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You are invited to participate in the

**Serra Mesa Community Council**

July 26, 2023

6:30 p.m.

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

**Serra Mesa Community Council**

August 23, 2023

6:30 p.m.

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

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**CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS**

Sept 6	Friends of Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library 5:30 p.m. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Sudberry Room
Sept 19	Serra Mesa Recreation Center Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. 9020 Village Glen Drive
Sept 21	Serra Mesa Village Connection 3:30 p.m. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
Sept 21	Serra Mesa Planning Group 7 p.m. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Room
Sept 27	Friends of Ruffin Canyon 5:30 p.m. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
Sept 27	Serra Mesa Community Council 6:30 p.m. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
Oct 7	Friends of Ruffin Canyon Cleanup 9:00 a.m. Shawn Avenue entrance to Ruffin Canyon
Oct 17	Serra Mesa Recreation Center Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. 9020 Village Glen Drive
Oct 19	Serra Mesa Village Connection 3:30 p.m. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
Oct 19	Serra Mesa Planning Group 7 p.m. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Room
Oct 25	Friends of Ruffin Canyon 5:30 p.m. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
Nov 1	Friends of Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library 5:30 p.m. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Sudberry Room
Nov 4	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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The recent news of the fires at Lahaina on the island of Maui should make us all aware of how fast wildfire can attack a community. We often think of how that could not happen to us, but it is a possibility and we should make preparations with a "go kit" or some way of making sure we take those things we need on a last minute basis. What is most amazing is the "Aloha Spirit" that is taking place where neighbors are taking care of each other and meeting the needs of those who have lost everything. It is my hope and expectation that we would do the same for any of our neighbors who experience a situation of having a need where we would come to their aid. I would urge us to watch and learn from this experience as we never know what is in our future whether it be earthquake, fire, or some other disaster that we are not aware of.

The narrowing of Mission Village Drive has been completed between Ruffin Road and Ronda Ave. I would be interested in any comments on experiences by residents relative to the effect on their daily activities. So far it seems that people who live on Mission Village Drive find it easier to pull into and out of their property. The bicycle lanes give some added space to the parking area, and it seems to be helping residents to back out into the Drive. I try to avoid it during peak times so have no actual history of whether the traffic poses a serious problem. I have reviewed some comments on "Next Door" mostly from people who do not know how your Community Council opposed the narrowing and that it was the City Traffic Group who felt that it would be a safety matter. Please let us know on Next Door or better yet, come to our Serra Mesa Community Council Meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup>, at the Serra Mesa Library at 7:00PM. We will hear from our Community Officer on crime statistics as well as what happened to Annie, a homeless person who is deceased.

We, The Serra Mesa Community Council, would also like to hear your comments on our mayor's handling of our homeless issues. Like it or not, it seems that most cities are not doing what San Diego is doing as the problem continues to grow in our State and crime by the homeless increases.

Are you aware that we now have a new joint-use park at Taft Middle School? This area is available during non-school hours and there is a running track, pickleball and tennis courts, plenty of parking and a really nice though shadeless and marker less facility. You really must look for the driveway into the park at 9191 Gramercy Dr. The driveway is just past the school on Gramercy. You can access it on weekends or school days after school has been dismissed.

We remind everyone that our schools will be in session soon and to be sure and drive carefully and observe school hour speed limits. Remember, whenever children are present. If you have not experienced our Serra Mesa Observer Newsletter, you can get it at: [serramesa.org](http://serramesa.org), clicking on Community Council dropdown menu, and clicking on Observer (Newsletter). If you would like to be advised of all our community meetings, you can register by clicking on "Sign up for Serra Mesa Notices".

Your involvement by any means is always appreciated.

Carl Demas, Serra Mesa Community Council President,  
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All are Welcome!

## Holy Angels Ethnic Foods

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92123 DAY CELEBRATION - NO.3

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**Serra Mesa  
Rec Center**

**FOLLOW 92123 DAY PAGE ON FB FOR UPDATES**  
9020 VILLAGE GLEN DRIVE 92123  
**FREE FAMILY EVENT**

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## Status of Airport Plaza Building – 8555 Aero Dr

According to the City's website permits have been issued:

- PMT-3162921 - For demolition of the 3-story building at 8555 Aero Drive
- PMT-3158932 - For construction of a 7-story above grade and 1-story below grade for 302 multifamily dwelling units and associated accessory uses.

The project will include affordable units and requests the affordable housing density bonus. This bonus allows more units to be built. The owner is listed as Crown Investments Co at Hotel Circle S. The project is located in the Kearny Mesa planning area.

