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The photos are of the “park” at the southeast corner of Sandrock/ Gramercy. This park was designed and developed by community volunteers, who regularly maintain it. The park with all the greenery and flowering plants is stunning.



You are invited to participate in the  
Next:

**Serra Mesa Community Council  
General Meeting**

*Tuesday, May 28 at 6:30 p.m.  
Serra Mesa - Kearny Mesa Library  
Community Room, 9005 Aero Drive*

**Serra Mesa Community Council  
General Meeting**

*Tuesday, September 24 at 6:30 p.m.  
Serra Mesa - Kearny Mesa Library  
Community Room, 9005 Aero Drive*



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**CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS**

May 1	Friends of Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library 5:30 p.m. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Sudberry Room
May 4	Friends of Ruffin Canyon Cleanup 9:00 a.m. Shawn Avenue entrance to Ruffin Canyon
May 14	Serra Mesa Recreation Center Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. 9020 Village Glen Drive
May 16	Serra Mesa Village Connection 3:30 p.m. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
May 16	Serra Mesa Planning Group 7 p.m. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Room
May 22	Friends of Ruffin Canyon 5:30 p.m. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
May 28	Serra Mesa Community Council Meeting 5:45 p.m. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
June 1	Friends of Ruffin Canyon Cleanup 9:00 a.m. Shawn Avenue entrance to Ruffin Canyon
June 11	Serra Mesa Recreation Center Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. 9020 Village Glen Drive
June 20	Serra Mesa Village Connection 3:30 p.m. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
June 20	Serra Mesa Planning Group 7 p.m. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Room
June 26	Friends of Ruffin Canyon 5:30 p.m. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm
July 3	Friends of Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library 5:30 p.m. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Sudberry Room
July 6	Friends of Ruffin Canyon Cleanup 9:00 a.m. Shawn Avenue entrance to Ruffin Canyon

*Serra Mesa Enhancement Committee meetings -  
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Dear Friends and Residents of Serra Mesa,

I am excited to begin a new journey as the Serra Mesa Community Council President! With a deep commitment to our community's well-being and growth, I look forward to working alongside each one of you to make a positive impact. Together, we will create a more vibrant community where everyone feels heard, valued, and empowered.

As the Serra Mesa Community Council President, I am dedicated to fulfilling the following responsibilities:

- **Policy Development:** Collaborating with fellow council members and local representatives to shape policies that address our community's needs, from infrastructure improvements to public safety initiatives.
- **Council Meetings:** Facilitating productive and respectful council meetings where ideas are exchanged, decisions are made, and community input is valued. Your voices matter, and I encourage active participation.
- **Conflict Resolution:** Addressing any conflicts or concerns that arise within our community with fairness and empathy. Open communication and finding common ground will be our guiding principles.
- **Public and Media Relations:** Representing our town positively in the media and communicating our progress, challenges, and achievements. Transparency is essential, and I'll keep you informed through regular updates. Establishing a good relationship with local officials, politicians and police officers is essential.

**Your Role:** As residents, your participation and engagement is crucial. Please attend council meetings, share your insights, collaborate with us, and bring a neighbor! By working together, we can build a stronger, more resilient community.

Feel free to reach out to me anytime at 858-565-2473 or email me at [CommunityCouncil@serramesa.org](mailto:CommunityCouncil@serramesa.org) —I'm here to listen, learn, and lead.

Thank you for entrusting me with this responsibility. Let's make Serra Mesa an even better place to call home.

Let's do this together!

Joe Konieczka, Serra Mesa Community Council President



## Drainage Issue at Southeast Corner of Sandrock & Aero Drive



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There are two issues regarding drainage at the southeast corner of Sandrock and Aero Drive:

**Infrastructure** – Since Aero Drive is in the Kearny Mesa Community Plan area, City Councilmember Chris Cate’s office, District 6 representative in 2020, was contacted about the drainage issue during rainy weather. This was the response from the Stormwater Department:

“Based on our engineering assessment, the drainage and flooding issues are due to the lack of adequate storm drains in the area, which cause water to overtop the curb during rain events. This location will require a larger drainage study and additional engineering analysis; therefore, we will place this location on our needs list.

