

# SERRA MESA OBSERVER

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## Summer Reading Kick Off

We had about 175 people coming out. We had a storytime, a craft, and had a visit from San Diego Fire Engine 28 and the library's mascot Odi the coyote.



You are invited to participate in the  
Next:

## Serra Mesa Community Council General Meeting

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

## Serra Mesa Community Council General Meeting

*Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.  
Serra Mesa - Kearny Mesa Library  
Community Room, 9005 Aero Drive*



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and Friendly Businesses  
Living and Working Together

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**CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS**

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| July 3  | Friends of Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library<br>5:30 p.m. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Sudberry Room |
| July 6  | Friends of Ruffin Canyon Cleanup<br>9:00 a.m. Shawn Avenue entrance to Ruffin Canyon                 |
| July 9  | Serra Mesa Recreation Center Council Meeting<br>6:30 p.m. 9020 Village Glen Drive                    |
| July 18 | Serra Mesa Village Connection<br>3:30 p.m. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm              |
| July 18 | Serra Mesa Planning Group<br>7 p.m. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Room                   |
| July 24 | Friends of Ruffin Canyon<br>5:30 p.m. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm                   |
| Aug 3   | Friends of Ruffin Canyon Cleanup<br>9:00 a.m. Shawn Avenue entrance to Ruffin Canyon                 |
| Aug 13  | Serra Mesa Recreation Center Council Meeting<br>6:30 p.m. 9020 Village Glen Drive                    |
| Aug 15  | Serra Mesa Village Connection<br>3:30 p.m. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm              |
| Aug 15  | Serra Mesa Planning Group<br>7 p.m. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Room                   |
| Aug 28  | Friends of Ruffin Canyon<br>5:30 p.m. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Community Rm                   |
| Sept 4  | Friends of Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library<br>5:30 p.m. Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Sudberry Room |
| Sept 7  | Friends of Ruffin Canyon Cleanup<br>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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 are welcome. Editor reserves right to edit articles.

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**Deadline:** September / October 2024 Edition...August 23<sup>rd</sup>

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Happy Summer!

As the warm sun graces our days and pushes through the June gloom, the scent of blooming flowers fills the air. We finally find ourselves immersed in the vibrant season of summer! It's a time when our community comes alive, and our collective efforts make a lasting impact. I wanted to take a moment to celebrate the spirit of community involvement that defines our neighborhood.

I was delighted to see the turnout at the last community meeting. The more involvement we have by coming to the meetings, contributing to the neighborhood, and being active in submitting 'Get It Done' tickets- the better. Many little changes lead to BIG results! If you missed our last meeting, catch us at the next one... If you came to our last meeting, next time bring a neighbor with you. You never know, you may make a new friend.

We had the honor of hosting Congresswoman Sara Jacobs in our last meeting. It was a good opportunity to ask questions and learn about upcoming items at the federal level that could potentially affect our district.

San Diego Police Community Officer Salvatore Laurel Torres again gave the latest crime report in our area. Unfortunately, crime is on the rise in our area. Especially domestic issues and stolen vehicles. Please remember to lock your cars! Even if your car is parked outside your house. It's vital that we keep an eye on our neighborhood and contact our local police when we see something suspicious. Officer Laurel Torres has been a great help cleaning up our area, especially moving cars that have been left parked unattended and seemingly abandoned. He's a great partner to our community. A lot of folks have asked me, "How can I get something fixed?" The answer is usually "Submit a 'Get it Done' ticket". If you don't hear anything back in a timely manner, reach out to me at [communitycouncil@serramesa.org](mailto:communitycouncil@serramesa.org) and I will do my best to ensure it makes it to the appropriate group to escalate.

We've got a ton going on in our community: new construction, roads being paved, and a ton of great events at the SnapDragon Stadium. If you haven't checked out the San Diego Legion, check them out next year! We are so fortunate to have world class entertainment literally down the street from us.

