



Laguna Niguel Historical Society

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General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, October 1, 2014, 5 PM

Laguna Niguel Library

at Laguna Niguel's Library Community Room,
Laguna Niguel, CA

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings members,

Hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. Your Historical Society is kicking off with some very exciting activities for the coming year. Of special significance is the 25th Birthday of our wonderful City on December 1, 2014. The Archives Committee remained busy over the summer months with continuing work on preserving Laguna Niguel historical documents and 25 year milestones...and what an amazing quarter century of accomplishments are on the list. The Historical Society will be recognizing and celebrating these on **December 21 at a Gala event** to be held at the Ritz Carlton Laguna Niguel Hotel/Resort. Plans are in the works for a video trip down memory lane presentation, recognition of founding citizen volunteers and businesses and keepsake mementoes to honor this very special occasion. Reserved ticket sales for members will begin shortly. Price is \$125 per person and seating is limited so early response of your interest is important.

We look forward to you joining with your Board to celebrate this special Birthday Party; and if you are interested in serving on the Gala Planning Committee, please join us at the October 1 Membership meeting to sign-up for one of the committees and enjoy a presentation by **Larry Lizotte**, long time member of the Moulton-Niguel Water District and our community.

Until then, best regards,

Pat Bates, President

Hon. Pat Bates



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Pat Bates

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Calendar

Board Meeting - 4th Wednesday
of each month.

Archives Committee 10-12 noon
each Wednesday.

Oct.. Meeting - Oct. 1 - 5 PM



Preserve the Past Enrich the Present Promote the Future

October 1 - General Meeting Guest Speaker - Larry Lizotte

We are pleased to announce our Oct. 1 General Meeting Speaker will be Larry Lizotte, currently serving as elected Moulton Niguel Water District Board Member. He will be sharing with us the early year's history of the planning & development for Laguna Niguel and its water supply with his first hand valuable information of continuous dedicated service on the Moulton Niguel Water Board for the past 44 years...

When Larry accepted the invitation to speak earlier in the year, the media was sending news of the strong possibility of a major drought if we did not have sufficient rainfall during the 2014 winter and spring months. Needless to say, we all now are aware that didn't happen, so as predicted California is now experiencing the worst drought in history, primarily in Northern California...

We are fortunate to have elected Larry to serve these 44 years (33 of those years as President) and 38 years serving on the South Orange County Wastewater Authority, and first chairman, as our representative. He will be sharing his front line important information on the preparation and planning history for the development of Laguna Niguel and adjoining Cities water needs as well as updating on the status of the current drought

affecting our area, and the status of having preparation in place. Larry will bring enlightening history, and current status, as well as assurances with his valuable service of history to all who attend.

Larry and wife Nancy have lived in Laguna Niguel 50 years raising their 3 children.

Please join us Wednesday, October 1, 5:00 Laguna Niguel Library for this very important history presentation from a true long time serving pioneer in Laguna Niguel