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## **SB 10 Update**

The Planning Commission on August 3 voted to recommend approval of Housing Package 2.0 with the exception of SB 10. They recommended the formation of a working group on SB 10, which would allow public input. Implementation of SB 10 would greatly impact single family zoning (density, height, setbacks parking, etc.).

Housing Package 2.0 goes before the Land Use and Housing Committee on September 21. According to the Mayor's press release the package includes the following (paraphrased):

- A harmful land use, such as wrecking and dismantling motor vehicles, would no longer be allowed to continue after a transition period if it has been rezoned for homes or mixed-use development as part of a community plan update in the Promise Zone (<https://www.sandiego.gov/economic-development/sdpromisezone>).
- Allows the development of private, dorm-style student homes near transit and near universities and colleges.
- Encourages the creation of Single Room Occupancy homes with shared kitchens and bathrooms, particularly at the very low-income level.
- Promotes the preservation of affordable homes, to prevent residents from displacement caused by new development.
- Gives residential and commercial builders within a half-mile of a major existing or planned public transit stop the flexibility the ability to build the number of parking spaces they need.
- Encourage the development of Accessible Dwelling Units (ADUs) that are accessible for people with disabilities.
- Provides public agencies greater flexibility in developing homes on publicly owned land by increasing allowed densities and allowing affordable housing on premises zoned as commercial or residential.
- Remove barriers to constructing family homes, encourages the development of middle-income homes and allows for affordable homes to be located in areas with good job and school opportunities and a clean environment.

Some Serra Mesa residents concerned about the impacts of SB 10 posted signs in their yard. A statement from the Mayor's office indicates he will not be pushing for SB 10. As of press time staff hasn't removed SB 10 from Housing Package 2.0. For more information on Neighbors for a Better San Diego's effort to remove SB 10 go [HERE](#).

**Please join us for a block party  
to celebrate the calendar  
matching our zip code on  
Thursday, September 21, 2023**

**ZIP CODE DAY**

**SERRA  
MESA**

**9.21.23**

**Event is from 4pm to 9 pm with a live  
band from 5-8 (3 Car Garage Band)  
(Greyling Drive between Pinecrest and Geraldine)**



## 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  
Water Emergencies - City & Private (619) 515-3525  
Weeds (619) 533-4444  
Zoning/Permits - Questions &Violations (619) 446-5000



**St. Columba Parish**  
3327 Glencolum Drive  
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.  
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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.

## 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 the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, 9005 Aero Drive, and via online. To receive notices about meetings, which would include a link for the online meeting, sign up at <http://www.serramesa.org/>. Agendas posted at <https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/profiles/serramesa/agendas>. Next meeting: October 19. To contact us, email [smpg@serramesa.org](mailto:smpg@serramesa.org). September meeting cancelled because of 92123 celebrations.

**Board:** SMPG's bylaws allow fifteen Board members, two-year terms. 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>. Any qualified person interested in filling a board opening can be elected at a board meeting. If interested in joining the board, please contact [smpg@serramesa.org](mailto:smpg@serramesa.org).

### Action Items, August 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting

#### Application for Community Planning Group Recognition, SMPG Subcommittee

All planning groups in the City are required to submit an application by December 31, 2023 to represent their community. The application form includes bylaws, a Participation and Representation Plan, and Ethical Standards.

**Bylaws:** To complete the bylaws the subcommittee requested input from the Board and community. On the following items the consensus was:

- Number of Voting Members – 14 members: 2 members from each of the 6 elementary schools areas in Serra Mesa, one homeowner and one renter; a business representative; and a non-profit representative. If a position in a school area is unfilled, an eligible member outside of that area can be elected at-large.
- Justification – Serra Mesa's neighborhoods differ in their needs and issues (e.g., stadium, Birdland, military, near 805, near apartments complexes, etc.) and representation from each of these areas helps Board members have a better understanding when making recommendations.
- Youth Representative – One appointed position.
- Mail-In Ballots – Not supported.

**Bylaws** (draft) are HERE (<http://www.serramesa.org/smpg/smpg-documents/>).

**Participation and Representation Plan:** SMPG passed a motion to approve the plan. Plan is HERE (<http://www.serramesa.org/smpg/smpg-documents/>).

**Ethical Standards:** SMPG passed a motion to approve the document. Document is HERE (<http://www.serramesa.org/smpg/smpg-documents/>).





### Serra Mesa Village – A Neighborly Network of Seniors for Seniors

Are you 55+ and tired of your old friends?

