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**Serra Mesa Community Council**  
No November Meeting

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

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No December Meeting

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New book from author Tom Leech

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**CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS**

Nov 2	Friends of Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library 5:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Sudberry Room
Nov 5	Friends of Ruffin Canyon Cleanup 9:00 a.m., Shawn Avenue entrance to Ruffin Canyon
Nov 15	Serra Mesa Recreation Center Council Meeting 6:30 p.m., 9020 Village Glen Drive
Nov 17	Serra Mesa Village Connection 3:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
Nov 17	Serra Mesa Planning Group 7 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Room
Nov 23	Friends of Ruffin Canyon 5:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
No Mtg	Serra Mesa Community Council Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
Dec 3	Friends of Ruffin Canyon Cleanup 9:00 a.m., Shawn Avenue entrance to Ruffin Canyon
Dec 15	Serra Mesa Village Connection 3:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
Dec 15	Serra Mesa Planning Group 7 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Room
Dec 20	Serra Mesa Recreation Center Council Meeting 6:30 p.m., 9020 Village Glen Drive
Dec 28	Friends of Ruffin Canyon 5:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
No Mtg	Serra Mesa Community Council Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
Jan 4	Friends of Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library 5:30 p.m., Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Sudberry Room
Jan 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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By the time you read this, mid-term elections will be over, and all the ads and mail will return to pre-election status. I don't know about you, but I am relieved that all the hype of elections will allow us to spend more time concentrating on the Padres. Notice that the time I am writing this, the Padres have beaten the Dodgers and the town is reveling as I have not seen in a while.

While we are preparing for Mission Village Drive to be reduced to 2 lanes to provide for bike lanes and promote safety where we have had a minimum of accidents, we need to accommodate the wishes of those who know more than we do. Please forgive my sarcasm. Serra Mesa residents are angry as our Serra Mesa Planning Group was not consulted in their opinions of what Serra Mesa residents want in any of the SDSU West Planning Preparations. In a meeting held at the Mission Valley Library, more than 50 residents voiced their disapproval and let our Councilmember Campillo, and the City of San Diego know that we have many reservations as to what the effect will be for traffic and parking on big event days. At this point, it appears that we will just have to grin and bear it.

For those who have not heard, unleaded aviation fuel will soon be available at Montgomery -Gibbs Airport. Serra Mesa residents have been encouraging the airport to consider the leaded aviation fuel issue since 2010 or earlier and it has taken us this long to get it done thanks to the efforts of many Serra Mesans. Thank you to all who have promoted this effort especially Sandra Stall from MGEC with whose direct support made this happen.

A big "Thank You" to the Women's League of Voters and

Jones Elementary School for putting on our Candidate Forum for the Unified School Representative for District B. Both Candidates Shana Hazan and Goodwin Higa proved that they are both very capable and worthy to be our representatives. I for one left the meeting having all my questions answered and was proud that Serra Mesa could host this program. For anyone interested in seeing the forum, you could log on to the Woman's League of Voters and see the videotaped session.

Serra Mesa has so much to offer our neighbors. Our Serra Mesa Food Pantry is experiencing increasing participation of families who are participating in our food distribution. I would encourage anyone who has in interest in participating in receiving food, helping the distribution, or donating can goods, food or money can logon to: [www.serramesa.org/smcc/food-pantry](http://www.serramesa.org/smcc/food-pantry). Did you know that more than 135 families are being helped every week. I would be remiss if I did not mention that the Serra Mesa Garden and Orchard supplies copious amounts of fresh vegetables every week from 20 donated raised beds cultivated by Karl Doering and volunteers of the garden. If you would like to volunteer or are looking for a raised bed, you can contact Karl at: [karl@smcgo.org](mailto:karl@smcgo.org).

In conclusion, you can find a lot of information on our website: [www.serramesa.org](http://www.serramesa.org). Please support all our organizations as your participation is paramount. Our newsletter can be found by clicking on community council and click on the dropdown to Newsletter. Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy Holidays to all. Please drive carefully and observe all speed limits.

Carl Demas, President

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All are Welcome!



