

## REC AND PARKS

# Happy Birthday, Phineas

## Banning Museum to host big-band concert.

The Friends of Banning Museum welcomes the Fabulous Esquires Big Band, who will perform on the front porch of the historic Banning Museum Aug. 18 from 6 to 9 p.m. The Fabulous Esquires Big Band, which was started in 1958, is a 17-piece swing band with two vocalists.

The third annual Phineas Banning Birthday Concert celebration commemorates the birthday of Phineas Banning, who played a key role in developing the world-renowned Port of Los Angeles. Concert including dinner, desert, dancing and dance lessons with a professional, wine, reserved seating and VIP gated parking is \$75. Concert-only tickets, including dance lessons and

dessert, bring-your-own dinner, blanket or chair and enjoy a picnic inside the gates on the front lawn of the historic Banning Museum is \$25. Swing dance attire not required but admired. Photos from last years' birthday celebration may be viewed on our Website, [www.thebanningmuseum.org](http://www.thebanningmuseum.org) under "Event Photos."

The Banning Museum is at 401 East "M" St. in Wilmington. For more information, call (310) 548-2005 or visit [www.esquires.org](http://www.esquires.org) for more information about the band.

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The historic Banning Museum.

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# New Banning Exhibit

## The Banning Museum to hold grand opening celebration for new exhibition on transportation.

Friends of Banning Museum will unveil the new permanent exhibition, *Improbable Gateway: The Los Angeles Transportation Legacy*, Aug. 20 with a festive grand opening celebration. The event will be held from noon to 4 p.m. at the Banning Museum, 401 East "M" St., Wilmington.

In addition to complimentary tours of the museum and exhibition, families will enjoy a fun-filled afternoon featuring: free hot dog BBQ lunch served by United Firefighters of Los Angeles City Local 112, children's craft project, Victorian musical entertainment and reenactment performers, historic roses lecture, interactive miniature train display, children's Plein Air art show, and a special exhibit on the historic Red Cars of Los Angeles. Also scheduled to appear is the Wells Fargo Stagecoach.

Guests will be among the very first to see *Improbable Gateway: The Los Angeles Transportation Legacy*. Artifacts, photos, models, interactive features and narrative depict the devel-

opment of staging and freight lines, railroads and a deep-water harbor in Los Angeles. Museum Director Michael Sanborn says, "This is a remarkable story of how the entrepreneurial spirit, perseverance and vision of pioneering individuals like Phineas Banning helped Los Angeles end her geographic isolation and become a center of commerce and influence." Visitors will also enjoy visiting the Harlyne and Kenneth Norris Visitor Center, the Harlyne and Kenneth Norris Museum Shop, and the beautiful Howard Rose Garden's "garden-within-a-garden" featuring antique roses of the Victorian era.

For more details about this event or The Banning Museum, contact Friends of Banning Museum at (310) 548-2005. Information on the Museum can also be found at [www.thebanningmuseum.org](http://www.thebanningmuseum.org).

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# Newsbrief

## PORT POLICE HQ:

On July 23, kicking off the 100th anniversary of the Los Angeles Port Police, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and Port of Los Angeles officials introduced the Los Angeles Harbor area community to the new Port Police Headquarters at 330 Centre St. between Third and Fifth streets in San Pedro.

"What better way to cap a century of dedicated service – 1911 to 2011 – than with a brand new, state-of-the-art police headquarters?" commented Port of Los Angeles Executive Director Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D., Club Member. "This new facility will provide an additional assurance of safety and security to our community, our customers, the Port of Los Angeles High School next door, and the downtown San Pedro business district."

"The Los Angeles Port Police has served with distinction for an entire century not only the Port but the surrounding Harbor Area community," said Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. "This new Port Police headquarters memorializes this century of service, while also ushering in a new era of public safety for the Harbor community by bringing in the latest top-notch technology and specialized maritime training."

Members of the community were able to preview the new headquarters, which will be fully operational later this year. As part of the Port Police's centennial celebration, the Port of Los Angeles — which separately celebrated its centennial in 2007 — offered tours of the new building, complete with historic Port Police photos to commemorate 100 years of service. Because the building will serve as a primary emergency center for the Port and surrounding areas, officers held an emergency preparedness fair with booth information from various City agencies, specialized vehicle displays, first aid kits, and flashlights.

The 50,000-square-foot, three-story building was under construction for three years and total cost was approximately \$60 million. Prior to its

demolition in 2008, the former building on the site housed administrative offices for Evergreen Shipping Line. The new headquarters replaces a 4,000-square-foot space the Port Police now occupies inside the Port of Los Angeles Administration Building, originally designed for 30 officers. The Port Police force has grown to approximately 150 officers and is expected to



The new Port Police headquarters building.

grow to about 200. An estimated 200 staff and visitors are expected to occupy the building.

The complex features a public counter, administrative offices, conference/training classrooms, emergency call and dispatch center, secure interview/interrogation rooms, physical training/fitness equipment, indoor firearms training facility, and temporary lockup facilities.

Pending Gold Certification under the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), the Port Police Headquarters was designed as an Essential Services Facility (ESF) and may serve as a center for disaster relief in the event of an emergency, with grid-independent power sources and hardened infrastructure.

Friends of Banning Museum and the City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks present the

## Grand Opening of the New Exhibition Improbable Gateway The Los Angeles Transportation Legacy Saturday, August 20, 2011, Noon - 4:00 p.m. At The Banning Museum

Join us for a FREE, fun-filled afternoon, with:

- ★ Tours of the Museum and the new exhibition
- ★ Hot dog BBQ lunch
- ★ Craft project for children
- ★ Musical entertainment
- ★ Interactive miniature train display
- ★ Children's Plein Air art show
- ★ Special exhibit on historic Red Cars of Los Angeles
- ★ Historic roses lecture
- ★ And scheduled to appear, the Wells Fargo Stagecoach!

## Can an exhibition be educational and fun? YOU BET!

*Improbable Gateway:  
The Los Angeles Transportation Legacy*

is all about trails, rails and sails – the stagecoaches, railroads and deep-water harbor that helped connect Los Angeles to the rest of the country and make her what she is today!

For more information, call 310-548-2005 or visit

[www.thebanningmuseum.org](http://www.thebanningmuseum.org)

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