In closing, community service isn't just about fulfilling obligations; it's about fostering connections, building resilience, and leaving a legacy for future generations. Whether we are contributing to the community garden, stopping by the local coffee shop or getting involved in one of our many local organizations, every little bit helps. Many little changes lead to BIG results.

Don't forget to join our X and Youtube channels.

Have a great summer!

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**Joe Konieczka**

**President**

**Serra Mesa Community Council**

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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: July 18 and August 15. To contact us, email [smpeg@serramesa.org](mailto:smpeg@serramesa.org).

**Elections:** SMPG's bylaws allow fourteen 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 is eligible. There isn't any requirement for prior meeting attendance. The City provides training. See <https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/resources>. To remain active SMPG is required by the City to maintain ten Board members. **There are five openings and SMPG must fill one position. Please consider becoming a Board member.**

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

### Future Action Items

Stop Sign at Earhart St and Mobley St – Tabled from June meeting to next SMPG meeting

Joint Use Facility – Next SMPG meeting. See information below.

### Information from June Meeting

**New Joint Use Facility at Jones Elementary School**, 2751 Greyling Drive – Presentation made by representatives of Parks & Recreation, San Diego Unified School District, and architects.

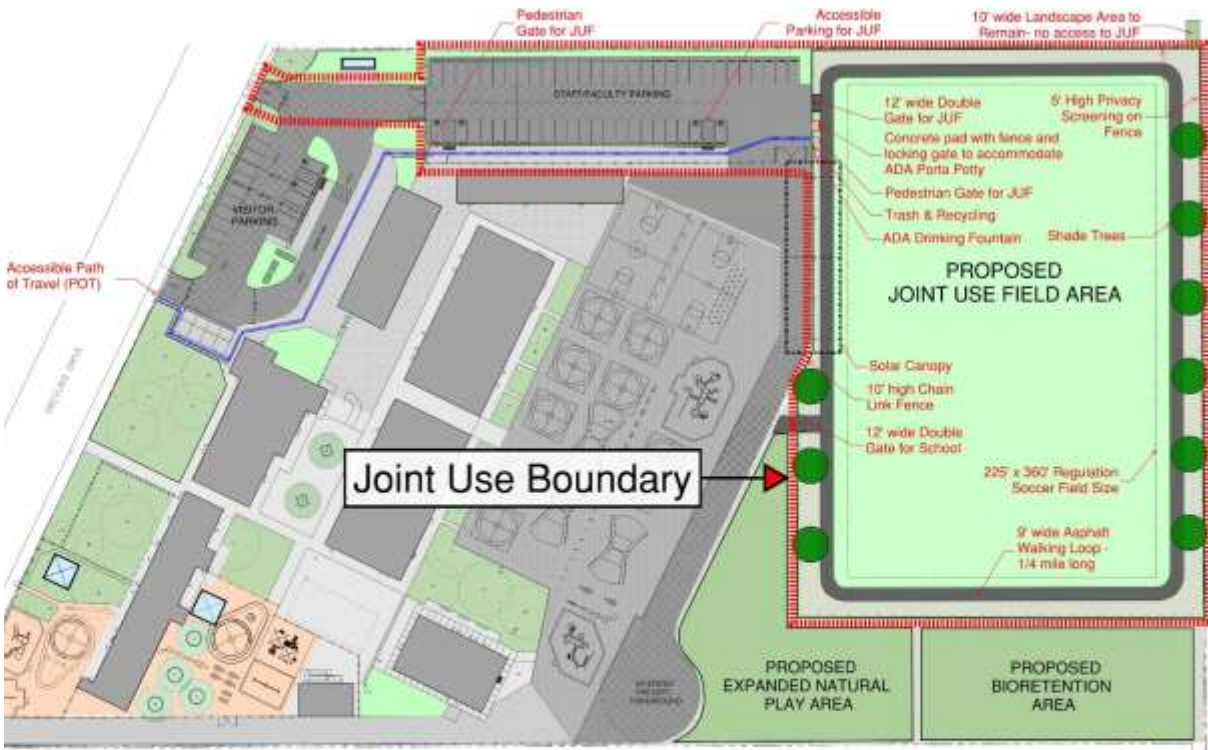
- Project will include a natural grass multi-purpose field with walking track, drinking fountain, parking lot and fencing.
- Funding comes from Propositions S & Z, Measures YY & U, and Capital Improvement Bond Programs.\*
- Estimated schedule – General Develop Plan complete in Fall 2024, Construction Documents complete in Summer 2025, and open for use in 2028. Jones Elementary School will be undergoing whole site modernization.
- Public Input Process – Project scheduled for SMPG vote on July 18 and will be heard by the Parks and Recreation Board in Fall 2024. On June 10 a school site meeting was held. Surrounding residents were invited to this meeting. As a result of the comments at this meeting the plan was updated.
- Joint Use Projects – City of San Diego provides maintenance. Parks are open when school is not in session. Refer to [https://www.sandiegounified.org/departments/real\\_estate\\_and\\_rentals/joint\\_use](https://www.sandiegounified.org/departments/real_estate_and_rentals/joint_use) for Frequently Asked Questions and Concerns.
- Proposed Plan – Modernization plan removes the portable buildings on northside of the school and adds a parking lot for use as a staff parking lot during school time. The current parking lot can be reconfigured for drop off and pick up.