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## ***Your Safe Place* brought domestic violence services together under one roof 20 years ago**

*By City Attorney Mara W. Elliott*

Domestic violence rips at the fabric of our families, leaving its survivors feeling ashamed, isolated, and fearful. Those who muster the courage to leave often don't know where to go to get the support they need.



Twenty years ago, victims of domestic violence had to navigate a web of agencies to obtain the essential services. The challenges could be daunting: scheduling a dozen or more appointments, arranging for childcare, taking time off work, finding transportation, and never knowing about the services you might be missing. It was a daunting challenge.

That's when something remarkable happened. A few dedicated San Diegans -- including former City Attorney Casey Gwinn -- recognized how the fragmented system was delaying or even denying the healing that survivors and their families desperately needed. So, they created the world's first Family Justice Center, known today as *Your Safe Place*.

Victims of domestic violence in the City of San Diego now come to one location to meet with an advocate, obtain a restraining order, create a safety plan, meet with a counselor, obtain police reports, receive medical assistance, counsel with a chaplain, get help with transportation and housing, and obtain nutrition and wellness services.

These services, provided by on-site partners, are confidential, free, and offered without judgment to empower clients to move forward with their lives.

The success of San Diego's one-stop shop for domestic violence victims quickly received recognition at the highest levels.

Then-President George W. Bush was so impressed with its success after just one year in operation that the Department of Justice allocated more than \$20 million in grants to establish 15 family justice centers in the United States.

*Your Safe Place* has only grown in the years since. It now provides services to other vulnerable individuals who are subject to exploitation and abuse: victims of sex trafficking, sexual assault, family violence, and elder abuse.

*YSP* now works with more than 60 community organizations that generously provide services that include counseling, forensic medical examinations, restraining orders, housing support and financial security, immigration services, and parenting assistance.

Recognizing the extreme risk posed by abusers with guns, *YSP* also protects clients by obtaining Gun Violence Restraining Orders to remove firearms from dangerous situations before a tragedy occurs.

The number of domestic violence incidents remains tragically high. Every hour in America almost 1,200 people report being physically abused by a domestic intimate partner. It's a difficult statistic to even process: almost 1,200 people every hour of every day.

*Your Safe Place* offers a haven for victims -- a literal safe place where they can come to heal and move forward with their lives.

Over the past two decades, the Family Justice Center movement has spread far and wide. There are now more than 100 Family Justice Centers across the United States as well as centers in more than 20 countries around the world.

Family Justice Centers, like *Your Safe Place*, have been identified as a "best practice" in helping domestic violence victims and their children.

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As we celebrate 20 years of providing assistance to San Diegans and October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we hope you can help as well. *Your Safe Place* holds an annual Halloween drive, a holiday party, a school backpack drive, and other events to help normalize life for children who have been affected by violence in their homes.

Sadly, most of us know someone who has been a victim of family violence or sex crimes. But we all benefit from helping these victims and their children move forward with their lives. If you want to learn more about YSP's services or are interested in touring YSP, located downtown, visit the [Your Safe Place website](#).

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## Serra Mesa Planning Group News

**Meetings:** The Serra Mesa Planning Group (SMPG) is officially recognized by the City and makes recommendations on land use issues to the City. SMPG meets the third Thursday of the month, 7 pm, at Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library and via online meetings. To receive notices about meetings which will include an online link, sign up at <http://www.serramesa.org/>. Next meetings: November 17 and December 15 (only meet if needed). To contact us, email [smpg@serramesa.org](mailto:smpg@serramesa.org).

**4 Board Openings:** SMPG's bylaws allow fifteen board members. Anyone who is at least 18 years old, affiliated with the community as a property owner, resident of Serra Mesa, or a local Serra Mesa business person and who has attended two SMPG meetings in the last six months is eligible to be elected. The City provides training. See <https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/resources>. Several people have volunteered to be on the board. The election will be held at the next SMPG meeting.

**Agenda for November 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting:** Election for Board Member Openings; Campus Improvement Projects, Rady Children's Hospital; and Unfunded approved stop sign at Greyling and Polland.

**2023 Project:** In September the City Council passed revisions to Council Policy 600-24 which governs community planning groups. By the end of 2023 all planning groups will be required to apply for recognition and submit the following documents: bylaws, election procedures, operating procedures, ethical standards, and community participation and representation plan. This is a huge project, but necessary if we're to retain a planning group. If there's anyone interested in helping with this endeavor, please contact us.

