

# Herman Hiltcher House

**1014 Eastridge Knoll**

**1949**

**Ranch Style**

**Status: Unrecognized  
Significant Property**



The house at 1014 Eastridge Knoll was built by the Jewett Brothers, the first Fullerton construction company to build tracts of houses after World War II. Upon its completion, Herman Hiltcher, Fullerton's chief engineer at the time, bought the property for \$11,000. Hiltcher would become Fullerton's first City Administrator (now City Manager) in 1953. In Hiltcher's 45 years with the city, ending when he retired in 1966, Fullerton grew from a small citrus-growing community of 4,000 into a booming industrialized city. He served as City Administrator during the city's greatest growth period and had a hand in the design and development of every major public works project in Fullerton, leaving his mark on parks, streets, sewers, water facilities, fire stations, a state university, and a new city hall.

Coincidentally – or perhaps, not – this property backs up to Hiltcher Park, named for August Hiltcher in 1951, one of the city's first councilmen and the father of Herman Hiltcher.