There are many critical repair and maintenance needs throughout the City, and we must balance available funds with those priorities. The needs list continues to grow, outpacing projected funding resources. In short, the best-case scenario for the work effort needed to design and install new infrastructure at this location is likely years away.”

**Drainage from VA Building** – The photos in this article demonstrate the problem. Thanks to Miles Noel, City Councilmember Raul Campillo’s representative, for his follow through when contacted in fall 2023. Here’s the staff’s response:

“Our Inspections staff have conducted three site visits for this issue since we last spoke: one on March 20th and two more recent visits on April 9th and April 10th. On March 20th, they observed a continuous flow of water from a curb cut leading to the street and observed water in the pump chamber of the onsite BMP when they opened the manhole cover. On April 9th and 10th, they met with the new maintenance contact and the hospital manager, and they conducted additional review of the BMP design and engineering plans and maintenance agreement.

Based on the information they gathered through sites visits, interviews, and research, our Inspections staff have determined that this BMP/detention basin was originally designed to hold rainwater during and shortly after a rain event, and then slowly pump this water out to the street to then drain away into the storm drain system. However, at some point, likely during construction of the onsite elevator, groundwater was encountered and appears to be making its way to the BMP’s underground stormwater detention basin. Due to groundwater flooding of this basin, the pump is constantly running and discharging non-stormwater (groundwater) to the City’s curb/gutter on Aero Drive. The accepted Stormwater Maintenance Agreement stipulates that this BMP is for “stormwater discharges only” and that all discharges should stop within a reasonable amount of time after the end of a rain event. The current groundwater discharge is not authorized under the Stormwater Maintenance Agreement unless there is an accepted NPDES Permit issued by the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board). The process to secure a NPDES Permit from the Regional Board will also require the City to accept any discharges as a stipulation of permit approval.

The next steps for the site are as follows:

1. The site must apply for NPDES Dewatering Permit from the Regional Board (30 Days Minimum).
2. If the permit is granted, the site will work with the City on potential solutions to remove run-off from the curb and gutter along Aero Drive (e.g. reuse water on-site, or connect to the existing storm drain without causing a public nuisance).
3. If the permit is denied, the site must stop discharging groundwater and instead reuse it on-site or divert the groundwater to the sewer. Diversion to the sewer will require an industrial discharge permit through PUD.

Additionally, in the meantime, the maintenance contact has installed a temporary diversion in the gutter to divert any water flow to the east away from the intersection of Aero Drive and Sandrock Road, where it has the potential to gather/pond since that intersection is at a low point with no nearby storm drain to carry the water away. The diverted flows now should travel east down Aero Drive to the closest storm drain inlet near the library located at 9005 Aero Drive. I will provide another update in approximately one month, to give the facility time to work with the Regional Board on obtaining a permit.”



## 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  
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 Barking Dogs, Code Violations, Noise, Safety  
 Police Department - Eastern Division (858) 495-7900  
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 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  
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 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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 Weeds (619) 533-4444  
 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*



**Pastor Karla Seyb-Stockton**

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

## Ruffin Canyon Clean-up

On Saturday April 20, a small but mighty group of canyon warriors helped Friends of Ruffin Canyon clean up the canyon near the recreation center. In conjunction with I Love a Clean San Diego for Creek to Bay Day, about 20 volunteers worked from 9am to noon removing trash, invasive non-native plants, and hundreds of palm fronds from the open space between the recreation center and the library. The city provided a load of mulch which was also spread along the trail to help keep the weeds under control. The area around the baseball fields was clean of trash, but wild mustard plants were plentiful. One volunteer, Heather, did an outstanding job getting several wheelbarrows full of it out of the canyon.

