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Fullerton Heritage *Mission*

Foster an appreciation of our city's cultural history and ensure the preservation of our historic architectural resources and environments



Fullerton Heritage

2024 Annual Meeting

Financial Update

Fullerton Heritage Profit & Loss January through December 2023

	Jan - Dec 23
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
\$10 - Student Member Dues	40.00
\$15 - Senior Member Dues	300.00
\$20 - Individual Member Dues	420.00
\$25 - Non-Profit Member Dues	50.00
\$30 - Family Member Dues	840.00
\$50 - Small Business Member Dues	200.00
\$100 - Friend Member Dues	2,300.00
\$250 - Sponsor Member Dues	250.00
\$500 - Patron Member Dues	2,500.00
Additional Donations	912.10
Interest Earned	6.79
Downtown Tours	225.00
Total Income	8,043.89
Expense	
Neon Sign	6,310.00
Web Page Design	850.00
Amerige Building 2013	345.00
Annual Awards	300.00
Bank Service Charge	74.08
Donations	800.00
Dues & Publications	799.00
P.O. Box Rental	105.00
Postage	575.40
Printing	2,293.48
Services	1,000.00
Supplies	125.67
Web Page Renewal	648.00
Total Expense	14,225.63
Net Ordinary Income	-6,181.74
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
FPD Neon Sign	6,609.61
Total Other Income	6,609.61
Net Other Income	6,609.61
Net Income	427.87

Fullerton Heritage Balance Sheet As of December 31, 2023

	Dec 31, 23
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
CIB CD Savings	10,312.81
CIB Checking	26,278.25
Total Checking/Savings	36,591.06
Total Current Assets	36,591.06
TOTAL ASSETS	36,591.06
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	14,732.69
Retained Earnings	21,430.50
Net Income	427.87
Total Equity	36,591.06
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	36,591.06

Our Goals



- Preservation, documentation, education
- Increase Fullerton Heritage membership
- Increase member engagement

Educate

- Welcome Letters
- Mills Act
- Historic Documentation
- Photography
- Historic Dist. Markers
- Plaque Program
- Tours

Advocate

- Preservation Zones
- Local Landmarks
- Advocacy Committee
- Fox Fullerton
- Hunt Center
- Fullerton Community College
- City Staff Outreach

Communicate

- Website
- Newsletter
- Social Channels
- Newspaper Content
- Member outreach

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2023/2024 Projects



- Preservation, documentation, education
- Increase Fullerton Heritage membership
- Increase member engagement

Educate

- Amerige Brothers Realty Office
- Welcome Letter
- Municipal Education
 - Elected Officials
 - City Staff
- Mills Act
- Tours

Advocate

- Increase Preservation Zones
- Update City Ordinances
- Promote *Fullerton's Heritage*
- Increase Local Landmarks
- Baggage Carts (Permanent Home)
- Hunt Center
- Fox Block
- Fullerton Community College
- Fullerton Auditorium
- Pathways to Hope Campus

Communicate

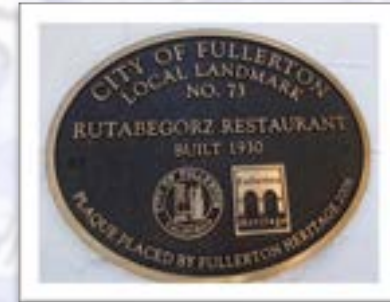
- Member-only Thank You
- Membership Engagement
- Website Content
- Social Content
- Observer Articles
- 100 Year Birthday:
 - California Hotel
 - Chapman Building
- Holiday Contest

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The Year in Review

Thank You Rutas!



Thank You Ann!



Hotline

- I have something I want to donate, what do I do?
- I'm interested in the house for sale for \$1
- I want to be a local landmark
- What was the name of that place?
- How do I renew my membership?
- I want my neighborhood to be a preservation zone. What do I need to do?



Walking Tours



Communications



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Fullerton's Wonder Dogs

by Debora Richey

In 1921, Strongheart, a male German Shepherd dog whose real name was Etzel Von Oeringen (1917-1929), made his Hollywood film debut in *The Silent Call*. A year later, another German Shepherd, Rin Tin Tin (1918-1932), would make his first movie appearance in *The Man from Hell's River*. Strongheart would die after an unfortunate movie set accident, but Rin Tin Tin would go on to become an international film sensation. Nicknamed Rinty, he made twenty-eight more silent and talkie films for Warner Bros., saving the studio from financial ruin on more than one occasion.

Warner Bros. rewarded its dark-haired German Shepherd star with his own car and driver, as well as a personal chef who prepared daily lunches of tenderloin steak for him. At the peak of Rin Tin Tin's popularity, Warner Bros. fielded 12,000 weekly requests for pictures of the canine star. Each one was autographed with a



Calix Little Call in *The Boat of Silence*



Produce the dog publicity shot for *K-9 Detective* (1930)

paw print and signed by Rinty's owner/trainer, Lee Duncan: "Most faithfully, Rin Tin Tin."

At a time when one out of two Americans saw a movie a week, Rin Tin Tin was responsible for greatly increasing the popularity of German Shepherds as a family and police dog. United States Air Corps Corporal Lee Duncan had found Rinty in a bombed-out dog kennel in Lorraine, France, during World War I. As part of their war strategy, German armed forces employed German Shepherds on the battlefield. American soldiers were initially amused by the military use of the dogs, but impressed by their obedience, agility, and strength, began to train the intelligent breed for war and police work. The dogs became cemented as faithful canine companions when blind Morris Frank selected a German Shepherd, Buddy, as the nation's first seeing eye dog in 1928.

