

WELCOME

Business Street, Fullerton, Cal.

FULLERTON HERITAGE ANNUAL MEETING



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Fullerton Heritage

2025 - 2026 Board of Directors

Ernie Kelsey – President

Jennifer Harris – Vice President

Noelle Rossi – Treasurer

Bob Linnell – Secretary

Debbie DeSpain

John Estrada

Terry Galvin

Nick Nicholas

Debora Richey

Ray Sly

Vote

2026 ELECTION OF OFFICERS FULLERTON HERITAGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



The following candidates are recommended to
serve as director of the Corporation for
two years:

***DEBBIE DESPAIN, JOHN ESTRADA, JENNIFER HARRIS,
BOB LINNELL, DEBRA RICHEY AND RAY SLY***

☐ I vote for the candidates listed above:

☐ Write-in candidate: _____

The following continue to serve on the board:
Terry Galvin, Ernie Kelsey, Nick Nicholas and
Noelle Rossi. Votes not received will be assumed to
be votes in favor of the Board's recommendation,
and will be voted by the Board by proxy.



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Fullerton Heritage is a non-profit 501 (3) (c) organization.



Thank You!

Joan Wolff

Fullerton Heritage *Mission*

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



2025-2026 Goals & Activities

Goal: Educate

Use multiple ways to inform the community of its heritage and celebrate its history

Activities

- Welcome Letter to new property owners in Historic Districts
- Utilization of the Amerige Brothers Realty Office
- Historic Research and Documentation
- Meetings with Municipal Officials:
 - City Council Members
 - Planning Commissioners
 - City Staff
- More Options for Walking Tour:
 - West Township
 - FUHS/FC
- Retainment of FH Photographer for Documentation
- Placement of Historic Markers For Three Historic Districts
- Placement of Plaques for Local Landmarks
- Local History Room Donations

Goal: Advocate

Provide ways and knowledge on how to protect, enhance and restore historic resources within the city

Activities

- Establishment of Three Historic Districts: Lower Golden Hill, Oceanview and Skyline Park
- Provide Assistance for any new Historic District Requests
- Updates to City Ordinances
- Utilization of Mills Act Contracts
- National Register and Historic Landmark Designations
- Advocacy Committee
- Reviews of Proposed Construction within Historic Districts
- Involvement with On-going Matters Affecting Historic Properties or Areas
- Fox Fullerton Monitoring
- Historic Restoration of Fullerton Police Department
- Repair Transportation Center Interior Bench
- Find Permanent Home for Santa Fe Depot Baggage Carts

Goal: Communicate

Use various forms of communication to provide information to the community about its historic resources

Activities

- Host Members-Only Event
- Publish Bi-Annual Newsletter
- Maintenance of FH Website to Keep its Content Current
- Creation of Weekly Social Media Content
- Member Engagement
- Write *Fullerton Observer* Articles
- Conduct 2025 Halloween Contest

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Financial Update

The Year in Review

Hotline – 714-740-3051



- I have something I want to donate, what do I do?
- I want to be a Local Landmark
- Is the Mills Act for me?
- I want my neighborhood to be a preservation zone – what's next?
- I'm coming to the event!

Walking Tours



- Historic Downtown Walking Tour
- Township West Walking Tour – Debuted in Jan. 2026
- Historic Hillcrest Park Walking Tour

Next Tour:

Township West: June 13, 2026

Advocacy

- 116 N. Cornell
- 819 Lois
- 433 W. Jacaranda
- 737 N. Highland
- 115 N. Harbor
- 156 Ramona
- 310 W. Malvern
- 437 W. Malvern
- 412 W. Brookdale
- 340 W. Brookdale
- 636 Drake
- 840 Grandview
- 301 W. Malvern
- 211 W. Malvern
- 1015 N. Lemon
- 620 W. Wilshire
- 312 W. Brookdale
- 130 W. Malvern
- 201 Bastanchury
- 343 Marwood
- 206 Wilshire
- Hillcrest Park

Fun Find

Masonic Temple, Fullerton, Cal.



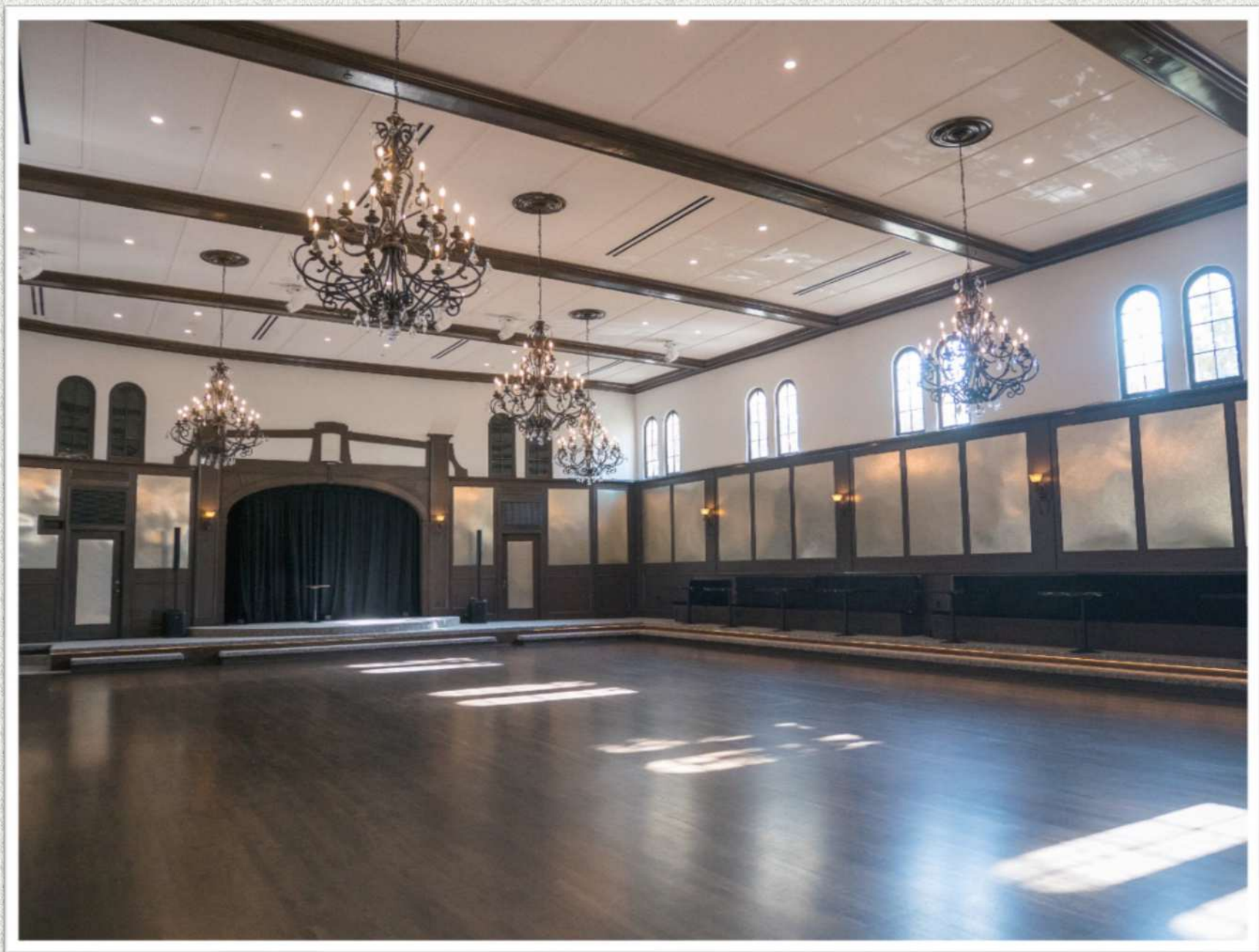
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Arcadia Metal Products