### Other

- **SDSU West Mission Valley Stadium Site** – For information, refer to <http://missionvalley.sdsu.edu/>.
- **Mission Village Drive Lane Reconfiguration** – The City has approved the reconfiguration of Mission Village Drive. Implementation is planned for fall 2022. For visuals (file received wasn't of the highest quality), refer to <http://www.serramesa.org/hot-topics/>.

### Reconfiguration:

- From Friars to Ronda Ave – Redesigned northbound to gradual reduction from two lanes to one lane and installs buffered Class II bike lanes (no physical barrier). Class II bike lanes are defined by pavement striping and signage.
- From Ronda to Ruffin Road – Redesigned to three lanes (two travel lanes and a middle turn lane) and installs buffered Class II bicycle lanes (no physical barrier). This results in the elimination of one travel lane in each direction. At the four way intersections there are left turn lanes.

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Abandoned Vehicles &  
 Police Non-Emergency (619) 531-2000  
 Airport Noise - Montgomery Airfield (858) 573-1436  
 Animal Control-Incorporated S.D. (619) 299-7012  
 Bus & Trolley Schedules (619) 233-3004  
 Canyon Cleanup (619) 533-4411  
 Child Abuse Hotline (858) 560-2191  
 City Clerk - Docket Information (619) 533-4000  
 Crime - General Business (619) 531-2000  
 Crime Stoppers (619) 235-8477  
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 Emergency Information - Earthquake (858) 565-3490  
 Fallen Trees (858) 527-7500  
 Fire Department - Non-emergency (619) 533-4300  
 Flies & Vermin (858) 694-2888  
 Graffiti (619) 525-8522  
 Hazardous Chemicals & Waste (858) 694-7000  
 Health Violations (619) 338-2222  
 Kearny High Alumni Association (619) 699-0886  
 Litter - City Owned/Private Property (858) 492-5055

Meals On Wheels (619) 260-6110  
 Neighborhood Code Compliance (619) 236-5500  
 Barking Dogs, Code Violations, Noise, Safety  
 Police Department - Eastern Division (858) 495-7900  
 Post Office (800) 275-8777  
 Poison Control Center (800) 876-4766  
 Rape /Domestic Violence Hotline (858) 272-1767  
 RSVP (Retired Seniors Volunteer Patrol) (858) 495-7990  
 SDG&E Emergencies (800) 411-7343  
 Senior Citizen Services (619) 236-6905  
 Serra Mesa Library (858) 573-1396  
 Serra Mesa Recreation Center (858) 573-1408  
 Sidewalk Repair (619) 527-7500  
 Stolen Property/Bicycles - To Report (619) 531-2000  
 Storm Drain Misuse (619) 235-1000  
 Street Repair - Faded signs, pavement (619) 527-7500  
 Traffic Signal Maintenance (619) 527-8650  
 Water Emergencies - City & Private (619) 515-3525  
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 Zoning/Permits - Questions &Violations (619) 446-5000



**St. Columba Parish**  
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 San Diego, CA 92123  
 (858) 277-3863

[www.stcolumbasandiego.com](http://www.stcolumbasandiego.com)

Sunday Mass 7:30, 9:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.  
 Saturday 8:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.  
 Mon-Thurs. 7:00 a.m.  
 Fri. 8:15 a.m.  
 Holy Days Please call the church for schedule



Serra Mesa Food Pantry has  
 a drive-thru distribution every  
 Wednesday from 10am-1pm  
 at 2650 Melbourne Drive.



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**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**9:30 AM**  
 Adult Sunday School 8:30 a.m.  
 Children's Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
 Zoom Prayer Meeting—Tuesday 7:00 p.m.  
 Youth Group—Wednesday 6:30 p.m.  
 Small Group Study & Home Fellowship  
 Groups at Various times through the week

*We pray for peace and well-being of the Serra Mesa community*



**Pastor Karla Seyb-Stockton**

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 Worship: 8:00, 9:30 a.m.