The fact that Rin Tin Tin was one of the largest box-office draws in the world was not lost on other motion picture studios. Each Hollywood studio soon had its own German Shepherd wonder dog. Metro-Goldwyn Mayer promoted Napoleon Bonaparte; RKO Pictures used Ace the Wonder Dog; William Randolph Hearst's FBO Pictures Corporation had Ranger; and

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A Wealthy Heiress on Trial for Murder Fullerton's Connection to the Crime of the Century

by Debora Richey



The Mary E., a Chris Craft Cruiser



Beulah Overell & George Gollum, 1947

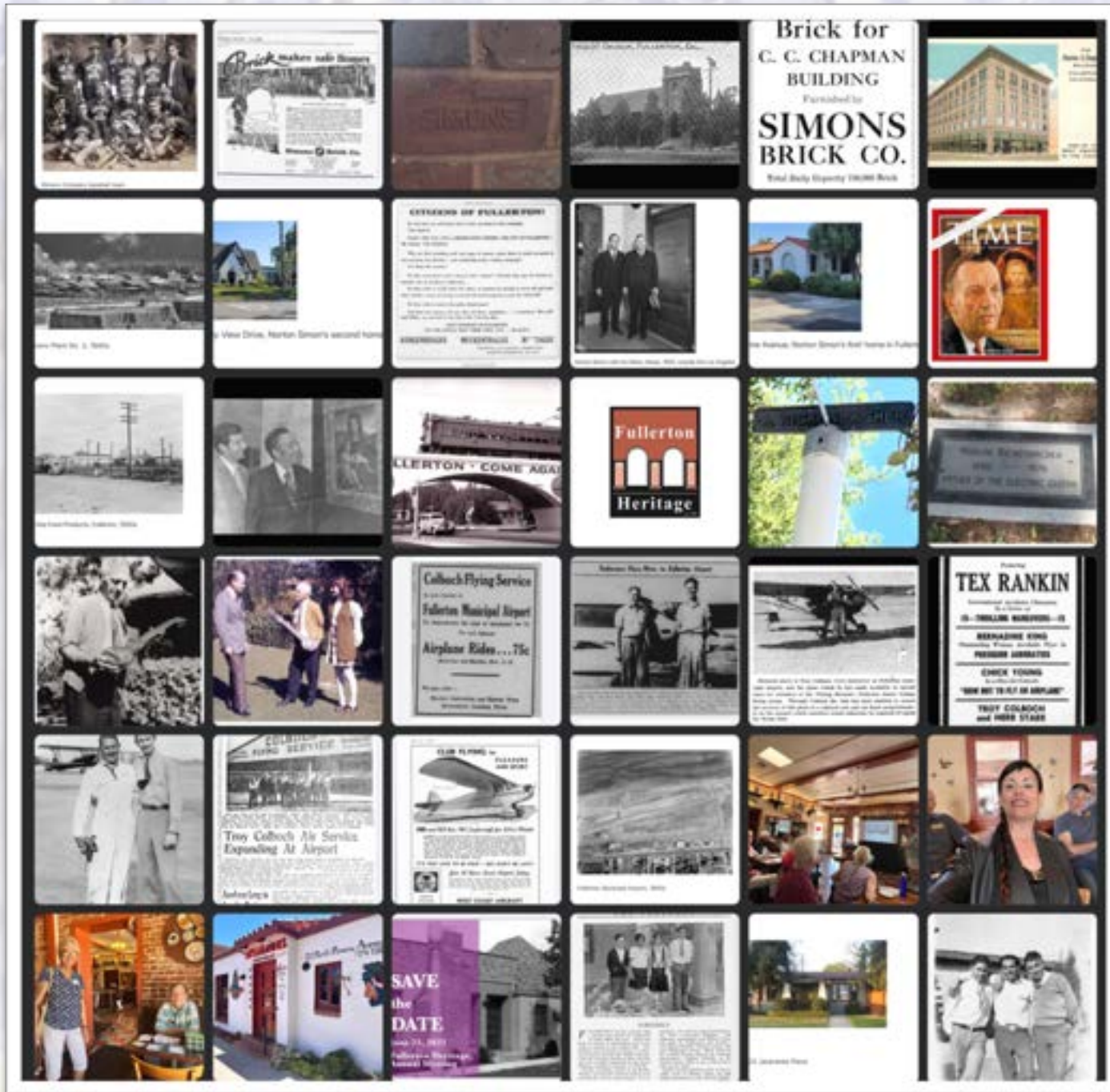
A few minutes before midnight on March 15, 1947, 17-year-old USC co-ed Beulah Louise Overell and her fiancée, 21-year-old George "Bud" Gollum, stood on shore while the *Mary E.*, a 47-foot yacht moored in Newport Harbor, exploded. Onboard were Beulah's parents, wealthy financier Walter E. Overell, 62, and his wife, Beulah, 57. Walter and Beulah Overell were wealthy socialites from the tiny subdivision of Flintridge. Walter Overell had made his original fortune in the furniture business in the 1930s and 1940s, then turned to real estate investment. Flintridge – now known as La Canada Flintridge – was named after developer and United States Senator Frank P. Flint, who was erroneously rumored to be having an affair with Beulah Overell. One of the streets in the city was named after her – Beulah Drive. The Overells had one spoiled daughter, Beulah Louise, who went by Louise, their sole heir.

After the mangled Chris-Craft cruiser was towed to shallow water by the Coast Guard, it was discovered that more than 30 sticks of dynamite had been planted in the boat's engine room, wired to an alarm clock detonator, and attached to the yacht's battery. A second cache of dynamite, which failed to detonate, was found in another area. The coroner determined that Walter and Beulah Overell had been bludgeoned to death one hour before the explosion. It was quickly discovered that the Overells had bitterly opposed their