801 S. Acacia



Local History Room Support



Fullerton Landmarks



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Chapman Park | HL-1

Chapman Park is the site of the Chapman Ranch, which included acres of Valencia orange groves, packing house, and the home of Fullerton's first mayor, Charles C. Chapman. The three-story residence, constructed in 1903 by C.H. Smith, was demolished in 1960... [read more](#)



Raymond Starbuck House | HL-2

This cottage style home was constructed in 1927 for Raymond Starbuck, son of pioneer druggist William Starbuck. The two-story home, set back 80 ft from the street is rich in careful details and craftsmanship.



Meredith Conway House | HL-3

This Colonial Revival house, built on the northwest corner of Commonwealth and Pomona for Meredith Conway and his wife Mary, was constructed by Fullerton's first notable contractor, Clinton Smith. It was moved to its current location at 150 Marion in 1980.



Amerige Bros. Real Estate Office | HL-4

Constructed in 1887, the Amerige Bros. Real Estate Office currently sits on the north side of Amerige Park facing Commonwealth. It has been relocated many times over the years to accommodate Fullerton's expanding business district. It was restored to its... [read more](#)



Pacific Electric Depot | HL-5

The Mission Revival style Pacific Electric Depot was



Hillcrest Park | HL-6

In January of 1920, the City purchased 33.649 acres from



Union Pacific Depot | HL-7

The Union Pacific Railroad was the third to lay tracks



Muckenthaler House and Gardens | HL-8

This 7,600 square ft house of Adella and Walter

Newsletters



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Ernest S. Gregory Fullerton's Most Prolific Early Builder

by Debora Richey

Prior to World War II, Ernest Shaw Gregory (1881-1933) was the most prolific builder of housing in Fullerton. Starting in 1916, no fewer than 500 residences were constructed by Gregory in the city, many of which are still standing. When Gregory died in 1933, by his own hand, it was estimated out of the 10,860 inhabitants in Fullerton, over 2,000 were living in a Gregory-built home. Local historians believe that aside from town founder George Amerige, Gregory was the most responsible for Fullerton's substantial growth in the 1920s. A generous and courtly gentleman, Gregory's death was a deep personal loss to the community as well as to Fullerton's housing industry. Far-sighted, he had implemented many housing elements – tract development, affordable housing, attached garages, cutting-edge technology – that other building contractors quickly adopted. He built almost exclusively single-family residences designed in a variety of styles. Incredibly, it appears that no two residences are identical in their design features.



Ernest S. and Laura Gregory, photo taken around 1910

Early Years

Ernest Shaw Gregory was born March 3, 1881, in Chesterfield County, Virginia. He was one of ten children born to Edwin Spencer Gregory (1840-1912) and Rosina Harriet Gill (1841-1914). Reared on a farm, he attended country schools. At the age of 19, he moved to Fullerton, joining his sister, Estelle Rosina Gregory Welton, and brother, Richard Spencer Gregory (1876-1958), who would serve as Fullerton Mayor from 1914 to 1916. He learned the carpentry trade with Clinton H. Smith, Fullerton's first significant contractor/builder, and supplemented that training with a course at the Throop Polytechnic Institute (later the California Institute of Technology) in Pasadena. He also received a mathematics and drafting diploma from the International Correspondence School in Scranton, Pennsylvania. Around 1902, Gregory moved to Los Angeles, where he worked as a foreman of a large building concern, overseeing the construction of 3,000 homes. During these early years, he would often make short trips back to Fullerton to assist in the construction of homes. On one of these visits, Gregory met Laura Esther Gage (1884-1982), a Kansas native. Gregory, then 22, and Laura, 19, were married on July 26, 1903, in Los Angeles, then moved into Gregory's home at 642 West 37th Street.



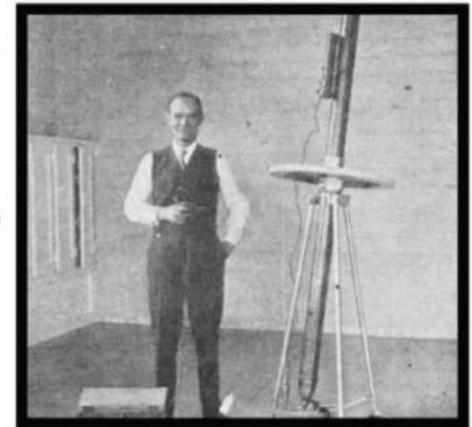
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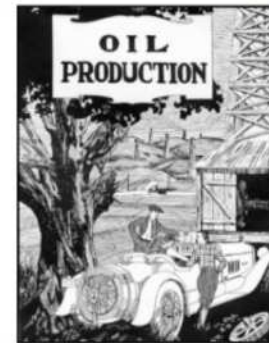
Alexander Anderson: Revolutionary Oil Surveyor & Inventor

by Debora Richey

In the summer of 1927, Fullerton residents began seeing multiple magazine articles on local inventor Alexander Anderson (1879-1966). The articles in the *Standard Oil Bulletin*, *Scientific American*, and *Literary Digest*, a weekly general interest magazine, were surprising because Anderson had remained largely unknown. Particularly intriguing was an article in the July 1927, issue of *Scientific American* – "The Wanderings of an Oil Well" – showing the former college professor standing next to an odd-looking device. Curious, subscribers of the *Fullerton News Tribune* asked editor Edgar Johnson to interview the unknown inventor. Anderson, unfortunately, was on a six-month business trip abroad, soliciting business for his new company, Alexander Anderson, Inc., but the first of many articles on him did finally appear in the November 19, 1927, issue of the local newspaper.



