

October 2023

website: serenadeacc.com

CALENDAR:

Oct 26 – 28 Community Garage Sale, 8am-2pm
 Nov 11, Mon Veterans Day Potluck
 Nov 15, Wed Serenade ACC Meeting
 Sun City Library, 2pm
 Dec Holiday Caroling (date TBD)

PLEASE WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS:

Dolores Valenzuela & Arliene Flores

Have you moved into Serenade in the last year or so? Let us know so that we can welcome you.

IN MEMORIAM:

Louis Bevilacqua

Our deepest sympathies to our neighbors who have lost a loved one. If you have lost a loved one or know of a neighbor who has passed, please let us know and we will honor them here.

FROM THE DESK OF THE CHAIRPERSON:

Dear Serenade Neighbors,

In July the Serenade Architectural Control Committee mailed you an Age Verification form, as required by the State of California and the federal government, to keep our legal status as a certified 55+ age-restricted senior community. If you haven't done so, please fill it in and return it as soon as possible. We must keep records showing that we have verified residents' proof of age; *you may black-out the actual ID numbers. This information will be shredded as soon as it is verified by SACC.* If you prefer, someone from the SACC will come to your home and visually verify your information without recording it. *Why* should we want to keep our 55+ status? 1. Our newsletter, website, Neighborhood Watch/Block Captains, neighborhood parties, events, and clubs give us a sense of real *community* and *security* that you rarely find in ungated neighborhoods. 2. We don't pay dues, yet we still have CC&Rs (Covenants, Conditions, & Restrictions) that encourage yard and home maintenance and upkeep. 3. While our grown kids and our grandchildren can visit us, "No kids living here" means a quieter, more peaceful atmosphere on our streets: no teens doing wheelies on their bikes or partying loudly into the wee hours. So, please fill out and return a form for each person living in your home – relatives, caregivers, and disabled persons, or others. Thank you for helping Serenade stay beautiful and certified as a senior community.

Jack Roy, Chairperson, Serenade ACC

LETTER FROM A LONGTIME RESIDENT: I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the support of my neighbors and friends in our Serenade Association. I recently had an emergency health situation – I was put into the hospital for 3 weeks, and then learned I could not return to my home and live alone again. I frantically contacted Serenade for help and within minutes of my call, Linda Davis, my Block Captain and next-door neighbor, went into action. She located other nice ladies and men who volunteered to assist me and my son, who lives in Colorado. The ladies sorted my clothes and personal needs for my assisted living facility since I was unable to return to my home to do anything after my release from the hospital. I asked Linda to hold a garage sale and to assist my son with all outstanding matters, which she did. I lived alone on Potomac Drive for 26 years and had no idea there were such nice and helpful people in our Serenade community who were willing to help on a volunteer basis with such an urgent matter. I am sorry it took me so long to find out. Again, thanks to all who assisted with my emergency situation and more importantly the help given to my son. God bless to all. -- Faye Howe

SERENADE FRUIT & VEGETABLE CO-OP: Do you have fruit growing in your yard that you're not especially fond of? In August, Lisa Schneider started coordinating a new project in our community to address these issues. The Co-op helps Serenade residents share their excess produce with each other. Just call, text, or email Lisa to sign up and learn more. If you have produce to share, give her a week or so advanced notice before it's ready to harvest. If you have produce but are unable to pick it, let Lisa know. Or, if you could help Lisa pick other people's fruit, tell her. She will set the produce out in the shade for Serenade neighbors to come by and take (be sure to bring your own bag). There's no money involved, and you're more than welcome to take produce even if you don't have any of your own to share. We're hoping that we can reduce the rodent population in Serenade with this terrific new endeavor. Contact her at (714) 319-1951 or scul7900@gmail.com.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH – BLOCK CAPTAINS:

Retired police officer/chair Brian Engelhardt and his 15 volunteer Block Captains want Serenade residents to feel safer in their homes. He asks, what happens during an emergency when your grown kids are out of town? Having good relationships with people nearby can be a

lifesaver. The Block Captains want to help build a strong sense of community and communication among nearby neighbors, to be there for one another as we age. Brian is looking for 15 more people out of 314 houses to step up and be a Block Captain. He's also looking for folks who could lend a portable generator during a power outage to folks whose lives depend on electrical medical devices. He says, We're just neighbors helping neighbors. Call Brian at (619) 921-0384.

GOOD SAMARITANS: *From Linda Davis, Chair:* Do you have a neighbor who never comes outside but might enjoy an occasional visit? Are you lonely and just need someone to talk to? We are a group of volunteers who want to help the homebound and people that need some company. We'll be working with the Menifee Police Dept.'s YANA program (You Are Not Alone). We can help with garage sales (at no charge) if you're moved to assisted living, so the family can take care of your health/legal needs. Contact us to see if we can help. Call (928) 830-7131 or email zladyd@aol.com to seek or volunteer help.

