



SERENADE NEWSLETTER

July 2023

CALENDAR:

July 4, Tues July 4th Serenade Potluck, 9-noon,
27258 Potomac. Bring a side-dish or dessert.

July 19, Wed Coffee & Cars Meet-up, 9-11am

Sept. 4, Mon Labor Day Serenade Potluck, 9-11

PLEASE WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS:

Velma, Richard, & Deirdra Jones

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,

Soon the Serenade Architectural Control Committee will mail 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. We must keep records showing residents' proof of age through driver's license, passport, military ID, immigrant ID, or other state or federal ID – 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. So, why should we want to keep our 55+ status? 1. Our Neighborhood Watch – Block Captains, quarterly newsletter, website, neighborhood parties, events, and clubs give us a sense of real community and security that you rarely find in random ungated neighborhoods. 2. Even though we don't pay dues, we still have CC&Rs (Covenants, Conditions, & Restrictions) that encourage yard and home maintenance and upkeep, which really does matter. See for yourself; check out the homes just outside our boundaries on Reading, Terrytown west of Lake Forest, and Potomac west of Gillette. The difference is pretty obvious. 3. While our grown kids and our grandchildren absolutely can visit us, "No kids living here" means a quieter, more peaceful atmosphere on our streets – we never have rambunctious teens doing wheelies on their bikes or ollies on their skateboards, revving up their hotrods, or partying loudly into the wee hours. So, please fill out and return the form, so as not to jeopardize the 55+ senior status that we have maintained for 3+ decades. Complete 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

WHICH HOUSE MODEL DO YOU HAVE? When you are invited into a neighbor's home in our community, you may experience an odd déjà vu sensation – and then you realize that you have the same floor plan, except yours is flipped and everything is backwards. There are 314 homes in Serenade in four distinct models. In 1989 the builders, Marlborough Development Corporation, integrated the musical "Serenade" theme into the neighborhood through the names of famous Big Band leaders of the 1930s and 1940s. "Moonlight Serenade" was a well-known song from that period by Glenn Miller, and several of our streets were named after other famous Big Band leaders: Duke *Ellington* (Ct.), Count *Basie* (Ct.), and the *Dorsey* (St.) brothers, Jimmy and Tommy. But Marlborough Development didn't stop with street names. The house floor plans were also named after Big Band leaders: #1 was the Jimmy Dorsey (1208 sq. ft.), #2 was the Harry James (1370 sq. ft.), #3 was the Benny Goodman (1550 sq. ft.), and #4 was the Glenn Miller (1785 sq. ft.). So now, aside from the square footage, did you know that there are ways to identify the Serenade floor plan that you have by looking at your house from the curb? #4 is the only model with a window on the front of the garage. It may be rectangular or rounded, but it's just not on the side. #3 is the only model to have a column or pole of some kind on the front patio. (And sure, an owner might have had it removed at some point.) #2 is the only floor plan to have 2 side-by-side rectangular windows to the right or left of the front door, way up high; those are in the guest bathroom. And #1 – well, it's the only house with none of the other distinguishing features. So, which model do you have? Now you can know!

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH – BLOCK CAPTAINS:

The Neighborhood Watch Program is going strong again in Serenade. Retired police officer/chair Brian Engelhardt and his volunteer Block Captains want Serenade residents to feel safer in their homes. Your Block Captain lives just a few houses away. 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. If you use an electrical medical device, he can try to lend you a portable generator during a power

outage. When people say they don't want people in their business, Brian says: We'll leave you alone, but 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, so we can be there for one another as we age.

MORE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

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

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 your exact need or the type of skills you can offer.

GARAGE SALES: Many Serenade neighbors pulled out their bags and boxes of unneeded items and laid them out for sale in our neighborhood-wide garage sale this past April. The sales last for three days – Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. We do these garage sales every April and then again in October. It's a great time to get out, meet your neighbors, and find some great bargains!

CLASSIC CAR MEET-UP: Serenade's Coffee and Cars Club meet-up on the 3rd Wednesday of every month in the parking lot to the west of Joyful Noise Coffee in the Sun City Shopping Center on Cherry Hills Blvd. Sometimes they are joined by proud classic car owners from the Sun City Cruisers Car Club. Bring your classic car or just come check out the cars!

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+ 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, 2nd Mon, 29378 Gillette

Tuesdays:

Line-dancing, 3:15pm, Tuesdays, Cenicerros Center

Bunco, 3rd Tuesdays, 7/18, 8/15, 9/19, 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 Thurs,

7/13, 8/10, 9/14, 29350 Lake Forest

Poker, 1pm, 4th Thurs, 7/27, 8/24, 9/21, 29350

Lake Forest

Hispanohablantes, 6pm, 2nd Thurs, 7/13, 8/10,

9/14, 29884 Pebble Beach.

Saturdays:

Breakfast Club, 10am, last Saturdays, July 29,

Aug. 26, Sept. 30, Sun City Family Restaurant

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