Library Book Club.** Join members of your community to discuss *Twelve Lives of Samuel Hawley* by Hannah Tinti.

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

**August 16, 3:30 p.m. Serra Mesa Village Meeting.** Join members of your community for presentations on healthy lifestyles for older adults.

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

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

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

**August 27, 2:00 p.m. OASIS Monday at the Library: Touring the Louvre and the Prado Master Art Museums.** This lecture explores the world-renowned Musee du Louvre in Paris and Museo del Prado in Madrid. There will be discussion and comparison between the history, architecture, and collection highlights of both museums. For example, which museum originated as a medieval fortress, and which one houses a well-known sculpture from antiquity that was found in the ocean. Visitor information and tips will be included.

### **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. beginning August 27** 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!

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**Monday Morning Storytime – Mondays, 10:00 a.m.** Join Ms. Carrie every Monday morning for stories, songs, and fun that foster early literacy skills!

**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.

**Baby/Toddler Explore Time – Fridays, 10:00 a.m.** 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.

**July 4, 4:00 p.m. STEAM2 Academy: Space Science!** Catch a glimpse at the life of astronomers by learning how to use a simple telescope! We will also construct a Star Wheel and learn about how to spot constellations in the night sky! This program is geared toward kids ages 4-8.

**July 11, 4:00 p.m. Summer Reading Program: Jungle Drums with Chazz Ross.** A colorful safari of story, rhythm, and sound. Participants will create jungle sounds, play simple rhythms, and sing silly songs with Chazz using more than 25 African Djembe drums.

**July 18, 4:00 p.m. Summer Reading Program: Found Object Juggling.** A juggling show like no other! See Michael Rayner perform strange amazing feats with everyday objects!

**July 25, 4:00 p.m. Summer Reading Program: Superhero Science.** Everybody wants a super power - join us as we showcase super strength and other powers through the basics of science in this super-charged, super-fun show.

**August 1, 4:00 p.m. Summer Reading Program: Pacific Animal Productions.** Join Pacific Animal Productions for “Passport to Animal Adventures”. Meet animals from around the world and learn how they survive each & everyday. From deserts to swamps, from hunting to hiding, animals are perfectly suited for the adventures they will face in their homes no matter where in the world they live.

**August 3, 4:00 p.m. STEAM2 Academy: The Science of Sound!** We will discuss the science of sound, play a fun game with some stringed instruments, and make pitch instruments using spoons and rubber bands. This program is geared toward kids ages 4-8.

**Apply for a Free Computer!! Computers 2 SD Kids at the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library – Classes on July 28 and August 25**

The San Diego Public Library and Computers 2 SD Kids are teaming up to provide computers for families with children. Volunteers will guide you through an introductory computer class at the library. Attendance at this class is required before you can receive a computer. Computers 2 SD Kids will give you a Technology Assistance Program application. They will review it and notify you whether you qualify based on your verified income. Sign-up at the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library or call 858-573-1396 starting on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month.

## SERRA MESA VILLAGE NEWS

Save the date! July 4 - 7:00 AM. Serra Mesa Village is partnering with Serra Mesa Community Council, Mission Village Christian Fellowship & Gethsemane Lutheran Church to sponsor a Community Breakfast (free) and Canyon Hike on July 4 at canyon's edge - end of Ruffin Rd. next to Taft Middle School. Come & meet your neighbors for a friendly start to the holiday (canyon hike optional!)

Serra Mesa Village members have been enjoying twice monthly movies - 2nd & 4th Wed. @ 1:30 pm at Serra Mesa Rec Ctr.; a very active Ceramics class on 1st & 3rd Tues. 1:00 - 3:30 pm also at Serra Mesa Rec Ctr; outings to selected San Diego destinations - July will be to Julian - on 1st Thurs. of every month & monthly Connection meetings on 3rd Thurs. All are welcome. Except for movies, the Village will be dark in August.

A reminder that new member dues are half price now until Jan. - only \$12.50

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### City Accepting Applications for Urban Agriculture Incentive Zones

Councilmember Scott Sherman

Two years ago, the San Diego City Council unanimously approved my Urban Agricultural Incentive Zone Proposal, a program that will help expand community access to fresh produce through a property tax incentive for qualifying land owners to allow urban gardens on their property.

