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New Year



2023



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**Serra Mesa Community Council**

January 25, 2023

6:30 p.m.

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

**Serra Mesa Community Council**

February 22, 2023

6:30 p.m.

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**CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS**

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
Jan 17	Serra Mesa Recreation Center Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. 9020 Village Glen Drive
Jan 19	Serra Mesa Village Connection 3:30 p.m. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
Jan 19	Serra Mesa Planning Group 7 p.m. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Room
Jan 25	Friends of Ruffin Canyon 5:30 p.m. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
Jan 25	Serra Mesa Community Council 6:30 p.m. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
Feb 4	Friends of Ruffin Canyon Cleanup 9:00 a.m. Shawn Avenue entrance to Ruffin Canyon
Feb 16	Serra Mesa Village Connection 3:30 p.m. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
Feb 16	Serra Mesa Planning Group 7 p.m. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Room
Feb 21	Serra Mesa Recreation Center Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. 9020 Village Glen Drive
Feb 22	Friends of Ruffin Canyon 5:30 p.m. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
Feb 22	Serra Mesa Community Council 6:30 p.m. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
Mar 1	Friends of Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library 5:30 p.m. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Sudberry Room
Mar 4	Friends of Ruffin Canyon Cleanup 9:00 a.m. Shawn Avenue entrance to Ruffin Canyon

*Serra Mesa Enhancement Committee meetings -  
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### *Nothing but the Truth*

One of the things I question today is why more people do not tell the truth. Merriam-Webster defines truth as, “the body of real things, events, and facts”. There is an old saying that goes “if the truth is so great, why don’t more people use it?” It starts from the top down, even the most prominent people in our lives either completely ignore it or modify it to suit their needs. Truth in the media such as newspapers or other media distort the truth as journalism but as for truth is it not opinion? Maybe if they could change opinions for true journalism, their ratings and audience would improve.

Look at social media and consider the damage It has done to young people who are so damaged by the things said about them. Why can’t we be truthful and encourage each other instead? I understand that truth could be hurtful as I don’t really want the world to read of all my faults, even if they are factual, but perhaps it would modify my behavior if it were constructive and would suggest some corrections or changes that I could make. If we are to continue as a leading nation, it is my opinion that we should demand truth from our family, friends, neighbors, elected officials, and all media presenters.

So where do we go from here? I am making a New Year’s resolution to let it start with me. I will only tell the truth and use it to constructively improve those I encounter. I will also hold those I encounter to be honest and truthful

and therefore accountable. If a vendor or organization is not truthful, I will not support them or contribute to them. If you encounter me and notice that I am not practicing what I preach, please tell me, I want to hear the truth.

Some truths I would like to share:

We live in a Country founded on liberty and freedom.

While we are not perfect, we have the potential above any other country to instill equality and opportunity for all.

The best way for us to improve ourselves is to encourage those around us to be all they can be.

If you would like to improve Serra Mesa, join one of our volunteer organizations with your time and talents.

Treat others as you would like to be treated.

Make a resolution to only be truthful and honest with all your encounters.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL FROM YOUR

SERRA MESA COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

Carl Demas, President of SMCC

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## You're Never Too Old to be Fined for Underage Drinking

*Parents, others can be held liable under Social Host law*

*By Mara W. Elliott, San Diego City Attorney*

In the fall of 2019, when no one had yet heard of COVID, a San Diego teenager we'll call Daphne decided to get a few dozen friends together for a party at her house. Daphne was only 15 and many of her friends were also underage. A loud, drunken party ensued.

Responding to noise complaints from her neighbors, police arrived to find beer cans and red Solo cups scattered about and teens jumping the fence to avoid arrest. While some of the partiers admitted to drinking that night, Daphne's parent, who was home and smelled of alcohol as well, denied any knowledge of the events leading to the noise complaints.

Making matters much worse, one of the minors had to be taken to the hospital after consuming too much alcohol at the party.

Whether the parent's neglect was intentional or merely unfortunate, in San Diego it was also criminal.

Adults allowing a party where underage drinking occurs are in violation of San Diego's Social Host law, passed in 2003 and expanded in 2019 to include marijuana and other drugs.

First-time offenses come with a minimum \$100 fine. The parent here was fined \$250 and is on notice because the fine doubles for a second offense and future violations could mean six months in jail.

With the worst of the pandemic receding, in-person parties are again on the rise, particularly as we head into the holidays.

As a parent, I know how important it is to keep our children safe. And as City Attorney, I know too many of our teenagers begin using drugs and alcohol at a young age. One thing you may find surprising is that most teens don't get alcohol with a fake ID, but at a friend's house, sometimes with a wink and a nod from the parent.

