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You are invited to participate in the Serra Mesa Community Council General Meeting on Tues, Sept. 29, 6:30pm at Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library.

Main Agenda Item: Update on Sandrock Apartments

To receive link for online option, sign up for Serra Mesa Notices [Here](#).

SMCC Booth at July 11 Block Party



Pictured Judi Mitchell, Cindy Moore, Cindy McIntyre, Joe Konieczka

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Calendar of Upcoming Meetings at Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library

Sept 1, 6pm	Friends of Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library
Sept 17, 7pm	Serra Mesa Planning Group, Community Room
Sept 29, 6:30pm	Serra Mesa Community Council, Community Room
Oct 15, 7pm	Serra Mesa Planning Group, Community Room
Nov 3, 6pm	Friends of Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library, Email serramesalibraryfriends@gmail.com for the log in information for online meeting

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	(858) 694-7000
Emergency Information - Earthquake	(858) 565-3490
Fallen Trees-Urgent	(619) 527-7500
Fire Department - Non-emergency	(619) 533-4300
Flies & Vermin	(858) 694-2888
Graffiti	(619) 527-7500
Hazardous Chemicals & Waste	(858) 694-7000
Health Violations	(619) 338-2222
Litter - City Owned/Private Property	(858) 694-7000
Meals On Wheels	(619) 260-6110
Neighborhood Code Compliance (Barking Dogs, Code Violations, Noise, Safety)	(619) 236-5500
Police Department - Eastern Division	(858) 495-7900
Post Office	(800) 275-8777
Poison Control Center	(800) 222-1222
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

Serra Mesa Community Council

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Serra Mesa Community Groups

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U.S. Senator Alex Padilla	(619) 239-3884

President's Column

Hello Serra Mesa Community,

It's back to school season, even though it still feels like we are deep into summer! The weather is hot and humid still in Serra Mesa- it feels like we are living in Florida! I've been taking advantage of all this warm weather and water at our beaches. With the warm water, watch out for [sharks](#)! There is a ton going on in Serra Mesa and in the City, so let's get right into it...

Serra Mesa Big Block Party

Once again, the [block party](#) was a huge success. Lots of awesome cars, great food, and of course tons of folks from the community! We have a bunch of pictures of the event in this month's issue and it was wonderful seeing everyone. One of the really cool things that came out of the block party were the diagrams of the original houses in Serra Mesa that were dropped off at our booth – see further down in this issue for all that information. I'm looking forward to doing it again next year!

Guild Mortgage Building Fire

A bunch of residents have emailed us over the last few weeks asking about the fire, building, and what's next. If you are wondering what's the status of the debris being removed and what's the plans for the area, we have you covered with all that and more in this issue.

Mission Village Drive – Driving “up the hill” and E-Bikes

Be extra careful coming “up the hill” on Mission Village Drive... I've seen several near misses lately where cars are still treating that area as a 2-lane road the whole way up. Folks are traveling at high speeds trying to pass one another just for it to merge into one lane. Also, be careful of the traffic when walking up and down the hill. I've seen an increasing number of E-Bikes around the community.

Earlier this year our Councilmember, Raul Campillo, introduced new regulations for E-bikes. The regulations were approved by the City Council in June and they went into effect August 13th. Here's a summary of the new regulations:

- Prohibits children under 12 from riding Class 1 and Class 2 e-bikes, while Class 3 e-bikes remain restricted to riders 16 and older under state law.
- Requires helmets for riders under 18 and ban passengers unless the e-bike has a permanent, manufacturer-installed second seat; violations incur a \$25 fine or a mandatory safety course.
- Implements a 60-day warning period focused on education rather than citations, with full enforcement beginning in October 2026.

More Details can be found [here](#).

Super El Nino?

The city is urging its citizens to buckle up and prepare their homes, families, and businesses for the upcoming rainy season in the next couple of months.

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Below is some information the City is starting to distribute to our communities.

What you can do:

- **Know and understand your risk:** Find out whether your home or business is in an area that may be vulnerable to flooding and identify safe routes in and out of your neighborhood.
- **Prepare your property:** Clear leaves and debris from areas around your property where water needs to drain and take steps to protect belongings that could be affected by flooding.
- **Make a plan:** Talk with your household about what you will do and where you will go if flooding affects your neighborhood, including plans for children, older adults and pets.
- **Build or check your emergency kit:** Make sure you have essential supplies, medications, important documents and other necessities readily available.
- **Stay informed:** Know where to get reliable weather and emergency information and pay attention to City alerts and instructions as storms approach.

It's always good to have a good emergency back up plan. Here are some more City Web site resources:

- **Preparedness Website:** <https://www.sandiego.gov/el-nino>
- **Inside San Diego Story:** <https://www.insidesandiego.org/san-diegans-urged-prepare-ahead-anticipated-el-nino-weather-conditions>
- **Press Conference Video:** <https://youtu.be/yxS8sMUMMM4?si=6TALaPP7i8wqoR5U>

In other news around the city... Beach Parking fees and bathrooms:

Just recently on the Rules board committee, they agreed to keep beach parking free! Our Councilmember, Raul Campillo and Council President Joe LaCava authored this ordinance.

As for the Mission Bay Park bathrooms, they were reopened to the public. The bathrooms were closed in July 2026 due to budget cuts that saved approximately \$546,000. Mayor Todd Gloria announced the reopening of 13 restrooms in mid-August after massive public [backlash](#).

Next SMCC general meeting is September 29th

I hope you enjoy our newsletter this month. I really enjoyed reading the Serra Mesa Housing History article; we have such a cool history here in Serra Mesa! Just a reminder, we have a top-notch Stadium just down the street in Snapdragon Stadium. (See our article in this Observer edition about the efforts to obtain more Trolley Parking) and there are some cool events upcoming (Guns N' Roses). Don't forget our [Hot Topics](#) section on our website to stay up to date on the latest happenings in Serra Mesa. I anticipate seeing everyone on Tuesday, September 29th at 6:30pm for our next meeting. See you then and stay safe!

