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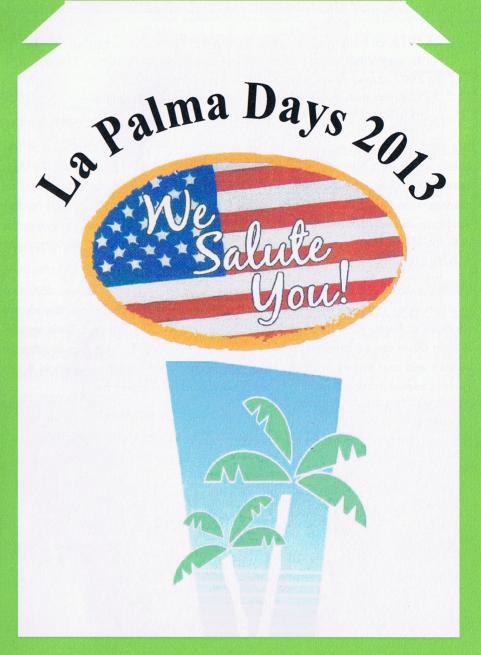
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A Glimpse of History Now & Then.

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Acknowledgements

- * In 2013, La Palma was ranked 31st in the "Best Places to Live" among small cities in the United States by CNN's Money Magazine.
- * In 2007, it was ranked 16th best place to live in the US.
- * The City has been ranked one of "America's Best Places to Live" by *Money Magazine* in 2007, 2011, and 2013.

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Abe Waheed and Ron MacIver are Co-Chairs

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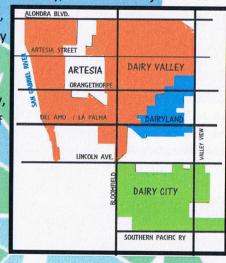
Left to Right, Back Row: Ryan Kushi, Benny Garcia, Ron & Elfriede MacIver, Front Row: Keshav Patel, Andrea Turner, Jenna Boatman, Andi Terry

Introduction

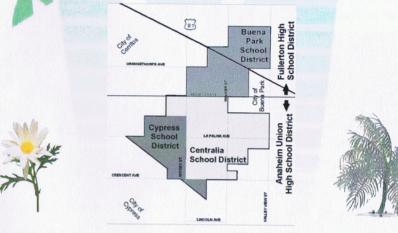
La Palma was incorporated as Dairyland on October 26, 1955. Its new residents began arriving in 1965. Horace Greeley, the American journalist

and politician (1811-1872) encouraged, "Go West, young man," but the majority of our new citizens came east to the city that had once been a part of "Moo Valley". These included Dairy City, (Cypress), Dairy Valley, (Cerritos) and of course to Dairyland, (La Palma).

The post war era found people wanting to establish homes in the pleasant weather of Southern California. The dairy farmers and egg ranchers could see their agricultural lifestyle coming to



an end. La Palma was in the forefront of a national phenomena when they created Dairyland in 1955 to save their industry. They again led the way when they renamed their city "La Palma" to better reflect their new urban city, named after the street which ran through the city, on February 9, 1965. The founding fathers were determined to build a new city that everyone would be proud of. This booklet will give us a glimpse of our history, now and then!



La Palma's Flower: Daisy

La Palma's Tree: Pygmy Date Palm

Elementary Schools

The School Districts in La Palma, were founded in:

1875 Centralia 1890 Buena Park 1895 Cypress



G.B. Miller School opened in the fall of 1961. The current principal is very active in community affairs. Her husband and children are volunteers at Miller activities as well.

Miller School was built on Jake J. Westra Dairy Property. George Miller was known as "The Father of Cypress". Valley View Avenue was known as Miller Avenue until the 1950s.



Los Coyotes has been named one of the most outstanding schools in Orange County. It was awarded a silver medal by the *Orange County Register* & CA Business for Education Excellence Honor Roll Award, among other awards, in 2013.



Los Coyotes was dedicated on February 7, 1970. It was named for the largest of the 6 Nieto land grants in existence in 1784.



Steve Luther was dedicated on May 3, 1970. The principal has served in a variety of areas. She tasks herself and each staff member with the responsibility for every child's education.



Steve Luther School was built on land formerly the Rockview Dairy in the 1950s. It was named in honor of a School Board member who had saved the District after the 1933 earthquake.

High Schools



Fullerton Joint Union High School District (FJUHSD) was founded

in Orange County, California in 1893. It serves a fifty-square-mile area which includes <u>Fullerton</u>, <u>La Habra</u>, <u>Buena Park</u>, and a small section of <u>La Palma</u>. The first class had 8 students. No buildings are located in La Palma, but the District now serves 13,772 students.





Kennedy High School was built on the Mushegain Dairy farm.





Anaheim Union

High School District was established in 1898. School opened with Seventeen boys & twenty-two girls. Most students ended their schooling after 8th grade in the 1800s, and started to work on the family farms. Current enrollment is 31,913 students.