Scientific American, Alexander Anderson with his invention, July 1927

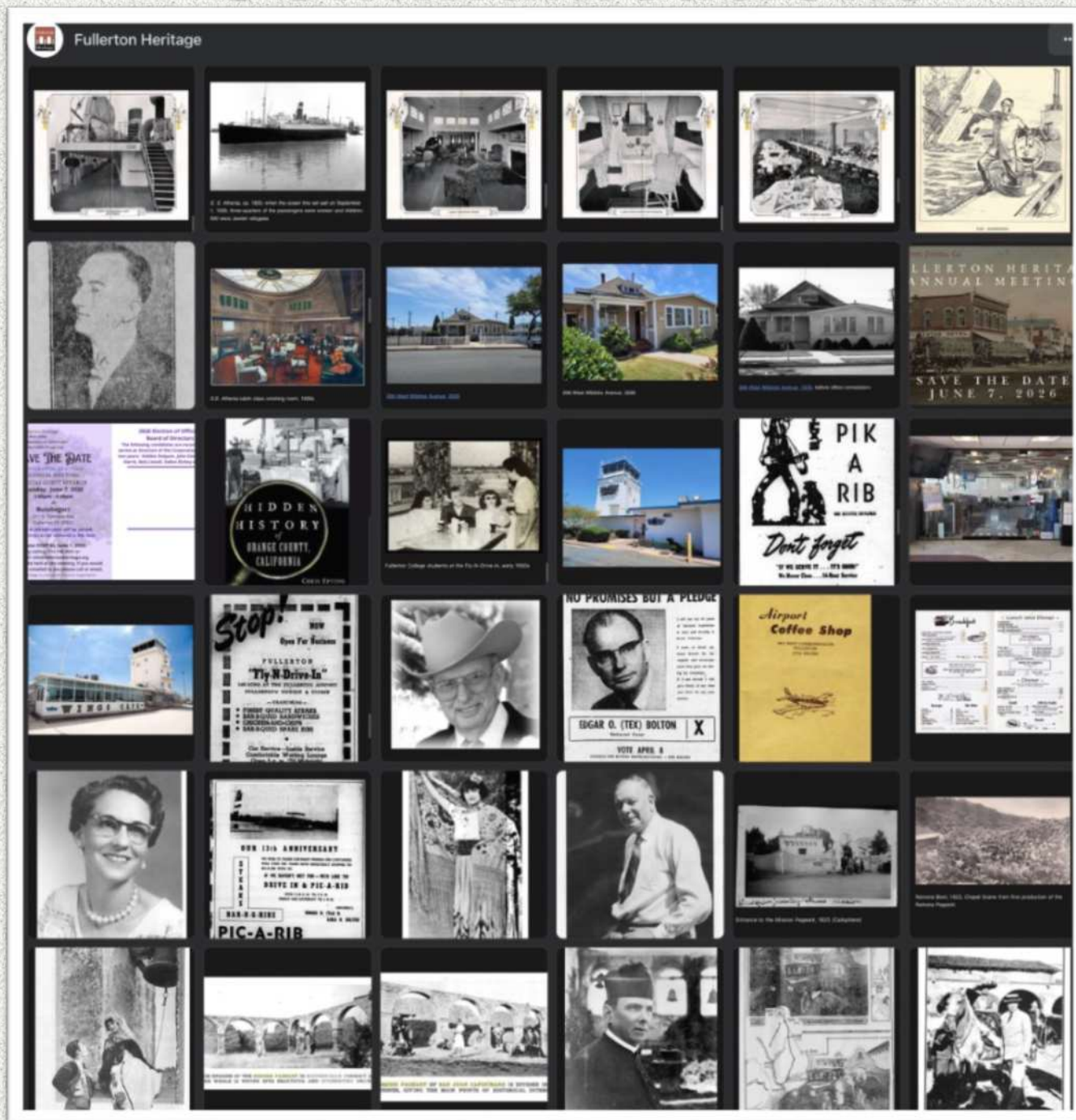


Advertising Drawing for new Oil Production Program, Fullerton College, 1922

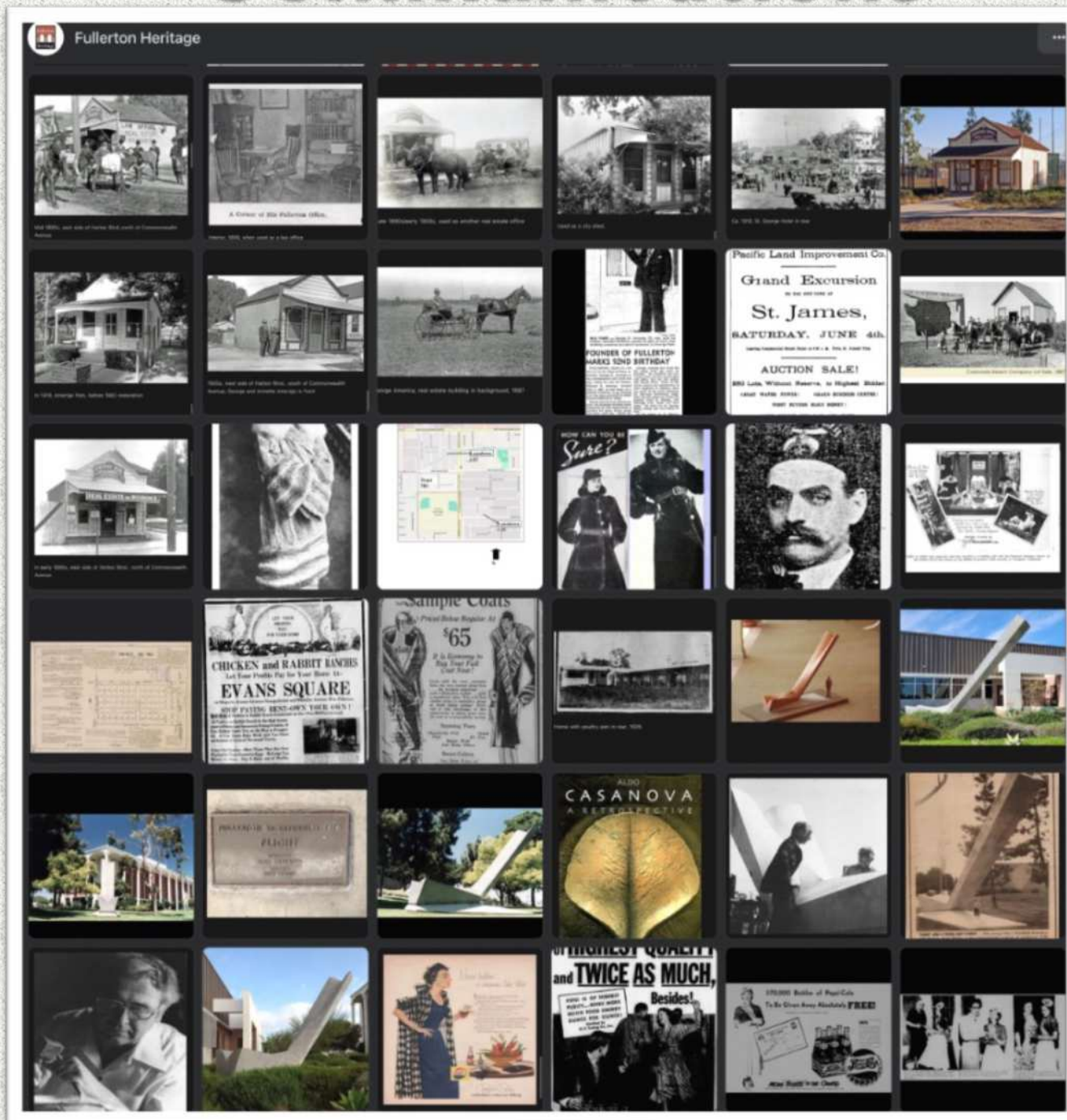
Unbeknownst to most Fullertonians, Anderson, a pioneer underground oil well surveyor, had designed and patented an automatic, or "robotic", photographic device in 1924 that allowed oil companies to determine in advance where to drill for oil. The simple looking, but innovative apparatus, allowed drillers to pinpoint the location of an underground oil reservoir, avoiding dry holes and costly drilling. His development of the first underground oil well survey system revolutionized the petroleum industry in the 1920s.

