



# SERENADE NEWSLETTER

April 2026

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## CALENDAR:

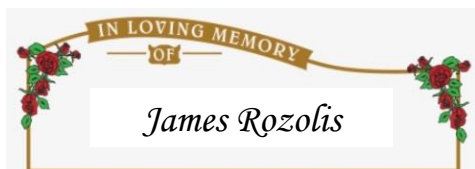
- April 16-19 Spring Community Garage Sale**  
Th-Sat, 8am-2pm each day, no fee.  
Call (951) 750-9200 for item pickup  
after sales are over; goes to charity.
- April 25, May 30, June 27: Serenade Breakfast,**  
last Sat. of month, Black Bear 9am
- July 4th Serenade July 4 Potluck,** 11am-4pm  
29350 Lake Forest, pool, misters

## PLEASE WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS:

*Judy and Darryl, Gillette Circle  
Mark Sweetser*

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

## IN MEMORIAM:



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.

**THE VALUE OF GOOD NEIGHBORS:** In our busy world of 2026, it behooves us all to slow down and acknowledge the social, emotional, and even physical benefits of living in a neighborhood like Serenade. Whether you live on one of the long blocks, like Pebble Beach, Potomac, Dorsey, Terrytown, and Pinckney, on a shorter block like Lake Forest or Piping Rock, or in one of the cul-de-sacs – Ellington, Basie, and Gillette – we are all Serenaders. If you've just moved in, you may not know our 30+ year legacy of RV camping clubs that had hundreds of members, of Bible studies and book clubs and monthly potlucks, all in a community with no clubhouse or swimming pool. Those days may be gone, but you've still probably recognized the friendliness and kindness of many of your neighbors. Being open to new, kind people cannot be overstated. Medical studies abound that point to the genuine value of even the smallest amount of positive human contact: it reduces blood pressure and strengthens the immune system. Those contacts can be as simple as chatting at the mailbox or while dragging your trash bins to the curb. The next thing you know, someone will be suggesting that 3 or 4 of you meet up at a local restaurant for breakfast or dinner/drinks at each other's house. Lots of neighbors become walking buddies, which can

work to heal the body and the soul. Sure, some neighbors may challenge your last nerve! But that doesn't mean that the next one won't be a real gem. Our advice is to focus on the affirmative! So, the next time a neighbor invites you to join them for something interesting, say Yes!

**BRADLEY BRIDGE UPDATE:** According to a YouTube video on the City of Menifee website, the Bradley Bridge project is progressing well. According to Nicolas Fidler, Menifee Public Works & Engineering Director, the bridge should open in September as planned. In late March, the crew was working on the bridge deck, creating the formwork for pouring the concrete bridge structure. They'd had only 10 days of rain delays, plus maybe a few more in April, which for Fidler was minimal. They are "out of the ground" and have "all the foundations into the river channel." As of mid-March they were ready to place "over 930,000 pounds of rebar...to create the bridge structure." The project did require relocations of SoCal gas lines, and EMWD water lines to get storm drain infrastructure in. Fidler said that many residents have been "very pleasant to work with – they've enjoyed watching the progress of the project and they've been very understanding with the construction noise." Because in the past, Bradley has had to be closed due to storms, "This project is critical not only to help the residents to get back and forth across the channel but also ... police and fire services." Fidler also notes that the bridge will add "connectivity for the community" with bike and EV lanes and sidewalks on both sides of the bridge. The video is fun to watch; just go to [www.cityofmenifee/BradleyBridge](http://www.cityofmenifee/BradleyBridge).

**BLOCK CAPTAINS:** As our SACC Chair Jack Roy mentioned in the last issue, 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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 not clear what to do, explain the situation in an email or letter to our SACC board.

**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. Currently we meet at 9am at Black Bear Diner. Over the past few months our numbers have been increasing. In February we had 20 neighbors! Instead of fitting around one big table, now we're spreading out to 3 or 4 or 5 tables. New neighbors come nearly every month, and it's truly fun to get to know each other. Please come!

**SERENADE 55+ WEBSITES:** We are fortunate to have our own extensive and comprehensive website, [www.SerenadeACC.com](http://www.SerenadeACC.com), and a terrific new webmaster, Tom Knight. 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. 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."

**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](http://serenadeacc.com), text 928-920-1228, or email [SerenadeClubs55@gmail.com](mailto:SerenadeClubs55@gmail.com).

**Tuesdays:**

Bunco, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, 9-11 am,  
Joyful Noise Coffee, Sun City

**Thursdays:**

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

**Saturdays:**

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

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