Joe Konieczka, President, Serra Mesa Community Council

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[Serra Mesa on Youtube](#)



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

Jacaranda St inside Snapdragon complex now open!

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, 7pm, 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: September 17 and October 15. To contact us, email smpg@serramesa.org. Agendas and minutes are [Here](#).

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 businessperson. The City provides training. See <https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/resources>. There are openings.

SMPG only meets when there's an agenda item pertinent to Serra Mesa or along our border (e.g., Aero Drive). SMPG's bylaws and community plan are [Here](#). The Serra Mesa Community Plan, adopted in 1977, is one of the oldest community plans in the city. At some point the City will schedule an update and the community needs to be involved, including interested residents and professionals (e.g., experts in land use, planning, housing, recreation, etc.). Now is a good time to become involved and to begin thinking about Serra Mesa's future!

July & August Update—

Taft Middle School Drop-Off/Pick-up Safety Concerns — Meeting held on July 29. Refer to article in this Observer edition.

Vacant Lots at Ruffin/Gramercy Corner — SMPG passed a motion to send a letter to Mayor requesting information about the project, an explanation of the process, and explanation of the legality of the process. Letter is [Here](#). Refer to article in this Observer edition.

Wastewater Trenchless Rehabilitation Project — "...consists of trenchless rehabilitation of approximately 5,786 LF (1.10 miles) of existing 8-inch and 10-inch sewer mains, including rehabilitation of approximately 22 manholes, 2 point repairs, installation of 8 cleanouts, and rehabilitation of all associated sewer laterals (approximately 117) from the sewer main to the property line and installation of sewer lateral cleanouts." Markings on pavement: MP indicates a medium pressure gas line; EG, electric/gas line. Information [HERE](#).

Itay Way — Dechner family thanked SMPG for their support for naming the alleyway. Refer to article in this Observer edition.

Birdland Housing Project Proposal: San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) proposes to build affordable multi-family housing for educators and staff at their Cardinal Lane property in the Birdland area. Refer to article [Here](#), p. 9.

SDUSD provided this update: "The Decro development team is actively engaged in project planning, due diligence, and environmental review preparation which includes defining and designing the District Use (Joint Occupancy). A Right of Entry Permits (ROE), for site due diligence activities was approved by the Board on June 23, 2026. Cost Recovery Agreements (CRAs), to ensure Decro reimburses District costs for CEQA were approved by the Board on June 23, 2026. Estimated environmental review costs have been incorporated into the Cost Recovery Agreements. CEQA completion is a critical milestone before entitlement and construction can proceed. San Diego Unified retained Keyser Marston Associates (KMA) to conduct independent financial evaluations of all projects. Analysis is expected to be completed in November 2026. "



Update on Stadium Trolley Station Parking

The Serra Mea Planning Group sent a letter in May to San Diego State University about lack of trolley parking at SDSU Mission Valley and SDSU responded. Refer [Here](#) to Observer, July/August edition, p. 8, for details. Since that publication, Mat Kostrinsky, a consultant and District 7 volunteer, conducted further research and talked to pertinent officials. He found out that the California Code of Regulations (Title 5, Section 42201(a) and Section 42200) and the California Education Code (§ 89701) require SDSU to charge for parking.

Parking is available; map is [Here](#). Parking is permitted in yellow and orange areas. SDSU is charging \$3.35/hr. SDSU committed to the community an appropriate cost. There are some lots on the SDSU campus that provide all day parking for \$4.50. Expect an update in the next Ob-

server edition with SMCC's proposal/actions.

Editorial Statement: The community trusted 1) SDSU when they stated "parking would be provided and the cost would be appropriate" and 2) the City to negotiate a sales contract that would protect the community's interests. This is a cautionary tale and indicates: In the future the community must carefully monitor proposals and implied commitments must be legally enforceable.



A GREAT TIME FOR HOLIDAY SHOPPING!

The San Diego Mineral & Gem Society presents GEM DIEGO, San Diego's Finest Gem & Mineral Show! November 7-8, 2026 SAT 10-6 & SUN 10-4 Located at 2600 Laning Rd. San Diego 92106 (1/2 block No. of S.D. Bay & N. Harbor Drive).

FREE ADMISSION & Ample FREE Parking, eateries right next door. FREE GEM ID,

20+ exhibits, 29 dealers in custom jewelry, dazzling faceted gemstones, rough, crystals, fossils, unique minerals, books slabs, raffle door prizes and grand prize (do not have to be present to win), lapidary demonstrations, kids zone and everything a Holiday shopper would want. Trained Service Animals Only!



Taft Safety Issues

In July the Serra Mesa Planning Group (SMPG) sent a letter to Shana Hazan, San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) representative for Serra Mesa, asking for a meeting with stakeholders to discuss safety issues during student drop-off and pick-up at Taft Middle School.

On July 29 Dr. Michel Cazary, Area B Superintendent, organized a meeting with Shana Hazan; Vic Vettiyl, City Councilmember Raul Campillo's representative; Hortencia Garcia-Rubio, Taft Principal; Dr. John Iverson, Taft Assistant Principal; Lee Dulgeroff, SDUSD Facilities Planning & Construction; Enrique Ruacho, Chief of Staff; Todd Jarvis, SDUSD Police Chief; Manny Del Torro, SDUSD Police Chief Assistant; Darcy Addy, Taft PTO; Cindy McIntyre, Serra Mesa Community Council; and Cindy Moore, SMPG. Thanks to Dr. Cazary for running a productive meeting.

The safety issues include vehicles double parking and blocking the bicycle lane on Gramercy Drive, illegal u-turns, parking in the middle turn lane, and students crossing in unsafe areas on Gramercy Drive. The greatest safety issues occur during pick-up.