\*Angier, Taft, and Wegeforth Joint Use Projects received additional amenities because fees from development projects were available.



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Proposed Plan for Jones Joint Use Facility



Parking At SDSU Mission Valley

A representative for SDSU Mission Valley attended the May 2024 SMCC meeting. In response to a trolley parking question, the representative provided this map. The orange highlights designate public parking spaces.



## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

|  |                |  |                |
|--|----------------|--|----------------|
| Abandoned Vehicles &                   |                | Meals On Wheels                              | (619) 260-6110 |
| Police Non-Emergency                   | (619) 531-2000 | Neighborhood Code Compliance                 | (619) 236-5500 |
| Airport Noise - Montgomery Airfield    | (858) 573-1436 | Barking Dogs, Code Violations, Noise, Safety |                |
| Animal Control-Incorporated S.D.       | (619) 299-7012 | Police Department - Eastern Division         | (858) 495-7900 |
| Bus & Trolley Schedules                | (619) 233-3004 | Post Office                                  | (800) 275-8777 |
| Canyon Cleanup                         | (619) 533-4411 | Poison Control Center                        | (800) 876-4766 |
| Child Abuse Hotline                    | (858) 560-2191 | Rape /Domestic Violence Hotline              | (858) 272-1767 |
| City Clerk - Docket Information        | (619) 533-4000 | RSVP (Retired Seniors Volunteer Patrol)      | (858) 495-7990 |
| Crime - General Business               | (619) 531-2000 | SDG&E Emergencies                            | (800) 411-7343 |
| Crime Stoppers                         | (619) 235-8477 | Senior Citizen Services                      | (619) 236-6905 |
| Dead <b>Animal Removal</b> stay online | (858) 694-7000 | Serra Mesa Library                           | (858) 573-1396 |
| Emergency Information - Earthquake     | (858) 565-3490 | Serra Mesa Recreation Center                 | (858) 573-1408 |
| Fallen Trees                           | (858) 527-7500 | Sidewalk Repair                              | (619) 527-7500 |
| Fire Department - Non-emergency        | (619) 533-4300 | Stolen Property/Bicycles - To Report         | (619) 531-2000 |
| Flies & Vermin                         | (858) 694-2888 | Storm Drain Misuse                           | (619) 235-1000 |
| Graffiti                               | (619) 525-8522 | Street Repair - Faded signs, pavement        | (619) 527-7500 |
| Hazardous Chemicals & Waste            | (858) 694-7000 | Traffic Signal Maintenance                   | (619) 527-8650 |
| Health Violations                      | (619) 338-2222 | Water Emergencies - City & Private           | (619) 515-3525 |
| Kearny High Alumni Association         | (619) 699-0886 | Weeds  | (619) 533-4444 |
| Litter - City Owned/Private Property   | (858) 492-5055 | Zoning/Permits - Questions &Violations       | (619) 446-5000 |



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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.