You'll hear them say, "Better for them to drink here than out in the community." This logic is faulty. First of all, your teenagers should know that you don't condone underage drinking anywhere. But, also, think about those 16-year-olds at Daphne's house. They aren't going to call mom and dad to take them home at the end of the party. They are going to drive with their newly minted licenses. And some of them will end up with DUIs while others will get into accidents.

Under San Diego's social host law, Daphne's parent would be legally responsible for any damages done by those teens. That's not hypothetical. It happens all too often, and when it does, my Office will hold accountable those who choose to ignore the law through arrest and prosecution.

By the way, you don't have to be a parent to be prosecuted under the Social Host law. The law allows the prosecution of any adult knowingly serving alcohol to a person under 21 years of age. You also do not have to be in attendance. Under the law, you can't just say, "I wasn't there so I didn't know." It's enough to be held liable if you *should have known* a person under 21 was being served alcohol in your home.

So, what can you do to ensure you are a responsible host?

Experts point to four key steps to take:

- Prevent access to alcohol and marijuana by minors;
- Limit how much you buy so you don't lose track of how much is being consumed;
- Verify the age of all party attendees so that you know who can legally drink; and
- Supervise the activities of all minors in your home to ensure compliance with the Social Host law.

As I mentioned, keeping all children in San Diego safe is one of the main goals of my work. Our Social Host law helps accomplish that goal. Please do your part and obey the law.





## Removal of Palm Trees from Ruffin Canyon

*Article adapted from <https://www.sdcanyonlands.org/blog/palmremoval>*

On December 18<sup>th</sup> 245 Mexican fan palms and Canary Island date palms were removed by helicopter from Ruffin Canyon. These non-native palm trees are considered invasive, reducing resources for native flora and fauna, and creating a fire risk. Funding for this effort was provided by the San Diego River Conservancy. The effort was organized by San Diego Canyonlands.

During the removal process the helicopter, restricted from flying over homes, picked up palms and dropped them off at the Taft Middle School parking lot, and subsequently they were trucked out.

Preparation for the tree removal process included 1) mapping the palm trees in Ruffin Canyon, 2) removal by San Diego Canyonlands of more than 20,000 pounds of palm fronds, and 3) cutting of palms by West Coast Arborist.

The community will be invited to help with the next step – Habitat Restoration. It's expected that removal of the trees will result in more water in the tributary, which should help with restoration.

Thanks go to San Diego Canyonlands, volunteers who helped to monitor trail gateways (for safety reasons hikers were prevented from trails during the removal process), and the community for their cooperation in this effort.



## 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  
 Dead **Animal Removal** stay online (858) 694-7000  
 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  
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 Zoning/Permits - Questions &Violations (619) 446-5000



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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*



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## Millions of Dollars Flowing to San Diego to Fight Opioid Abuse

By Mara W. Elliott, San Diego City Attorney

For years, pharmaceutical companies aggressively marketed opioids to doctors and the public, claiming opioids were needed to manage chronic pain, weren't addictive, and were superior to other pain-relievers.

None of that was true. Instead, America got sick, while the opioid industry got rich.

As patients became addicts, they fueled an underground market for illegally produced fentanyl, a synthetic opioid, or turned to heroin. Overdoses strained emergency rooms and public-safety services and more than 500,000 Americans lost their lives. San Diego suffered along with the rest of the nation, struggling to combat a health crisis rooted in deception, manipulation, and greed.

While it's impossible to reverse the damage done by the opioid epidemic, it is possible to hold opioid manufacturers and marketers responsible. In 2019, my Office sued a number of companies that were making outrageous profits at the expense of human lives.

Our lawsuit accused the drug companies of circulating false and misleading information about opioids' safety and efficacy, and downplaying or omitting the risk of addiction and overdose. Opioids can be crucial to help people recover from surgery and to ease terminal illness, but the industry wanted a larger customer base.

We argued that their immoral and unethical behavior caused substantial injury to San Diego taxpayers who absorbed the costs of this public health crisis. Our strategy was to recover those costs and compel the companies to fund drug treatment and education programs to help our addicted population and prevent it from growing.

The legal strategy worked. That lawsuit is part of a multi-party settlement between three opioid distributors and one manufacturer and a number of cities, counties, and states. We expect additional settlements in the future. Our targets include some of the biggest names in the drug industry, who profited in the decades-long fraud.

Throughout this hard-fought three-year battle, your interests were doggedly pursued by my Office's Affirmative Civil Enforcement Unit. Under the terms of the settlement, these funds cannot be used for any purpose other than to address opioid addiction, through health care, drug treatment, and related programs. The City will receive an estimated \$30 million over eight years. The first year's payment is \$1,372,352.69.