Dr. Cazary in a follow-up email described the following "immediate and long-term actions:

- "Safe Streets. Strong Eagles." Campaign: the Taft team has launched a 30-day traffic safety campaign focused on awareness, education, and community partnership. This includes distributing safety flyers, sharing maps of legal parking, and reinforcing expectations through ParentSquare and student announcements. Thank you, Dr. Iverson for putting this together!
- Enhanced Enforcement: We will coordinate with School Police and explore the RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol) program to provide a visible presence during the first weeks of school to establish safe habits for families.
- Infrastructure Improvements:
 - We will contact SDOT by August 10th to request red curb painting near the bus stop and turning areas to improve visibility.
 - The Facilities department will investigate the feasibility of widening the west-end driveway to create a better pickup loop for 6th-grade families.
- We will continue to advocate for the approved but backlogged HAWK signal and evaluate the potential for reconfiguring parking lots to move pickup traffic off the main street.

We will schedule a follow-up meeting in November or December to review the impact of these initiatives and determine our next phase of work."

Editor's Note: Hopefully, the immediate actions are resulting in a safer environment for the students and everyone else. Our thanks to Mat Kostrinsky, who visited the SMCC booth at the July Block Party, and asked us about the community's issues. Mat's efforts helped promote the meeting.

Brief History of Vacant Lots at Ruffin Rd/Gramercy Corner



Partial photo of shopping center. Not shown: gas station & Guild Mortgage building.



Demolition of Misson Village Shopping Center (77,715 s.f.), Owner Mission Village Properties, L.P. Corporate Partnership Gleich Properties— *References Serra Mesa Observer, Sept/Oct 2002 & City of San Diego Manager's Report, Report No. 04-064, March 24, 2004.*

Feb 6, 2002 – Applicant received a demolition permit from City for the Mission Village Shopping Center using 3320 Ruffin Rd as address.

At the time the address for the Planned Commercial Development (PCD) application was listed as 9160 Gramercy Dr (subsequently this parcel was removed and wasn't part of the Mission Village Shopping Center Redevelopment Project, remaining as Guild Mortgage). Demolition began.

Feb 8 and Feb 11, 2002 – Stop work notices issued (PCD approval needed before issuing development permit). Both City and applicant filed legal action against one another.

Sept 2002– Demolition permit reissued and clean-up proceeded after community raised safety issues about remaining ground debris. Fines weren't issued "because the proper permit was issued in error." Community lived with the debris for more than 6 months.

Mission Village Shopping Center Redevelopment Project

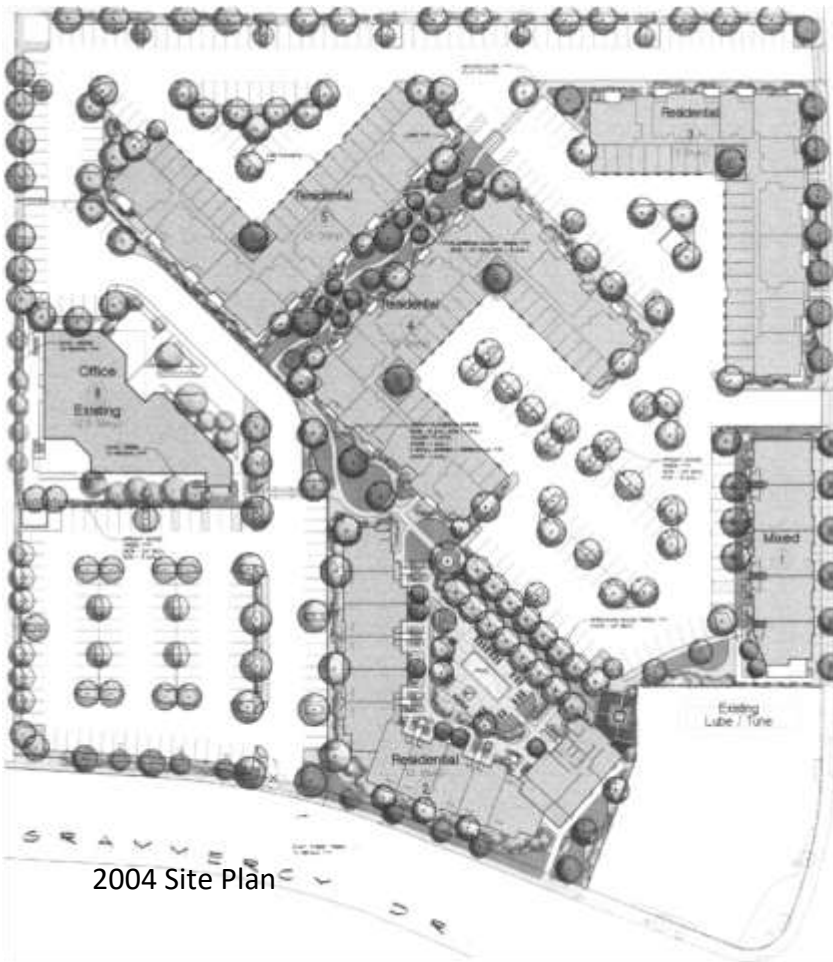
Throughout 2002 – Serra Mesa Planning Group (SMPG) representatives attended meetings with the architect and the applicant's representative to discuss the project.

Jan 2004 – Planning Commission approved the project. SMPG appealed decision primarily because 25,000 s.f. for grocery store was desired.