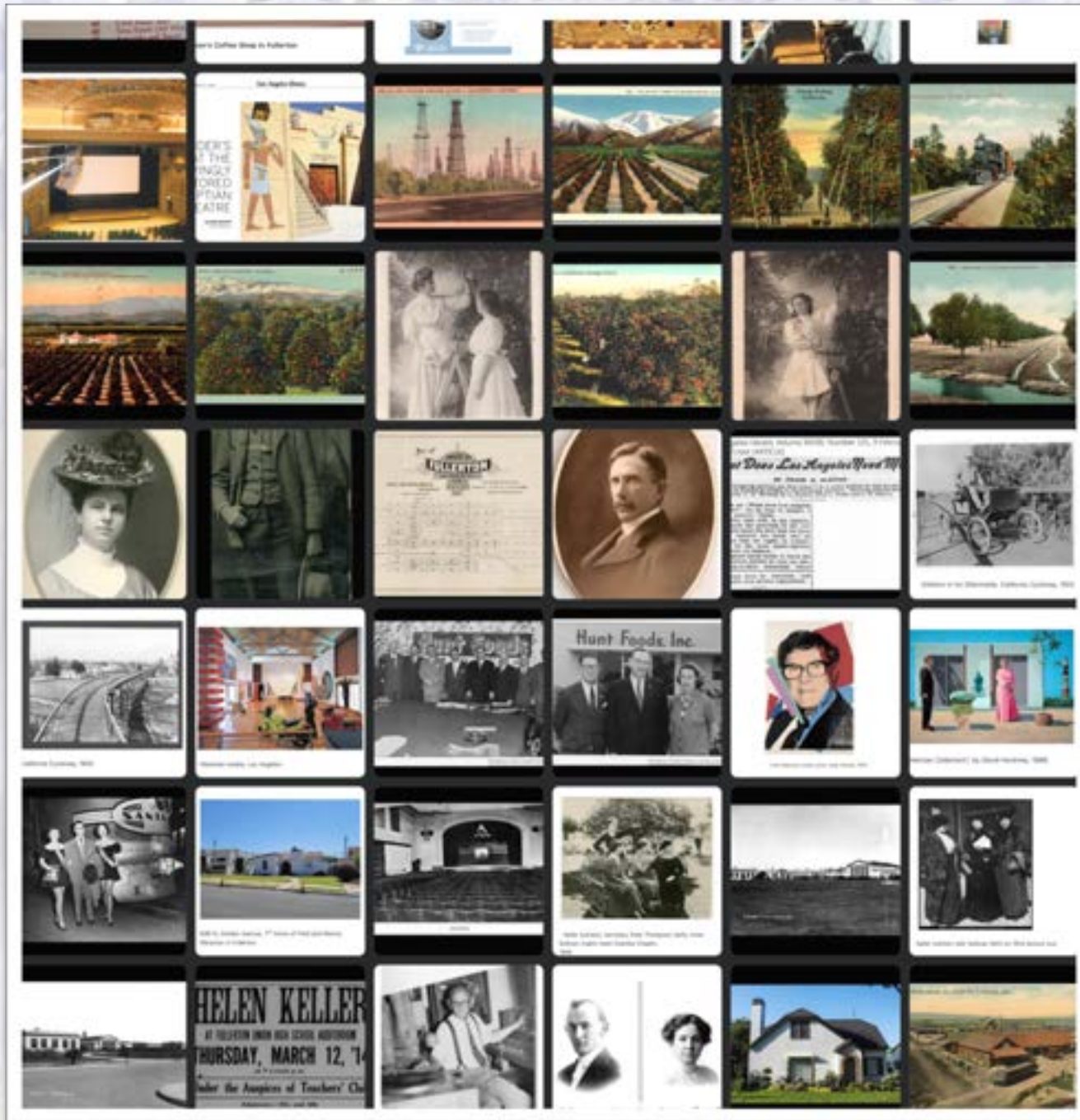
daughter's marriage to Gollum – an ex-sailor and "pre-pressed" student at Los Angeles City College – and had threatened to disinherit Louise if the marriage took place. The police found pieces of wire, pink adhesive tape, a receipt for the purchase of dynamite, and bloody clothes in Gollum's car. Louise's blood splattered clothes were found at her Flintridge home. Bud and Louise were also identified as the purchasers of the dynamite at the Chatsworth office of the Trojan Powder Company the day before the explosion. The police theorized that Mr. and Mrs. Overell had been beaten to death, then a bomb detonated to cover up the murders. Four days after the explosion, the young lovebirds were arrested and charged with murder. Denied bail,

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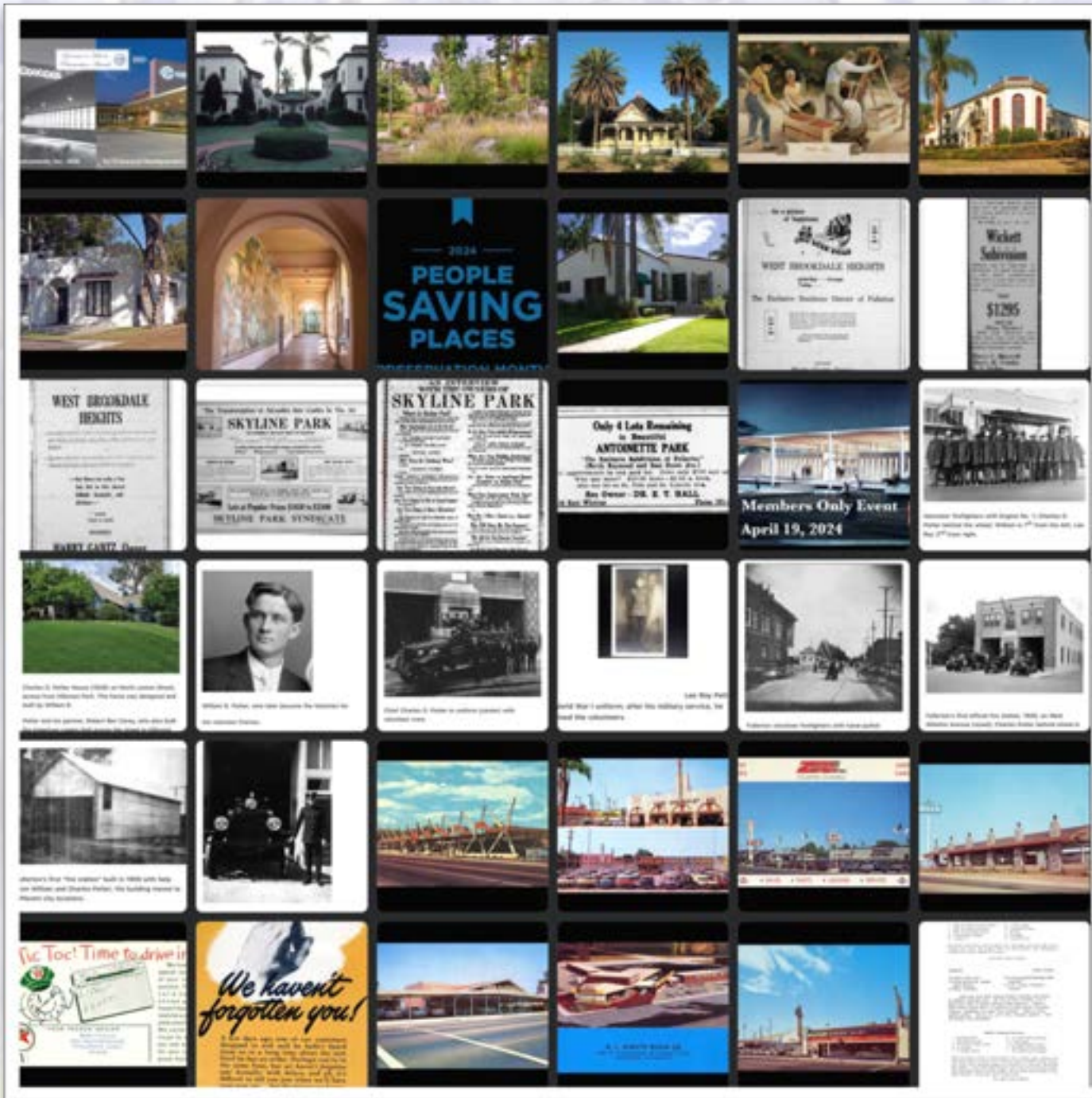
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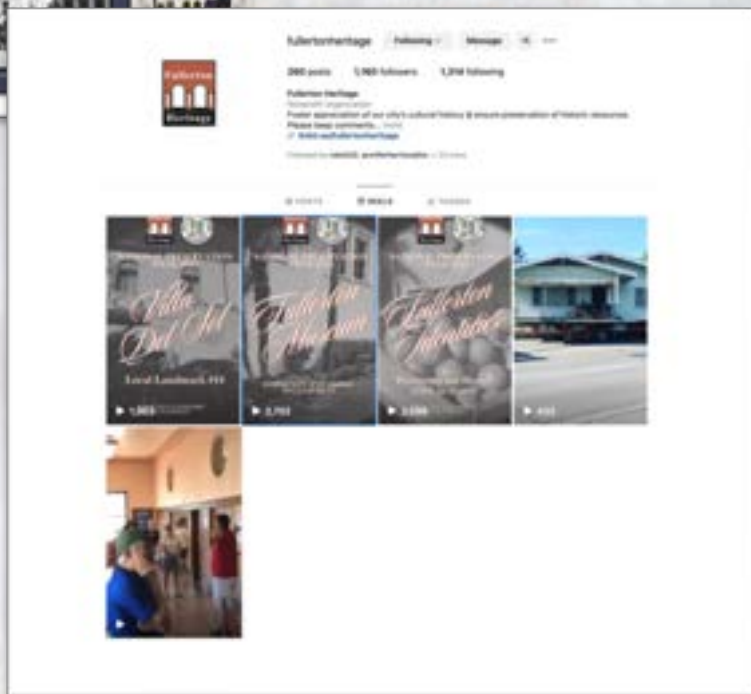
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FPL – Local History Room Turns 50



