

Community Information

Tustin





TUSTIN

Tustin was named one of the top 25 places in the United States to live well by Forbes Magazine.

Shopping

Tustin is home to several shopping areas that are spread throughout Tustin and Tustin Ranch. They range in size from the small and intimate to the massive Market Place that stretches for almost a mile on either side Jamboree Road in Tustin Ranch. All offer a wide range of stores, products, and services in pleasant surroundings. Most of the centers are conveniently located within easy walking distance of the city's residential areas. Many also feature a wide array of fine dining establishments that turn a shopping trip into a fun experience.

Real Estate

Tustin enjoys a wide variety of housing to suit every family size and type. Housing ranges from estate-sized single-family dwellings to moderately priced apartments. All of the areas in the city have moderately parks interspersed among the homes and apartments, with retail facilities located nearby. Tustin also has a wide variety of apartment communities to provide for all family sizes. Apartment communities range from the newest in Tustin Ranch to more mature complexes in the western and southern parts of the city.



Tustin Ranch Golf Club

Inside you'll find 6,800 yards of classic Ted Robinson design. The pro shop, golf school, practice facility, recently renovated and expanded clubhouse and wedding and banquet services are the finest available – just as tradition would have it. Tustin Ranch Golf Club: 12442 Tustin Ranch Rd, Tustin Ranch, CA (714) 730-1611

Parks & Recreation

Tustin offers a wide range of recreation programs for its residents. Parks dot the cityscape, and Tustin Ranch is home to a championship 18-hole golf course. One of the truly unique features is the "Concerts in the Park" series that runs in Peppertree Park during the summer. These concerts are family-oriented and feature a wide variety of musical groups. Contact the Parks & Recreation Department for details (714-573-3326). Tustin Area Council for Fine Arts (TACFA) also puts on "Broadway in the Park" at Peppertree each fall.

Family & Youth Centers

The Family and Youth Center provides a full range of family and youth social, educational and recreational programs for the residents of southwest Tustin. Other highlights of the center include a licensed Head Start school readiness program and a computer-learning center. Open Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. 14722 Newport Avenue, (714) 573-3370

Columbus Tustin Activity Center & Gym

The gym offers a myriad of recreational programs for age groups ranging from middle school aged teens through adults. Open Monday – Friday 10:00 am – 10:00 pm, Saturday and Sunday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm. 17522 Beneta Way, corner of Irvine Boulevard and Prospect Street, (714) 573-3009.

Tustin Parks & Facilities are located throughout the city and within walking distance from many of our communities.





History

People who know this area well sometimes refer to Tustin as "The City of the Trees." Although a variety of trees are responsible for this nickname, this is a distinctive quality of the area which dates back centuries, actually to the time of the early Spanish explorers. The first Europeans in Orange County came with the Portola Expedition in 1769. This expedition, which had two padres (including Father Juan Crespi) and a small contingent of the army, set out north to establish the string of missions throughout California. (Father Serra, who was in charge of this project, was not along on this expedition, remaining in San Diego to establish the mission there.) A few years later, the early Spanish Grijalva scouting party (The Anza Expedition, 1776) identified the area from Santiago Creek to Red Hill as El Alisal, the Sycamore Grove. At that time, the land was dotted with massive, white-barked sycamore trees. It is of some note that three of the massive trees still exist, although today they are on private property.

The American Indians living in the region when the Spanish first arrived spoke a dialect of the Shoshone language. Much of the Indian culture is only today being pieced together from archeological studies in the area. However, it is known that there had been an Indian village or gathering place around Red Hill.

Although the Indians of that time were nomadic, when the Spanish came, they grouped the Indians according to which mission district they were in at the time, and turned them from fishermen and harvesters of seasonal nuts and berries into farm workers. The Indians who lived in what is today the Tustin area were called the "Gabrielino" Indians, for they were under the jurisdiction of the San Gabriel Mission. They were considered, according to the European standards of the time, to be "somewhat more sophisticated" than the "Juanenos" Indians, who were under the jurisdiction of the San Juan Capistrano Mission.