Mar 2004 – City Council denied the appeal and **approved 160 residential units, shared parking between residential and retail, 328 parking spaces, 15,000 s.f. of retail** (8,000 s.f. along Ruffin Road and 7,000 s.f. at the former gas station site at the corner of Ruffin and Gramercy), **a meeting room year-round, \$500,000 to be**

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Brief History of Vacant Lots at Ruffin/Gramercy Corner continued from previous page



paid for improvements to Serra Mesa if the applicant does not apply for a building permit to redevelop the gas station corner within one year after the service station lease has terminated and a “no further action” letter (refers to remedial action for the underground storage tanks). The units consist of 58 one-bedroom units, 90 two-bedroom units, and 12 three bedrooms units.

Nov 2005 – Hearing officer **approved applicant’s request to convert to condominiums and included the community’s request that the community room be available to the community at no cost**, if food and drink are served, a nominal cleaning fee may be assessed if the facility is not returned to its original condition and that **condominium owners have at least one assigned parking space deeded to them.**

Founder: Martin L. Gleich— died Sept

2011. Mr. Gleich founded the American Housing Guild and Guild Mortgage. He developed the Mission Village housing area, the Serra Mesa Shopping Center, and the former gas stations at corner of Ruffin/Mission Village and Shawn/Mission Village. Enid Gleich, Martin’s wife, died Jan 2013.

Guild Mortgage Building



Built in 1992. Destroyed by fire on July 5, 2026.

Fire photo from Serra Mesa 92123 on Facebook, posted by Charles Abernathy II.



<https://serramesavillage.org/>

What Do We Really Know? Are We Sure?

At the White House Correspondents' Dinner on July 24, mentalist Oz Pearlman appeared to know things that seemed impossible to know. Performances like his are entertaining—but they also remind us how easily our perceptions can be influenced. Skilled performers can create the illusion of knowing the unknowable, and professional scammers use many of the same principles of psychology to persuade people to believe things that aren't true.

If we always knew what we thought we knew, there would be no scam and fraud industry. According to the San Diego County District Attorney's Office, residents of San Diego County lost approximately **\$130 million** in a single year to online and phone scams. Many of these scams involved impersonation of banks, law enforcement agencies, and even the use of fraudulent court documents. The true losses are likely even greater, since many victims never report being scammed because they feel embarrassed or ashamed.

I personally know someone who fell victim to a scam and was too embarrassed to discuss it publicly. That reaction is common—and it is exactly what scammers count on.

Fortunately, there are ways to protect ourselves. AARP has devoted considerable effort to educating people about fraud prevention and offers practical guidance on what to do when confronted with a suspected scam. Their simple advice is: **"Stop. Hang up. Tell someone."** **AARP Fraud Watch Network™** - This free resource helps you learn how to spot scams and get guidance if you've been targeted. Call the free helpline if you suspect a scam — Mon-Fri 8am to 8pm ET, 877-908-3360

Preston Chipps, Village President

Additional Information on Scam Class

Serra Mesa Village hosts instructional and informative classes available free to residents, and held in the Community Room of our local Library. This month's offering included a session on "The Psychology of Scams" and ways to build your own fraud prevention tool kit. We were made aware of safe practices to help protect yourself from scam artists who are getting more creative every day.

The speaker, Tiffany Zhang, Community Outreach & Engagement Manager for AARP California, did a great job providing information and resources. In the class, importance was placed on not becoming a scam victim yourself. As just one example discussed, if you receive a call from an unknown number asking for personal information, best hang up immediately. Even by speaking momentarily, your voice can be dubbed into such things as contract offerings appearing as if you agreed to something harmful to your identity or finances. More helpful information can be found at [AARP/scams](https://aarp.org/scams).

Watch for future notices in the Serra Mesa Community emails about classes offered by the Village. You'll learn much by attending.

MONTGOMERY-GIBBS EXECUTIVE AIRPORT NOISE COMPLAINT GUIDE

Does that airplane over your house sound too loud?

REPORT IT!

Detailed complaints help identify and track problem aircraft, activity, or areas. File an official Noise Complaint:

Airport Noise Abatement Officer

Phone: 858-573-1436

Email: Airports@sandiego.gov

Online: <https://www.sandiego.gov/airports/noise/complaintform>

Or scan this QR code →



REQUIRED INFORMATION: Exact time, date, and address or location where the noise was observed.

OPTIONAL INFORMATION: Aircraft type, tail number, direction, decibel level, and if it was landing, taking off, or level flight all help but aren't required.

RESOURCES CAN BE FOUND IN YOUR APP STORE:

Flight tracking applications such as Flightradar24, FlightAware, or websites like <https://globe.airplanes.live/>

Decibel level measurement applications such as NIOSH Sound Level Meter or Decibel X

WHAT NOISE LIMITS ARE IN EFFECT AT MONTGOMERY-GIBBS EXECUTIVE AIRPORT?

- Daytime limit of **88 decibels** from 6:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.
- Nighttime limit of **70 decibels** from 11:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m.
- Military, law enforcement, emergency, fire or rescue aircraft, and medical flights **are exempt** from the noise limits

CAN THE CITY REQUIRE AIRCRAFT TO FLY AT HIGHER ALTITUDES OR NOT OVER MY HOUSE?

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has the sole authority to control air traffic. Neither the City of San Diego nor the state of California can regulate the altitude, speed, direction, or location of aircraft in flight. If you have any questions about aircraft in flight or wish to report unsafe flying, contact the local Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) at 858-502-9882.