Friends of Ruffin Canyon site captains Kevin Johnston, Monica Fuentes and Cindy McIntyre appreciated all the volunteers who gave generously of their time to help beautify and clean the canyon. Look for our next project in September for Coastal Clean-up Day.

If you are interested in being part of our working group, contact us at [friendsofruffincanyon@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofruffincanyon@gmail.com)





## **"My Life's Stirring Adventures"**

by Tom Leech

This is a look at many pursuits, travels, and activities Tom's undergone during his more than a few years in this world. It's a memoir with lots of fun details about his experiences in the U. S. and many other countries he's visited. Especially memorable were the people he got to know along the way. Readers might find they relate readily to many of their own adventures.

Tom's books cover a variety of topics -- nature, travel, humorous tales, and even Christmas adventures: - On the Road in '68: a year of turmoil, a journey of friendship.

- Outdoors San Diego: Hiking, Biking and Camping with co-author Jack Farnan.

- Titillating Tales from the Outhouse (poetic high culture).

- The Curious Adventures of Santa's Wayward Elves (an illustrated children's book, with wife Leslie).

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**Wednesday, May 29**

**10 AM**

**Serra Mesa Food Pantry**

2650 Melbourne Dr, San  
Diego, CA 92123

No registration required!  
Limit of one grocery bag full of  
donations per person



Environmental  
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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 the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, 9005 Aero Drive, and via online meetings. To receive notices about meetings, which would include a link for the online meeting, sign up at <http://www.serramesa.org/>. Next meetings: May 16 and June 20. To contact us, email [smpg@serramesa.org](mailto:smpg@serramesa.org).

**Elections:** 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>.

Current SMPG board members are Deborah Burns, Kira Finkenberg (Secretary), Rochelle Freeman-Zuniga, Joe Ippolito, Sharon Kramer, Carrie Longley, Cindy Moore, Chris Rosemond (Vice-Chair), and Catharine Stempel (Chair).





## Serra Mesa Projects

## Projects & Other Information As Of April 2024

**Franklin Ridge Road Connection** – Schedule for implementation of mitigations and road connection pending. The developer recently submitted a design plan for 5 travel lanes and 2 bike lanes for the Murray Ridge bridge (the configuration that's described in the approved October 2017 plan). This differs from Caltrans' draft plan which describes the redesign of the Murray Ridge bridge as 4 travel lanes (11' wide) and 2 Class IV Bikeways (9' separated for each bikeway). Also, other city-approved mitigations include 5 travel lanes and 2 bike lanes for Phyllis Pl from the Franklin Ridge connection to the bridge, and 4 travel lanes and 2 bike lanes for the connection.

**Gramercy Drive Reconfiguration from Ruffin Rd to Mobley St** – According to staff "As part of Slurry Group 2422 Gramercy Dr will be modified to include bicycle facilities per the Bicycle Master Plan. To achieve this gap connection, the number 2 lane will be repurposed as a bicycle lane. The current center-turn-lane, on-street parking spaces, and bus stops are being retained."

In October 2023 the Serra Mesa Planning Group sent a letter to the Mayor requesting that the community, Taft Middle School, and CityMark Development (owner of dirt lot) be invited to participate in discussion of the Gramercy Drive reconfiguration before a decision is made. The letter listed these concerns regarding school dismissal time: cars double parking in outer driving lane, illegal u-turns, students crossing in unsafe areas, and cars parking on the dirt lot (lot will become unavailable when construction begins). Safety was emphasized. The letter didn't receive a response.

City Councilmember Raul Campillo during his January 29, 2023, Serra Mesa Town Hall committed to a site visit. The site visit was held on February 29th with City Transportation representatives, Campillo's representative, school principal, and community representatives. The reconfiguration plan will continue.

**AT&T Wireless Communication Facility, 2696 Melbourne Dr** – 40' high tall faux eucalyptus tree; 12 antennas, 9 remote radio units; 300-foot ground level equipment enclosure, faux rock; located near labyrinth.