Born in Dale, Indiana, Alexander Anderson was the eldest of three children born to two Scottish immigrants. His father, John Anderson (1840-1909), a tobacco trader, made the decision to return to his native land, and at the age of 12, Alexander moved across the world to St. Andrews, a town on the east coast of Fife. His aptitude for mathematics was apparent at an early age. He graduated from the Universities of Edinburgh and Aberdeen in Scotland, then was awarded an Associateship from the Royal School of Mines (ARSM) in London. During the Second Boer War (1899-1902) in South Africa, he joined Company L of the First Battalion, one of several Scottish regiments fighting for the British Empire. He

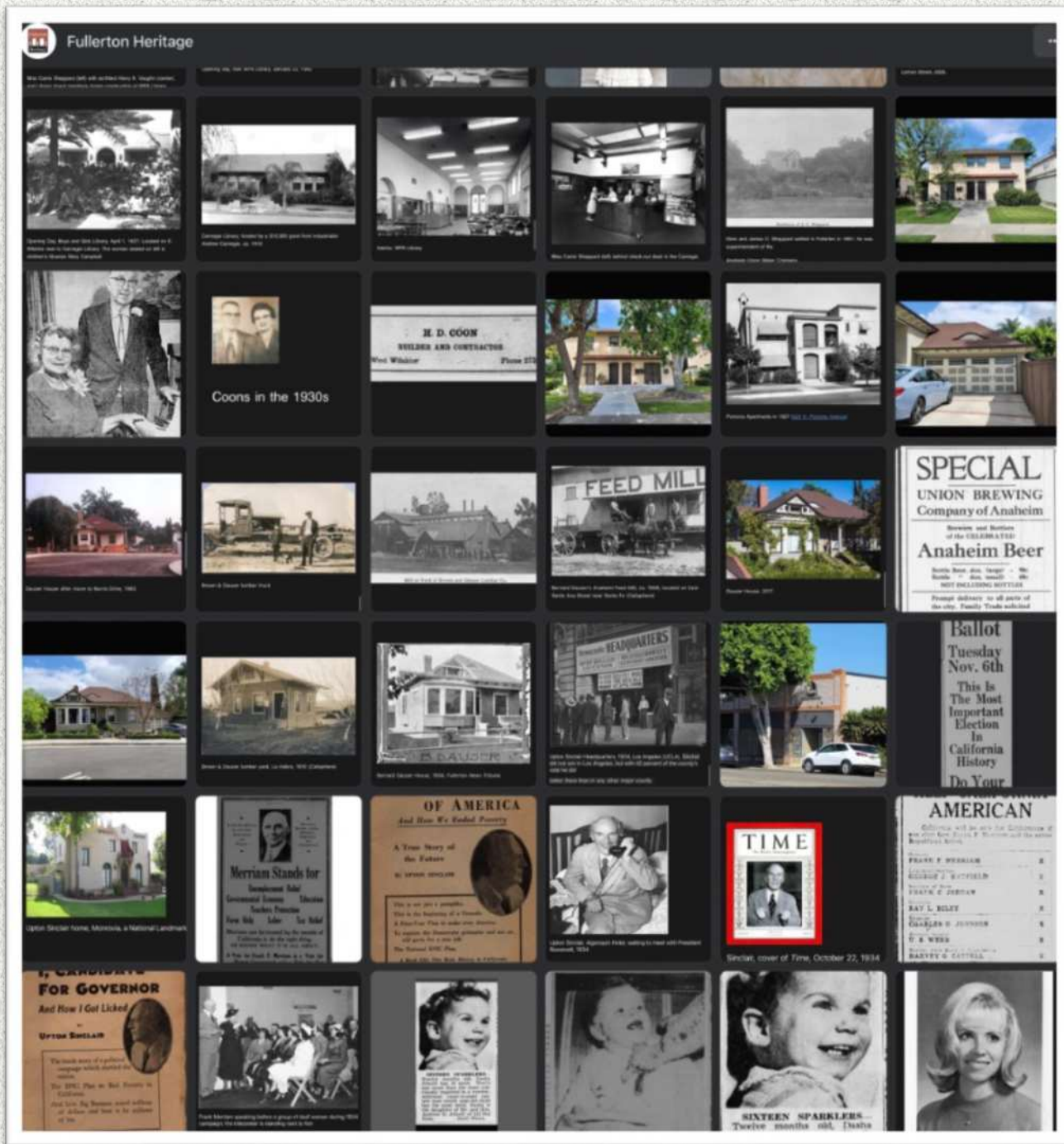
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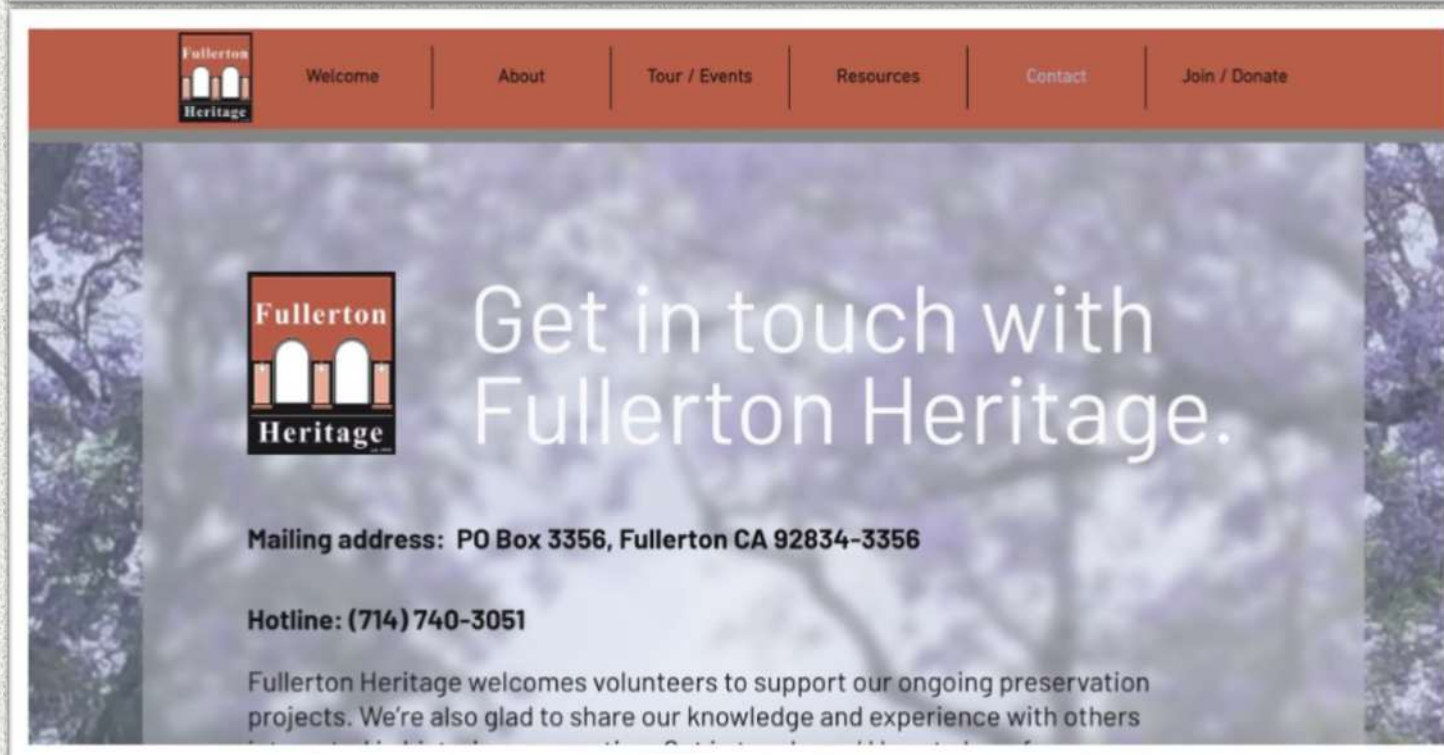
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Community Investment Award