Community Investment Award

Rotary Club of Fullerton



- Multi-year winner
- \$500
- Report how funds are used



444 W. Malvern Ave

Earl S. Dysinger House

Local Landmark #108



The dwelling is locally known as the “Dr Pepper House” because the second owner of the property, Charles H. Schugt, was the president of the Dr Pepper Bottling Company of Fullerton. A generous neighbor, Schugt would often distribute free bottles of the soft drink throughout the neighborhood.

125 W. Elm Ave

Trook House

Local Landmark #110



Constructed in 1928/29, the English cottage-style house was designed and built by notable local contractor Earl G. Snyder. From 1921 until his death in 1952, Snyder constructed hundreds of homes in Fullerton, one of the few 1920s local contractors to continue home building after World War II and is an important builder in Fullerton's history. The home is named after the first owners, Carrie and Dell Trook.

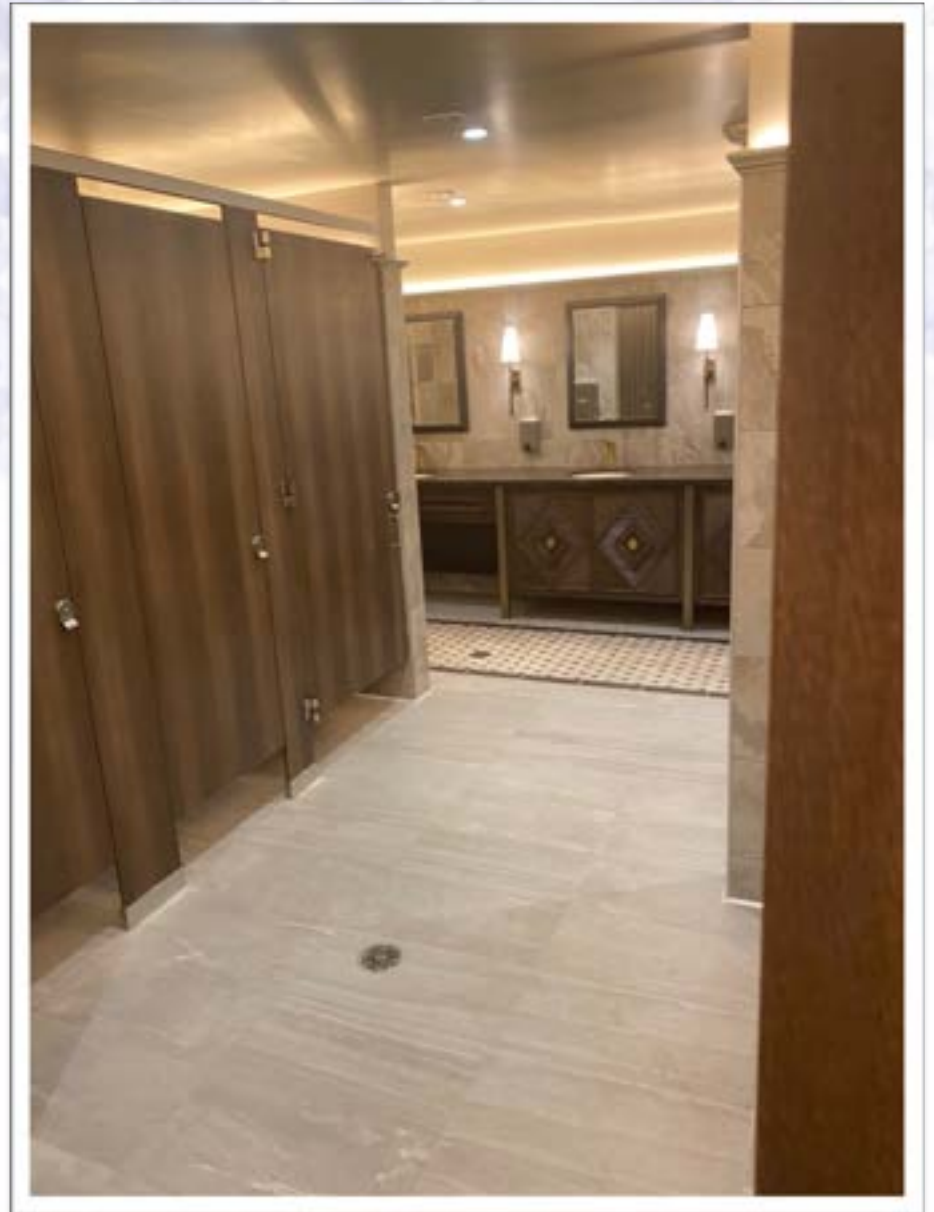
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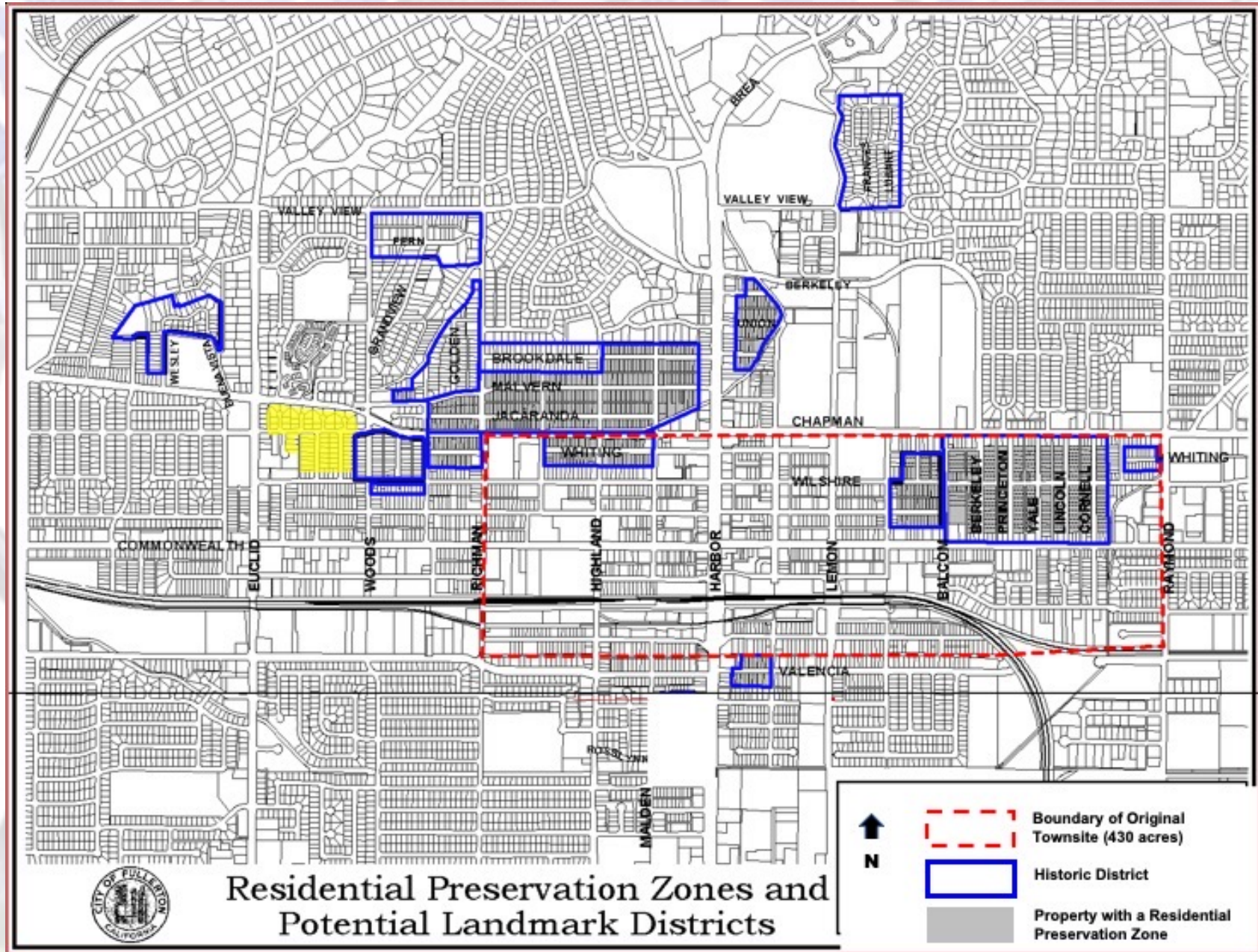