## ***Name This Serra Mesa Park***

**Park #1**



**Park #2**



**Park #3**





## Park #4



## Park #5





## Park #6



## Brain Teaser

This puzzle contains a clue which is a three-word phrase (no spaces), and six single words. The three-word phrase describes a commonality for all the parks in the photos. All the other words are the names of these parks. The words can be joined vertically, horizontally, diagonally, forwards, or backwards.

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| R | E | Z | E | I | G | N |
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| T | T | O | F | E | A | U |
| A | R | E | G | R | K | C |
| T | F | E | H | T | E | S |
| * | W | R | E | C | L | F |

Answers to the Name This Serra Mesa Park and the Brain Teaser are at <https://www.serramesa.org/smcc/observer-newsletter/>. More information about parks at <https://www.serramesa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/SM-Trails-Recreation-Resource-Guide.pdf>.

## Updates

Information provided by City staff via City Councilmember Raul Campillo's office on:

**Property at 9280 Gramercy Dr** – Location of One Hour Dry Cleaners in former shopping center site across from Taft Middle School:

*The applicable permit is PRJ-1108858 which was issued on 05/14/2024. The permit allows for excavation and offsite disposal of approximately 1,200 cubic yards of chlorinated solvent impacted soils from the site subsurface.*

Details of the work are posted on the gate at 9280 Gramercy Dr.

**Drainage Issue at Corner of Aero/ Sandrock:** The VA point of contact is currently working with the Water Board to obtain a dewatering permit. Additionally, they have contracted with an engineer to identify solutions to address the water flow coming from their property. Our Inspector also requested that they maintain their gutter daily to ensure that the temporary diversion that was installed to direct water flow away from the intersection continues to function.

Information from City Councilmember Raul Campillo's office on:

**Repaving Aero & Gramercy:**

- After residents reached out to our office regarding the quality of work done along Aero Drive, Councilmember Campillo spoke directly with the Transportation Department to evaluate the work being done.
- He is pleased to inform you that after working with the Transportation Department, City crews are scheduled to soon go out to your street to apply a slurry seal on top of the current surface, restoring your street to a familiar look and feel.
- Going forward, City staff will be using the Cape Seal method in place of the method initially used to repave your street. This new Cape Seal treatment consists of an initial application of asphalt emulsion followed by a layer of crushed rock. Finally, streets will receive a slurry seal, ensuring they are safe and smooth to drive on.

More information about the processes that are being used for roads is at <https://www.sandiego.gov/insidesd/san-diego-rolls-out-new-road-repair-treatments>.





## Projects & Other Information

*(Current Late June 2024)*

### Serra Mesa Projects

**Franklin Ridge Road Connection** – Schedule for implementation of mitigations and road connection pending. The developer 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 City 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." For detailed history of community's response, refer to <https://www.serramesa.org/smcc/observer-newsletter/>, Observer May-June 2024.

**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 built off-site; 24 parking spaces. Construction started. Plans at <https://citymarkdevelopment.box.com/s/z2hbebr8ble7xpfdumvijdicgdi5gz0>.

**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 built off-site; 21 parking spaces. Exit on Mission Village Drive. Construction started. Plans at <https://citymarkdevelopment.box.com/s/z1vvp1nhe4xf2j3h823h5mjasw5yj5e>.

**3241 Mission Village Drive** (former medical building complex): Two sections – 4 story building, 35-unit apartment building facing Mission Village Dr and 3 story, 25-unit townhouses with 3 bedrooms and 2 car garages; exit on Ruffin Rd; 92 parking spaces; still determining if townhouses will be rental units. Construction is anticipated to begin late summer 2024. Plans at <https://citymarkdevelopment.box.com/s/1p564mqdb76pbwtusuq2o2p15kmpe4fr>.

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

**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

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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.

