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FCA ANNUAL MEETING

Guest Speaker:

BILL CAMPBELL, THIRD DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2006

7:00 PM

HEWES MIDDLE SCHOOL
(Corner of Hewes and Foothill)

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Supervisor Campbell will speak on the state of North Tustin followed by a question and answer session. County departments and other organizations will have information tables.

Dear North Tustin Neighbors,

We are pleased to open our annual letter to the Community on a high note. We have achieved the following successes:

- 1. North Tustin residents with a 92705 zip code can now use the city designation of North Tustin. FCA spearheaded the addition of North Tustin to the official United States Postal Service designations for our area. See article on page 2.*
- 2. Fairmont Private School - We were successful in getting a compromise on the number of students attending this very small campus with the assistance of Supervisor Campbell's office. See article on page 2.*
- 3. Esplanade Trail - the continuation of the trail between Vanderlip and Warren is closer to being realized. The railroad property has been acquired by the County and further negotiations are continuing with several property owners.*

Your continuing support has made all the above successes possible. Be sure to renew your membership so that we can continue to preserve and protect North Tustin. Ask your neighbors and friends to become members. We look forward to seeing you at our Annual Meeting on March 6th, at Hewes Middle School to hear the latest news from Supervisor Campbell concerning our Community.

Sincerely,

Bruce Junor, President
FOOTHILL COMMUNITIES ASSOCIATION
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NAME CHANGE

North Tustin residents with a 92705 zip code can now use North Tustin in addition to Santa Ana and Cowan Heights as their city designation. FCA spearheaded the addition of North Tustin to the official United States Postal Service designations for our area. FCA Director Mike Fioravanti, Special Projects, led this effort. North Tustin residents can use North Tustin, Santa Ana, or Cowan Heights with the 92705 zip code. There is no need to file an address change. Please see zip4.usps.com/zip4/citytown_zip.jsp (click on Find All Cities in ZIP Code).

Many North Tustin residents feel that the Santa Ana designation does not represent our County area and creates confusion. The Cowan Heights designation is overly specific and does not represent the entire Community. FCA sponsored an area-wide survey in September 2004, which resulted in North Tustin being the preferred name for our area. Supervisor Bill Campbell, supporting the FCA request to add North Tustin to the approved address listing, contacted the Santa Ana Postmaster. Additionally, Congressman Chris Cox sent a letter of support.

JOHN WAYNE AIRPORT

John Wayne Airport (JWA) continues to be a major environmental consideration for North Tustin residents. A brief report on the status of JWA is worth a review. The 1985 Settlement Agreement contained constraints on airport activity and was due to expire on December 31, 2005. The agreement was renegotiated and continues in force with some changes. The 11 PM to 7 AM curfew will remain in affect through 2020. The allowable number of flights will increase from 73 to 85. The number of passengers will increase from an annual 8.4 million to 10.8 million. Airport improvements (additional gates, added parking, and an additional terminal, etc.) will all be made on the existing airport property while normal airport operations continue.

John Wayne Noise Abatement

With the major increase in air traffic, it is imperative that North Tustin residents report intrusive aircraft noise.

Please call the Noise Abatement office at 949-252-5185 and leave a message.

FAIRMONT SCHOOL EXPANSION UPDATE

The Orange County Planning Commission has limited Fairmont Private School student enrollment to 320 students for the 1.9 acre campus on Newport Avenue at La Colina. The school had requested an increase to 360 students, and FCA opposed any increase in students from the previously allowed 280 because of the intensity of use (TUSD elementary schools are approximately 10 acres), traffic and safety impacts, and the effects of noise on nearby neighbors. Supervisor Campbell's office was instrumental in conditioning the approval on the construction of a raised median on Newport Ave that was paid for by the school. FCA is concerned that not all the Planning Commission requirements have been met. Traffic safety on Newport and at the Newport/Vanderlip intersection remain an issue as does the impact of the additional traffic on Vanderlip.

EL TORO AIRPORT

Fortunately, it is beginning to look like it is no longer necessary to refer to the former El Toro MCAS as the El Toro Airport, as the property is now about to become the Great Park, surrounded by the Heritage Fields. Since the last report, several actions have transpired to cause this to be the case. On July 12, 2005, escrow proceedings were closed, transferring the property from the federal government to the City of Irvine. At the same time, a development contract was signed with the Lennar Corporation for development of the area, to be called Heritage Fields. About 1300 acres of the land will then be included in the Great Park.

As a follow up to the escrow proceedings, on August 29 a U.S.M.C. color guard presented colors for the last time at the former Marine base, signaling the end of an eventful era of military usage of the property. The Great Park Corporation has recently selected a landscape architect to design the park. For maps and background on the Great Park, go online to www.ocgp.org.

It appears that the pro airport organizations have just about conceded that there will not be a commercial airport at El Toro. Efforts to pass legislation that might lead to reversal of current plans have not been successful and do not seem to be a threat. It is hoped that any one interested will soon be able to purchase a chunk of runway concrete as a reminder of the long and arduous efforts that were needed to prevent a commercial airport from operating in our midst.

SUBDIVISIONS

Dividing existing properties into smaller lots for development is having an impact on North Tustin. Recent examples of this can be seen on Fairhaven and Red Hill.

Another project on Newport near Crawford Canyon is in the planning process. For information on this project, please attend the NTAC meeting on February 15th, 7:00 p.m. at the TUSD Board Meeting Room or contact Bruce Junor, at 544-5958 or BJunor@cox.net.

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FCA Board Meetings

1st Thursday of the month - 7:15 pm,
Church of the Foothill
(Dodge & Newport)
To confirm date and location, call:
Bruce Junor 544-5958

FCA's effectiveness can only continue through a large and active membership. **NUMBERS COUNT. Complete the form on the back of this Bulletin and mail it in today. Attend our Annual Meeting and hear what we have accomplished with people like you as members. Contact: Dessa Schroeder, 838-6017.**

COUNTY WEBSITES

The County of Orange is expanding its online information and services. The following websites are available:

1. **Supervisor Campbell's website** is available at <http://bos.ocgov.com/third/>
2. **Zoning Code:** View the Orange County Zoning Code at www.ocplanning.net/docs/codes/ZoningCode.pdf
3. **North Tustin Specific Plan:** View the Specific Plan at www.ocplanning.net/docs/codes/planned/NORTH%20TUSTIN%20SPECIFIC%20PLAN.pdf
4. **Code Enforcement:** File a complaint online at www.ocplanning.net/enforcement/index.asp
5. **Project Status:** Check the status of a Planning Project including approval conditions at apps.oc.ca.gov/coa/coa.jsp
6. **Hearing Information:** View information for the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, North Tustin Advisory Committee, etc. at www.ocplanning.net/hearings/index.asp

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