## Franklin Ridge Road Connection Update

The last Observer article listed questions that were asked of staff. Listed below are the questions from the community representative and staff's answers in italics.

**Murray Ridge Bridge** – The mitigation in the Quarry Falls document stipulates five lanes. The mitigation in the Serra Mesa Community Plan Amendment document stipulates five lanes and bike lanes. A review of the official hearings indicates that the addition of bike lanes to the mitigation was integral to the city council's approval of the project. Staff assured the city council that the Murray Ridge bridge could be configured to two bike lanes and five travel lanes.

- Will bike lanes be included in the Murray Ridge Bridge mitigation?

*No bridge widening will take place. Lane striping will be in coordination with Caltrans. With support from the City, the master developer will coordinate with Caltrans to achieve a design exception to Caltrans standards so that bike lanes can be included on the bridge.*

**Phyllis Place** – The mitigation requires that Phyllis Place be widened from Franklin Ridge Road to I-805 SB ramps to accommodate five lanes (three EB and two WB), including a median, and maintain any currently existing bike lanes/ and or any bike lanes included in the Bicycle Master Plan.

- Since the Phyllis Place mitigation isn't included in the Quarry Falls Transportation Phasing Plan, who will be responsible for this mitigation and how will it be funded?

*Sudberry Properties will be responsible for implementation of the mitigation.*

**City View Church Driveway** – Driveway shall be relocated as part of the four-way intersection design with the proposed roadway and Phyllis Place.

- Who will be responsible for this mitigation and how is it funded?

*Sudberry to fund and construct. The church is in agreement.*

- When does the church's CUP expire?

*No CUP expiration date was found.*

- What effort has been made for potential solutions for traffic hazards?

*Roadway improvements will be designed to City and industry standards.*

- Does the installation of a Phyllis Place signal create any inconsistency with City Code?

*No, there would be no inconsistency with the San Diego Municipal Code.*

- If the driveways don't line up and there's a median as indicated in the MMRP [Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program], vehicles exiting from the east driveway, the main one, will be required to turn right. If they wish to go east on Phyllis Place, they will need to make a U-turn, either at the connector traffic signal or within the community.

*The main church driveway will be aligned with the new intersection of the extension of Franklin Ridge Road to Phyllis Place to create a full access four-legged intersection.*

### Mitigation Timeframe

- Will the mitigations be constructed before the road connection? What is the timeframe for the mitigations?

*Standard compliance for implementation of the mitigation measures is required. The timeframe for implementation of the mitigation measures is "Prior to the commencement of any grading activities or, if a grading permit is required, prior to the issuance of a grading permit to construct the road connection."*

**Improvement Costs** – Questions asked but as of press time not answered.

- Will Sudberry Properties receive a credit and/or reimbursement for these improvements? If so, what is the amount and is it a DIF [Development Impact Fee] credit or reimbursement?

For a complete list of mitigations refer to [https://docs.sandiego.gov/council\\_reso\\_ordinance/rao2017/R-311380.pdf](https://docs.sandiego.gov/council_reso_ordinance/rao2017/R-311380.pdf). Community representatives will continue to advocate for implementation of all mitigations before the road is built. More information about the project/issue is at <http://www.serramesa.org/hot-topics/>.





**Serra Mesa Village**

*A Neighborly Network of Seniors for Seniors*

## **Serra Mesa Village of San Diego**

**Mesa Village** is an active, nonprofit organization for residents aged 50+.

**SMVSD** promotes social connections and helps our members thrive and remain independent.

We plan many special events, print this newsletter, and suggest activities for different passions and/or interests.

We continue to develop the Serra Mesa Village and have maintained membership fees to remain at \$25.00 per year to enable everyone to be able to afford our busy schedule which consists of:

Monthly meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday every month at the Serra Mesa Library from 2-4PM

Monthly travel trip on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday from 10AM until about 2PM, always with a lunch, to a destination in San Diego. Pictured below is a previous visit to Del Coronado.

2 Movies per month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday from 2-4PM at Holy Angels Byzantine Church

Ceramic Classes every Wednesday from 12:30 – 4:30 PM at the Serra Mesa Recreation Center.

Our aim is to provide purpose and companionship with a group of friendly seniors.



