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Preserving the Past for a Better Future

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JANES VILLAGE ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING

SUNDAY APRIL 22ND

2:30 PM

AT CHRIST THE SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH, 185 W. ALTADENA DR. (CORNER OF ALTADENA AND GLENROSE)

A GENUINE JANES COTTAGE

DO YOU LIVE IN AN AUTHENTIC JANES COTTAGE? HOW DO YOU KNOW? WHAT IS THE HISTORY OF YOUR HOUSE AND THIS UNIQUE NEIGHBORHOOD? TIM GREGORY, THE BUILDING BIOGRAPHER WILL BE THE FEATURED PRESENTER AT THE JANES VILLAGE ANNUAL MEETING THIS YEAR. THE MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 22ND, 2:30 PM AT CHRIST THE SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH AT THE CORNER OF ALTADENA DR. AND GLENROSE.

MR. GREGORY WAS INVOLVED IN MUCH OF THE RESEARCH THAT FIRST BROUGHT JANES VILLAGE TO ITS STATUS AS A ALTADENA HERITAGE AREA. HE HAS SOME WONDERFUL NEW PHOTOS AND INFORMATION ABOUT THE GRAND OPENING OF THE JANES COTTAGES.

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HOW TO IMPROVE THE NEIGHBORHOOD

WE ALL HAVE A PART IN MAKING JANES VILLAGE A GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD. HERE ARE A FEW TIPS FROM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS AND REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONALS TO HELP IMPROVE THE LOCAL NEIGHBORHOOD.

- TURN ON THE PORCH LIGHT. CRIME DECLINES IN NEIGHBORHOODS THAT ARE WELL LIT.
- WALK AROUND THE BLOCK. IT GETS YOU OUT AND VISIBLE AND ITS SIMPLE TO DO.
- DRIVE SLOWLY ON NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS.
- GET TO KNOW THE NAMES AND INTERESTS OF YOUR NEIGHBORS.
- PICK UP LITTER NEAR YOUR HOME AND KEEP CURBS, SIDEWALKS CLEANED OF DEBRIS.
- EXCHANGE PHONE NUMBERS WITH YOUR

NEIGHBORS. THIS IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY.

- GET TO KNOW THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND HELP TO MAKE THEM FEEL SAFE AND WELCOME.
- REPORT CRIME. WHETHER IS IT GRAFFITI , PETTY VANDALISM OR A SERIOUS INCIDENT, POLICE CANNOT HELP IF THEY DON'T KNOW ABOUT IT.
- STAY WHERE YOU ARE. STABLE NEIGHBORHOODS ARE BUILT ON LONG-TERM RESIDENTS.
- BECOME INVOLVED IN A NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP OR ORGANIZATION. YOU WILL BE BETTER INFORMED ABOUT NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES AND CAN HAVE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN MAKING CHANGES THAT ARE FOR THE BETTER.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

WELCOME NEIGHBORS!

WE'RE OFF TO A GOOD START WITH OUR NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND WE'RE RARIN' TO GO. LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO THEM: PRESIDENT – ELSIE STRONG; VICE PRESIDENT – JENNIFER DONKIN; SECRETARY/TREASURER – DEE BARTHOLOMEW; YAHOO GROUPS MODERATOR – HEATHER HOUSEMAN; WEBMASTER – SHARON DING; CAROL BROWN; NINA PADDOCK;

HONORARY BOARD MEMBER EMERITUS – MICHAEL BAIETTI. OUR GOAL IS TO KEEP THE JANES VILLAGE COMMUNITY INFORMED AS TO WHAT IS GOING ON IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND TO GET INVOLVE IN ACTIVITIES BENEFITTING JANES VILLAGE OWNERS AND THE ALTADENA COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE.