John F. Kennedy High School opened on September 14, 1964.

The school was to be named Centralia, in keeping with Board policy to name high schools after an elementary school district in the area; however, the assassination of John F. Kennedy in 1963 prompted a group of 400 patrons, led by Monaco Mallory, a 9th grade student, to have the school, under construction renamed in his honor. It was one of the first schools to have been named after the assassinated president.

John F. Kennedy High School will celebrate 50 years of education in La Palma in 2014.



Walker Junior High School opened in the fall of 1959 for seventh graders while the City was still Dairyland. It is named for S.O. Walker an early Cypress resident who served on the school board from 1898 to 1902. The emblem appearing on Kennedy and Walker denotes that they are California Distinguished Schools.

Time Line

History of La Palma

3,000 B.C.



The Native American Tribe in the La Palma area were known as the Puvu Indians.

1769



Father Serra and Portolá, with his Leather Jackets, enter California.

1846 Mexican American War:

April 25, 1846 to February 2, 1848





Mexican California Lancers fought the U.S. Marines for California territory

1850

California became the 31st State on the 9th of September.





1889

The beginning of Orange County March 11, 1889

1905



The Red Car come to our area

Coyote Creek

A LA County

Orange County

Opened as **Coyote** Station

Moody Station. Did not

Bingham, later

change its name.

Opened as

Waterville Station and Cypress Station, later.

Spanish Rule Ends



1821

California



1830-1860

Golden age of Ranchos



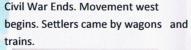
1861-1865



In Southern California On Christmas Eve 1861:

- * Rains came nonstop for over a month.
- *Two year drought followed
- * Period of heavy winds
- * Grasshopper infestation ate remaining feed
- * Southern California ravaged by Smallpox
- * Los Angeles/Orange County lost 71 % of cattle.

1880's





These 2 early homes were on Houston Avenue.



McWilliam's

Cole House

Time Line

History of La Palma



1955

HISTORY IS MADE

A City is Incorporated to save an industry.



Photo circa 1946



First City Council of Dairyland



1969

La Palma Civic Center **Opens**





Hannam Market opens

2012

Concert in the Park



La Palma Civic Center

valmart -



1965

City changes name to La Palma





Second La Palma City Hall City



1984 Groundbreaking for **CENTERPOINTE Business & Industrial Complex**



Centerpointe today







CHASE Bank

Now & Then



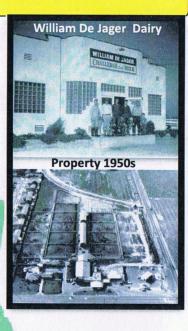
CHASE Bank Ribbon Cutting June 26,2013



Walmart Neighborhood Market May 9,2013



Hannam Market of La Palma April 19,2012



Jack de Vries Dairy 1950s



Rockview Dairy 1950s



Now & Then

Central Park



Community Center 2013



La Palma Youth Village 1969

Police Department





La Palma Police 1968

Fire Department







Building on the right, was built in 1948 and used by Cypress and La Palma. The building is on Walker Street, next to the Red Car tracks on the west side of the street. This picture was taken in 1968. It was a replacement for an old wooden building on Lincoln Avenue, circa 1900s.

Now & Then

City Council 2013

Mayor Steve Hwangbo Henry Charoen Gerard Goedhart Peter L. Kim

City Manager

Chief of Police Eric R. Nuñez

Steve Shanahan Ellen Volmert

City Council 1955

Mayor Jack de Vries Peter G. Bouma Peter De Groot Paul Furman William De Jager

City Manager Burton Wesenberg

Chief of Police Martin W. Hansen 1961-1963



Library



2013



1969

Hospital







2013 1966

Orange County Fair 2013



John Eng shown with his winning "Unusual Display" Award for 2013.



(L to R) Ron Mac Iver, Steve Hwangbo, Nancy Hwangbo, Elfriede Mac Iver, Nathan & Nick Hwangbo, Photo taken by Loreen Berlin

Joe Vaughan, on duty with the **Orange County** Sheriff's Reserve. In front of John Eng's display, is from La Palma.





The "Hangar" is the building dedicated to showing the winning pictures entered on behalf of each city featured at the fair. Slides moved slowly from left to right, across 3 video screens, pictured at right.

The picture of La Palma shown below was featured in the opening and closing of the fair's slide show ceremonies.



Winning photographs submitted by: John Eng and Anthony Kim.

Ron and Elfriede Mac Iver, original residents, pictured at the Edison Right of Way, building. In the background, is the picture of the first city sign. It was designed by Ron on February 4, 1967. Elfriede is holding the book Images of America, La Palma, which they wrote in 2008.

Opening ceremonies, August 2, 2013 for La Palma, Fullerton, Buena Park and Cypress. La Palma Mayor Hwangbo, is singing the National Anthem with chorus. He is in the center of group.

