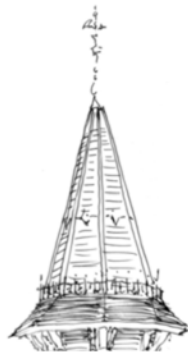


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Newsletter



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*Working to make yesterday's resources
part of tomorrow's history.*

COMING SOON TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!



Tim & Melissa DeCinces with daughters Riley & Page in front of the Tustin Garage on the corner of El Camino Real and 6th Street. Daughter Delaney is not shown.

Tim DeCinces became intrigued with Old Town Tustin while growing up in Villa Park and playing basketball at the Tustin Boys Club. He fell in love with wood smoked southern barbeque while living and playing professional baseball throughout the South. Those two passions will come together early next year with the opening of **The Old Town Tustin Beach Pit** at the site of the Tustin Garage on the corner of El Camino Real and 6th Street. "All of the stars were aligned", said Tim "when the building became available."

Tim has been working with the city for the last year and a half to transform the Garage's 4,263 square feet into The Old Town Tustin Beach Pit which will have something for everyone. The space has been divided in to a dining area, take out corner, patio, children's play area and bar for watching sports. The integrity and charm of the 100 year old building remains, with open beams, tin roof and the same red exterior that is such a familiar landmark.

The food will be old style southern barbeque learned first hand from Tim's favorite eating spots in the south. Taste is derived from a blend of wood and spices with specialties of the house that include hand pulled pork, full pork ribs, chicken and "real" banana pudding. Tim's successful Beach Pit Barbeque in Costa Mesa is proof that Southern cooking and hospitality are at home in Southern California. Watch for the Tustin opening after the first of the year.

Congratulations to:

Jeff Thompson, Old Town Tustin resident, has been appointed to the Tustin Planning Commission. We're proud to have him representing us!

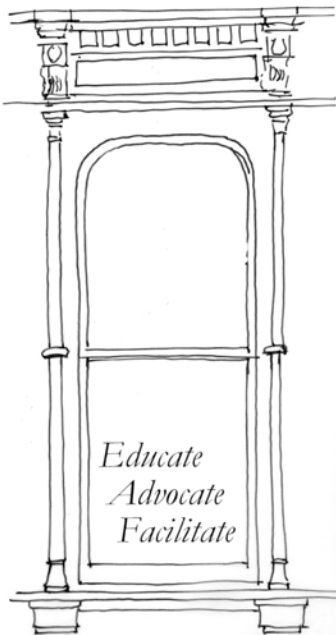
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Spirit of Old Town Award Winner



Lucy Burch was chosen by the Conservancy Board of Directors to receive our first Spirit of Old Town Tustin Award for consistently working for the goals of the Conservancy. Lucy, a native of Orange County, has lived in Old Town for 13 years. She earned her teaching certificate in 2003 and has taught art and fashion design at Utt Middle School. An avid gardener, she also enjoys sewing, cooking and crafts. Lucy has served as a storyteller for 3 to 6 year olds in the Tustin Library.

Airport Expansion

The Conservancy Board of Directors recently voted to send to our mailing list a newsletter from a group called AirFair. This grass-roots organization feels that those of us (like Old Town Tustin) who live under the flight path of John Wayne Airport have done our fair share of absorbing the impact of Orange County air traffic. Their goal is to make certain current limits on that traffic become permanent. This will be a one-time mailing unless you contact AirFair yourself.

May We Introduce You

The Conservancy is proud to have three new members of our Board of Directors. **Bob Helm** is a local chiropractor with his clinic on El Camino Real. This is Bob's first involvement with us and we welcome him.

Laura Siriani is marketing manager for WCM Investment Management. She has volunteered with us in the past and we are delighted to have her full time.

Llyn Smith has attended our board meetings as a representative from the city's Historical Resource Committee. She is a Financial Analyst for UCI's Scheduling and Conference Service and we are happy to have her capable support as our new board secretary.

Fond Farewells

Founding board members **Sharon Jones** and **April Pollock** have retired from their positions on our Board of Directors.