Work details for the site of a One Hour Dry Cleaners located in the former shopping center are posted on the gate at 9280 Gramercy Dr. Information:

*The applicable permit is PRJ-1108858 which was issued on 05/14/2024. The permit allows for excavation and offsite disposal of approximately 1,200 cubic yards of chlorinated solvent impacted soils from the site subsurface.*

**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/Issues**

**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://opensd.sandiego.gov/web/approvals/>, Project 692190 - DIGITAL-The Aero G & PI.

**Drainage Issue at Corner of Aero/ Sandrock** – From City staff via City Councilmember Raul Campillo's office: "The VA point of contact is currently working with the Water Board to obtain a dewatering permit. Additionally, they have contracted with an engineer to identify solutions to address the water flow coming from their property. Our Inspector also requested that they maintain their gutter daily to ensure that the temporary diversion that was installed to direct water flow away from the intersection continues to function."

**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).

### **City-Wide**

**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.





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All are Welcome!

## Holy Angels Ethnic Foods

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### Ethnic Foods Available

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Other seasonal items



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 9 & August 13 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, July 1 for Staff Training and Thursday, July 4 observance of Independence 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>

### **Summer Reading Program 2023!! June 1 to August 31**

Join the Summer Reading Program and Read-Renew-Repeat! It's free to sign up for ALL AGES at [www.sandiego.gov/summerreading](http://www.sandiego.gov/summerreading). Keep track of the books you read this summer with your online reading log and earn prizes for reading! Every Tuesday through August 6th at 4:00pm, join us for a special Summer Reading Event featuring clowns, magicians, animals, and more!

### **Do Your Homework @ the Library Sharpen Your Skills - Mondays - Thursdays 3:00pm - 6:00pm (Ends August 1)**

Don't stop learning this summer! Stop by any of our Homework Centers to hone your skills. We've got games, learning activities, and more fun ways to learn.

### **Do Your Homework @ the Library Homework Help - Mondays - Thursdays 3:00pm - 6:00pm (Begins August 19)**

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 July 1)**

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.

**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! July 11 will discuss *The River* by Peter Heller, and August 8 will discuss *The Violin Conspiracy* by Brendan Slocumb.

**Baby Toddler Time – Thursdays at 10:00am (except July 4)**

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.

**July 3, 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.

**July 2, 4:00pm Summer Reading Program: Bluey Boogie Bash.**

Ready to go into "Dance Mode"? Wondering if grannies floss? Want to dance like Chattermax? Come join Dance to Evolve for a Bluey Dance Party!

**July 6, 9:30am On-Bike Rodeo.**

A Bicycle Rodeo is a bicycle skills event, taught on a parking lot, which provides an opportunity for people of all ages to practice and develop skills that will help them become better bicyclists and avoid typical crashes. Bring your helmet and bike, e-bike with pedals, non-motorized scooter, skateboard, or skates to participate.

**July 10, 3:30pm City of San Diego Employment Informational Session.**

Learn about job opportunities available with the City of San Diego. Information about the application process will be provided.

**July 16, 4:00pm Summer Reading Program: Sparkles the Clown.**

Join us as Sparkles the Clown drops by to give us a hilarious and whimsical magic and bubble show!

**July 23, 4:00pm Summer Reading Program: Superhero Science.**

Everybody wants a super power. Join us as we showcase super strength and other powers through the basics of science in this super-charged, super-fun show!

**July 30, 4:00pm Summer Reading Program: Wild Wonders.**

Come meet and learn about real life wild animals! Wild Wonders will bring a variety of live wild animals to the library.

**August 6, 4:00pm Summer Reading Program: Ventriloquist Marc Griffiths.**

Ventriloquist Marc Griffith wows with his amazing and colorful cast of puppets.

**August 7, 10:00am California State Parks Ranger Read-Aloud.**

Join us for California State Parks Ranger Read-Aloud sessions! Engage with Interpretive Rangers, participate in interactive activities, and discover how to access free park resources. Let us bring the park experience to you!

