



CALENDAR:

Oct. 15-17 Fall 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.

Nov. 3 Midterm Election Day

Dec. 17 or 18 Holiday Caroling Hayride

Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5: see below for change info.

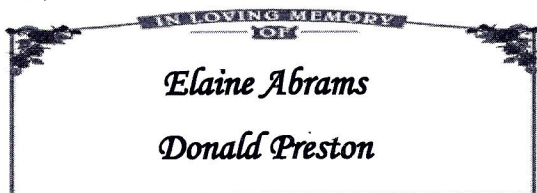
Serenade Breakfast, Black Bear, 9am

PLEASE WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS:

Paul and Teresa Milano, Terrytown Road

Have you moved into the Serenade Community in the last year or so? Let us welcome you.

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.



AGE VERIFICATION: Please watch your USPS mailbox for age verification forms, coming soon.

SERENADE BREAKFAST 1ST SATURDAYS NOW:

Serenade neighbors have long been meeting for breakfast at 9am at Black Bear Restaurant on the last Saturday of each month. But every year we run into conflicts with Thanksgiving and Christmas. So now we'll meet on the FIRST Saturday of each month for Serenade breakfasts (Oct. 3, not Sept. 26). Please come and join us!

DOGS MUST BE ON-LEASH IN SERENADE: The Serenade Board has been contacted by residents recently about the issue of dogs being off-leash in Serenade and in the adjacent neighborhoods. In fact, Menifee ordinances 10.04.01 and 10.04.100 stipulate that, on or off your property, if your dog isn't inside or behind a fence, it must be on a secure leash. One resident wrote that she has encountered 6 off-leash dogs while walking her dog just since June, and has been "jumped on by 3 dogs, 1 a mastiff." She notes that owners often say their dogs are "friendly and just want to play." Yet once two dogs charged her dog and the woman fell; trying to protect her dog. Fortunately, she only had a few scratches, but as seniors, "we are all at risk of breaking something" when we

fall. A second writer was frightened by a man [in a home on a block behind her, not in Serenade] who "was using an electric choke collar so his dog could 'run free' of any leash" and would order his dog to attack other dogs. Another writer says, "I walk every day in Serenade, and the amount of people with off-leash dogs is astounding. Most won't bite but the law is, dogs always have to be on a leash. It scares me sometimes when they run at me growling. I do carry pepper spray, but would hate to do that." So everyone, please leash your dogs when they're not inside your fence/home.

UPDATES ON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH: Our Serenade Neighborhood Watch Block Captain program, active since 1992, is resetting and finding a new, more efficient and effective path. As you may know, through this program, our Block Captains volunteer their time and energy to support Serenade residents, to improve personal and public safety and address crime in our Serenade Community. Again, why is this program needed?

Suppose that you have a handicapped or very elderly neighbor – or imagine that that's *YOU* in some years. Picture a scenario in which your neighbors notice that your garage door has been left open or a package has been sitting on your doorstep too long, or water has been flowing out into the street. Or perhaps your neighbors haven't seen you get your mail, take out your trash cans, pull weeds, or walk your dog. Maybe it's nothing, but maybe you've fallen and can't reach your phone. Maybe you've got a bad cold and are having difficulty breathing. Sure, you're probably fine and just toughing it out ... but maybe not. When Block Captains become concerned about problems like these, they can contact Frances Baez, our new Neighborhood Watch Co-Chair for personal safety.

And what about public safety problems and crimes possibly occurring in Serenade? Are you frustrated by speeding cars and young people doing wheelies on e-bikes? Have you seen strange cars driving slowly by your home? Much worse, maybe your car or even your home has been broken into. There have been reports of vandalism of vehicles and coyotes attacking dogs. In situations like these and others, Block Captains will contact Sean Kevany, our new

Neighborhood Watch Co-Chair for crime and public safety.

Bottom line: Do you honestly feel safe or vulnerable? Is your safety net working? Are your grown children or next-of-kin always aware of what's going on? Are they attentive and do they live close by? If so, great. But are your neighbors vulnerable? When Block Captains are concerned about a neighbor, they will notify Sean or Frances.

Here's some quick background on our two new Neighborhood Watch Co-Chairs: Sean Kevany will oversee public safety and crime concerns. As a Marine Corps veteran, former New Orleans police officer, and current correctional officer with the Riverside County Sheriff's Dept. at Southwest Detention Center, he is highly qualified. Frances Baez has 31 years' experience at the Public Assistance branch of Orange County Social Services, much of it supervisory, and is highly skilled in helping residents with personal safety issues.

Sean and Frances are eager to meet with our current Block Captains and recruit and on-board new volunteer Block Captains. If you don't have a Block Captain, contact Sean at 504-352-8010 or lav_dragoon@yahoo.com, or Frances at 714-592-6991 or amorfr2524@gmail.com.

CC&Rs REMINDER FOR ALL RESIDENTS: We Serenade 55+ residents (owners and renters) are lucky to enjoy the benefits of an HOA without paying a monthly fee. 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, go to our website, SerenadeACC.com, and click on the SACC tab, and 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 our CC&Rs, first go to <https://menifeepolice.org/code-enforcement>. Your specific complaint may be covered by a Menifee city code, so you could 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.

SERENADE 55+ WEBSITES: You can find our own bulletin board at www.SerenadeACC.com, 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.

SERENADE CLUBS & ACTIVITIES: For information and descriptions, email SerenadeClubs55@gmail.com, go to www.serenadeacc.com, or text 928-920-1228.

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

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** Saturdays, Black Bear

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