



Former *Alive!* cover story subject Albert Torres, Chief Park Ranger, in front of the Hansen Dam Ranger Station.



Mounted Park Ranger Instructors attend the ribbon-cutting event.



Rec and Parks Rangers attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Rec and Parks

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Home For the Rangers

Hansen Dam Ranger Station enjoys grand opening.

Rec and Parks opened its impressive new Hansen Dam Ranger Station with a ribbon-cutting ceremony March 27.

Hansen Dam Regional Park is at 12200 W. Osborne St. in Sylmar.

The newly built ranger station is a control, orientation and security headquarters for the community and visitors of Lake View Terrace.

The 4,600-square-foot single-story building includes a community center, information counter, offices for recreation staff and park rangers, restroom facilities, new parking lots, drought landscaping, and security lighting. In addition, cottonwood trees that represent the Hansen Dam riparian habitat were planted along with Coastal Oak and Valley Oak trees.

In attendance were Councilman Felipe Fuentes; Rec and Parks Commissioner Sylvia Patsouras; Michael A. Shull, General Manager, Rec and Parks; Neil Drucker, Program Manager, Public Works/Engineering; and Terry Kaiser, Vice President, Lake View Terrace Recreation Center; among others.

Congratulations to Rec and Parks for its new ranger station!



The ribbon is cut!



Park Rangers welcome guests to an open house after the ribbon cutting.



SEEN Around Town

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Cherry Picking



The weather is starting to warm up and it's time to start thinking about fine summer fruits. U-pick farms are a great way to get farm fresh produce, spend time with friends and family and get a little exercise. And nothing tastes quite so good as fruit warmed in the early summer sun.

One of my favorite things to pick are cherries. I took the opportunity a few years ago to learn how to make jam and now my cherry peach jam is a summer favorite in my house. I tend to head up to the Leona Valley and stop in at Villa del Sol. Fat Reniers and juicy Bings go into the basket and later, into some kind of delectable treat.

Go get on their mailing list now so you are ready when the cherries are ready. Maybe I'll see ya there!

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