**COME  
JOIN  
US**

**PREPARE  
TO HAVE  
SOME FUN!**



# “TOM’S POETRY, FROM BACK WHEN TO RIGHT NOW”

## New book from author Tom Leech



This new book is a collection of poems I’ve written over several decades. Many have been published in anthologies, newspapers and magazines, and my own books. They address five different time periods and themes, starting with early days, e.g. “Growing up,” to “Family and friends” to “The world we live in now.” My poems cover a variety of topics and experiences: my youth, relationships, where I lived and hung out, our special San Diego natural worlds, and holidays. They’re all in the rhyming class and many, of course, are humorous.

Tom is a prolific author, with books covering a variety of topics: enjoying nature, experiencing travel, relaying humorous true tales, and even capturing Santa’s elves Christmas adventures (with wife Leslie). He’s obviously a frequent rhymer and his poems have appeared in many of his own books, magazines, and group anthologies, among them The Guilded Pen (San Diego Writers & Editors Guild), Oasis Journal, Ageless Authors, Heart of the Holidays, Toastmasters Magazine, and his Indiana hometown paper, the Garrett Clipper.

For information about his books, visit [www.presentationspress.com](http://www.presentationspress.com), and to purchase any of his books visit [amazon.com](http://amazon.com). Tom invites you to communicate with him via phone, 858-650-0810 or email at [tomleech68@gmail.com](mailto:tomleech68@gmail.com).

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“Tom Leech’s poetry is a treasure trove of gentle recollections, back porch wisdom and sly humor. A gentle volume of poetry, filled with rhyming recollections, back porch wisdom and just plain fun.” Corey Lynn Fayman, award-winning author of the *Rolly Waters Mystery series*

“Tom Leech’s *From Back When to Right Now* is a glimpse of nostalgia, a wink to the future, and a feel-good dose of down-home humor that makes the puzzle pieces just click together. A very fine read, indeed.” M. Lee Buompensiero, award-winning author of *Sumerland*

## Serra Mesan in the News – Len Laviolette

Len Laviolette, a long time Serra Mesa resident, is a luthier (string instrument maker). Len was featured in an October 6<sup>th</sup> San Diego Reader article describing the customized guitar he made for the article's author. The author wrote "Len's long experience in woodworking and love for the guitar made it all happen..." and "...hearing its mellow, warm, beautiful tone for the first time—will always be something special." To read the article, go to <https://www.sandiegoreader.com/news/2022/oct/06/best-2022-seventh-string-solution/>.

Len, also, plays with a Mesa College group. A performance is scheduled on December 16, 7 pm, at the Tierrasanta Library.

If you know of anyone in Serra Mesa we should profile, please send an email to [communitycouncil@serramesa.org](mailto:communitycouncil@serramesa.org).

### **Year-round Mission Valley Farmers Market Saturdays in Civita Park 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

The new year-round Mission Valley Farmers Market is now open every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Civita Park, 7960 Civita Blvd.

The market features 35+ vendors, including seven certified growers offering a wide variety of fruits, vegetables, and flowers. An array of specialty growers and producers offer exotic mushrooms, microgreens, honey, salsa, hummus, olive oil, vegan cheese, almonds, seafood, beef, eggs, chicken, baked goods, spices, teas, coconuts, Moroccan delicacies, kombucha, bakery items and more. Plus, there is live music every week.

In addition to abundant produce and specialty items, the Mission Valley Farmers Market features a wide variety of prepared foods for a convenient breakfast or lunch. There is a full-service coffee cart, plus cuisine from around the world, including crepes, tamales, sushi, and Thai, Filipino, and Indian dishes.

"We have about 35 vendors now and we will be growing to about 50 vendors in the next months," said Ron LaChance, the market manager, who has been establishing and managing markets in San Diego County for 22 years.

"Civita Park is a unique venue for a farmers market, offering an amazing environment for the whole family," he said. "The market is adjacent to the interactive 48-jet splash fountain, which is a magnet for little kids. Additionally, there are picnic tables, expansive lawns, playgrounds, and game areas surrounding the market. No other farmers market in San Diego County has access to such a beautiful amenity."