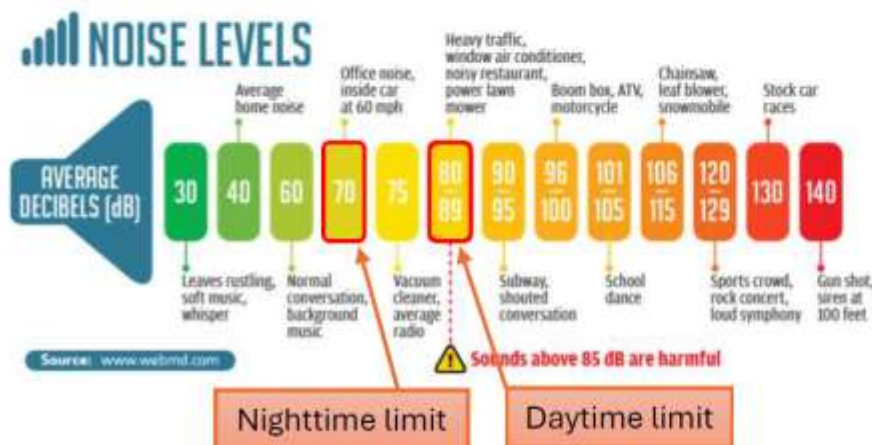
FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT, THE AIRPORT NOISE MANAGEMENT FAQ:

<https://www.sandiego.gov/airports/noise>

Scan this QR code for more information



WHAT DOES 70 OR 88 DECIBELS SOUND LIKE?



Gwen Sanchez via Suzanne Wells shared with us the original sales brochure for her home located in Rancho Cabrillo, an area of Serra Mesa, located south of Gowdy, north of Raejean, east of Greyling, and west of Chauncey. Here's the brochure information:

California Contemporary Series

LUXURY HOMES DESIGNED FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF
THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE AT ITS VERY BEST

GREAT AMERICA HOMES are nationally famous for design, craftsmanship and value. The new "California Contemporary Series" designs are even finer in every way than any of the wonderful Great American Homes of past years, with improvements and refinements in nearly every detail.

They are designed by a noted team of experts from basic surveys of the desires and needs of the modern American family. After 34 years of experience in building fine homes, Tri-W Builders has learned that you don't want a fad or a passing fancy, but a home that will never go out of style, that will always keep its prestige and value. Great America Homes are good, sound, conventional homes with maximum investment security for the years to come.



LOCATION

10 minutes from downtown, 5 minutes from Convoir
Astronautics
Bus Service
Elementary school on site
Jr.-Sr. High nearby
Shopping Center in and expanding
View lots up to one acre
Utilities, streets, walks, curbs in and paid for
Landscaping, lawn, trees and shrubs front sides and rear

CONSTRUCTION & INTERIORS

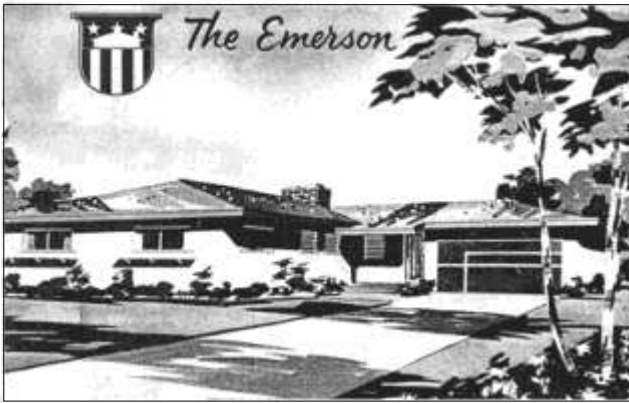
- Up to 1400 sq ft. inside living area
- 1 x 6 solid sub-floors laid diagonally
- Select oak hardwood floors over insulation
- Painted walls and ceilings
- Bourne aluminum windows and screens
- Solid core front door
- Buffet pass-thru
- Solid foundation walls
- Fireplaces with ash pits and clean-outs
- Barbecue flued to chimneys
- 2 1/2 car garages with overhead doors
- Large concrete patios fully covered
- Glass lined hot water heaters with 10 year warranty
- Rough-in for water softener with every house
- Minneapolis-Honeywell round thermostats
- Electric heating lamps in baths
- Chimes by No-Tone
- Challenger locks

Sliding wardrobe doors

- 100 amp service
- 6-foot ceramic tile shower stalls
- 5 feet of tile over tub
- Heavy rock roofs in color
- Lath and plaster
- Custom lighting fixtures
- Pullmans in bath-tile topped
- Double mirrors in baths
- Natural cedar kitchen cabinets
- Built in O'Keeffe & Merritt ranges and ovens in color with glass door and timing controls
- 8-foot aluminum sliding patio doors
- Ceramic tile kitchen counter tops
- All exterior doors fully weatherstripped
- Insulated with aluminum foil backed insulation
- Full 16 foot driveways
- Choice of two or three elevations with each model
- Matico vinyl tile in kitchens and baths
- Waste King garbage disposals
- Colored plumbing fixtures throughout
- Nutone Coppertone hoods, fan and light over ranges
- Central forced air heat with summer switch and full insulation of ducts
- Hollywood rear doors-sliding vents
- Chrome plated fixtures
- Termite resistant sills
- Double sinks
- Grade marked lumber
- All floor plans expandable
- All Copper plumbing

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Serra Mesa Housing History: Rancho Cabrillo Neighborhood continued from previous page



Great America Homes Contemporary Models

(Sketches are cropped. Details [Here](#))



Cubberly Construction Zone



This was the scene at the entrance to Cubberly Elementary School in Serra Mesa the Friday before fall classes were set to begin. There weren't even any sidewalks out front!

Construction workers put in long hours to get the school ready for opening day, August 10th.



Cubberly staff member Lauren even stayed on till 10 pm the night before building a colorful welcoming arch over the freshly-poured cement walkways.

Eduardo placed cones amidst the construction (still going on that very day) to guide students and parents safely thru the work in progress.

Food service staff even managed to serve lunch with an empty room that has yet to become their new cafeteria.

Faculty member Syfah welcomed students with a smile in spite of construction on the rooftops above and all around them.

Hats off to Principal Ruvalcaba and all those involved who worked so hard and cohesively pulled off activities designed to welcome students to their first day of school as if it were business as usual.



Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library 20 years old in December 2026. July/August edition included the architect's statement & photos of groundbreaking & Grand Opening; May/June edition, timeline.

Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library Amenities



Mission-style architecture with Arts and Crafts era furniture, many windows, stained glass, and with stylized roses, hollyhocks, and eucalyptus as dominant representation. 15,626 s.f. Library includes large (70 people) meeting room with kitchen and separate entrance and displays rotating art exhibits, several smaller meeting/study rooms, display cases, and a reading room (talking under the dome can result in an echo) with puzzle exchange area.

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Serra Mesa -Kearny Mesa Library Amenities continued previous page



Children's area includes "Preschooler's Door to Learning Center", specialized materials & equipment, and outdoor learning area.

Ceramic tile columns found throughout library.



Stacks & Library seating: Nooks, tables, easy chairs, homework and computer carrels.



Community room, Children, and Adult areas each have exterior courtyard. Outside the reading room is a small amphitheater.

Parking Lot: 88 parking spaces.

Back of library: path that leads to the Serra Mesa Recreation Center.



Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library

(858) 573-1396 facebook.com/SerraMesaLibrary/

Email Questions to SMstaff@sanidiego.gov



Library Hours

Tuesday: 11:30 m - 8pm
Wed through Sat 9:30am -6pm
Sunday & Monday: Closed

Holiday Closures

September 7, Labor Day

Online library services available 24/7

- eBooks, eAudiobooks and Digital

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- **Movies:** Free access to movies with your library card <https://sanidiegopl.kanopy.com/>
- **Online Book Clubs:** <https://sanidiego.gov/bookclubs>

New or Special Programs/Events

Art On Display: Poly Photo Club, September 3—November 27

Founded in 1948, Poly Photo Club, which is based in Balboa Park, has nurtured photographers of all types and skill levels to create diverse, award-winning photographs. For this show, 25 Poly photographers share a sampling of their best images that were selected for display at the 2026 San Diego County Fair International Exhibition of Photography, the largest juried photo show in North America. Opening Reception on Saturday September 26, 2026 12pm-2pm.

October 28, 4:00pm, Halloween at the Library

Park Ranger Tiffany will join us for a spooky nature show-and-tell and craft time. Learn about some local creatures that make us shiver like bats, snakes, and spiders.

Regular Programs

Pajama Storytime with Ms. Carrie – Tuesdays at 6:30pm

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

Chair Yoga – Tuesdays at 1:00pm

Work on your flexibility, strength building, and quiet your mind with functional movement practice Tuesdays at 1:00pm. 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 at 6:30pm

Love to read and talk about books? Join the Evening Book Club! Join the Serra Mesa Book Club! September 8 will discuss *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt, and October 13 will discuss *Life, Law, and Liberty* by Anthoy M. Kennedy.

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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.

Lego Club — Thursday, 2nd and 4th Thursday at 4:00pm

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.

Knitting and Crochet Circle — Saturdays at 11:00am

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

Friends of the Library Music Concert— 3rd Saturday at 1:00pm

Enjoy an afternoon of live music. September 19 will feature Adrienne Nims and Spirit Wind. October 17 will feature Ralph Covert.

Adult Craft Time – 4th Saturday at 3:00pm

Join us for a fun adult book-making craft with Envisionit San Diego! All materials provided. Call the Serra Mesa Library to register: 858-573-1396

Friends of the Library

Friends of the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library Meeting — Tuesday, September 1, 6:00pm

Community members are welcome to join, become a member, & discuss ways to support the library.

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 or DM on Instagram @serramesalibraryfriends.



Alleyway Named

In March 2025 the Dechner Family asked and received the support of the Serra Mesa Planning Group to name an alleyway in memory of their son, Itay. The naming was approved by the City Council and the city installed the sign in July 2026 between Larkdale and Macawa.





John Marsh (right), organizer of the Block Party, with his friend Jay Brittle.

Block Party, July 11

Car Show, Entertainment, Food, Face Painting & More

Photos by Scott Norland Photography
<https://www.scottnorlandphotography.com/>



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The Serra Mesa Community held it's 6th Annual Block Party in July. As usual, John Marsh hosted the event working hard to obtain needed permits to close the streets, and make room for vendors, informational booths, a custom car show, and live music. There was dancing in the streets by folks of all ages. He also provided free food and beverages. Many thanks to our great neighbor for doing all this to bring us together.



Congresswoman Sara Jacobs even attended to take part in our community festivities.



Saint Columba Fall Festival Moving to Spring Festival for 2026-2027

Big news for Serra Mesa: Saint Columba Parish and School's beloved Fall Festival is getting a seasonal makeover. This year, the community favorite is moving from October to April, reviving the Spring Fest tradition the parish hosted in decades past. Same great vibe: cold beer, live music, and neighbors coming together. We're looking to avoid the heat while keeping the community fun.

In the meantime, Saint Columba Church's new pastor, Father Dan is looking forward to building connections throughout the Serra Mesa community. Everyone is welcome to attend Mass (5:30 Saturday, 7:30, 9:30, and 5:30 on Sundays), whether you're a longtime parishioner or just curious to check it out.

Interested in helping plan, volunteering, or vending at the Spring Festival? Reach out to welcome@stcolumbaschool.org. Mark your calendars for April 16th through 25th (official weekend TBD).

Jimmy Davoren, Principal, St. Columba Catholic School
(858) 279-1882



Cookie Decorating Par Excellence

On August 1st, those who took part in the delightful class offered at our Serra Mesa Library were treated to a most enjoyable afternoon. Decorating materials were provided to attendees including cookies creatively baked in shapes such as open books and library cards. Icings in various colors and piping tools were also freely handed out, all boxed in a set tied with colorful, old-fashioned ribbons.

Lessons were provided on decorating techniques using thin and thick icing blends to add your own name to the library cookie card, or write your own opening page on a cookie story book.