The reason trees grew here was the same one which attracted Indians and then the early settlers - the availability of a dependable water supply, some of it from natural artesian wells that flowed from the ground. The water certainly attracted Juan Pablo Grijalva, who, in 1810, received a grant to use it for ranching. Over the next generations, the land was divided between family members. In 1868, when a dispute within the family over ownership could not be resolved, the land was partitioned to be sold.

Columbus Tustin, a Northern California carriage maker, and his partner Nelson Stafford, purchased 1,300 acres of what had been the Rancho Santiago de Santa Ana for the price of one dollar and fifty cents per acre. Mr. Tustin attempted to create "Tustin City," but sales of homesites were slow, and in the early 1870s he ended up giving free lots to anyone who would build a home.

In 1877, Tustin lost out to Santa Ana as the Southern terminus of the Southern Pacific Railroad, and Columbus Tustin died in 1883, a bitterly disappointed man. Nonetheless, with the abundance of water, the community named after him gradually became established as an agricultural center. By the 1880s there were three churches, a fifty room hotel, a bank, and a horse drawn "tallyho" (trolley line) which connected Tustin to Santa Ana. By the turn of the century, groves of apricots and walnuts were gradually being replaced by the more profitable Valencia oranges.





Tustin's reputation as an area leader in education was begun at this time, with a public school led by educator John "Zeke" Zeilian. In 1927, the population topped 900, and the voters elected to incorporate.

During World War II, three military bases were established in nearby bean fields and unincorporated areas in proximity to Tustin: the Santa Ana Army Air Base, the El Toro Marine Corps Air Station, and the navy's Lighter-Than-Air Base (where the huge hangers housed coast-patrolling blimps).

In the 1950s, Tustin's growth began in earnest. Freeways, quality schools, and post-war industries attracted thousands of people. The orchards were developed by builders and by 1970 the population had jumped to 32,000. Growth was a painful process as houses replaced orange groves. Old timers and newcomers alike had to adapt to each other, cope with new problems and situations, and expand facilities to handle increased patronage. And so tract after tract replaced grove after grove.

With all the development, the next step was annexations to the City. Annexation became the major issue during the period from 1955 to 1965. One of the early annexations to the city was the Tustin Union High School campus. Although the school was built in 1921, it remained outside the city limits until annexation in 1957. During the 1950s the City increased 220 percent in size with annexations. The big leap came in the 1960s when the population increased a whopping 1,012 percent, going from 2,006 to 22,313 population and the land area increased from 434.23 acres to 2,214.77, or a 410 percent increase. Several large annexations greatly increased the city's area between 1971 and 1981. The Marine Corps Air Station was annexed to Tustin, adding 2,076 acres to the city. A few years later a total of 2,257 acres that had been in the Irvine Ranch agricultural preserve were annexed and are being developed as Tustin Ranch.

Today, almost all the orchards are gone; now Tustin is an urban area. However, if you know where to look, you can still see signs of the City's proud history. Historic old buildings, some dating back to the 1880s, are maintained in "Old Town" on Main Street and El Camino Real. The museum shows a living history of those times gone by. And there's more: three trees yet remain of those original massive sycamores. And finally, everywhere lining the streets, one still sees trees, trees and more trees in Tustin, The City of Trees.



Old Town Tustin - Historic Highlights

Tustin Old Town is an area centered around a group of historic buildings located on Main Street and El Camino Real which date back to the 1880s. Among the early businesses and structures in Tustin were a blacksmith shop, a combined grocery store/meat market, a business and feed store building, churches and school buildings. The present day museum is located in a historic old building which has housed many businesses over the decades.

Main Street runs from Williams Street on the west to just past Newport Avenue on the east. Today, its one-and-a-half miles reveal over twelve decades of Tustin's past. Tourists are advised to park their cars and follow a map to "Take Main Street to Tustin History." This sidewalk tour has three short side trips to expand the study. The total walking distance is just over two miles, but in that distance Southern California's past is illuminated in a special way.