LaChance says he is planning to add a "Makers Market," featuring home-crafted items from local craftsmen, once a month and periodic blood drives.

For information on vendors and special events, visit the [Mission Valley Farmers Market Facebook Page](#).

### **Serra Mesa Recreation Center**

9020 Village Glen Dr.  
(858) 573-1408

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  
<http://www.ayso780.org>

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  
November 15 & December 20 at 6:30 p.m.



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

(858) 573-1396 [facebook.com/SerraMesaLibrary/](https://facebook.com/SerraMesaLibrary/)

Email Questions to [SMstaff@sandiego.gov](mailto:SMstaff@sandiego.gov)

### **Library Hours**

Monday and Tuesday: 11:30 am - 8:00 pm

Wednesday through Saturday: 9:30 am - 6:00 pm

### **Holiday Closures**

All San Diego Public Library Locations will be Closed Friday, November 11th in observance of Veterans' Day, Thursday, November 24th in observance of Thanksgiving, and Monday, December 26th in observance of Christmas.

### **Online library services available 24/7**

- **eBooks, eAudiobooks and Digital Magazines:** take a look at our eLibrary resource, we've got some new resources for the kids and adults <https://sandiego.gov/eLibrary>
- **Movies:** Free access to movies with your library card <https://sandiegopl.kanopy.com/>
- **Online Book Clubs:** <https://sandiego.gov/bookclubs>
- **Program Videos:** <https://sandiego.gov/public-library/program-videos>

### **In-Person Pajama Storytime with Ms. Carrie – Mondays at 6:30pm**

Put on your favorite PJs and join Ms. Carrie in the Community Room Monday evenings at 6:30pm for a pajama storytime. Pajamas are encouraged, but not required. No sign up required. (No Storytime on December 26)

### **Virtual Wednesday Morning Storytime with Ms. Carrie – Wednesdays at 10:00am**

Join Ms. Carrie, on Zoom, Wednesday mornings at 10:00am for virtual stories, songs, and fun that foster early literacy skills. Register at <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/event/virtual-wednesday-morning-storytime-ms-carrie-107>. When you register for one storytime, you will receive an email with the Meeting Room and Passcode good for storytimes for future Virtual Wednesday Morning Storytimes, so you do not need to register for each session.

### **Paws to Read with Love on a Leash – 2nd and 4th Mondays, 3:00pm**

Children can read aloud to trained and certified therapy dogs. "Paws to Read" is designed to help children improve their reading skills and confidence in reading out loud. (No Paws to Read on December 26)

### **Serra Mesa Book Club – 2nd Tuesday, 6:30pm**

Join the Serra Mesa Book Club on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. November 8<sup>th</sup> will discuss *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave, and December 13<sup>th</sup> will discuss *All Creatures Great and Small* by James Herriot.

### **Chair Yoga – Thursdays at 11:30am**

Work on your flexibility, strength building and quiet your mind with functional movement practice Thursdays at 11:30am. Participate at your own ability. Suitable for adults of all ages. Wear flexible clothing and bring any preferred yoga equipment. Chairs provided. (No Chair Yoga on November 24, December 1, 22, and 29)

### **Morning Book Club - 2nd Thursday, 10:00am**

Love to read and talk about books? Join the new Morning Book Club! November 10<sup>th</sup> will discuss *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett, and December 18<sup>th</sup> will discuss *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens.

### **November 2, 6:00pm Friends of the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library Meeting.**

Community members are welcome to join, become a member, and discuss ways to support the library. This meeting will be held in virtually on Zoom. Please email [serramesalibraryfriends@gmail.com](mailto:serramesalibraryfriends@gmail.com) for the log in information.



### **December 6, 4:00pm Art of Mapmaking & GIS.**

Geared towards 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders, student in this workshop will learn how maps are created and create a map they will use in interactive games. Space is limited and registration is required. Sign up at <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/event/art-mapmaking-and-gis>

### **December 31, 11:30am Noon Year's Eve.**

Want to ring in the New Year, but your bedtime is way before midnight? Come to our Noon Year's Eve Celebration and celebrate at noon! Join us for an early countdown to 2023.

### **Friends of the Library Donations**

The Friends of the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library are currently accepting book donations during the library's open hours.