**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.

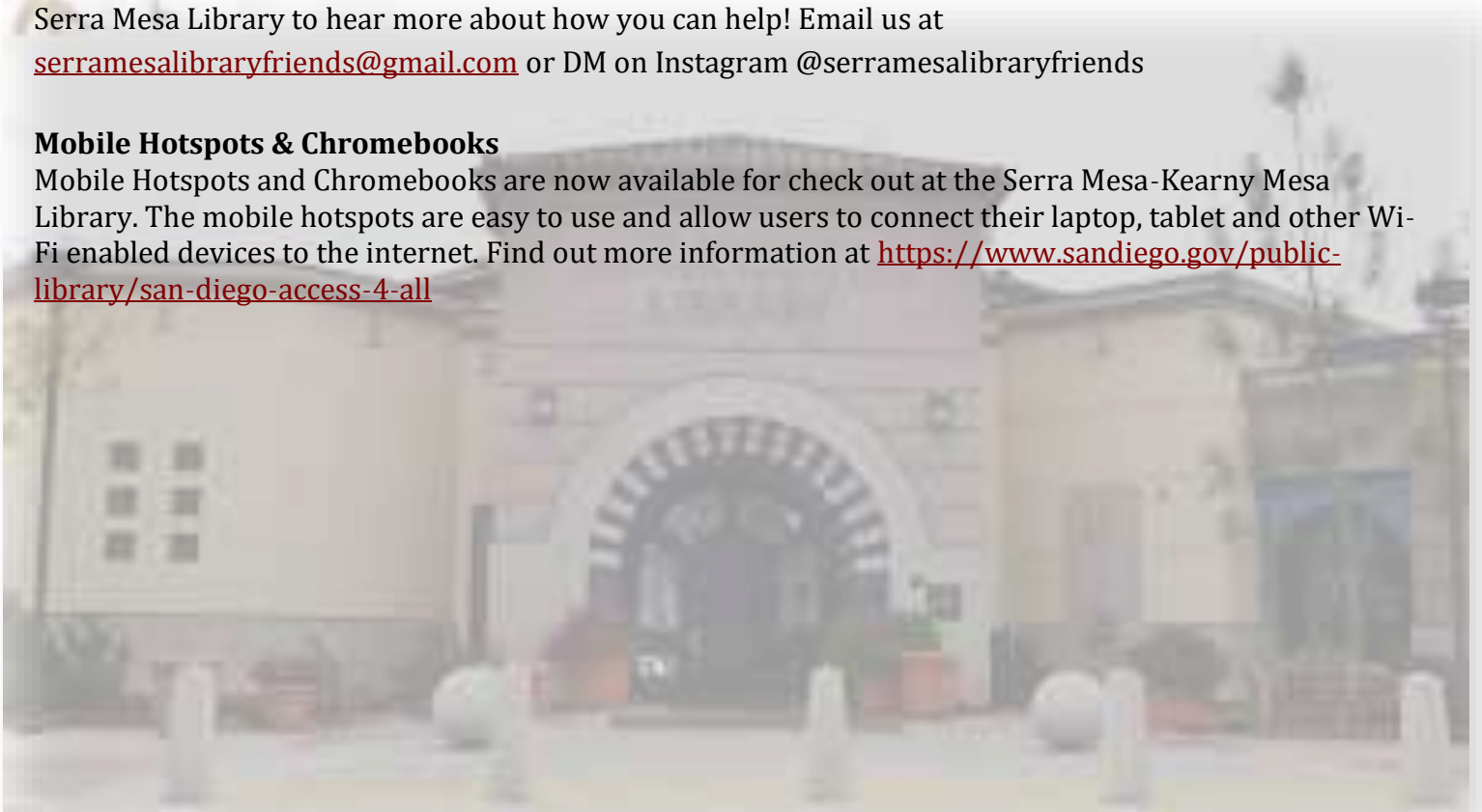
**Friends of the Library Volunteers Needed**

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**

**858-278-2647**