The Tustin Area Historical Society

Museum and office is located at 395 El Camino Real (at Main Street) Map - The museum contains a wealth of information and photographs about the history and growth of Tustin. The museum is open the first and third Saturday of every month from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., and every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information on the history of Tustin please visit www.tustinhistory.com and our Blogs at www.tustinhistory.blogspot.com Annual Event: Old Town Promenade - Features historic home and garden tours with guided tree and architectural walks.

Some Old Town Highlights

The Stevens House: Pioneer Sherman Stevens' home was built in 1887 of redwood shipped from Eureka. A classic Queen Anne Victorian with many interesting architectural features, it remained in the Stevens family until 1980. Avocado groves which surrounded it were replaced with office buildings in 1982.

The Pankey Residence: Built in 1928 in the California Monterey style, some of the walls are 18 inches thick. The tree seen over the roof in the rear is one of the massive native sycamores which were already growing when Columbus Tustin first bought the land from the Spanish Land Grant in the 1860s.

The Leihy House: Built around 1915, this home is an interesting example of a California Craftsman bungalow with its front-facing gable, exposed rafters, front door lights, heavy posts, and large, horizontal beams.

The Vance House: Built of redwood in 1887. This Queen Anne Victorian exhibits the typical variety of patterns, gabled roof with widow's walk and cresting, saw work, decorative bands, carved brackets, fish scale siding and spindle balusters.

The Leinburger House: This Victorian cottage was built in 1888.

The Rock House: Built in 1950 by a Civil Engineer using his rock collection gathered while on jobs in the Rocky Mountain states.

The Hewes House: Built in 1881, it was added to in 1920. This house combines a variety of styles; Victorian Eastlake, Italianate, and Greek revival features.

Tustin Presbyterian Church: Organized in 1882, the Tustin Presbyterian Church replaced their Victorian chapel in 1928 with this Spanish colonial revival.

Knights of Pythias Building: This Italian Romanesque building became the center of much social, fraternal and commercial activity. Tustin's first City Hall was located in one of the rear stores.

Shop Buildings at 130-140 West Main Street: These shop buildings date back to about 1914 when they housed the post office, drug store and barbershop. This was the site of the Wells Fargo Express Office, as well. And there are many other buildings as well, all carefully preserved to keep a part of Southern California history alive in Tustin.





Important Phone Numbers:

City of Tustin:

300 Centennial Way, Tustin, CA 92780 / (714) 573-3000 / www.tustinca.org

Cable Television Referral Line: (City of Tustin) (714) 573-3160

Cox Communication: 6771 Quail Hill Parkway, Irvine / (949) 546-1000

Time Warner: 200 Paularino Avenue, Costa Mesa / (888) 892-2253

Southern California Edison: (800) 684-8123

Building Permits & Information:

Tustin City Hall, 300 Centennial Way / (714) 573-3131 or 573-3132

The Gas Company: (800) 427-2200

Recycling: (714) 372-8272 or (714) 573-3173 (City)

Orange County Sanitation: (714) 962-2411

SBC Communications: (800) 750-2355

Trash/Garbage Pick-up:

CR&R Waste Services - Stanton: 11292 Western Avenue, Stanton, CA 90680

Customer Service: (714) 372-8272



Education

Tustin Unified School District

300 South C Street, Tustin, CA 92780

714-730-7301 / www.tustin.k12.ca.us

Elementary Schools

Benson

12712 Elizabeth Way, Tustin, CA 92780 / 714-730-7531

Beswick

1362 Mitchell Avenue, Tustin, CA 92780 / 714-730-7385

Estock

14741 North B Street, Tustin, CA 92780 / 714-730-7390

Heideman

15571 Williams Street, Tustin, CA 92780 / 714-730-7521

Ladera

2515 Rawlings Way, Tustin, CA 92782 / 714-730-7505

Lambert

1151 San Juan Street, Tustin, CA 92780 / 714-730-7457

Nelson

14392 Browning Avenue, Tustin, CA 92780 / 714-730-7536

Peters Canyon

26900 Peters Canyon Road, Tustin, CA 92782 / 714-730-7540





Thorman

1402 Sycamore Avenue, Tustin, CA 92780 / 714-730-7364

Tustin Ranch

12950 Robinson Drive, Tustin, CA 92782 / 714-730-7580

Veeh

1701 San Juan Street, Tustin, CA 92780 / 714-730-7544

Middle Schools

Columbus Tustin

17952 Beneta Way, Tustin, CA 92780 / 714-730-7352

Currie

1402 Sycamore Avenue, Tustin, CA 92780 / 714-730-7360

Pioneer

2700 Pioneer Road, Tustin, CA 92782 / 714-730-7534

Utt

13601 Browning Avenue, Tustin, CA 92780 / 714-730-7573



High Schools

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1171 El Camino Real, Tustin, CA 92780 / 714-730-7414