Sharon was our founding secretary, wrote the newsletter and provided so much inspiration and groundwork for our beginning efforts. She is a diligent researcher and her knowledge and enthusiasm will be sorely missed.

April, her husband Bill and daughter Madison, have moved to Orcas Island, Washington. April served as our Vice-President and more importantly, she was willing to take on any job and be anywhere the Conservancy needed her. We already miss her friendship, spirit and enthusiasm for our mission. Thank you to both of these very capable women for their contribution to the success of TPC.

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Were You There?

Over sixty neighbors enjoyed hamburgers, hot dogs, homemade desserts and lots of socializing at our **Annual Neighborhood Barbeque** in September. A handful of kids played while the adults exchanged remodeling woes and how-to tips. If you weren't there, do plan to join us next year.



Is Henny Penny at Your House?

At our annual Neighborhood BarBQue we discovered that many people in Old Town Tustin have chickens. So, we're interested in how many of us keep a flock of hens in our very urban back yards. If you have chickens, email us at preservetustin@cs.com, and tell us how many and what type you have.

Tustin Historic Plaque Program

The Conservancy will be working with the Tustin Area Historic Society and the Planning Commission on requests for plaques for the Tustin Historic Register. If you're interested in purchasing a plaque for your home with the date it was built and the name designated in the Historic Survey, go to our website and click on "services" to download the form. Or contact us and we'll help you research the date and official name of your house. The cost is under \$200 for the bronze plaques and they take about 6 weeks to order.

Trolley Tours Bring Visitors and Publicity to Old Town Tustin.

Guided by Conservancy volunteers, over 200 enthusiastic visitors heard about the history and architecture of our Historic District this summer. With the help of the staff of the **Tustin Area Historic Society**, we were able to entertain and educate passengers from all over Orange County. Conservancy board Member **Ronda Ussery** arranged for the charming trolley owned by **Al Ricci of Ricci Realty**. The lengthy waiting list of those who didn't get on the ride this year, tells us this is an important opportunity for us to spread the word about our charming and unique neighborhood. Thanks to Tustin News/OC Register reporter Erika Torres, our tour was available on video on the Register's website.

Need a plumber or painter?

Maybe we can help. At our website, www.preservetustin.com, click on "services" to access our newly published Service Providers Referral List. Names of many local service people are there, recommended by your neighbors. (Listing in this reference file does not constitute a recommendation by the Tustin Preservation Conservancy.) If you have had work done and are enthusiastic about the service you received, contact us.

Read all about it!

Conservancy member Hillary Black, Editor of Cottages and Bungalows Magazine, tells us that Jann and Jim Kuehnert's house on South A Street will be featured in upcoming issues. Look for it on the newsstand.

History of the Tustin Garage

By **Juanita Lovret**



The stucco clad building with the Mission-style facade at the corner of Sixth St. and El Camino Real was built in 1915 by George Williams who purchased the land from Franklin P. Gates.

When La Fortier Gates bought the building in 1916, it became the Arrow Garage with Herman B. Gates as proprietor. The next year Bill Huntley and Nick Gulick, who operated the Tustin Garage on C St., leased the building and moved their business into it. They purchased the facility in 1919 and owned it until 1943. The business continued to operate under the name Tustin Garage until last year.

In addition to being part of Tustin's Historical District and an excellent example of early industrial architecture, the Tustin Garage played an important role in Tustin's early history. It housed the chemical tank used by the Volunteer Fire Department and later kept Tustin's first fire truck, a converted 1912 Buick touring car now seen at the Tustin Area Museum, ready to roll to a fire.

The garage, which had two pumps out front, was one of the earliest providers of gasoline to the townspeople and travelers on State Highway 101. Old timers still remember that when there was a shortage of gasoline in April 1920, they limited each customer to 2 gallons and cars lined up for a block in each direction on El Camino Real.

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Notes and Thank You s



- Again, many, many thanks to Al Ricci of Al Ricci Realty, Old Towne Orange and North Hills Reality, Tustin for the use of the Trolley for the Tustin Tiller Day Parade!

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