Rotary Club of Fullerton

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NEWS

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In attendance were representatives from various nonprofits including HOPE, Fullerton Heritage, Tara's Chance, and more. Fullerton's Meals on Wheels President Sandra White proudly positioned in the front row, second from the right.

Meals on Wheels of Fullerton Honored with Community Investment Award

Meals on Wheels of Fullerton was honored with a prestigious Community Investment Award during the Rotary Club of Fullerton's weekly luncheon on April 8. This grant, presented by the Orange County Community Foundation, highlights the foundation's ongoing commitment to serving the community. This recognition emphasizes the essential role that Meals

on Wheels plays in providing vital services to those in need.

"We are incredibly grateful for the support from the Rotary Club of Fullerton and the Orange County Community Foundation," said Fullerton's Meals on Wheels President Sandra White.

She expressed her appreciation for their continuous

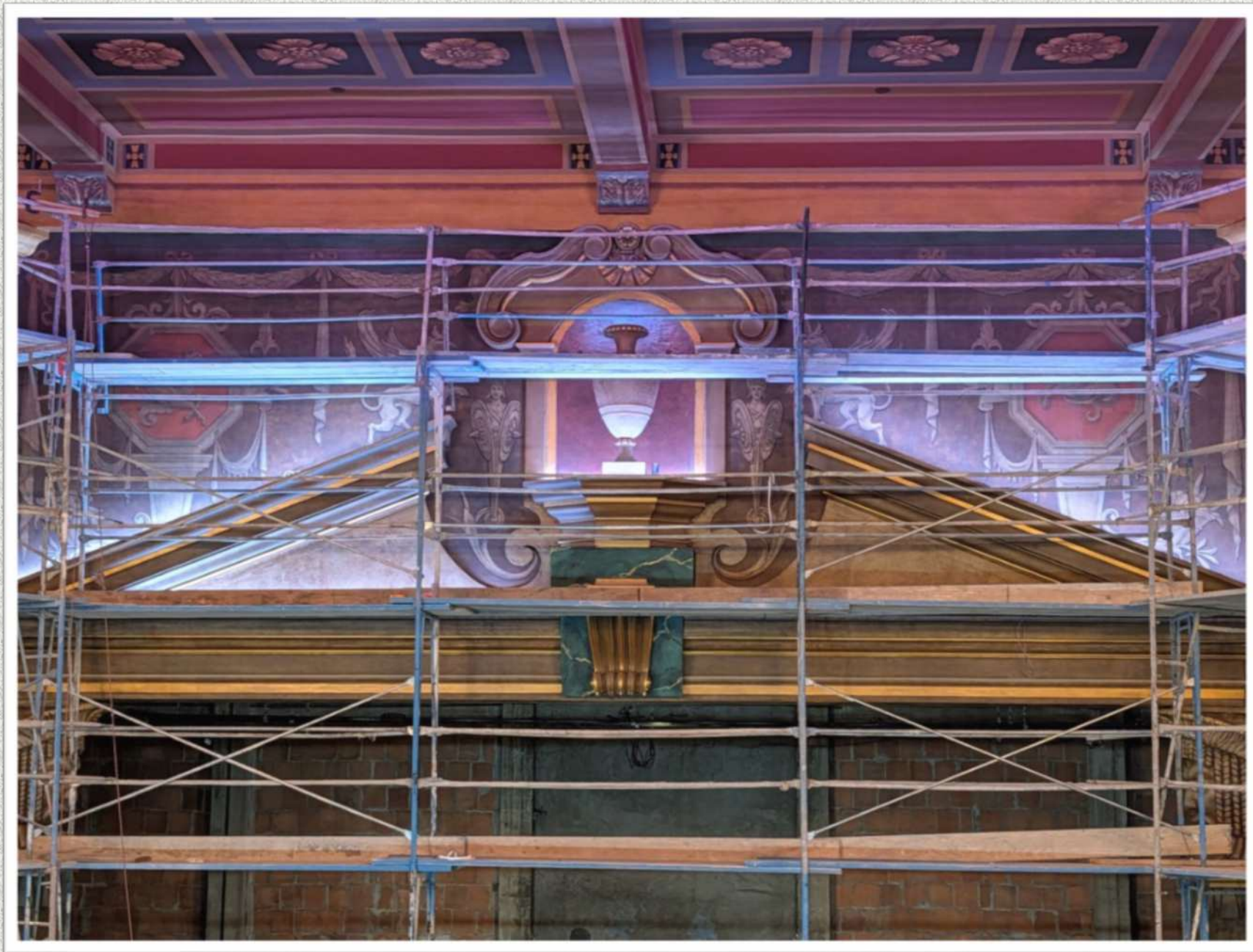
partnership. The award not only honors the organization but also reinforces its mission to ensure that no senior goes hungry.