Hunt Library – Open Again



Fox Fullerton



New Preservation Zone



President Avenues

- Excellent collection of Minimal Traditional homes
- Defense Worker Housing
- Simple exterior forms and restrained detailing
- Depression/WWII eras
- Cul-de-sacs, consistent lot sizes/setbacks, concrete sidewalks and tree lined avenues
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Minimal Traditional



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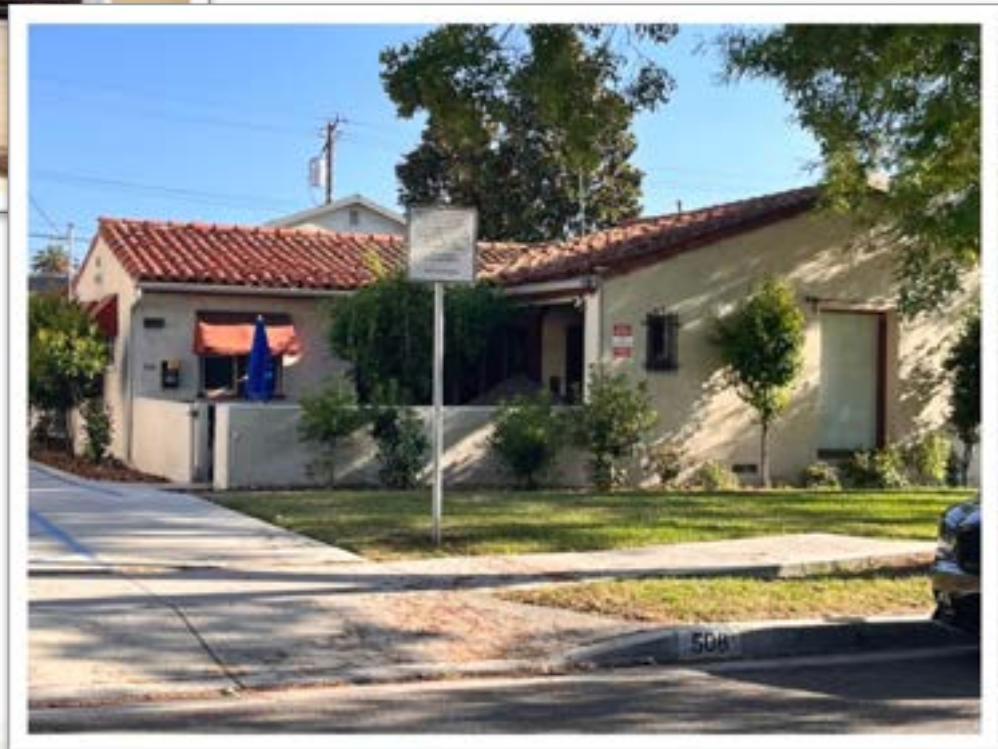
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Holiday Decorating Contest



Chapman Building Turns 100

November 1923



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The Charles C. Chapman Building Turns 100

by Debora Ritchey

In 1905, "Orange King" Charles Clarke Chapman (1853-1944), Fullerton's first mayor, purchased a vacant lot at the southeast corner of Spadra Road (now Harbor Boulevard) and Wilshire Avenue, where he hoped to build a First Christian Church. When the church was constructed further north of the site, the lot remained vacant for almost twenty years.

