

neighbor to neighbor

COMMUNITY NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF ORANGE

Historic packing house to become site for new residence hall

The City of Orange has approved plans for the Villa Park Orchards Residence Hall at Palm Avenue and Cypress Street, a project that will expand Chapman University student housing by 402 beds.

The final design by Togawa Smith Martin in conjunction with AC Martin Partners reflects diligent effort by Chapman and city planners to preserve the historic integrity of the packing plant while increasing on-campus student housing.

“We have a wonderful opportunity to preserve an important historic structure of the Cypress Street Barrio and provide substantial additional housing for Chapman University students,” said Kris Eric Olsen, vice president of Campus Planning and Operations.

Among the distinctive features of the new residence hall is an architecturally sensitive design that reflects the industrial and agricultural character of the site and the immediate neighborhood.

Construction could commence as soon as early next year, with the goal of being open in time for students to move in during fall 2019, Olsen said.



The historic Villa Park Orchards Packing Plant will have a vibrant new life as part of the new student housing project set to open in 2019.

Meanwhile, the university is diligently pursuing additional high-density housing opportunities off campus and on.

A tuneful connection for Chapman alumnus and local veterans

While studying music at Chapman University, trumpet player and new alumnus Matthew LaBelle '17 performed in numerous venues and with a variety of student groups, from Chapman Symphony to the Pep Band.

But during those four years, LaBelle saved most Wednesday evenings for a brief performance that held a unique and special place in his heart. Just before sunset LaBelle played “Taps” at the mid-week Flag Retreat Ceremony conducted in Plaza Park at the center of Old Towne Orange.



Chapman University alumnus Matthew LaBelle plays “Taps” during a Flag Retreat Ceremony held in Plaza Park. (Photo/Nathan Worden '13 (M.A. leadership development '15, MBA '18)

As the poignant notes filled the air, the moment always transformed into something extraordinary, says Don Blake, a Marine Corps veteran and City of Orange resident who helps organize the informal gatherings.

“The music makes it a special event,” Blake says. “When Matt plays, he’s got a voice. His bugle becomes his voice. You can tell who it is.”

The experience was also profound for LaBelle, a 2017 Musco Scholar who says he treasures the friendships he’s made through the years.

“I have developed a lot of close connections with a lot of the veterans there and they’re my friends. They have a lot of stories and I really enjoy the comradery,” says LaBelle, who came from the Northern California town of McKinleyville to attend Chapman University. “It means a whole lot to a lot of people here. And that’s something I can’t fully understand, being a young person who was never been in the service. I’m just glad that I can serve this way.”

LaBelle isn’t the first – or last – Chapman trumpet player to perform the duty in the 10 years since the veterans launched the ceremony. Several student musicians preceded him and another from Chapman’s College of Performing Arts has stepped in to take his place now that he’s busy in a graduate program at UC Irvine.

The veterans and friends who gather each week are grateful that the partnership lives on,

Blake says.

“It’s just been a phenomenal relationship,” he says.

The Flag Retreat Ceremony is at 6 p.m. each Wednesday at the center of Plaza Park. Organizers read the names of newly fallen service people on first Wednesdays.

Did You Know?

The staff in the Office of Community Relations laced up their sneakers and visited 500 homes surrounding the Chapman campus. The office personally delivered tote bags with information, brochures, local merchant coupons and refrigerator magnets containing important University contact information. The project was carried out in the two weeks leading up to the new fall semester and was just one part of Chapman’s back-to-school awareness campaign for students and residents.

Need to report a concern?

- Contact Chapman University’s Office of Community Relations at **(714) 289-2097** or email **neighbors@chapman.edu**.
- To report a disturbance that needs urgent attention, please call City of Orange PD dispatch at **(714) 744-7444**.

YOU'RE INVITED!

Join us for these engaging events at Chapman

There are many terrific Chapman University events and neighbors are always welcome. Here are just a few. Find more at the University's online events calendar, chapman.edu/events. Advance tickets for performing arts events are available online at chapman.edu/tickets.

“Socktober” Saturday: Chapman Family Service Project

Saturday, Oct. 7, 9 to 11 a.m.
Bert C. Williams Mall

Support our community and fuel up at our Chapman Family Homecoming Celebration “Socktober” Pancake Breakfast. The cost of admission? A new and unopened package of socks or underwear to donate to the women, men and children at Mercy House Living Center. Breakfast compliments of Ayres Hotels.



My Barrio: Emigdio Vasquez and Chicana/o Identity in Orange County Pacific Standard Time: LA/LA

Ongoing through Jan. 5, 2018

Chapman University joins the Getty's ambitious exhibition of Latin American and Latino art throughout Southern California. The historic

Cypress Street mural by Emigdio Vasquez is the highlight of Chapman's participation, which will also include exhibitions in the Guggenheim Art Gallery and Argyros Forum. As part of the Getty project, Higggy Vasquez, son of Emigdio Vasquez, will paint a living mural throughout the semester on a wall adjacent to the Guggenheim. Free and open to the public. For more information, visit pacificstandardtime.org.



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Chapman is your place to discover art, culture and more

From the fascinating sculptures installed across campus, to the landscapes at the Hilbert Museum of California Art, there's something for every art lover to enjoy at Chapman University's public galleries and museums.

The Phyllis & Ross Escalette Permanent Collection of Art – sometimes called the “museum without walls” – and the Hilbert Museum are always free and open to the public. Tours can be arranged for most and are a great way to learn more about these collections.

So, if you have a free afternoon or have out-of-town guests on the way, consider a campus visit soon to check out the art right in your own backyard.

Here are some details to help get you started.

- **The Escalette Collection** is spread throughout campus and consists of mostly contemporary and modern paintings, prints and sculpture.

For student-led tours, call (714) 997-6815.

- **California's Gold Exhibit and Huell Howser Archives** in Leatherby Libraries includes a permanent display of artifacts, mementoes and photographs chronicling the career of the late television legend Huell Howser. Hours are Tuesday – Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (714) 532-6088.
- **The Hilbert Museum** houses a superlative collection focused on the California Scene painting movement that blossomed from roughly 1920 to the 1970s and beyond. Starting



Members of the Orange Barrio Historical Society recently enjoyed a special tour of the Hilbert Museum of Art personally led by museum founder Mark Hilbert. All of the university's art collections are free and open to the public.

Saturday, Oct. 7, the Hilbert will also feature exhibitions of American Illustration, surf art and Disney animation. The Hilbert is at 167 N. Atchison St. in Old Towne Orange. Hours are Tuesday– Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information about guided tours, please call (714)-516-5880.

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