Since its inception in 1974, Meals on Wheels of Fullerton has served the homebound residents of the city, delivering nearly 2 million meals over the past 52 years.

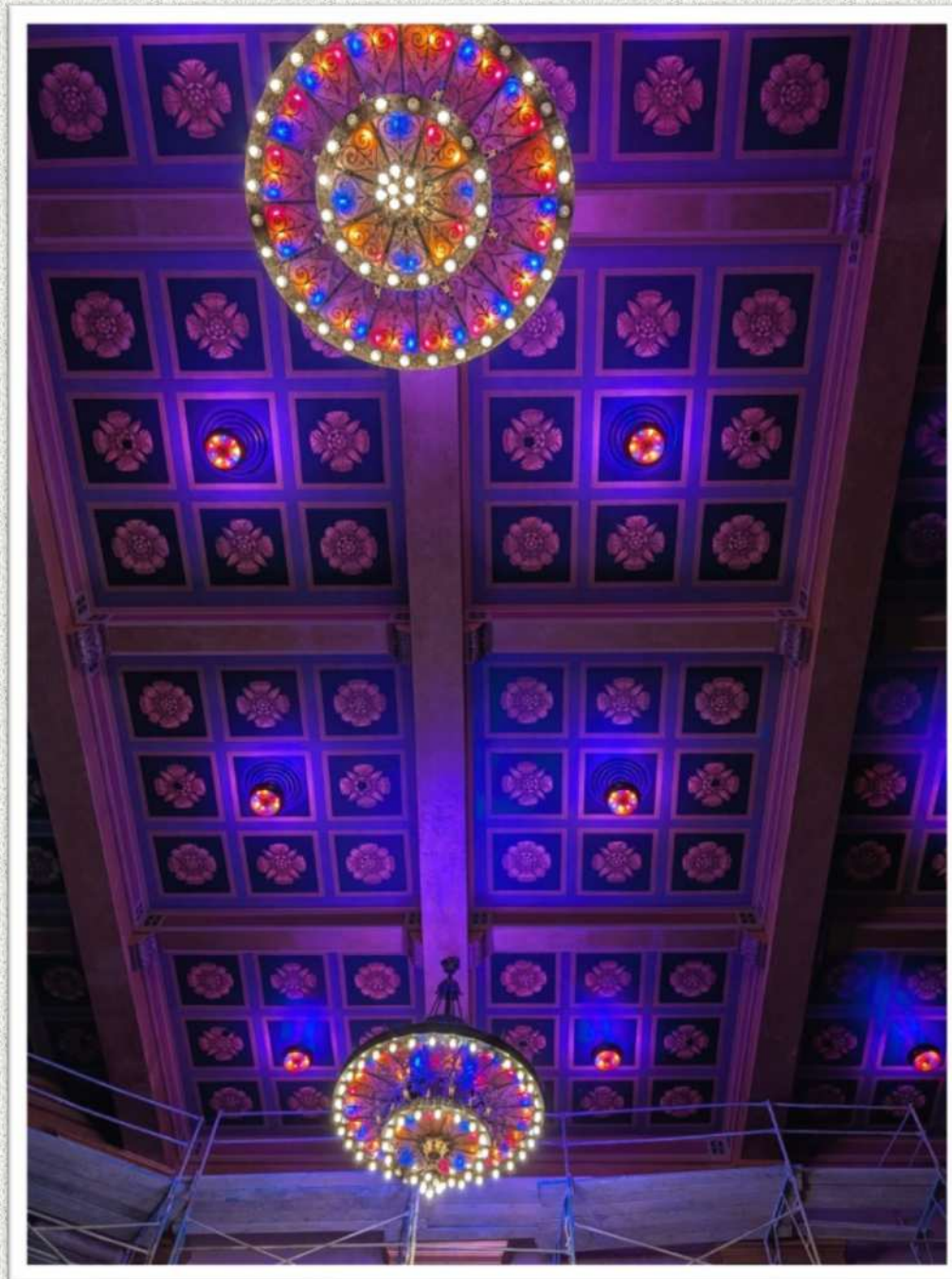


- Multi-year recipient - \$750
- Report how funds are used

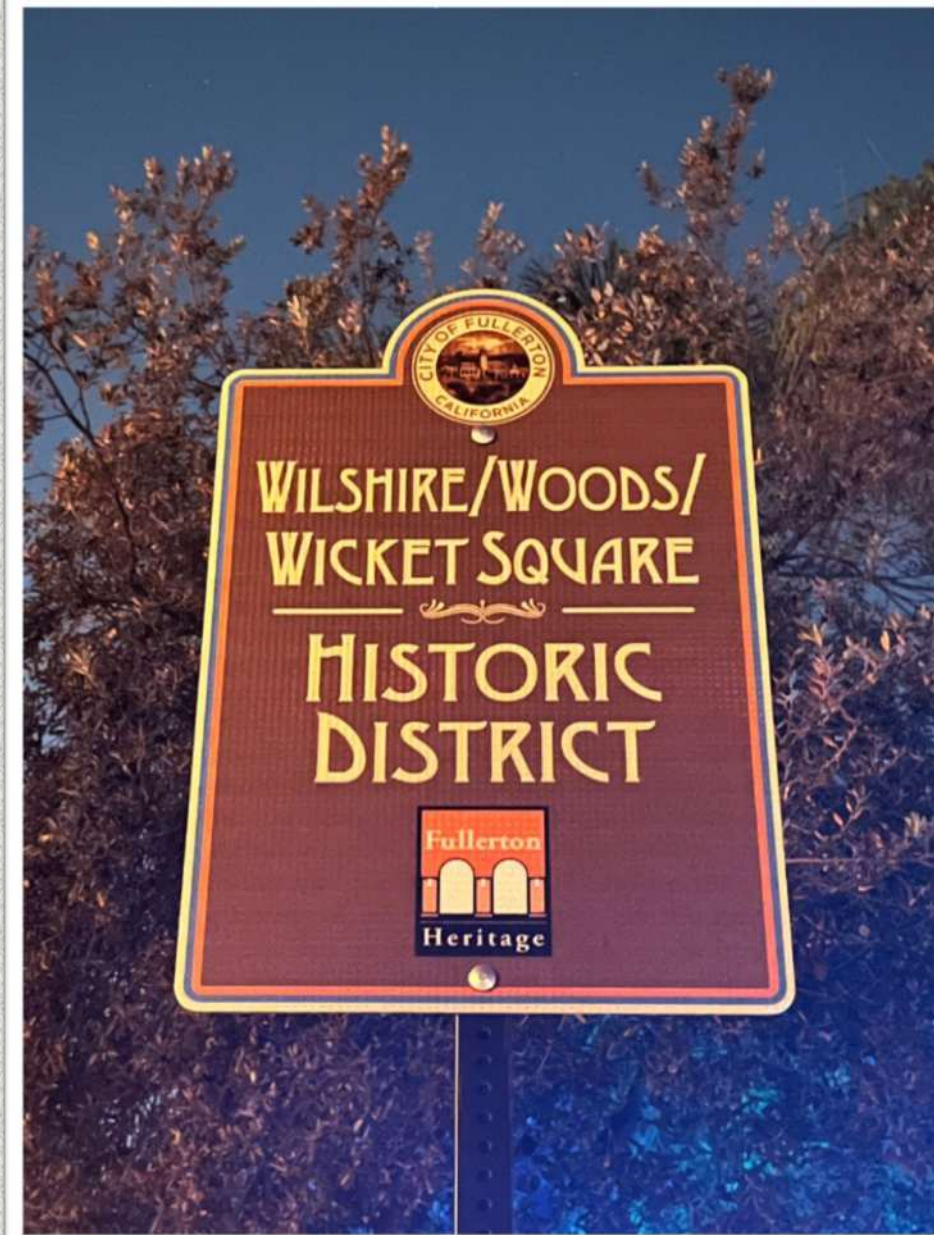
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WWW District Markers



Upper Golden Hill – District Markers



FC Building 300 Complete!



Member's Only Event

Snapshot Fullerton 1887



Current Projects