### **Friends of the Library Volunteers Needed**

Looking to get more involved with your community? Love books and your library? Reach out to Friends of Serra Mesa Library to hear more about how you can help! Email us at [serramesalibraryfriends@gmail.com](mailto:serramesalibraryfriends@gmail.com) or DM on Instagram @serramesalibraryfriends

### **Mobile Hotspots**

Mobile Hotspots are now available for check out at the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library. The mobile hotspots are easy to use and allow users to connect their laptop, tablet and other Wi-Fi enabled devices to the internet. Find out more information at <https://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/san-diego-access-4-all>



# NOVEMBER 2022 SERRA MESA VILLAGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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SM/KM - SERRA MESA/ KEARNY MESA LIBRARY - 9005 AERO DR

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**VOTE**

# Shana Hazan

**FOR SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD**

Shana is a former public school teacher with a master's degree in education, a nonprofit executive, Vice Chair of California's Children and Families Commission (First 5 California), a small business owner, and a public school mom. **Today, our school board has no members with kids in our schools. Shana brings the leadership, experience, and insight as a mom, to make sure every student can reach their full potential.**



## A RECORD We Can Trust

- ✓ **Brought parents and educators together** to boost enrollment and strengthen STEAM learning in her neighborhood school.
- ✓ **Delivered \$18 million** to launch a new statewide early literacy program.
- ✓ **Designed the *Achievement Gap Prevention Project*** and *Linda Vista Kindergarten Readiness Network*.

## A PLAN to Put Kids First

- ✓ **Help kids who fell behind during COVID** by addressing mental health and academic challenges.
- ✓ **Use meaningful data to guide investments.**
- ✓ **Strengthen accountability**, transparency, and communication in schools.
- ✓ **Build partnerships** with parents, teachers, and school leaders.
- ✓ **Invest in teachers** and develop and retain strong principals.
- ✓ **Improve learning outcomes, close the achievement gap**, and prepare students for the future.

**THE ONLY CANDIDATE ENDORSED BY**

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Paid for by Shana Hazan for School Board 2022. ID #1436487.

**VOTE BY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8**

# Mission Village Drive: Deny the Change!



Mission Village Drive: The city has plans to take our busy, highly traveled road from 4 lanes down to 2 lanes in Serra Mesa called MISSION VILLAGE.

The plan is to put in a buffered bike lane (so like a double line that adds about another foot or so in between cars and bikes). There will still be street parking and a center turn lane. Plus, at the top of the hill on Ronda, cars will need to suddenly MERGE ON A 40mph road from the two lanes into one lane! The city previously denied a motion by us, residents, to put a light by Ronda because of poor visibility, but then they want the cars to merge into one lane before you can even see over the Crest of the hill!

All of this with no community input at all. This will affect one of the only entrances into the neighborhood. They put in a last-minute notice to show up at the council meeting and no bother to inform the public. When asked about the 40 mph speed limit, they said it wouldn't be addressed at this time.

There are 100+ events planned at the soon-to-be Snapdragon Stadium, but only one lane in and out. The traffic study they are basing this on is six years old and doesn't include the impact of new condos, Civita, or SDSU WEST campus.

Please sign to get them to STOP and DENY this change. If we do nothing, they start in October!

Thank you all - Concerned Neighbor and Serra Mesa Resident

Action Steps: Go to [www.change.org](http://www.change.org) and sign the petition. Search "change.org Mission VillageDrive"

Call/email the Serra Mesa City Council (858) 565-2473

[serramesacommunitycouncil@hotmail.com](mailto:serramesacommunitycouncil@hotmail.com)

Call/email our San Diego City Council Member - Raul Campillo, District 7 (619) 236-6677

[RaulCampillo@sandiego.gov](mailto:RaulCampillo@sandiego.gov) \*\*\*also contact him on Instagram, Facebook & Twitter \*\*\*



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## Dated Material

### **Serra Mesa Food Pantry**

**Has a Drive-Thru distribution every Wednesdays 10:00-1:00 p.m.**

**Located at Mission Village Christian Fellowship**

**2650 Melbourne Drive 92123**

**858-278-2647**

