Carlsbad Time Lines

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Carlsbad, California, Historical Society

President's Letter

Next year we will celebrate our 50th anniversary as an historic organization. It was created in 1975 at the request of then Carlsbad City Mayor Robert Frazee by like minded residents to provide a "service" to our community. Our mission statement is to "increase and enhance the knowledge of our history, maintain cultural traditions of the community, and work with the City of Carlsbad on cooperative preservation, restoration and display of historic resources."

This mission will continue to be our focus. Future newsletters will include local news events in order to document and record noteworthy events gathered from a variety of sources. In years past we were fortunate enough to have a local paper such as the defunct Carlsbad Journal that assisted in preserving and documenting daily local events. Sadly this is no longer an option, and we now need to gather information from a variety of sources.

We welcome submission of articles for inclusion.



Twin Inns style plates setup at the dining room

Visit Our Latest Agricultural Updated Display

Home of the avocado! 1920 Carlsbad Avocado Days! Hundreds of visitors on State Street trying such treats as Avocado Ice cream! The beginning of our Carlsbad Agricultural growers Association: Calavo! Carlsbad was known for ranching, avocados, subtropical fruits, and then the floral industry!

Take a peek at Twin Inns Blue Willow China, and the guest registry when Groucho Marx and Clark Gable dined on the same day! Ask to see the last of the Twin Inns Chickens, which is roosting in the barn.



Historic Kitchen display

From Our Photo Collection!



Baseball season- Leo Carrillo and Legendary Connie Mack

School Tour: Jefferson Elementary

On March 29 we had the third grade students from Jefferson Elementary School come to visit the Shipley-Magee House and Barn. They also visited Saint Michaels church across the street. It is always a pleasure to show these young minds a little bit of Carlsbad and California history. The barn features information about the times when there were no cars, and people relied on horses for everything.



Thank you volunteers: Janie Rossall, Laura Ferris, Marybeth Rodriguez, and Kelly Cameron

Christie Calderwood - First Female Police Chief in Carlsbad

Chief Calderwood is a well-respected police officer and Carlsbad resident. Our personal interaction with Chief Calderwood was a positive experience. She listened to our concerns, and through her efforts as deputy chief was able to significantly reduce problems at Magee Park that impacted our museum. We join with others in the community in supporting her leadership at the Police Department.

City of Carlsbad Police Department News Release

Officially Chief of Police

Chief Christie Calderwood took the oath of office during a City Council meeting. As of April 15, 2024 she assumed the role of Chief of Police for the City of Carlsbad.

Chief Christie Calderwood joined the City of Carlsbad Police Department 18 years ago and served as second in command under Chief Williams for the past two years. She has hands-on experience in every aspect of law enforcement, including patrol, investigations, and

administration. As a longstanding resident of Carlsbad and a graduate of La Costa Canyon High School, Chief Calderwood has deep roots in the community.

"I am deeply honored to take on this new role, serving as police chief in the community where I've lived for many years and where I first found my calling to serve," said Calderwood.



Christie Calderwood: new police chief of Carlsbad

The Roses at Magee Park

This is the best time of year to see the wonderful roses we have at Magee Park.



An Oceanside Resident's Perspective On What's Bad About Carlsbad

Loud vehicles and motorcycles are a scourge that diminish quality of life

On a recent Friday night, while entertaining a friend on his birthday in a popular restaurant in Carlsbad, a vehicle with an illegal or no muffler roared away from a traffic light and halted our conversation mid sentence — I mean scary loud. And motorcycles roar away for the lights frequently.

Do the police officers in Carlsbad all wear noise-canceling headphones? Are there no enforceable noise abatement laws in this community? The community also has the distraction from Coaster and Amtrak trains sounding their horns at multiple crossings all day long. And there's a significant lack of parking downtown.

Sad to experience these issues in a community which has so much to offer. Carlsbad could be even more enjoyable if it were to address these issues.

J.F. Dickey, Oceanside By U-T Readers - April 7, 2024

Complaints About Windsor Point Continue



Zoom-in on Harding between Oak and Magnolia.