City Outreach

- New Planning Staff
- Councilmembers Dunlap, Valencia, Charles and Zarah
- David Grantham – City Engineer
- Library Board of Trustees

Local Landmarks in Process



Lamhofer House
600 W. Valley View Drive

Wright House
401 Cannon Lane



Local Landmarks in Process



Cadman House
545 W. Fern Drive

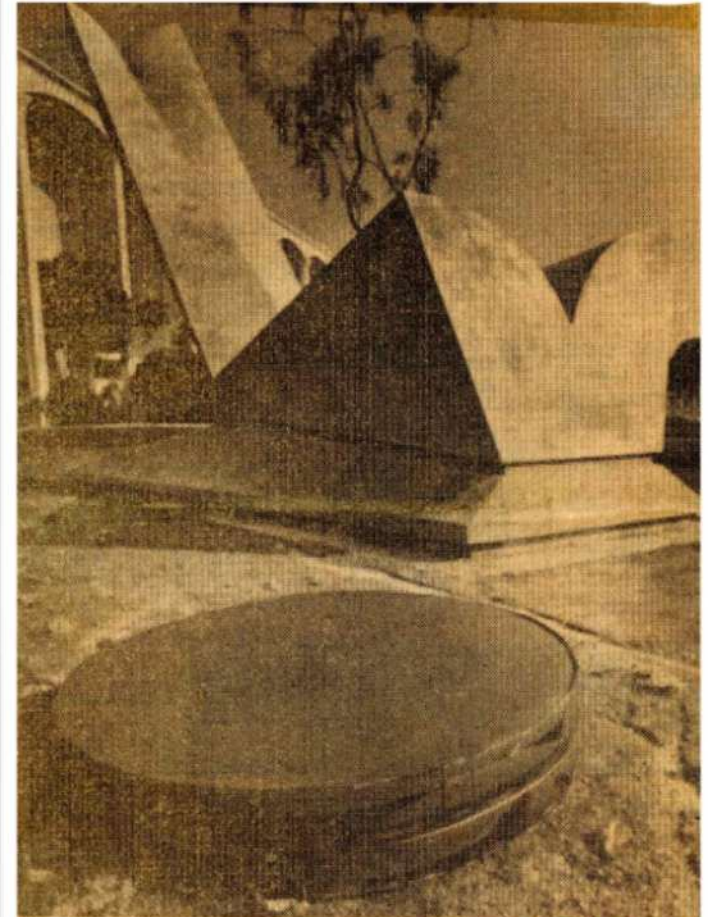
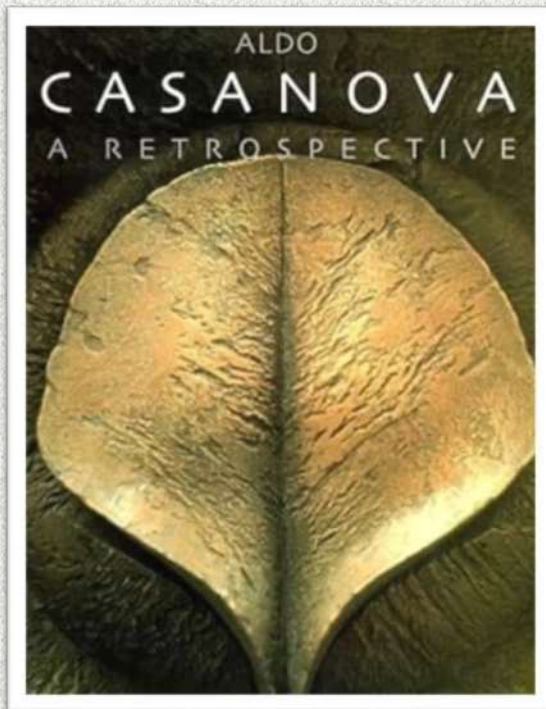
Russ House
845 N. Euclid Street



Celebrating the Semiquincentennial



Flight



News Tribune Photo by Jess Andresen Jr.