Where you might have expected mostly children to attend, Instructor Blair, who runs AndEverythingNice Custom Bakery, entertained visitors of all ages. Bonding together, attendees included caregivers and their charges, grandmothers with their granddaughters, moms sharing quality time with their daughters, and even fathers and teenage sons!

The afternoon session was a great community event, and the Instructor plans to possibly add book sharing as part of a future decorating class. Thanks to Blair for bringing us such novel ideas!

Serra Mesa Village Plaque, library donor, displayed on this case



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Serra Mesa Recreation Center

9020 Village Glen Dr. (858) 573-1408

<https://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/centers/recctr/serramesa>. Program Guide: [HERE](#)

Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 11am - 7pm

Friday, 12pm - 7:00pm

Saturday: 9am - 3pm

Closed Sunday

Holiday Closure: September 7

Open Play: Basketball: Mon-Fri, 12:00pm-4:00pm; Sat, 9:15am-11:45pm; Volleyball: Sat, 12:00pm-2:45pm; Monthly schedules are posted online at <https://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/centers/recctr/serramesa>.

Basketball Clinics, Sept 8-Nov 17. Fee: \$54

7U Pee Wee (Age: 7 & under): Sept 14-Oct 19, Mon, 4:00-4:50pm

10U (Age: 8-10): Sept 14-Oct 19, Mon, 5:00pm-5:50pm

12U (Age: 10-12): Sept 16-Oct 21, Wed, 4:00pm-4:50pm

15U (Age: 12-14): Sept 16-Oct 21, Wed, 5:00pm-5:50pm

Volleyball League, Aug 31-Nov 29. Fee: \$80

10U (Age: 8-10): Practice Day/Time Tues/Thurs, 5:00pm-5:55pm; Games: To be determined

12U (Age: 10-12), Practice Day/Time Tues/Thurs, 5:00pm-5:55pm; Games: To be determined

15U (Age: 13-15), Practice Day/Time Tues/Thurs, 6:00pm-6:55pm; Games: To be determined

Soccer League, Sept 2-Nov 24. Fee: \$80. Location: Wegeforth Joint Use Area

7U Pee Wee (Age: 7 & under): Practice Day/Time Wed, 4:00-4:45pm; Game Day/Time: Friday, TBD

10U (Age: 8-10): Practice Day/Time Wed, 5:00-6:00pm; Game Day/Time: Friday, TBD

Teen Program—Fee: \$80

Girls Teen Basketball, Sept 14-Dec 14, Practice Day/Time: Mon, 7:00-8:00pm

Boys Teen Basketball, Sept 16-Dec 16, Practice Day/Time: Wed, 7:00-8:00pm

Meeting/Study Hall, Sept 2-Dec 16, Wed, 4:00-6:00pm

Ceramics—Fee: \$10; Sept 2-Dec 16, Wed, Noon-4pm, Age 55 and older, Craft Room. Create and work on projects at your own pace. Studio offers functional kiln, and table space to independently build your projects. Some tools offered but participants need to bring supplies. To participate, contact Serra Mesa Recreation Center.

San Diego Civic Dance Arts (Details not available as of press time)

Community Sports Information:

AYSO Soccer: Region 780- Registrar, <https://www.ayso780.org>

Serra Mesa Little League: <https://www.serramesalittleleague.org>

SPECIAL EVENTS

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Friday, October 23

Fall Festival with Movies in the Park

Serra Mesa

Fall Festival—3:00pm-9:00pm

Movies in the Park—7:00pm Start

SummerMoviesInThePark.com



**The Serra Mesa Recreation Center
Fall Festival with Movies in the Park
will have: Jumpers * Food Trucks
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For more information please contact Serra Mesa Recreation Center Staff at (858) 573-1408

Development Project Resource Guide

To obtain more information about a project, refer to these San Diego City and County resources*.

Zoning and Parcel Information Portal (find zoning designation for parcel) - <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/instant/sidebar/index.html?appid=75f6a5d68aee481f8ff48240bcaa1239>

Mapping and Geographic Information (many resources) - <https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/work/mapsua/map>.

SanGIS Interactive **Parcel Map** - <https://www.sangis.org/pages/interactive-map>. Find out addresses and parcel information.

Municipal Code, Chapter 13 & 14 (describes zones and uses) – <https://www.sandiego.gov/city-clerk/officialdocs/municipal-code>

Citizen Portal - <https://aca-prod.accela.com/SANDIEGO/Default.aspx>

Lookup Property Information (enter address) - <https://aca-prod.accela.com/SANDIEGO/APO/APOLookup.aspx?TabName=APO>

DSD Permits: **Create an Application** - <https://aca-prod.accela.com/SANDIEGO/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fSANDIEGO%2fCap%2fCapApplyDisclaimer.aspx%3fmodule%3dDSD%26TabName%3dDSD>

DSD Permits: **Search Applications** (enter address) - <https://aca-prod.accela.com/SANDIEGO/Cap/CapHome.aspx?module=DSD&TabName=DSD>

Enforcement: Private **Property Investigation** Request (submit complaint) - <https://aca-prod.accela.com/SANDIEGO/Cap/CapEdit.aspx?Module=CE&stepNumber=2&pageNumber=1&isFeeEstimator=&TabName=CE>

Enforcement: Search for an **Existing Investigation** - <https://aca-prod.accela.com/SANDIEGO/Cap/CapHome.aspx?module=CE&TabName=CE>

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) - <https://www.sandiego.gov/development-services/news-programs/programs/companion-junior-units>

Sustainable Development Area (SDA) <https://webmaps.sandiego.gov/portal/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=0295d35b03a14d929d3459fe0b9b50cf&search=92116&extent=-13039150.8811%2C3862903.0948%2C-13035938.1373%2C3864964.5059%2C102100>. Part of Birdland and areas near Aero Dr are included in an SDA which is used to permit Bonus ADUs and Complete Communities projects.