When Fullerton City Trustees talked at providing the land needed to construct the Calmaria Hotel (now Villa del Sol), Chapman, then the wealthiest man in the city, offered to build a new "high rise" business block opposite the proposed hotel on the vacant lot. True to his word, as soon as the City Trustees released the site for the new Class A hotel, Chapman quickly hired notable architect Monier Eugene Durfee (1885-1941) to create plans for a five-story commercial building in October 1921. Completed in 1923, the resulting Chapman Building (110 East Wilshire Avenue) would become one of Charles C. Chapman's most enduring contributions to the landscape of Fullerton. Even after 100 years, the Chapman Building still dominates the historic downtown area and remains Fullerton's most outstanding commercial structure.

The original plans called for a 3-story structure for a department store and offices, but given the town's fast growth, those plans were revised to add two more floors. The 1920s were prosperous times in Orange County, and the 55,000-square-foot Chapman Building reflected the unbound optimism of the time. The *Orange County Review* called it "a magnificent structure in every sense of the word, magnificent in



architecture, beautiful in appearance, solid, substantial and expensive in construction". When completed, the Chapman Building at 65 feet was the tallest building in Orange County. However, it would soon be eclipsed by the 8-story Samuel Kramer Building (201 East Center Street) - also designed by Monier Eugene Durfee - built in downtown Anaheim in 1924.

Architecture

The Chapman Building is an excellent example of how commercial architecture in California in the early part of the 20th century reflected the background of its transplanted owners. Chapman began his entrepreneurial career in Chicago in the 1870s, arriving in California as a wealthy man in 1894, when the Chicago skyscraper style was at its peak. When the opportunity arrived, it was natural for Chapman to recreate this style of architecture in his hometown. In using the style of famed architect Louis H. Sullivan - known for incorporating arches and classical elements in his skyscrapers - Durfee evidently "borrowed" some of the detailing from Sullivan's Bayard-Condit Building (1897-1898) in Manhattan. The result was an outstanding example of the Chicago School of





Current Projects

City Outreach

- New Planning Staff
- Police Chief Radus
- Mayor Nick Dunlap
- Planning Commissioner Peter Gambino
- Library Director Booth
- Councilman Zahra

FCC Building 300



FPD Neon Sign

**SAVE FULLERTON
PD NEON SIGN**



FPD Neon Sign Repair



FPD Neon Glows Again



Fullerton Police Department



Mills Act



City of Fullerton Mills Act Program, Guidelines & Application



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The Architecture Associate in Science Degree courses are designed to develop skills necessary to help facilitate transfer to a university for a Bachelor of Architecture Degree (B.Arch.). Placement is based on a portfolio review. The curriculum is also designed to prepare students for employment in the architectural profession. The program requires a minimum of 32-34 units.

Architectural CAD Technology

The Architectural CAD Technology Certificate program is designed to prepare students for employment in the architectural field as a CAD drafter. The CAD drafter prepares construction documents for the contractor. Architects and architectural drafters use computer-aided design (CAD) software to create drawings and blueprints for buildings. Architectural drafters often specialize in designing a specific type of structure. Proficiency in the use of computers and CAD software is key to working in the field.

Architecture Mini CAD

The Architecture Mini CAD Certificate prepares students to be functional within two and three-dimensional CAD systems used in the architecture/engineering/construction industry. The student will generate drawings from existing designs, plot drawings, create electronic files and develop file management skills. A minimum grade of C is required in each course taken.