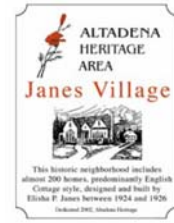
SPEAKING OF JANES VILLAGE OWNERS, OUR WEBSITE, JANESVILLAGE.ORG, WILL BE UPDATED SOON

AND OUR WEBMASTER IS WORKING DILIGENTLY TO GET THIS DONE. I'VE HEARD THAT A FEW FOLKS WERE WONDERING IF THIS WOULD EVER GET DONE, SO LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT EVERYONE'S AWARE OF THIS. SO PLEASE BE PATIENT WITH US.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MORE COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND WOULD LIKE FOR EVERYONE TO PARTICIPATE. WE NEED TO COME TOGETHER AS A

COMMUNITY, SHARE IDEAS TO IMPROVE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND START PLANNING SOME COMMUNITY EVENTS TO GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER. LET'S STRIVE FOR THIS AND MAKE OURSELVES PROUD. WHO KNOWS.....WE MIGHT JUST END UP BEING THE BEST COMMUNITY IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

ELSIE STRONG



ALTADENA HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO HOST PROGRAM ON THE ST. FRANCIS DAM DISASTER

MONDAY, APRIL 23RD

7:30 PM

ALTADENA COMMUNITY CENTER

ST. FRANCIS DAM DISASTER

THE **ST. FRANCIS DAM** WAS COMPLETED IN 1926 TO REGULATE THE FLOW OF WATER FROM THE OWENS VALLEY TO LOS ANGELES. ON THE MORNING OF MARCH 12, 1928, LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER CHIEF ENGINEER **WILLIAM MULHOLLAND** WAS CALLED IN TO INSPECT NEW LEAKS IN THE DAM. HE PROCLAIMED THE DAM TO BE PERFECTLY SAFE. BEFORE MIDNIGHT OF THAT SAME DAY, THE ST. FRANCIS DAM COLLAPSED, SENDING 12 BILLION GALLONS OF WATER ON A DESTRUCTIVE RAMPAGE THROUGH THE CANYONS OF LOS ANGELES AND VENTURA COUNTIES TO THE PACIFIC OCEAN OVER 50 MILES AWAY.

AUTHOR **PAUL RIPPENS**, AUTHOR OF *THE NIGHT OF THE FLOOD, THE ST. FRANCIS DAM DISASTER*, WILL PRESENT THE FACTS OF THIS CATAclysmic EVENT AT THE NEXT

ALTADENA HISTORICAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING ON MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 23RD. MR. RIPPENS' PRESENTATION WILL FOCUS ON THE IMPACT OF THE DAM BREAK ON LOS ANGELES, AND HE WILL SHARE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE DESTRUCTION WHICH TOOK THE LIVES OF OVER 450 PEOPLE AND BROUGHT A SUDDEN END TO THE ILLUSTRIOUS CAREER OF WILLIAM MULHOLLAND.

IN JANUARY, AHS SPONSORED A SCREENING OF THE FILM "EATON'S WATER," WHICH HIGHLIGHTED AN EVEN EARLIER EFFORT TO BRING WATER TO THIRSTY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. IN THE ENSUING DISCUSSION, THE SPEAKERS EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR WATER CONSERVATION. BY CONTRAST, PAUL RIPPENS' PRESENTATION WILL FOCUS ON HOW MAN'S ATTEMPTS TO HARNESS WATER CAN SOMETIMES DO MORE HARM THAN

GOOD.

PAUL RIPPENS IS RETIRED AS CHIEF FORESTER OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT AND LIVES IN SAN DIMAS, CALIFORNIA. HE HAS WRITTEN ARTICLES FOR *THE BRANDING IRON*, THE QUARTERLY PUBLICATION OF THE LOS ANGELES CORRAL OF WESTERNERS AND PUBLISHED BOOKS ON HENNINGER FLATS AND HISTORIC MT. LOWE. MR. RIPPENS' BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE MEETING.