Want some new friends who want to do some fun stuff?

Do you want to learn some new things and get out of the house?

Do you like to eat at new and interesting places in and around San Diego?

How about visiting interesting places in and around San Diego even if you don't drive?

Let me tell you about the Serra Mesa Village.

1. We have a connection meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 2:00 PM at the Serra Mesa Library. At this meeting we have interesting speakers who talk about issues involving seniors or topics of interest.
2. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday we have a classic movie at 2:00 PM at Holy Angels Rectory
3. Every Wednesday we have a Ceramics Class for experienced ceramic artisans with talented and creative persons from 12:30 – 4:30 PM at the Serra Mesa Recreation Center
4. On the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month, we have a lunch or visit exciting San Diego Attraction where we attending popular destinations such as Balboa Park, Botanic Gardens, Affordable Restaurants, etc.

We are very affordable as membership is a mere \$25.00 per year and that covers all administrative and operational costs.





**Friday 6pm - 10pm**  
**Saturday 12pm-10pm**  
**Sunday - 11am-3pm**

**3327 Glencolumn Drive**  
**San Diego, CA 92123**

## Fall Festival is back!

Join us for the biggest event in Serra Mesa!

Enjoy a fun-filled event for the entire family with games, inflatables, food, beer garden and raffle for a new Toyota.

## Plus live performances by

### Friday:

**3 Car Garage (6:30-9:30pm)**

### Saturday:

**Siers Brothers (2:00-4:45pm)**  
**Grooveline (7-10pm)**

### Sunday:

**Hullabaloo (12-12:45pm)**

**AND MORE!**



San Diego Mineral & Gem Society  
A Non-Profit Educational and Scientific Organization

## GEM DIEGO SHOW

**October 28 – 29, 2023**  
9:30 AM – 5 PM (Sat) | 10 AM – 4 PM (Sun)

**Liberty Station Conference Center**  
2600 Laning Road ♦ San Diego, CA 92106

FREE ADMISSION ♦ FREE PARKING ♦ OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



<https://sdmg.org>



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

## 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  
July 18 & August 15 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

Sunday: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

### **Holiday Closures**

All San Diego Public Library Locations will be closed Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day.

**Art Exhibit – *Humanity Showers*.** The San Diego Public Library’s Visual Arts program is pleased to host portraiture of the unsheltered captured by Jordan Verdin. Documented through his Dignity on the Streets project intended to bring awareness of Humanity Showers and how to support unseen communities, Jordan’s art demonstrates dignity, compassion, and kindness to our unsheltered.

### **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>

### **Do Your Homework @ the Library Homework Help - Mondays - Thursdays 3:00pm - 6:00pm (except 9/4)**

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!

### **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.

### **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 the SDPL Virtual Branch at [www.SanDiego.LibraryMarket.com](http://www.SanDiego.LibraryMarket.com) 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**

Work on your flexibility, strength building, and quiet your mind with functional movement practice Thursdays at 11:45am. Participate at your own ability. Suitable for adults of all ages. Wear flexible clothing and bring any preferred yoga equipment. Chairs provided.



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

Love to read and talk about books? Join the new Morning Book Club! September 14 will discuss *Educated* by Tara Westover, and October 12 will discuss *The Child* by Fiona Barton.

### **September 4, 1:00pm Library NExT: Electric Vegetables.**

Create your own vegetable batteries! Students will learn how batteries work, then use hands-on problem-solving techniques to assemble a working battery and measure the voltage created. Program is for students 6th-8th grade. Space is limited. Registration required. [SanDiego.gov/LibraryNext](https://SanDiego.gov/LibraryNext)

### **September 5, 5:00pm 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 month will include elections of the Friends of the Library Board Members and be in-person and on Zoom. Please email [serramesalibraryfriends@gmail.com](mailto:serramesalibraryfriends@gmail.com) for the log in information.

### **September 22, 3:00pm Last Day of Summer Bingo Party.**

Join us in celebrating the last day of summer! Stop by the community room for a few rounds of bingo with a chance to win prizes!

### **October 24, 4:00pm Halloween at the Library.**

Join us for Halloween fun! We will be screening the classic animated short film "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" (run time 26 minutes) and making a Halloween themed craft. Costumes are encouraged but not required.

### **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 & Chromebooks**

Mobile Hotspots and Chromebooks 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>





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## 92123 Event

Exciting news! A 92123 Event is being planned for September 16, 10 am – 4 pm, at the Serra Mesa Recreation Center. Flyer is [HERE](#). A group of enthusiastic volunteers is working diligently to make this day a success – fun for all.