Although the City Council and Mayor ultimately determine how the proceeds will be spent, it is my hope that the City will use these funds to expand PLEADS (Prosecution and Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Services), which is a City program that encourages individuals found under the influence of drugs in public to agree to addiction treatment in lieu of prosecution and jail.

Our first responders are overburdened with emergency calls related to all forms of drug abuse and overdose. This program, founded by my Office and the San Diego Police Department in 2019, reduces costly emergency calls and offers a new start to people caught in the cycle of arrest, jail, release, and homelessness.

Even \$30 million is a drop in the bucket compared with the economic and human harm caused by these companies, which have not admitted wrongdoing or the role they played in fueling a black market for illicit fentanyl. But at least one company, Johnson & Johnson, has stopped selling prescription opioids and has agreed not to resume.

In the three years we prosecuted our case, America's opioid problem only worsened. In 2019, more than 3,200 people in California died from opioid overdoses; in 2021, there were 6,843 opioid deaths. In San Diego County alone, 1,637 people went to hospital emergency rooms for opioid overdoses in 2021, and 686 deaths were reported.

We can't bring back those whose lives were tragically cut short, but we can use this money to provide future treatment, help, and hope for San Diegans impacted by this crisis.





## Aero Court Project

Staff will make the decision “for a proposed deviation from parking requirements to allow for a reduction of vehicle parking spaces for a ministerially-approved, multi-family residential development, located at 3585 Aero Court”. This project (PRJ-1072897), a 434 unit apartment building, is located in the Kearny Mesa Planning Group area and the site appears to be the former Kelco Building (8225 Aero Drive). The public notice is at <https://www.sandiego.gov/city-clerk/officialdocs/public-notices>, Reference 3585 Aero Court NDP.

### Franklin Ridge Road Connection Update

The Observer November/December issue described a list of questions asked of staff and their responses. There is still one question that has not been 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?

Additionally, safety concerns were presented to staff and City Councilmember Raul Campillo regarding the impacts of the projected increase in traffic on Via Alta after the road connection is built. Via Alta, half-mile long, has a crosswalk at the top and one at the bottom. The road's steep slope (~ 8%) and curves prevent additional crosswalks or traffic calming from being installed. The elementary school at the corner of Via Alta/Civita makes it especially important to address concerns. The Via Alta issues can impact Serra Mesa since vehicles will access Via Alta from Phyllis Place. Phyllis Place is the only ingress/egress road for the 200+ homes in that area, and vehicle traffic on this road is projected to increase from 2,420 to 34,540.

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 and for solutions to safety concerns.

More information about the project/issue is at <http://www.serramesa.org/hot-topics/>.

### 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  
January 17 & February 21 at 6:30 p.m.



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



## 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: January 19 and February 16. To contact us, email [smpg@serramesa.org](mailto:smpg@serramesa.org).

**3 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>.

**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.



Serra Mesa has had a Senior Organization called the Serra Mesa Village since 2014. Our group is made up of folks that are aged 55+. The objective of the Village Movement is to provide purpose, recreation, and companionship for people who want to age in place while remaining in their current homes. We are a community-based organization under the umbrella of the Serra Mesa Community Council and therefore a non-profit organization so any dues or donations are tax exempt. We are not affiliated with any church as this is a community based social organization to help fill senior years with activities and events.

Should you or anyone in your household or neighborhood be 55 or over, we would like to extend an invitation to join our group.

### Monthly Activities:

- ⇒ 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday – **Connection Meeting**, 2:00 – 4:00 PM, Community Presentation at Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, 9005 Aero Drive.
- ⇒ 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, **Movie**, 2:00-5:00 PM, Selected by members personal collection at Holy Angels Church Rectory, 2235 Galahad Rd,
- ⇒ Every Wednesday, **Ceramic Class**, (No Experience Necessary) 12:30-4:30 PM, Serra Mesa Recreation Center, 9020 Village Glen Drive

Other activities available, check us out on [www.serramesavillage.org](http://www.serramesavillage.org), email us at [serramesavillage10@gmail.com](mailto:serramesavillage10@gmail.com), or call us and leave a message at (858)565-2473

Carl Demas, President of the Serra Mesa Village Board.

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## **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 Monday, January 2nd in observance of New Year's Day, Monday, January 16th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and Monday, February 20th in observance of Presidents' Day.