Linda Bayme

LNHS Program Chairman

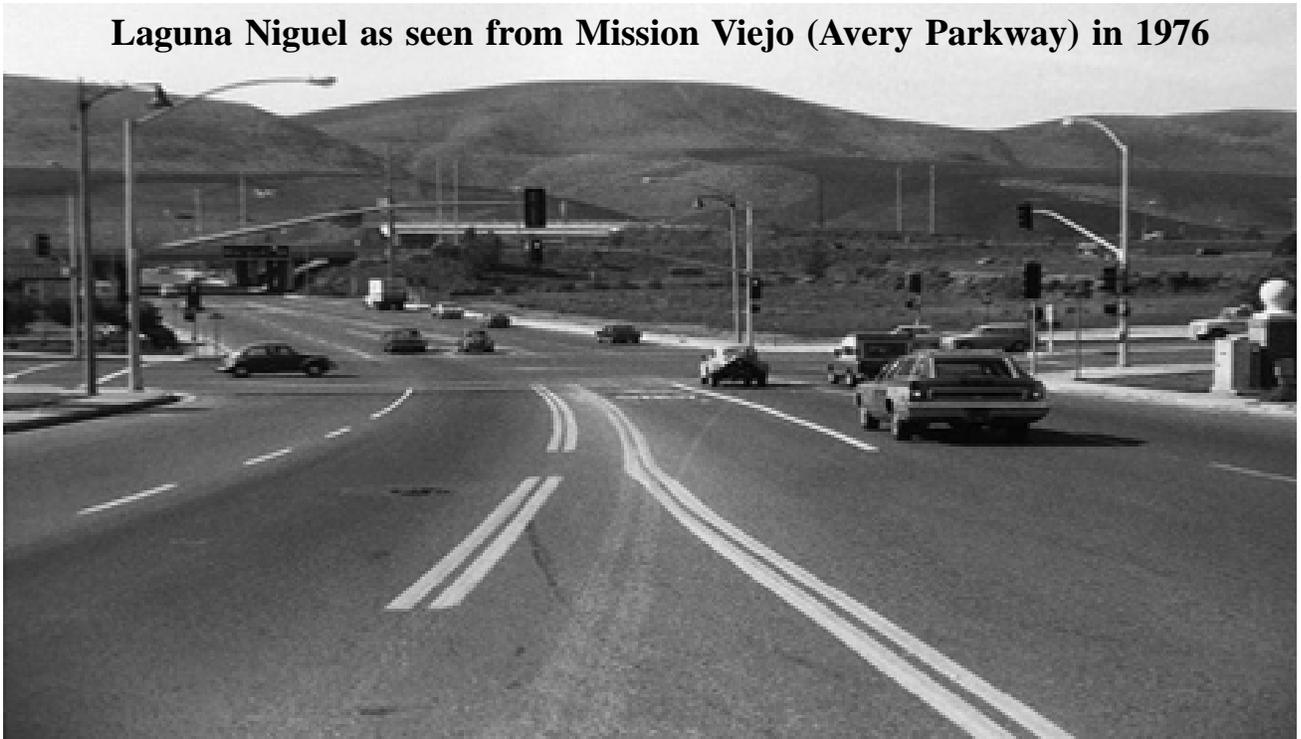


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Laguna Niguel as seen from Mission Viejo (Avery Parkway) in 1976





1967 arial photograph of the La Veta neighborhood. Niguel Road is shown along the left side of the photo (between Crown Valley Pkwy and Alicia Parkway).

The loop in the center of the photograph is Windmill Lane and Stillwater Drive (off Ivy Glenn Drive). The structure on the left side of Niguel Road was later replaced by Monarch Bank/US Bank.

Photo Courtesy of Ron Beaufort.

In 1969 the newly formed Laguna Niguel Women's Club sponsored its first community project. According to the June 1969 article in the Laguna Niguel Coast-Liner.

Women's Club members, working with the Laguna Niguel Corporation and El Niguel Country Club were able to clear a section of a dedicated green belt and construct a small neighborhood park called La Hermosa Park. Article courtesy of **Ray and Karen Strauch**

A note from the Membership

With summer and vacations over, we are again giving thoughts to memberships and ways to encourage residents to support our efforts through dues or financial donations. We are pleased to report that we are in receipt of misc. historic memorabilia from community members. We continue to grow our archival material but please help us "spread the word".

Again, brochures and membership applications are readily available - Just let me know - **949 495-1438** or **solveig.darner@gmail.com**

Solveig Darner, Membership Chair



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OBJECTIVES & PURPOSE

*The primary objectives and purpose of
The Laguna Niguel Historical
Society shall be the promulgation
of historical information
about the Community of Laguna Niguel
and its surrounding area.*

*This will include the gathering,
storage and display of historical
documents and artifacts and
sponsoring of activities and events
that will celebrate our history*

History is made every day and as every day passes more of it is lost to memory. The Laguna Niguel Historical Society has been formed to preserve the record of Laguna Niguel's past and of it's new history that is constantly being created. Even though the City of Laguna Niguel was incorporated as recently as 1989, there is a rich past preceding cityhood that needs to be preserved for this and future generations. The native American population, the Spanish explorers, the mission fathers and the ranchers all had a part in our history that needs remembering. The Laguna Niguel Historical Society intends to preserve this history for future generations.

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