Finally, after years of delay at the County level, a new website for the program was published last week. Applications and an interactive map highlighting eligible lots are available for the public to view.

The program will provide communities throughout the City with an economic tool to incentivize the development of community gardens on eyesore properties.

This measure will reduce the property tax due on a participating parcel owner in exchange for a minimum five-year contract for the usage of the site for urban agriculture.

The parcels must meet the standards established in State Code and the City of San Diego ordinance. The parcel must be vacant or unimproved. A vacant parcel can have some form of improvements such as a slab but cannot contain structures. Unimproved means the parcel is empty with no form of improvements on it. Parcels must be between 0.1 and 3 acres (4,356 and 130,680 square feet).

This new program will help further our mission of developing and maintaining an equitable, healthy, and sustainable food system in San Diego.

Please visit the website at [www.sandiego.gov/economic-development/business/starting/urban-agriculture](http://www.sandiego.gov/economic-development/business/starting/urban-agriculture) or contact Economic Development at 619-236-6700 or email at [sdbusiness@sandiego.gov](mailto:sdbusiness@sandiego.gov)

***Serra Mesa Community Council Welcomes  
May / June New and Renewed Subscribers***

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Ernie Buck  
Eudora Carlson  
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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.

## Kearny High Says Goodbye to the Class of 2018

By: Laura Farrar

Kearny High's 2018 commencement took place on Tuesday, June 12 at Golden Hall downtown. Kearny graduated a total of 322 seniors. Some are off to four-year universities, some will continue at Mesa College, and some will join a branch of the military. Because Kearny students can take Mesa College courses as part of Kearny's dual enrollment program, almost all seniors graduate with some college credits. Some graduate with up to 40 units, meaning they can start college with sophomore class standing. From each of Kearny's four small schools, here are the valedictorians and salutatorians:

### **School of Science, Connections & Technology**

Valedictorian Gemma Samoy graduated with a 4.45 GPA and will attend UC Los Angeles

Salutatorian Amy Souphalith graduated with a 4.41 GPA and will attend UC Santa Barbara

### **School of Digital Media and Design**

Valedictorian Brenda Rozas graduated with a 4.41 GPA and will attend UC Davis

Salutatorian Jennifer Dao graduated with a 4.38 GPA and will attend SDSU

### **Stanley E. Foster School of Engineering, Innovation & Design**

Valedictorian Joseph Macy graduated with a 4.31 GPA and will attend UC Berkeley

Salutatorian Ethan Williams graduated with a 4.3 GPA and will attend Brigham Young University

### **School of College Connections**

Valedictorian: Elisa Law

Salutatorian: Allison Law

Classes for the San Diego Unified School District resume on Monday, August 27.



Kearny High seniors pose with their senior English teacher, Mr. Chris Sego. Photo credit: Laura Farrar



Montgomery-Gibbs Environmental Coalition  
P.O. Box 231294  
San Diego, CA 92193

July 1, 2018

An Open Letter to the Serra Mesa Community:

At Montgomery-Gibbs Executive Airport, we have a heavy problem.

If you have ever attended a Community Council meeting where Airport Noise was the issue, you likely have come away feeling that there is no solution to the problem. Your frustrations have been felt by many over the years as the Airport considers noise from the planes, regardless of physical problems associated with it, to be a defensible position. That is a debatable issue. What is not a defensible issue and far more insidious, is the lead emissions from their piston driven aircraft which make up the majority of their fleet.

The current Airport Master Plan includes an environmental study that states that Montgomery has lead particle emissions in the amount of 1.4 metric tons per year.

The Montgomery-Gibbs Environmental Coalition is a community group dedicated to addressing lead pollution, noise, and potential security problems caused by operations at Montgomery-Gibbs Executive Airport. We aim to work in concert with local, state, and federal officials to find the best solutions possible. We invite all concerned to join us. You can find us on Facebook.