### **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>

### **Winter Reading Challenge 2023**

Join the Winter Reading Challenge from January 1<sup>st</sup> - January 31<sup>st</sup>. San Diego residents of all ages are encouraged to take the challenge by reading 5 books or for 5 hours, or doing 5 "All the Feels" activities to receive a San Diego Public Library lunch bag. For more information or to sign up, visit <https://www.sandiego.gov/WinterReading>

### **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 January 2, January 16, and February 20)

### **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.

### **Chair Yoga – Tuesdays at 11:45am \*NEW DATE AND TIME\***

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.

### **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. January 10<sup>th</sup> will discuss *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson, and February 14<sup>th</sup> will discuss *The Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles.

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

Love to read and talk about books? Join the new Morning Book Club! January 12<sup>th</sup> will discuss *Killers of the Flower Moons* by David Grann, and February 9<sup>th</sup> will discuss *Waiting for Snow in Havana* by Carlos Eire.

### **January 4, 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.

### **January 21, 1:00pm Community Listening Session: Library Master Plan.**

Your voice, your library! San Diego Public Library wants to hear what you want for the future of Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library? This is your chance to share your input with Library Director Misty Jones, Library Foundation SD and Branch Manager Rosa Kwon in person and will focus on this library location's needs. Together with Library Foundation SD, we are developing a new master plan to provide a long-range vision for library buildings, technology, and program investments. We need your input and that of the community to make this a success!

### **February 21, 4:00pm Crafronics.**

Geared towards 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders. Learn about electronics and circuits while creating a fun craft project! Previous projects include a moving origami swan, light-up LED bracelet or robot bug. Space is limited and registration is required. Sign up at <https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/event/crafronics-10>

### **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>

### **California State Library Parks Pass**

California State Library Parks Passes are now available at San Diego Public Library locations. These passes permit entry of one passenger vehicle with capacity of nine people or less or one motorcycle. The lending period for the CA State Library Park Passes is 14 days and the pass is non-renewable. Find out more information at <https://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/check-out-nature>





# JANUARY 2023 SERRA MESA VILLAGE CALENDAR OF

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December						February	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 New Year's Day	2 New Year's Day Observed	3	4 8:00 AM - SMV WALK SMRC 12:30 - 4:30 - CERAMICS SMRC	5 10:00 AM - SMV DAY TRIP SM/KM	6 8:00 AM - SMV WALK SMRC	7	
8	9 8:00 AM - SMV WALK SMRC	10 2:00 PM - SMV MOVIE HABC	11 8:00 AM - SMV WALK SMRC 12:30 - 4:30 - CERAMICS SMRC	12 1:00 PM - SMV ZOOM CHAT	13 8:00 AM - SMV WALK SMRC	14	
15	16 Martin Luther King Jr. 8:00 AM - SMV WALK SMRC	17	18 8:00 AM - SMV WALK SMRC 12:30 - 4:30 - CERAMICS SMRC	19 2:00-4:00 PM - SMV CONNECTION MTG SM/KM	20 8:00 AM - SMV WALK SMRC	21	
22	23 8:00 AM - SMV WALK SMRC	24 2:00 PM - SMV MOVIE HABC	25 8:00 AM - SMV WALK SMRC 12:30 - 4:30 - CERAMICS SMRC	26 1:00 PM - SMV ZOOM CHAT	27 8:00 AM - SMV WALK SMRC	28	
29	30 8:00 AM - SMV WALK SMRC	31					

SMRC - SERRA MESA REC CTR 9020 VILLAGE DRIVE

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

HABC - HOLY ANGELS BYZANTINE CHURCH - 2235 GALAHAD ROAD

FEBRUARY 2023 SERRA MESA VILLAGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS							March ▶
◀ January	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>5</b>		<b>6</b> 8:00 AM - SMV WALK SMRC	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 8:00 AM - SMV WALK SMRC 12:30 - 4:30 - CERAMICS SMRC	<b>9</b> 1:00 PM - SMV ZOOM CHAT	<b>10</b> 8:00 AM - SMV WALK SMRC	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Super Bowl		<b>13</b> 8:00 AM - SMV WALK SMRC	<b>14</b> Valentine's Day 2:00 PM - SMV MOVIE HABC	<b>15</b> 8:00 AM - SMV WALK SMRC 12:30 - 4:30 - CERAMICS SMRC	<b>16</b> 2:00-4:00 PM - SMV CONNECTION MTG SM/KM	<b>17</b> 8:00 AM - SMV WALK SMRC	<b>18</b>
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Share your vision for the future of your  
library at a special community  
listening session!

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 21**

**Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa  
Branch Library**  
9005 Aero Drive  
San Diego, CA 92123

1:00 p.m. | Community Room



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**2650 Melbourne Drive 92123**

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