



It's gonna be **OUTTA SIGHT!**

You'll want to be at the happening, also known as the GMIA Annual Dinner Meeting, June 21. No demonstrations. No sit-ins. Just clean 60s fun at the Cuyamaca College Student Center.

RIGHT ON!

Find a tie-dyed shirt and put a flower in your hair. Where's that peace sign necklace?

Be there at 4:30 for the social hour, which includes wine, beer, sodas, and a chance to win something special at the silent auction.

Dinner starts at 5:30 and it will be a good 60s-style meal with chicken cooked in wine, mashed potatoes, roasted carrots, chopped wedge salad with blue cheese dressing, dinner rolls, and pineapple upside down cake for dessert.

After dinner, a brief presentation will be given by Andy Lawler, Chief of the San Miguel Fire District, about fire safety issues affecting our area.

The keynote speaker is Historian Jim Newland, who will talk about the people who helped form our Mt. Helix-area

community. Jim is a planner and historian for the California State Parks Department and is author of the history book, *Images of America: Around Mt. Helix*. There are some fascinating people in our history, and you'll want to hear their stories. He will also talk about the history of Mt. Helix Park and some historic homes around here.

Parking is free on the Cuyamaca College campus. Park in Lot 1, and guides will direct you to the Student Center.

A guided tour of the Cuyamaca College campus will be offered at 4 p.m. A lot goes on in these college facilities that serve students and our community.

Get your reservation in quick! Dinner is \$30 for members who pay before June 11, and it goes up to \$35 afterwards. The dinner is for members only. Memberships are available for \$20 per household. Reservations are required, so sign up at gmia.net or mail your check with the form below.

A special thanks goes to our sponsors: the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District, Edco Disposal Co., San Pasqual Winery, and Helix Brewing Co.

PEACE OUT! 🌱

Annual Dinner Registration

Reserve your seats at the GMIA Annual Dinner Meeting by returning this form with your check made out to GMIA, PO Box. 2751, La Mesa, CA 91943-2751, or reserve online at our secure website, gmia.net. You must be a member to attend. Cost for the dinner is \$30 before June 11 and \$35 afterwards.

Name(s) _____

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Attending 4:00 pm Campus Tour



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County Promises to Take Action on Fuerte Drive Slope

GMIA, Planning Group Expressed Concerns

San Diego County has pledged to take steps to stabilize a slope at Fuerte Drive and Grossmont Boulevard after learning of the community's concerns from the Valle de Oro Planning Group and GMIA.

The slope, part of the county right-of-way, is severely eroded. A preliminary study by the county in August 2023 recommended that action should be taken to stabilize the slope. If the slope collapsed in a rainstorm, it could block Fuerte Drive and close off access for the thousands of vehicles who use the road each day. This is the corner near the Brigantine restaurant and the various businesses in that development.

Despite the recommendation in 2023, the county had taken no action to stabilize the slope as it dealt with other funding priorities.

Claudia Powell and D. Lynn Reeves live on Sierra Vista Avenue, and their backyard is the main property impacted by the slope instability. An historic structure on their property is located near the slope, and they fear it could be damaged if the slope collapsed.

They appeared before the planning group and GMIA seeking community support to urge the county to give higher priority to the slope stabilization, and both groups sent letters to the county Department of Public Works.

In a March 25 letter, Murali Pasumarthi, deputy director of the county Department of Public Works, said that based on community concerns, the department is prioritizing the slope for a preliminary engineering review and is looking for funding. In the meantime, the county will step up its monitoring of the slope during and after rains to ensure safe operation of Fuerte Drive.

GMIA will continue to follow this issue and urge the county to set aside funding to stabilize the slope. GMIA appreciates the county's responsiveness to community concerns. 🌱

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Special thanks to these members who donated \$25 or greater in excess of their dues.

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GMIA's Art & Garden Tour

Visitors to GMIA's Art and Garden Tour in April enjoyed four unusual and beautiful gardens. A special thanks to the garden owners for opening their yards to be part of the tour.

This year, GMIA offered free shuttles to anyone who didn't want to drive. Thanks to San Diego County Supervisor Monica Montgomery-Steppe, who provided GMIA with a grant so we could offer the shuttle buses.

Would you like to include your garden in the 2026 tour? We would love to see it! Let us know if you're interested by sending an email to yourgmianeighbor@gmail.com.



Babs Finds Lost Dogs

Do you have a system to protect your dog from all the upcoming fireworks noise? Some dogs become so frightened, they just run. The lucky ones are found by your neighbors, some end up in shelters, and some can be permanently lost.

Enter Babs Fry, who has a successful system for finding lost dogs and she offers her service for free. She has rescued thousands of dogs. You can find her online at awayhomefordogs.com.

Her suggestions: If your neighbors find your dog, they will use the phone numbers on the dog's collar - if the collar stays on and the phone numbers are up to date. (She recommends Martingale collar and slip leads, because they don't easily pull off.)

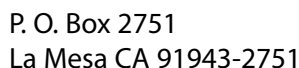
Make sure your dog is micro-chipped, and you have the microchip number available, just in case your dog ends up in a shelter. Have your dog scanned annually to ensure it works and check in to confirm phone numbers with the chip company.

Even dogs you've had for years will run. That's where Babs comes in. She suggests you don't go looking for that dog. Contact her first: 619-249-2221.

"You never, ever write them off and you never quit," says Babs on her home page video.

"Covid changed everything," she said. "Before then, fireworks were mostly scheduled and people could prepare for the noise," but then some people got creative and found ways to blow off fireworks for days or even weeks around July 4, and longer.

"Prevention is everything," Babs said.



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An annual household membership is \$20 until July 1, when memberships will increase to \$25 yearly. You can renew online at www.gmia.net or mail your payment to GMIA, P.O. Box 2751, La Mesa, CA 91943.

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