Sincerely,

MGEC Charter Members:

Chloe Stanley, Dustin Stanley, Lisa Hudson Barth, Marcelo Bermann, Quentin C. Yates, Sandra Stahl, Susan Taylor, Wayne Seim

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- The Montgomery-Gibbs Master Plan gives documentary evidence that the airport is responsible for **annual emissions of 1.442 metric tons of lead particles**
- The lead particle emissions are associated with leaded aviation fuel used in General Aviation piston engine aircraft
- Scientific evidence shows that those lead particles do not stay solely on airport grounds, but drift and pollute nearby neighborhoods
- The World Health Organization says there is no known level of lead exposure that is considered safe
- Children are particularly vulnerable because even relatively low levels of lead can result in reduced intelligence quotient (IQ) and increased antisocial behavior
- Some 80% of General Aviation planes can use unleaded fuel
- **Montgomery-Gibbs only sells leaded fuel for General Aviation planes.** According to the airport manager, the city has no control over what type of aviation gasoline vendors sell. That is unreasonable since the city controls the terms of the lease and could insist that unleaded fuel also be offered.



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### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Come for Breakfast** July 4th 7:30-9:30 a.m. at Bonnie Hough Native Habitat Garden  
Enjoy conversation or stroll through the Native Habitat Garden  
Located Mission Village Dr. and Ruffin Rd. (Adjacent to Taft Middle School)

#### **Vacation Bible School**

July 17-20 6:00 - 8:15 p.m. Mission Village Christian Fellowship  
[www.missionvillage.church](http://www.missionvillage.church) - 2650 Melbourne Dr. 92123

July 30-August 3 CityView Church  
[www.cityviewsd.com/children](http://www.cityviewsd.com/children) - 8404 Phyllis Pl. 92123

#### **Friendship Luncheon**

Wednesdays 12:00-1:00 p.m. (closed July 4th)  
Located at Mission Village Christian Fellowship 2650 Melbourne Drive 92123  
More information at 858-277-6572 or 858-278-2633

# SMCC Subscription Application or Renewal Form & Interest/Volunteer Survey

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**Subscription Form** - Enclosed is my check payable to the Serra Mesa Community Council to subscribe at the following level:

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**How did you hear about us?** \_\_\_\_\_

Need More Information	Want to Volunteer	Brief Description of Serra Mesa Organizations
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Community Council.</b> <i>Sponsors clean-ups, publishes newsletter, liaison between elected officials &amp; the community, meets 10 times/yr. Volunteers needed: Board &amp; special projects. Commitment: varies.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Planning Group.</b> <i>Advises the City on the Serra Mesa Community Plan and land use issues. Volunteers needed. Trained &amp; indemnified by the City. Commitment: 3.5 hours/month.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Recreation Council.</b> <i>Plans, promote, publicizes &amp; helps provide recreation opportunities for citizens in Serra Mesa. Volunteers needed: Council. No training needed. Commitment: 1.5 hour/month</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Enhancement Committee.</b> <i>Sends educational letters to residents requesting code compliance. Promotes community improvement. Trained &amp; indemnified by the City. Commitment: 3 hours/month.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Friends of the Library.</b> <i>Provides summer reading program, extra books &amp; tapes, &amp; sponsors special library events for the Serra Mesa Library. Volunteers needed: Board. Commitment: 5 hours/month.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Friends of Ruffin Canyon.</b> <i>Friends of Ruffin Canyon removes invasive non native plants from the canyon and replaces them with natives.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Serra Mesa Food Pantry.</b> <i>Staff the Food Pantry, pick up donated food, coordinate food drives, organize community sponsors. Commitment: varies.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Serra Mesa Village.</b> <i>An active non-profit organization for residents 55+ who promote connections to help our members thrive.</i>

To volunteer for one of the groups listed below call 858-565-2473.

**Churches.** *Volunteer needs, training, & commitment varies with each church.*

**Education & PTAs.** *Volunteers needed: school based parent groups, readers/listeners in the schools, & various projects at schools. Training & commitment varies with activity.*

**Sports** (Soccer, Baseball, Basketball). *Volunteers needed: referees, managers, coaches, scorekeepers, etc. Training & commitment varies with activity.*

**Youth Activities** (Girls Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc.). *Volunteers needed: leaders, sponsors, & volunteers for special activities. Training provided. Commitment varies.*

**Views concerning the present and future Serra Mesa.** Please attach a sheet with issues, suggested goals, and suggestions.

**Skills/Experience/Interests.** Sometimes an organization needs specialized help. If you wish to volunteer, then please attach a sheet with a list of your skills/experiences.