



SERENADE NEWSLETTER

January 2026

website: serenadeacc.com



Serenade ACC, PO Box 2324, Menifee 92586
Donations welcome!

CALENDAR:

Jan.31, Feb.28, Mar.28: Serenade Breakfast,
last Sat. Black Bear, 9am
April 16-19 Spring Community Garage Sale
Th-Sat 8am-2pm each day, no fee

PLEASE WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS:

*Lisa Germa
Mark & Debra Cappen*

Have you moved into the Serenade 55+ Community in the last year or so? Let us know so that we can welcome you!

IN MEMORIAM:

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
*Edgar Balderas
Diane Bean
Steven Prigmore*

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

FROM THE DESK OF THE CHAIRPERSON:

Dear Serenade Neighbors,

It has come to my attention that there has been a surge in criminal activities in our neighborhood. We will not reveal the specific addresses involved, but there have been at least two home break-ins and several break-ins of automobiles. Look for more details in the next issue. The incidents I've heard about have been on Potomac Drive or Dorsey Street, which are both borders of Serenade, but all residents should be on guard. We have all noticed the increased traffic of autos and bicycles on our streets due to the Bradley Road closure, and this is undoubtedly contributing to our problem.

I spoke with Brian Engelhardt, our neighbor with the Menifee Police Dept., regarding this issue and he made several suggestions. First, be vigilant as to what is happening around your area. If you see suspicious activity, tell your neighbors, your Block Captain, and/or the MPD. Next, we should all cooperate with Menifee PD Neighborhood Watch and have the phone number of our Block Captains handy, for when it is needed. Next, keep your cars locked and, if

possible, keep your yard well-lit at night. One last suggestion Brian made was not to put outgoing mail in your mailbox. The red flag for the postman apparently is a red flag for mail thieves as well. Increased vigilance by all of us will be an effective weapon against the crooks and cause them to look for easier targets.

--Jack Roy, Chairperson, Serenade ACC

BLOCK CAPTAINS: As Jack mentioned in his letter, we will all be safer when Serenade 55+ residents fully participate in the Neighborhood Watch/Block Captain program, which is promoted and supported by the Menifee Police Department. The program helps us all, but is critical for our vulnerable elderly or disabled neighbors. Your Block Captain lives on your block and is truly a neighbor you can trust with reports of suspicious activity. When a Block Captain gets such a query, they in turn report it to Serenade's own Brian Engelhardt, a retired police officer, Citizen Volunteer with the Menifee Police Dept., and recent "Citizen of the Month" (Menifee 24/7). We are so fortunate to have Brian as our Serenade neighbor! If a Block Captain hasn't contacted you, you probably don't have one yet. Brian needs more residents to consider being a Block Captain (call him at 619-921-0384 for information). Block Captains provide their phone number to the residents who live in the 10 or so homes near them and ask for their emergency contact information. Brian says it's very important to supply that information to your Block Captain. One more thing: Brian works with the Menifee PD You.Are.Not.Alone (YANA) program, which helps elderly or disabled neighbors. He and our own Linda Davis can help you apply for that help (928-830-7131 or zladyd@aol.com).

CC&Rs REMINDER FOR ALL RESIDENTS: 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. As discussed in a recent issue of the *Serenade Newsletter*, we are legally classified by the State of California as a 55+ HOA. As such, we are required to follow our CC&Rs, which are attached to every home and property in Serenade. The CC&Rs regulate the appearance, maintenance, and use of the homes in our community. Because almost all of residents abide by our CC&Rs, our property

values remain extremely high. You should have received a copy of the Serenade 55+ CC&Rs from your escrow company, real estate agent, or landlord. If you need a copy, please go to our website, SerenadeACC.com, and click on the SACC tab, where you can download the documents in PDF format. You can also write us at Serenade ACC, PO Box 2324, Menifee, CA 92586, or email us at SerenadeACC@gmail.com. If you have questions about the protocols, CC&Rs, and laws that apply to living in the Serenade 55+ Community, first explore our website, www.SerenadeACC.com. If you feel like a neighbor is violating any of our CC&Rs, first go to <https://menifeepolice.org/code-enforcement/>. You may find that your specific complaint is covered by a Menifee city code and you may be able to file an official complaint with the City. If you're still not clear what to do, explain the situation in an email or letter to our SACC board (see addresses above).

HOLIDAY CAROLING HAYRIDE IN SERENADE:

Karen and Bruce Morris oversaw *another* terrific Holiday Caroling and Hayride this past December 19th – this is year #4 for them! We are so lucky to have such a lovely tradition in our neighborhood. Quite a few neighbors joined them on their beautifully decorated hay-wagon, aglow with lights, as they wound their way through the streets of Serenade.

COME TO SERENADE'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST:

Since 2022, Serenade neighbors have been meeting at a local restaurant for breakfast on the last Saturday of each month. New neighbors come nearly every month, and it's fun to get to know each other. They meet at 9am at Black Bear Diner, where they are seated quickly and at a big table together – and the food is great!

SERENADE 55+ WEBSITES: We are fortunate to have our own extensive and comprehensive website, www.SerenadeACC.com. You can find our own bulletin board there, as well as descriptions and photographs of various unofficial groups and clubs that meet, and fun and interesting neighborhood events. Under the SACC tab you'll find the CC&Rs, plus extensive information about how our community functions as a legal entity, including downloadable PDFs. Note: We'd LOVE for someone to step up and be its Webmaster!

If you want to meet your neighbors through social media, we also have a Facebook group and two NextDoor groups, where Serenade 55+ residents who join can see each other's photos and communicate with one another. For both forums, you'll type in the search terms "Serenade 55+ Community Sun City CA."

Anyone who wants admission into the Facebook group must type in their street address to prove that they actually live in the Serenade 55+ Community. Also, our NextDoor group posts that the group is "currently restricted to residents of the Serenade 55+ community." To find either the Facebook or NextDoor group, you must be logged in. In NextDoor, click Discover (at your left). In NextDoor, scroll down until you see the heading "Groups." Enjoy!

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, PO Box 2324, Menifee 92586.

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES: For updated information and descriptions, see the Serenade 55+ website at serenadeacc.com, text 928-920-1228, or email SerenadeClubs55@gmail.com.

Tuesdays:

Bunco, 3rd Tuesdays, 5pm, 29350 Lake Forest Drive

Wednesdays:

Soul Line Dancing, Basic Beginners, Wed., 9:30am & 10:35am, Kay Cenicerros Senior Center, \$5/class
Coffee & (Classic) Cars, 3rd Wednesdays, 9-11 am,
Joyful Noise Coffee, Sun City

Ladies' Bible Study has suspended meeting until further notice.

Thursdays:

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

Saturdays:

Monthly Breakfast, 9am, last Sat. Black Bear Diner

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