SDA Description (Municipal Code, Chpt 11, Art 3, Div 1): "...the area within a defined walking distance along a pedestrian path of travel from a major transit stop that is existing or planned, if the planned major transit stop is included in a transportation improvement program or applicable regional transportation plan, as follows:

- (a) Within Mobility Zones 1 and 3, as defined in Section 143.1103, the defined walking distance is 1.0 mile.
- (b) Within Mobility Zone 4, as defined in Section 143.1103, the defined walking distance is .75 mile.
- (c) For parcels located in Mobility Zone 4, in an area identified as a High or Highest Resource California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (CTCAC) Opportunity Area, the defined walking distance is 1.0 mile."

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Complete Communities Housing Solutions - <https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/work/housing/toolkit/housing-solutions>

Property Ownership – County’s website at <https://sandiegoparcels.com/>. Enter APN or address or move to desired parcel and click on it.

**Disclaimer: It’s possible the content on a website may not reflect the most recent development.*

Example – Find Information on Project at southeast Ruffin & Mission Village Corner

CityMark confirms they’re the owner of the property. Lot information at <https://sdgis.sandag.org/>. Clicked on APN Labels, Parcel Polygon and Existing Land Use > **Click on the desired lot**. Parcel information displays.

Zoning: <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/instant/sidebar/index.html?appid=75f6a5d68aee481f8ff48240bcaa1239>

Permits at - <https://aca-prod.accela.com/SANDIEGO/Cap/CapHome.aspx?module=DSD&TabName=DSD>, enter 3222 Mission Village Dr. Click on **Building Construction permit**, PRJ-1076402. At bottom of page, click **Application Information** for details.

Fire Hazard Removal

An encampment and debris, located in the canyon west of Lincoln Military Housing—The Village at Serra Mesa and to the east of the I-805 Kearny Villa Drive exit, was reported to the offices of Assemblymember Chris Ward and City Councilmember Raul Campillo. Subsequently, Caltrans cleaned up the area in late July. Our thanks to everyone who was responsible for removal of these fire hazards!



Projects & Other Information

(Current August 2026)

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.

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; Process 1 (staff approves project).

2696 Mission Village Drive (former gas station near corner of Shawn Avenue), called Dezi: 3 story, 18-unit apartment building with 1-2 bedrooms; rental units; 2 affordable housing units built off-site; 24 parking spaces. Construction completed. Leasing information at <https://www.deziapartments.com/>.

3222 Mission Village Drive (former Tom Russell Chevron Station): 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 completed. Leasing information at <https://www.deziapartments.com/>.

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; townhouses for sale units. Construction started. Plans at <https://citymarkdevelopment.box.com/s/1p564mqdb76pbwtusug2o2p15kmpe4fr>

Former Guild Mortgage Building, 9160 Gramercy Dr – Building burned down on July 5, 2026. 5/14/2025 – PRJ-1136506, Discretionary Project, A Tentative Map Exemption on approx. 9 acres zoned CC-1-3 for 199 for sale dwelling units, 8 of which shall be set aside as shopkeeper units. Accela Citizen Portal shows Re-check Required. Refer to Serra Mesa Planning Group letter [Here](#).

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 Refer to Serra Mesa Planning Group letter [Here](#).

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Sandrock Apartments, 3440 Sandrock Rd – Community HousingWorks (CHW) received in March 2025 City Council's approval for development agreement and lease to build 60 units (56 one bedroom and 4 two-bedrooms) on the .34 acre site, 22 parking spaces, 5 stories high, 100% units will have rents affordable for low- to middle-income families, 30 units reserved for veterans. Amenities include laundry room, multipurpose room with kitchen, computer lab, community garden, tot-lot, and management leasing office. Funding secured in summer 2025. Temporary Certificate of Occupancy anticipated by October 2027. For more details, refer to <https://www.serramesa.org/sbcc/observer-newsletter/>, Sept-Oct 2025 edition.

Kearny Mesa Projects/Issues

Aero Drive Family Apartments, 8575 Aero Drive – 100% affordable rate, 190 dwelling units in 6-story structure (5-story residential over a 1-story podium) with offices, community services space, and parking garage at ground floor; Mirka Investments, developer, [Affordable Housing Communities | California LIHC Communities](#). (PRJ-1138239)

AMLI Aero, 8225 Aero Drive (3585 Aero Court)– Former Kelco building; developer AMLI Residential; 434 apartments (1, 2, & 3 bedroom units), 7 stories high, 712 parking spaces, to be completed in 2025. 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. Currently leasing.

Drainage Issue at Corner of Aero/ Sandrock– A solution was implemented to prevent water draining from the VA building. If the issue resurfaces, contact City Councilmember Raul Campillo's office. Currently, water pooling at the corner seems to be the result of either landscaping watering or when it rains (infrastructure issue).

Elowen, 8555 Aero Drive – Construction of 7-story above grade and 1-story below grade for 302 multifamily dwelling units and associated accessory uses. Parking spaces: vehicle, 331; motorcycle, 32; bicycle, 136. (PMT-3158932) Currently leasing.

9825 Stonecrest (former site of Fry's) – Phase 1: 319,702 sq ft apartment building, 310 multifamily housing units, 5 stories; pool and spa; entitled to 1,180 units (4 phases) on 18.8 acres; Wolf Properties, builder, more information including site plan at <https://alpaca-parrot-fkhk.squarespace.com/projects/stonecrest>; Reylenn Construction Company; city permit, PMT-3161757.



Kokoro Closed — Chef Retires

Akio "Taisho" Ishito

The Japanese restaurant, Kokoro, in the Rancho Serra Mesa Shopping Center on Greyling Dr, closed on August 30. The restaurant opened in May 2014 serving traditional Japanese cuisine. Detailed article [Here](#).

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