THE PROGRAM WILL BEGIN AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE ALTADENA COMMUNITY CENTER LOCATED AT 730 EAST ALTADENA DRIVE, ALTADENA 91001. THE MEETING IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

LOMA ALTA PARK NEW FACILITIES

IF YOU HAVEN'T STOPPED BY LATELY, YOU SHOULD CHECK OUT THE IMPROVEMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE AT THE LOMA ALTA COUNTY PARK LOCATED A SHORT WALK FROM THE HEART OF JANES VILLAGE.

CONSTRUCT ON THE NEW 13,500 SQ. FT. GYMNASIUM AND COMMUNITY BUILDING IS COMPLETED AS WELL AS THE RENOVATION AND EXPANSION

OF TWO NEW PARKING LOTS; NEW WALKWAYS; NEW SECURITY LIGHTING; LANDSCAPING AND IRRIGATION. CURRENTLY WORK IS BEING DONE ON THE SWIMMING POOL AND LOCKER ROOM BUILDING. IT SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY THIS SUMMER IN TIME FOR SWIM LESSON AND OPEN SWIM. OTHER ACTIVITIES THAT TAKE PLACE IN THE PARK INCLUDE:

- AFRICAN DANCE LES-

- SONS
- AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM
- BEGINNER AND INTERMEDIATE WRESTLIN
- CHEERLEADING
- COMMUNITY GARDENS
- COOKING CLASSES
- CULTURAL EVENTS
- HEALTH AND JOB FAIRS
- HOLIDAY AND SUMMER DAY CAMPS
- SPORTS LEAGUES
- SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM



- TEEN CLUB
- TINY TOTS PROGRAM
- VOLLEY BALL AND INDOOR SOCCER
- YOUTH/ADULT/CO-ED BASTETBALL LEAGUES

ALTADENA SHERIFF STATION WELCOMES A
NEW CAPITAN



AS OF APRIL 1ST OUR ALTADENA STATION HAS A NEW COMMANDER, CAPTAIN ROOSEVELT BLOW. CAPTAIN BLOW COMES TO US FROM THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE BUREAU WHERE HE WAS

CAPTAIN OVERSEEING THE NINE CAMPUSES.

CAPTAIN ROOSEVELT BLOW HAS MORE THAN TWENTY-NINE YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. HIS CAREER WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ENCOMPASSES THE FOLLOWING EXPERIENCES AND ASSIGNMENTS:

- PATROL DIVISION (UNIT

COMMANDER)

- CUSTODY OPERATIONS DIVISION (UNIT COMMANDER)
- LEADERSHIP & TRAINING DIVISION (DIVISION OPERATIONS LIEUTENANT)
- INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU (INVESTIGATOR-SERGEANT)
- SAFE STREETS BUREAU (GANG ENFORCEMENT TEAM LEADER-SERGEANT)
- STATION DETECTIVES - SERGEANT
- COURT SERVICES DIVISION

CAPTAIN BLOW'S CAREER IS HIGHLIGHTED BY HIS PARTICIPATION IN VARIOUS PROGRAMS SUCH AS HIS ALUMNI STATUS WITH THE LEADERSHIP SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (CORRO FOUNDATION), AND GRADUATION

FROM THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, N.A. ACADEMY. ACHIEVEMENTS OF PERFORMANCE HAVE BEEN NOTED AS A RECIPIENT OF THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT'S MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD, EXEMPLARY SERVICE AWARD AND THE COMMENDATION FOR QUALITY SERVICE AWARD/CUSTODY DIVISION.

HIS FAVORITE QUOTATION IS AN AGE-OLD PRINCIPLE, "DO VIOLENCE TO NO MAN, NEITHER ACCUSE ANY FALSELY; AND BE CONTENT WITH YOUR WAGES."

CAPTAIN JOE GUTIERREZ WILL BE TRANSFERRING TO THE SPECIAL VICTIMS BUREAU WHERE HE WILL OVERSEE CRIMES COMMITTED AGAINST ADOLESCENTS.