The Serra Mesa Community Council is a sponsor of the event. If you wish to donate to the event via PayPal, go [HERE](#), write 92123 Event in the Comment section. Or by check, write SMCC in the Pay to section and 92123 Event in the memo section, and mail to SMCC, PO Box 23315, San Diego, CA 92193.



## Serra Mesa Community

### Serra Mesa Non-Profit Community Groups (<http://www.serramesa.org/>)

**Friends of Ruffin Canyon** – Goal is to foster community participation in the protection of Ruffin Canyon. Ruffin Canyon is Serra Mesa's natural open space. With more than 84 acres, it extends from the south end of Ruffin Road to Mission Valley. Access to trails is on the west and east sides of Taft Middle School 9191 Gramercy Drive. The brochure of the canyon native plants and the work and the meeting schedule is at <http://www.serramesa.org/friends-of-ruffin-canyon/>. For questions or if interested in joining the group, send email to [friendsofruffincanyon@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofruffincanyon@gmail.com).

**Serra Mesa Community Council (SMCC)** – Founded in 1988. Publishes bi-monthly newsletter, Serra Mesa Observer, posted at <http://www.serramesa.org/sbcc/observer-newsletter/>. SMCC provides support for community organizations; sponsors community events, meetings, forums, and special projects; maintains a website at <http://www.serramesa.org/> for multiple community groups; liaison with elected officials; and advocates for the community on issues. SMCC meets four times/year. If interested in volunteering for the Board, send email to [communitycouncil@serramesa.org](mailto:communitycouncil@serramesa.org).

**Serra Mesa Friends of the Library** – Raises funds through used book sales for the branch library for books, equipment, and support programs. Maintains the used bookstore located in the foyer of the library. Board meetings are held the first Wednesday of odd-numbered months, 6pm, via Zoom. If interested in volunteering for the Board or the Used Book Store, send email to [serramesalibraryfriends@gmail.com](mailto:serramesalibraryfriends@gmail.com).

**Serra Mesa Planning Group (SMPG)** – First established in 1977. After a period of dormancy SMPG was reestablished in April 1992. SMPG is responsible for making recommendations to the City Planning Department, the City Planning Commission, and the City Council. SMPG presents viewpoints on issues and projects which affect the Serra Mesa community at large. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month, 7 pm, at the library with an online option to participate. SMPG invites input from the community on development projects and public improvements. For questions or interest in joining the Board, send email to [smpg@serramesa.org](mailto:smpg@serramesa.org).

**Serra Mesa Village of San Diego (SMVSD)** – A membership organization which includes social activities, physical exercise, learning groups, health education and cultural and travel education opportunities for Serra Mesa residents 55 years and older. The commitment is to enable resident members to live life to its fullest as they age in their own homes. The motto is "A Neighborly Network of Seniors for Seniors". For more information, send email to [serramesavillage10@gmail.com](mailto:serramesavillage10@gmail.com).

### Other Groups (<http://www.serramesa.org/>)

**Serra Mesa Community Garden and Orchard** – Established in 2011 at 2650 Melbourne Dr. There are 4'x12' plots available to rent for a nominal fee. The orchard's fruit trees supply fresh fruit to the Serra Mesa Food Pantry. For more information, email [info@smcgo.org](mailto:info@smcgo.org).

**Serra Mesa Food Pantry** – Established in 2010 at 2650 Melbourne. The Food Pantry provides food to individuals and families who live in the Serra Mesa area and who are experiencing struggles in obtaining necessities. The drive-thru is open on Wednesdays, 10 am-1 pm and is staffed by volunteers. For more information or to donate or volunteer, send email to [smfoodpantrymanager@gmail.com](mailto:smfoodpantrymanager@gmail.com).

**Serra Mesa Little League** – Mission Statement is "To be an outstanding community organization that creates a culture where kids love playing the game of baseball." Programs are open to ages 4-14 years in fall (August-November) and spring (February-June). For more information, go to <https://www.serramesalittleleague.org/Default.aspx?tabid=508458> or send email to [info@serramesalittleleague.org](mailto:info@serramesalittleleague.org).

**AYSO Soccer** – Mission Statement is "Develop and deliver quality youth soccer programs which promote a fun, family environment...". For more information on Region 780 Kearny Mesa, go to <https://www.ayso780.org/Default.aspx?tabid=808478>, or send email to [AYS0780@gmail.com](mailto:AYS0780@gmail.com).



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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**