COMPANION FOR SCULPTURE

Fullerton's Bicentennial Sculpture "Flight" gained a companion during the weekend when persons who apparently feel the sculpture looks like a hockey stick, added the model of an enlarged hockey puck to the grounds. The hockey puck was reportedly placed at the scene about 11:15 a.m. Saturday and was still there more than 24 hours later.

Preservation Zone Activity

- Lower Golden Hill (6-10-26)
- Skyline Park (1 signature to go!)
- W. Amerige Avenue
- Fuller Park

Mills Act – Historic Home Maintenance

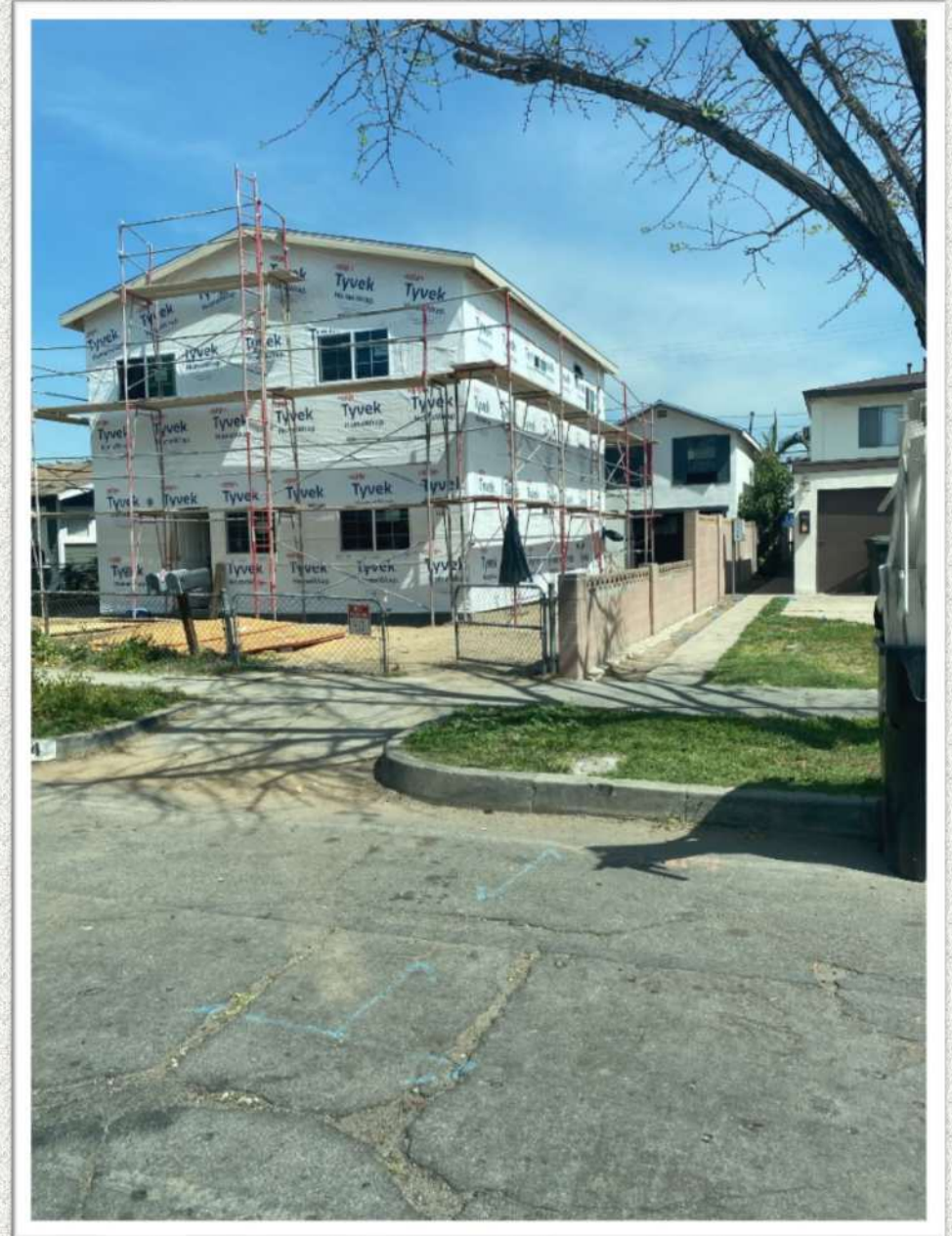
Mills Act Program Updated Guidelines & Application 2026



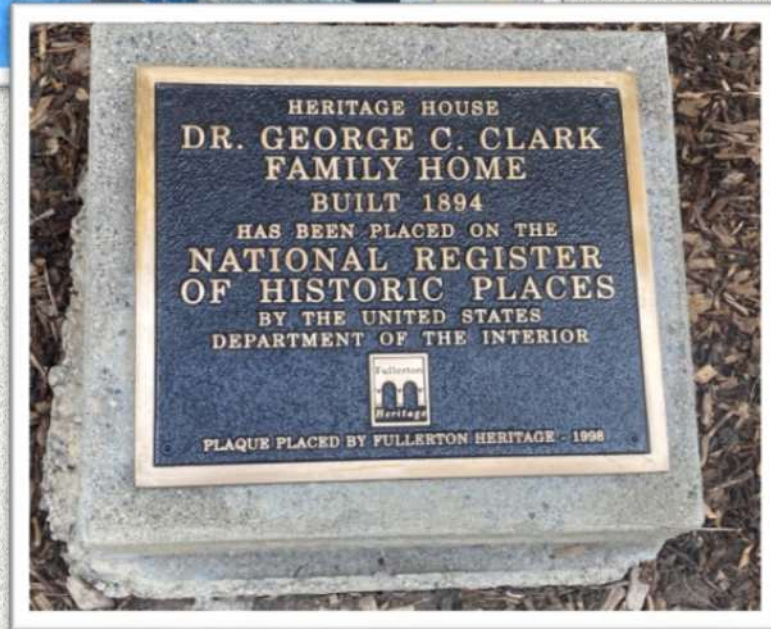
Planning Division - (714) 738-6559 - planning@cityoffullerton.com
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- 12 Contracts from prior years
- 10 home visits since August 2025
- Assist
- Guide
- Survey

Historic District Concerns



Plaques



Fullerton Police Department



Thank You!

Guest Speaker

Chris Epting