The low income apartments at two locations in the Barrio area of downtown Carlsbad continue to give the residents (and the police) a lot of trouble. It was reported in March that in the last two years there have been 762 calls to the police department, and that around half of them are related to mental health.

Compounding the problem is the presence of visitors to those that are qualified to live in those apartments. There is a significant increase in crime, including drug use, in the blocks around the

facilities, located on Oak near Harding, and on Harding near the ball field. Neighbors have suggested that the City should close the facilities, or move the residents elsewhere.

One serious incident that may be related took place in the Poinsettia Plaza shopping center. A police car was hit with a heavy object. When the policeman driver got out of his car to investigate, he was seriously hit in the back with a skateboard. The policeman discharged his gun several times in response, but was barely conscious, and did not hit his attacker. An arrest was made later.

There was another incident in the area. A van was stopped by a police car. When the policeman approached the vehicle, he was fired upon through the frame of the van. Luckily it missed and the policeman was able to handle the situation without shooting the attacker, having him throw out his weapon and exit his vehicle with his hands up.

A City Council discussion on these problems has resulted in the implementation of stronger Windsor Point guest policy, and 24-hour monitoring. The City is also investigating what can legally be done about the facility.

Emergency Repair Of Landslide Behind Trieste Drive

You may have noticed while driving El Camino Real the large number of vehicles and piles of steel beams next to the damaged areas. The cost estimate to stabilize the slope is reported to be over \$3 million. The workers are digging what appear to be digging platforms that are going to be supported by the large steel beams. It looks like the backyards are being rebuilt.

Recently the City offered to also settle with the residents. The total cost of repairs plus the settlements is now over \$7 million. This seems generous for homes that are selling for around \$1.4 million.



Landslide damage on Trieste Drive

Painting Donation

We have received another wonderful painting donation from the relatives of Mrs. Hilda Mohle. This one depicts a group of trees in Carlsbad. Mrs. Mohle was an award winning painter and a teacher of art in the San Bernardino area. She loved to visit Carlsbad and to paint outdoors. Thank you Jennifer O'Rafferty and Janet Mohle-Boetani.



Carlsbad trees painting by Hilda Mohle

New Members

Majka Penner
Larry and Jane Culbertson
Pamela Howard-Reguindin
Becky Noel -returning member

Use of Paypal for Membership and Donations

We have had some problems with Paypal because their customer links are being upgraded. But it turns out that it is very easy for anyone with a Paypal account to send us money. All is required is to login to your account, select **send money** and type cbadhistory@gmail.com. Then select the amount of money.....and send. When the upgrade occurs, customers will also be able to use credit cards.

Spread the Word: We Are Hiring!

Immediate Opening May, 2024
Weekend Museum Guide
Saturday and Sunday 11-3 pm
\$17.50 per hour

This is an excellent opportunity for college students or residents looking for interesting part-time work.

The Carlsbad Historical Society is accepting applications for a part-time weekend museum guide for the Shipley Magee House.

Duties include: greeting museum visitors, providing tours, and some office work involving filing and data entry.

Must be willing to read and absorb brief historical and biographical information and convey it effectively to the public.

Training provided. An average of 8 plus hours per weekend.

Candidates must have a positive attitude, good communication skills, and an interest in history. Must be prompt, neat in appearance, follow directions, and exercise sound judgment. Position open until filled.

Interested applicants should leave their name and contact information for the Carlsbad Historical Society Board of Directors at cbadhistory@gmail.com

Ask Your Friends!

The Carlsbad Historical Society is a nonprofit service based volunteer organization. We depend on the support and generosity of people like YOU! Consider becoming a member. We have many options with individual membership for only \$25 annually. Signup is available online. By supporting the Carlsbad Historical Society through membership, and or volunteerism, you can be part of preserving, promoting and sharing Carlsbad's history for generations to come!

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- *Private Tours by appointment
- *School, Scouts and Families welcome