

April 2023

**CALENDAR:**

April 19, Wed	Coffee & Cars Meet-up, 9-11am
April 20-22	Spring Community Garage Sale
Th-Sat	8am-2pm each day, no fee
July 4, Tues	July 4 <sup>th</sup> Block Potluck

**PLEASE WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS:**

*Jose & Bertha Carvajal  
Wendell & Jennifer Webber  
Robert & Maureen Wener*

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

**IN MEMORIAM:** 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 the January newsletter we sought volunteers to run for election to the ACC Board. Since there were no volunteers as of our March 1st Community Meeting, our current board members (myself, Barb Myrtle, and Sharon Janecek) have agreed to serve for another two-year period.

To maintain our 55+ Community status, state law requires us to do an age verification survey every two years, which we will do later this year. Details as to how and when will come shortly.

Soon we will conduct a neighborhood inspection, and yard appearance is often the #1 issue. Given all the rain, it will be especially important to stay on top of the weeds. Please try and keep up the good work.

Jack Roy, Chairperson, Serenade ACC

**DRYER VENT FIRE:**

On Friday, January 27, a fire broke out in the laundry room of a resident's home in Serenade. According to Neighborhood Watch Chairman Brian Engelhardt, who was on the scene monitoring by 10:30am, seven fire units from Sun City, Menifee, and surrounding areas worked to put out the fire. Per the homeowner, flames had initially shot out of the dryer itself. Neighbors who were gathering watched as smoke poured out of

the roof. According to the on-scene Fire Chief, the fire damage was contained to a single room, although there was smoke and water damage throughout the home. No one was injured in the fire. Many Serenade residents offered their assistance in various forms to their neighbors. It is believed that the cause of the fire may have been a lint build-up in the dryer exit pipes from lint that wasn't caught in the lint trap. Since lint is highly flammable, it takes only the tiniest spark to ignite.

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH – BLOCK CAPTAINS:**

The Neighborhood Watch Block Captains Program has restarted in Serenade. With retired El Cajon police officer Brian Engelhardt at the helm and fifteen volunteer Block Captains so far, their goal is to help Serenade residents feel safer in terms of both personal health and well-being, and physical safety in their homes. Our 314 homes are divided into 30 sections. Your Block Captain is your neighbor and lives in one of the 10 or so homes close to you. He/she will be wearing a photo I.D. badge with the Serenade logo and will ask your name, phone number, and the phone number of a person Brian can contact in case of an emergency. They will also ask if you depend on an electrical medical device; the Block Captains may be able to lend you a portable generator during a power outage. Their only goal is to give you and your loved ones greater peace of mind.

Not everyone will want to participate, and that's fine. In some parts of Serenade, neighbors are already being "neighborly" and keeping track of one another. Some people just want to be left alone: they call family in case of an emergency, they moved here to enjoy the peace and quiet, and they don't want people in their business. But Neighborhood Watch is looking down the road. What happens when someone's grown kids are out of town during an emergency? If something changes in your situation, whether it's an accident or (sadly) the sudden loss of a beloved spouse, it's comforting to have good relationships with the people who live nearby. The Block Captains want to help build a strong sense of community and communication among nearby neighbors now, so they can be there for one another as they age.

**15 MORE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED:** We're just neighbors helping neighbors, watching out for each other. Call Brian at (619) 921-0384

### **ST. PATRICK'S DAY POTLUCK:**

Nearly 30 neighbors celebrated the day with corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, and lots of desserts. A free raffle made the event extra fun, with 5 baskets and a Cuisinart. We'll be holding a raffle again at the July 4<sup>th</sup> potluck.

**CLASSIC CAR MEET-UP:** Serenade's Coffee and Cars Club held their first meet-up on Saturday, Feb. 11, in the parking lot to the west of Joyful Noise Coffee in the Sun City Shopping Con Cherry Hills Blvd. They were joined by at least thirteen or so proud classic car owners from the Sun City Cruizers Car Club, who say they will be back with fifty cars on April 19th. Some of the cars in Feb included a '65 Mustang, '63 Ford Galaxie 500, '72 Chevy El Camino, '31 Ford truck, and a '73 Buick.

**CLUBS & ACTIVITIES:** Here are some of the clubs that are currently meeting in our neighborhood. All Serenade residents are welcome to come. Watch for a Club de Hispanohablantes to start this summer. For updated information, see the Serenade website for descriptions and an activities calendar.

#### **Mondays:**

Aldergate Dog Park, 10am, Mondays.  
Block Captains, 12 noon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays,  
29378 Gillette

#### **Tuesdays:**

Line-dancing, 3:15pm, Tuesdays, Ceniceros Center  
Bunco 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues 4/18, 5/16 5pm, 29350 Lake Forest

#### **Wednesdays:**

Coffee & (Classic) Cars, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, 9-11 am,  
Joyful Noise Coffee, Sun City  
Sewing, Quilting, Knitting, & Crocheting. 10am,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wed 4/19, 5/17 30004 Pebble Beach  
Emotional Support Group, 1pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Weds,  
April 12; May 10, 27258 Potomac  
Ladies' Bible Study, 9am, Wednesdays. Call Janet  
(623) 703-4045 for location

#### **Thursdays:**

Card Games (learners welcome), 1pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs,  
Apr. 13, May 11, 29350 Lake Forest  
Poker, 1pm, 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs, Apr. 13, May 25, 29350  
Lake Forest

#### **Saturdays:**

Breakfast Club, 10am, 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays, Apr. 29,  
May 27, Sun City Family Restaurant

There are clubs that have had some interest but haven't yet formed. If you are interested in Art, Backgammon, Bingo, Birding/Nature Walks, Book Club, Bridge, Camping/RV, Chess, Creative Writing, Friendship, Gardening, Golf, Holiday Crafts, NFL, Playing & Singing Music, Veterans, or a new club, email SerenadeClubs55@gmail.com OR call or text (928) 920-1228.

**GOOD SAMARITANS:** We are looking for Serenade residents to assist neighbors who occasionally need a helping hand with little

chores that have become difficult. Common "handyman" situations might be automotive, plumbing, electrical, construction, or yardwork, or even difficulties with technology. They could be small tasks like opening a jar, changing a tire or a lightbulb, walking a dog, picking up a prescription or groceries, or moving trashcans. Some folks are lonely and just need someone to talk to. There are no meetings to attend, and you can always decline a call. Call (928) 920-1228 or email SerenadeClubs55@gmail.com either to *seek help* or to *volunteer* help and tell us the exact need or type of skills you can offer.

**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 did not receive one or need to replace a lost one, 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, which we enjoy. We always need your donations to make sure we keep our 55+ 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

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