**Mission Village Drive Properties** owned by CityMark Development (purchased from Gleich Trust); zoned as a commercial zone that allows residential; qualifies for affordable density bonus; amenities minimal; rental rates not determined; Process 1 (staff approves project).

**2696 Mission Village Drive** (former gas station near corner of Shawn Avenue): Build 3 story, 18-unit apartment building with 1-2 bedrooms; rental units; 2 affordable housing units; 21 parking spaces. Construction started.

**3222 Mission Village Drive** (former Tom Russell Chevron Station): Build 3 story, 21-unit apartment building with 1-2 bedrooms on .96 acre; rental units; 2 affordable housing units; 23 parking spaces. Construction is anticipated to begin late spring 2024.

**3241 Mission Village Drive** (former medical building complex): Two sections – 4 story building, 35-unit apartment building facing Mission Village Dr with 29 parking spaces and 3 story, 25-unit townhouses with 3 bedrooms and 2 car garages; exit on Ruffin Rd; still determining if townhouses will be rental units. Construction is anticipated to begin late spring 2024.

**Former Guild Mortgage Building, 9160 Gramercy Dr** – Vacant. For sale.

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**Former Mission Village Shopping Center, across from Taft Middle School, 9280 Gramercy Dr.** Approval in 2004 for 160 rental units and 15,000 s.f. retail (8,000 s.f. along Ruffin Rd and 7,000 s.f. at Ruffin/Gramercy corner). In 2005 approval for condominiums, required to make the community room available to community at no cost, and condominium owners have an assigned parking space deeded to them. In 2007 never expiring Site Development Permit, Approval #57551, created for 9178 Gramercy Drive. Grading permit issued in 2006. San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board issued a notification of no further action on 1/20/2022. July 2022 - Clean-up equipment removed from site. Site for sale.

**Old Serra Mesa Library on Sandrock** – The City was proposing selling the property (.34 acre) for \$15,000 to Community HousingWorks for development of 60 Affordable Housing Units. The Serra Mesa Planning Group sent a letter in January 2024 expressing concerns regarding height (5 stories), the low sales price of \$15,000, and lack of parking (22 spaces). Project on hold.

### Kearny Mesa Projects

**Aero Project, 8225 Aero Drive** – Former Kelco building, Sares Regis Group Residential is building 434 apartments (1, 2, & 3 bedroom units), 7 stories high, to be completed in 2024. Amenities include pool, spa, dog run, game courtyard, golf putting green, outdoor culinary kitchen, co-work space, conference room, clubhouse, fitness center, and bike repair room. More information can be found at the City's website, <https://opensdsd.sandiego.gov/web/approvals/>, Project 692190 - DIGITAL-The Aero G & PI.

**Airport Plaza Building, 8555 Aero Dr** – Construction of 7-story above grade and 1-story below grade for 302 multifamily dwelling units and associated accessory uses. Project will include affordable units and requests an affordable housing bonus. (PMT-3158932).

**Montgomery-Gibbs Airport** – \$500,000 in budget for unleaded gas tank. Installation of the unleaded tank has been delayed for a couple of years. City staff decided to have the tank "designed and constructed" by the Capital Improvements Department instead of purchasing a "turn-key" ready tank that would have saved the city thousands of dollars, and could have been installed within 6 months.

### City-Wide

**Planning Group Changes** – All planning groups were required to submit an application by December 31, 2023, to represent their respective community. The documents SMPG submitted are at <http://www.serramesa.org/smpg/smpg-documents/>. The City Council will make the decision in May (tentative) to certify planning groups.

**ADU/JADU** (Accessory Dwelling Units) – ADUs provide living area either detached or attached. Regulations – Encroachment into side and rear yards, no parking required; maximum size 1,200 s.f., rental term minimum 31 days, major fees waived, owner doesn't have to live in premises. Number of ADUs permitted on single family property based on TPA (area within ½ mile of existing or planned major transit stop). Could affect 748 acres in Serra Mesa.