2007 SUMMER CONCERTS IN THE PARK

THE FREE SUMMER CONCERTS IN FARNSWORTH PARK ARE AN ALTADENA TRADITION. WE ARE JUST A COUPLE OF MONTHS AWAY FROM THE 11TH ANNUAL SUMMER CONCERTS IN THE PARK SERIES AND WE HAVE JUST ABOUT FIRMED EVERYTHING UP FOR ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL CONCERT SERIES.

BUT... WE ARE STILL IN THE NEED OF SPONSORS. ONE OF OUR MAJOR \$5,000 SPONSORS WAS NOT ABLE TO COME THROUGH WITH THEIR PROMISE, AND WE MAY HAVE TO CANCEL 3 OR MORE CONCERTS. WE ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR A

REPLACEMENT SPONSOR. IF YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO HELP SUPPORT THE SERIES, PLEASE DROP US A NOTE AT INFO@ALTADENASHERIFFS.ORG, OR CONTACT DEPUTY SAM ESTRADA AT 626-296-2103.

BELOW IS SCHEDULE FOR THE CONCERT SERIES. ALL CONCERTS ARE AT 7:00 PM IN THE AMPHITHEATER AT FARNSWORTH PARK, 568 E. MOUNT CURVE AVE.. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (626) 296-2103. OR CHECK THE WEBSITE AT WWW.ALTADENASHERIFFS.ORG.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE PARK.

2007 Summer Concert Series

- 6/2/2007 — Louis Taylor - Jazz
- 6/16/2007 — Little Red and the Mean Machine - Blues
- 6/30/2007 — Brian Hughes - Jazz guitar <http://www.brianhughes.com/>
- 7/14/2007 — Riders of the Purple Sage - Country <http://www.ridersofthepurplesage.com/>
- 7/28/2007 — Downbeat Express (Altadena's Big Band) - Big Band Sound
- 8/4/2007 — The Groove - Oldies Rock 'n Roll <http://thegrooveonline.net>
- 8/18/2007 — Clarita and Arte Flamenco - Spanish Dance <http://www.arteflamenco.com/>
- 9/1/2007 — TBD
- 9/15/2007 — Johnny Cash Tribute - Terry Lee Goffee <http://www.terryleegoffee.com/>



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**DELIVER TO:
HISTORIC JANES COTTAGE RESIDENT**

Mission Statement

The goal of the residents of Janes Village is to celebrate the unique character and architectural significance of homes built by Elisha P. Janes and to foster a sense of community within this historic area.

IS THERE A TAX BREAK FOR HISTORIC JANES COTTAGES?

THERE IS MUCH INTEREST AND DISCUSSION SURROUNDING THE POSSIBILITY OF HISTORIC JANES COTTAGES QUALIFYING UNDER THE MILLS ACT PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT.

THE MILLS ACT CONTRACTS ARE BETWEEN THE PROPERTY OWNER AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTING THE TAX ABATEMENT. EACH JURISDICTION INDIVIDUALLY DETERMINES THE CRITERIA AND REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION.

DISCUSSIONS WITH THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROVED FRUITLESS SINCE THEY ONLY

OVERSEE PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES NOT UNINCORPORATED AREAS SUCH AS ALTADENA.

THE COUNTY CONDUCTED A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF A HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE, HOWEVER, THEY ARE NOT CURRENTLY WORKING ON THE PROJECT.

AT THE COUNTY LEVEL THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION APPEARS TO BE LIFELESS. HOWEVER, MEMBERS OF HISTORIC JANES VILLAGE PLEDGE TO CONTINUE TO INVESTIGATE AND REVIVE THIS ISSUE. IF ANYONE OUT THERE HAS ANY

INFORMATION, OR IS MOTIVATED TO INVESTIGATE THIS TAX ABATEMENT FURTHER, PLEASE SHARE IT WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD AT THE JANES VILLAGE WEBSITE.