SERENADE ONLINE BULLETIN BOARD: Do you need a recommendation for a handyman? Do you have a television or a recliner to sell, or a skill or service that you'd like to advertise? Now you can post your classified ad on a Bulletin Board on Serenade's website. All ads will be screened and held to high legal standards; Serenade will only accept and publish ads that are acceptable to our community. No political or religious ads will be accepted. As a Serenade resident you may also recommend a company or service – in fact, many neighbors will be very grateful if you do. For information go to serenadeacc.com/bulletin-board-2/ or email SerenadeClubs55@gmail.com.

SPOTLIGHT ON A REMARKABLE NEIGHBOR: Joan Wakeland-Taylor, a published author, earned Lifetime Achievement awards from Pres. Obama and Pres. Trump. Originally from Jamaica, she graduated as a pharmacist, migrated to the U.S. in 1964, and had a long career in that field. Now retired, her area of expertise has been networking and building relationships. She is currently the Director of Riverside/Hemet Chapters of the Global Society for Female Entrepreneurs, was Director of the Nat'l Assn of Female Executives and has served Susan G. Komen Advisory Committee, Boys & Girls Club, American Business Women's Assn, and Kiwanis.

ALL RESIDENTS, NEW OR OTHERWISE: We Serenade residents (owners and renters) are lucky to enjoy the benefits of an HOA without paying a monthly fee, as most 55+ HOA residents do. Because we follow our CC&Rs, which regulate the use, appearance, and maintenance of the homes in our community, our property values remain high. You should have received a copy of the

Serenade CC&Rs from your escrow company or real estate agent. If you need a copy, please go to our website, SerenadeACC.com to download the documents in PDF format, or write us for a printed copy at Serenade ACC, P.O. Box 2324, Menifee CA 92586 or SerenadeACC@gmail.com.

DONATIONS AND SUPPORT: We residents pay no dues, but Serenade still must bear the costs of maintaining the benefits of a 55+ community. We always need your donations to keep our 55+ HOA status and in support of our CC&Rs. ANY amount is appreciated to cover expenses such as meeting room rent, P.O. box rental, postage, tax services, newsletter printing, office supplies, and attorney fees. Please make checks payable to: Serenade ACC, P.O. Box 2324, Menifee, CA 92586.

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES: For updated information, see the Serenade website for descriptions and an activities calendar. If you are interested in helping to start a new club, call or text (928) 920-1228 OR email SerenadeClubs55@gmail.com.

Mondays:

Aldergate Dog Park, 10am, Mondays
Block Captains, 12 noon, 1st Sat, 29378 Gillette

Tuesdays:

Line-dancing, 3:15pm, Tuesdays, Ceniceros Center
Bunco, 3rd Tuesdays, 5pm, 29350 Lake Forest

Wednesdays:

Coffee & (Classic) Cars, 3rd Wednesdays, 9-11 am,
Joyful Noise Coffee, Sun City
Ladies' Bible Study, 9am, Wednesdays. Call Janet
(623) 703-4045 for location

Thursdays:

Card Games (learners welcome), 1pm,
2nd Thursdays, 29350 Lake Forest
Poker, 1pm, 4th Thursdays, 29350 Lake Forest
Club de Hispanohablantes, 6pm, 2nd Thursdays,
29884 Pebble Beach

Saturdays:

Breakfast Club, 9am, last Saturdays, Oct 28 &
Dec 30 Black Bear, Nov 25 Sun City Family Rest.

ACC Board Members:

Serenade ACC, PO Box 2324, Menifee, CA 92586.
SerenadeACC@gmail.com. Jack Roy, Chairperson.
Barb Myrtle, Secretary. Sharon Janecek, Treasurer.

Newsletter Production: Jane DeLaurier. The *Serenade Newsletter* is published January, April, July, & October. For information on clubs, the newsletter or the website, call or text Jane at (928) 920-1228. To help with distribution, leave a message for Karen Morris at (951) 750-9200. Thanks to these volunteers for newsletter delivery: Margaret & Don Hepworth, Brenda Lewis, Dan & Eva Lopez, Barb & Don Myrtle, Karen & Bruce Morris, Pat Shoop, Kris Stewart, Connie Wade, Araceli Arroyo, Patti Lien, Elizabeth Banks, Mike Dare, and Sean Kevany. **Website:** Access it at www.SerenadeACC.com for newsletters, and for information on Serenade's boundaries, CC&Rs, bulletin board, and events.