Degrees & Certificates

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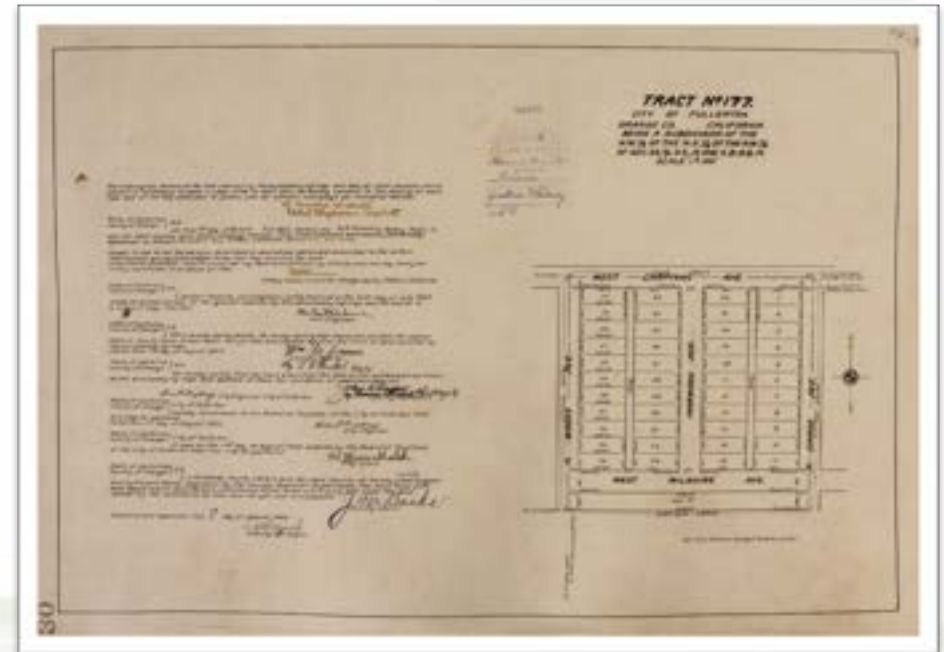
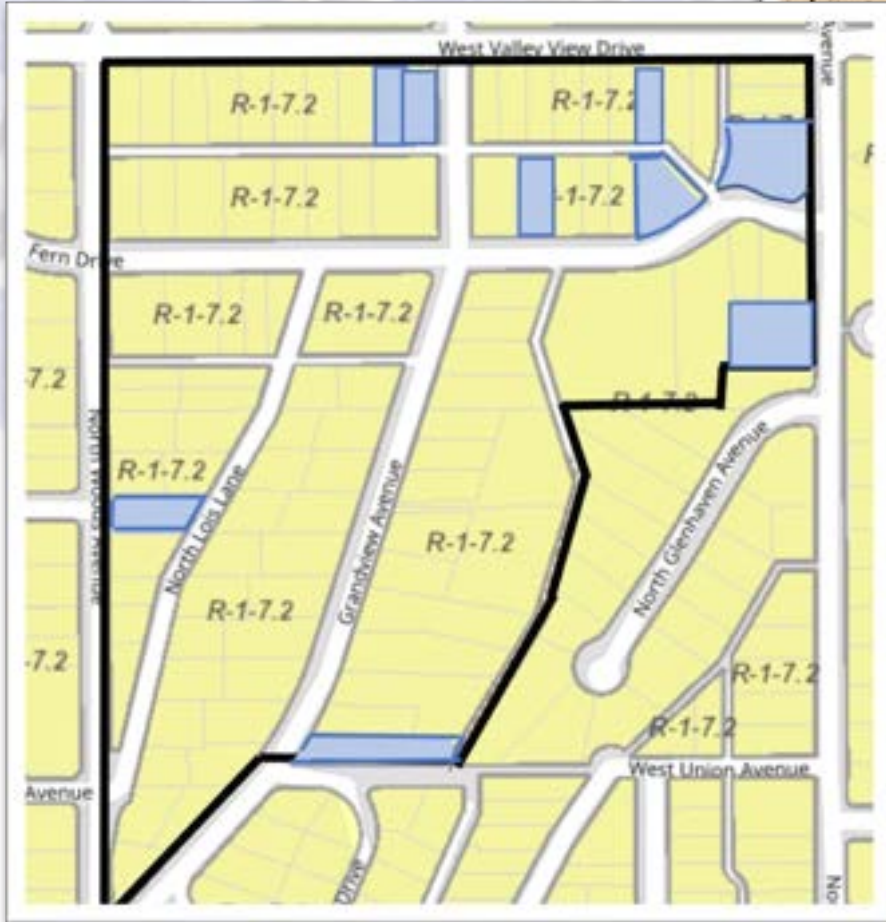
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How the tragic fire at Notre Dame will accelerate the adoption of laser scanning of historic architecture

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More Preservation Zones



More Preservation Zones

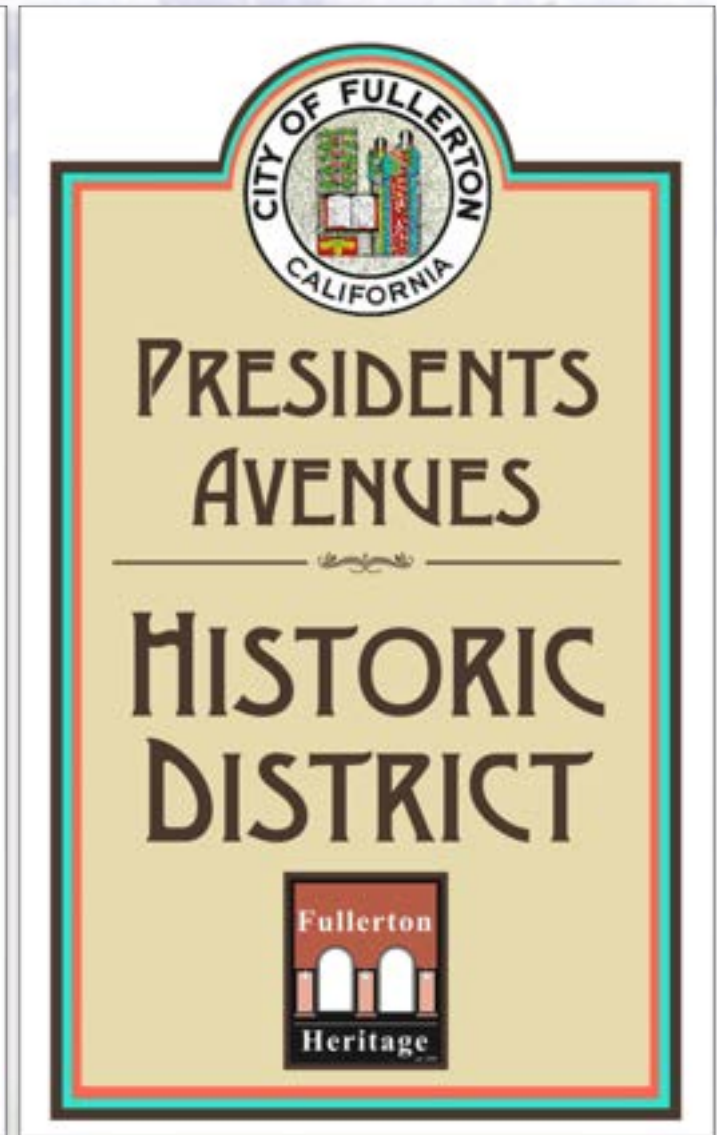
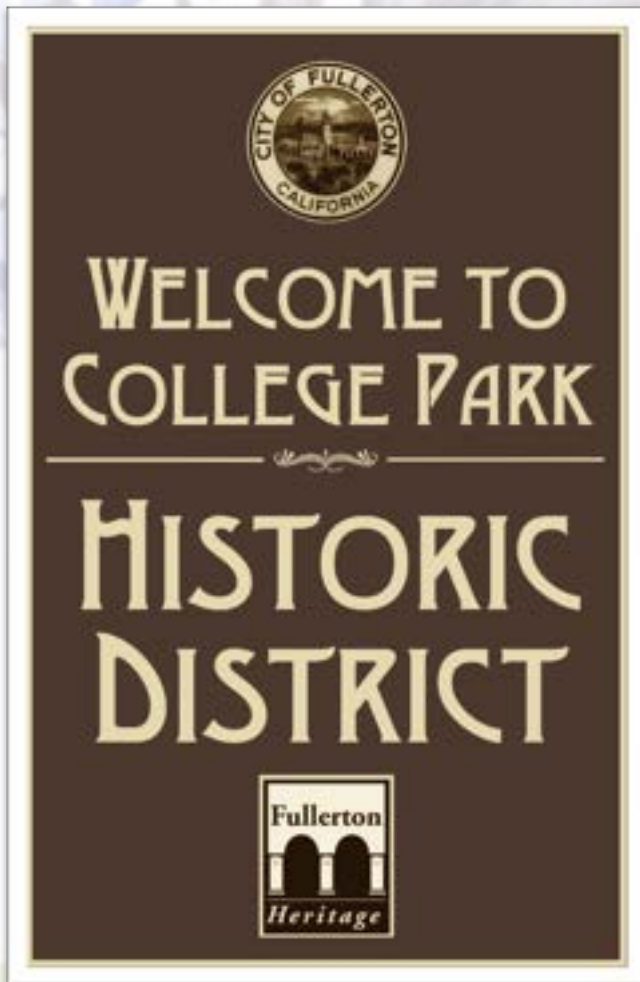