**Holy Angels Byzantine Catholic Church**  
2235 Galahad Road  
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**All are Welcome!**

## Holy Angels Ethnic Foods

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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  
May 14 & June 11 at 6:30 p.m.

## SMCC Bylaws Revision

On September 5, 2023, the Serra Mesa Community Council board passed the recommendation to revise the bylaws from ten general meetings to a minimum of four meetings per year. This bylaws change requires a vote at the general meeting on January 29, 5:45 pm, at the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa library.

### 5.5.1 Number of Meetings

The Board shall hold a minimum of ~~ten regular monthly~~ **a minimum of four meetings** per year, at a time and place set by the Board members and announced to the membership. Meetings may be cancelled by majority vote of the Board.

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

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

Email Questions to [SMstaff@san Diego.gov](mailto:SMstaff@san Diego.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, May 27 observance of Memorial 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>

### **Do Your Homework @ the Library Homework Help - Mondays - Thursdays 3:00pm - 6:00pm (except May 27 and June 10-13)**

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 (except May 17)**

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 Tuesday Morning Storytime with Ms. Carrie – Tuesdays at 10:00am**

Join Ms. Carrie, on Zoom, Tuesday 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 Tuesday Morning Storytimes, so you do not need to register for each session.

### **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.

### **Game Night –Tuesday May 7 and May 21 at 5:00pm (on Summer Hiatus June-August)**

Join us to learn and play board games. We will have a collection of games available and game play will be self-led by participants.



**Lego Club – Tuesday May 14 and May 28 at 5:00pm** (on Summer Hiatus June-August)

Come build with us and become a Master Builder! Join us each month to enjoy an hour of free building and then see your Lego creations displayed in the library.

**Tech Help – Wednesdays at 3:00pm and alternating Saturdays at 10:00am**

Bring your tablet, phone, or laptop for general questions and hands on learning with your device.

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

Love to read and talk about books? Join the Morning Book Club! May 9 will discuss *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman, and June 13 will discuss *A Woman of No Importance* by Sonia Purnell.

**Baby Toddler Time – Thursdays at 10:00am**

This loosely structured, baby-led time for play, bubbles, stories, and more. Designed for little ones 0-2 yrs.

**Knitting and Crochet Circle – Saturdays at 10:00am**

Join the knitting and crochet circle. Improve your skills in these traditional art forms. Bring your project for social crafting!

**Piano Concerts with Dave Chamberlin – 4th Sunday of the month at 3:00pm**

Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library is excited to announce a new piano concert series in collaboration with pianist, David Chamberlin.

**May 1, 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 virtually on Zoom. Please email [serramesalibraryfriends@gmail.com](mailto:serramesalibraryfriends@gmail.com) for the log in information.

**May 4, 1:00pm Glam Up: Prom.**

Learn simple ways for teens and young adults to elevate their look for prom or any formal events.

**June 12, 3:00pm San Diego Opera: Equal Voices.**

The "Equal Voices" brings free opera to venues throughout San Diego County and the Cali-Baja region. This series focuses on cultural diversity and in particular showcases Spanish-language opera, art songs and popular songs.

**June 18, 4:00pm Summer Reading Program: From the Page to the Stage.**

"From the Page to the Stage" is a fun and engaging presentation that shows how works of literature from Cervantes to Mark Twain to Charles Schulz can end up on the musical stage, demonstrating the power of imagination in both reading and watching live theatre.

**June 20, 4:00 pm Summer Reading Program: Kids to Canyons Nature Walk and Talk.**

Join Park Ranger Tiffany for a nature walk in the canyon right outside the library! Together we'll explore and learn about some of the native plants and animals that call this area home! Bring a hat, sunscreen, and a water bottle for an easy trail walk.

**June 25, 4:00 p.m. Summer Reading Program: Zovargo.**

Zovargo provides an interactive program featuring friendly animal ambassadors! Get close & experience an animal program that is full of fun!

**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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# 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**

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