Hillview (Temporarily at Heritage School)

15400 Lansdowne Road, Tustin, CA 92782 / 714-730-7356

Sycamore High/Tustin Adult School (Temporarily at Heritage School)

15400 Lansdowne Road, Tustin, CA 92782 / 714-730-7395

Beckman High School

3588 Bryan Ave., Irvine, CA 92602 / 714-734-2900





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300 CENTENNIAL WAY
TUSTIN, CA 92780

INCORPORATED: 1927
AREA: 11.1 square miles
TELEPHONE: (714) 573-3000
WEBSITE: www.tustinca.org

CITY COUNCIL

Mayor	Charles E. "Chuck" Puckett
Mayor Pro Tem	Dr. Allan Bernstein
Council Members	Letitia Clark
	Barry W. Cooper
	Austin Lombard

DEPARTMENTS

City Manager	(714) 573-3012
Community Development	573-3140
City Council	573-3000
Parks & Recreation	573-3326
Fire Authority	573-6000
Police Department	573-3200

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

POPULATION			2010 POPULATION BY AGE (1)			2010 RACIAL & ETHNIC POPULATION (1)		
1960	2,006	(1)		Total	%		Number	%
1970	21,178	(1)	0-4	5,731	7.6	Non-Hispanic White	26,317	34.8
1980	32,317	(1)	5-9	5,736	7.6	Hispanic of any race	30,024	39.7
1990	50,689	(1)	10-14	5,422	7.2	Non-Hispanic Asian	15,147	20.1
2000	67,504	(1)	15-19	5,261	7.0	Non-Hispanic Black	1,535	2.0
2010	75,540	(1)	20-24	4,918	6.5	All Other NH Races	2,517	3.3
			25-34	12,677	16.8			
2006	70,880	(2)	35-44	12,356	16.4	Total:	75,540	100%
2007	71,493	(2)	45-54	10,298	13.6			
2008	73,270	(2)	55-59	3,785	5.0			
2009	74,340	(2)	60-64	2,923	3.9			
2010	75,540	(2)	65-74	3,654	4.8			
2011	76,066	(3)	75-84	2,012	2.7			
2012	77,111	(3)	85+	767	1.0			
2013	78,744	(3)	Total:	75,540	100%			
2014	78,815	(3)	Median Age:	33.4				
2015	80,032	(3)	% of County:		2.5			
2016	81,509	(3)						
2017	81,980	(3)						
2018	81,755	(3)						
2019	81,369	(3)						

CURRENT PROJECTIONS SERIES POPULATION: OCP-2018 (4)

2016	82,058
2020	83,369
2025	84,265
2030	85,239
2035	87,932
2040	90,576
2045	92,564

VOTER REGISTRATION, 2019 (6)

Democratic	12,795	Peace & Freedom	121
Republican	10,288	Misc.	73
Independent	925	Decline To State	11,236
Green	120		
Libertarian	345	Total:	35,903

VITAL STATISTICS (5)

	2014	2015	2016
Total Births	1,117	1,121	1,202
Birth Rate	14.2	14	14.8
Total Deaths	352	399	407
Death Rate	4.5	5.0	5.0

Sources: (1) April Decennial Census of Population, U.S. Census Bureau. (4) Center for Demographic Research, CSUF.
 (2) E-8 Released November 2012, State Dept. of Finance, includes errata. (5) California Department of Public Health rates per 1,000 population. 2016 is the latest published data by city.
 (3) E-5 (Revised) Released May 2019, State Dept. of Finance. (6) OC Registrar of Voters, 2019.