- Wilshire-Woods-Wickett Square
- Upper Golden Hill
- Amerige Avenue
- Oceanview Park
- Skyline Park

Plaques



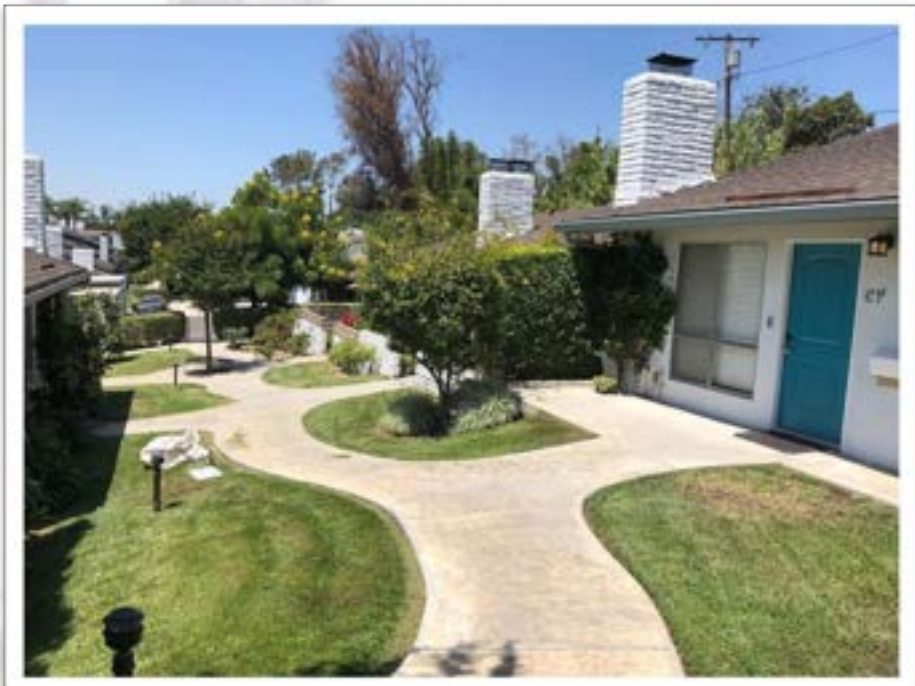
Historic District Markers



Local Landmark Interest



Local Landmark Interest



Potential National Register



Transportation Center



Transportation Center



City of Fullerton - Stakeholder Survey

The City of Fullerton would like your help to develop a downtown brand/logo and wayfinding for the Downtown and Transportation Center.

Please assist us by responding to the following questions. We value your opinion and appreciate your time. Not all answers are required. The estimated time to complete this survey is about 5 minutes.

If you choose to provide your email at the end of the survey, your submission will be entered to win a \$50 Amazon gift card. Thank you for helping visualize the future of Downtown Fullerton!

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ORANGE COUNTY OFFICIALS BREAK GROUND ON LA YETA VILLAGE IN ORANGE TO ADDRESS CRITICAL HOUSING SHORTAGE FOR THE UNHOUSED

City of Fullerton – Stakeholder Survey

BY CITY OF FULLERTON ON JUNE 18, 2024 • 12 COMMENTS

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Thank You!



AWARD TIME



Good Neighbor Award

Radiant Futures



**Community Education
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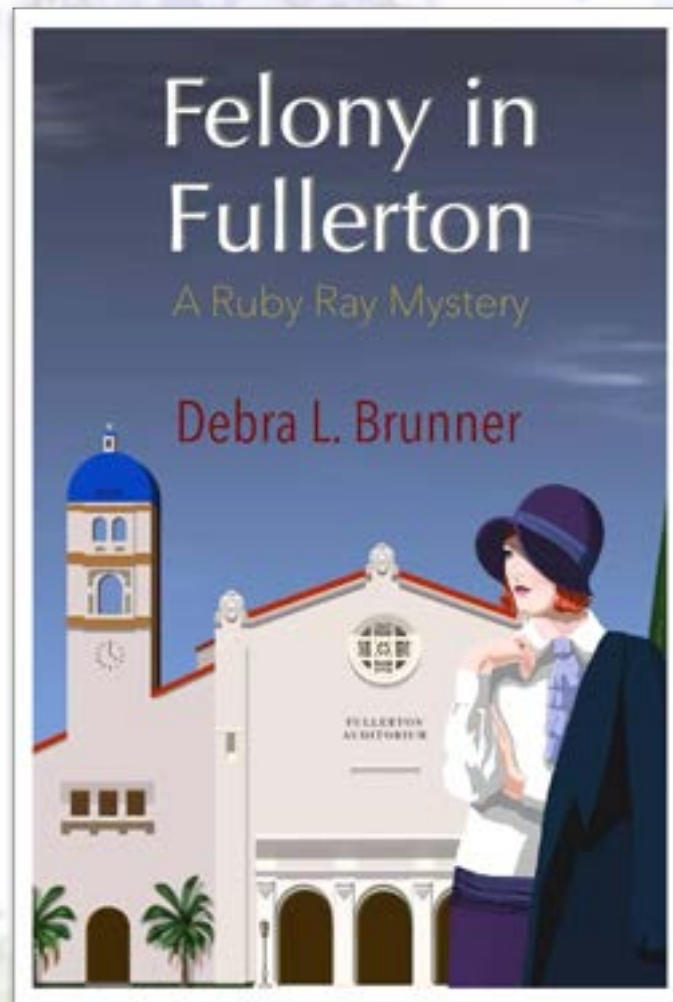
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**Preservationist
of the Year**

Debbie DeSpain

Guest Speaker Debra Bruner





Thank You!