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Auto Mall Street names

The street names around the auto mall: Duesenberg, Marmon, Cord, Pierce Arrow, and Auburn are names of old car manufacturers and were chosen to reflect the business of the area that was developed in 1967-68.

Borchard Road

Named for the Caspar Borchard family. Some of the street names in Newbury Park near Borchard Rd. are named for the children in the family.

Erbes Road

Road to the Otto and Ernest Erbes Ranches in Thousand Oaks located along the road.

Hillcrest Road

Named for the physical feature of the road. Originally, the area which is now Hillcrest Rd. west of Moorpark Rd. was called W. Village Lane. The name "Village" related to the fact that it led to the Conejo Village Mall (later known as the Janss Mall).

Hodencamp Road

Named for the Hodencamp family. Mrs. Hodencamp kept her house on TO Blvd for many years.

Janss Road:

Janss Rd. east of Moorpark was paved by 1958 (during development of the Waverly Heights and Glenwood tracts)

Janss Rd. east of Windsor, was originally a dirt "dogleg" for access, installed by Michael Lang in 1960, it went as far as El Monte Rd. Called a "dirt road through the barley patch" in 1961 newspaper article.

Janss Rd. extension/improvement proposed by 1961, but was delayed by illness of Lang, until his death in 1967. Janss Rd between Windsor and El Monte was paved by 1967.

Janss Rd. extension from El Monte Rd. to Erbes Rd. was proposed in 1966 and completed by 1970.

Kelly Road

Named for the Silas Kelley family who owned a ranch in Newbury Park.

Lang Ranch Road

Named for Lang Ranch, owned 1941 to 1967 by Michael Lang, it was originally a portion of the Dinsmore Ranch.

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Lynn Rd.

Named for the Lynn family who bought about 4/5ths of the old Hunt Ranch. The Janss Corp. built the development and named it for the previous owners.

Olsen Rd.

Named for one of the Norwegian families that had a ranch at the corner of Moorpark and Olsen.

Paige Lane:

Paige Lane was Warden Rd. in late 50s and did not exist on maps before that period. The street became Paige Lane by 1965 but was noted as Warden Rd. on maps up to 1962. So, it appears the name change occurred between 1962-1964. Local resident names on a development proposal in 1958 do not list a resident of either name, nor do directories or the Census.

Paige Lane was noted by City Clerk's Office to approximately 1962, no reason for the name change was recorded.

Thousand Oaks Boulevard

Originally TO Blvd was the location of the Ventura Highway (also known as Route 1, Highway 1, and the El Camino Real) until 1950, when highway improvements led to the Highway being split into Ventura Boulevard, which follows current day TO Blvd. and the Ventura Highway, which is the path of the modern Ventura 101 Freeway. In 1964 Ventura Blvd was renamed Thousand Oaks Blvd to commemorate the new city.

Ventu Park Road

Named for the Ven-Tu cabins developed in the 1920s.

Wendy Drive

Was it named for Wendy Wilcoxon (b. 1939), daughter of actor Henry Wilcoxon who bought land in NP in the 1920s? --- OR --- was it named for Wendy Malat Weiss, who lived in the area in the 1950s when Casa Conejo was built?

Village Lane (W. Village Lane)

Named by the Janss Corp. about 1961, this was the access road for the Conejo Village Mall (now Janss Mall) the name was changed to Hillcrest when the two roads were connected in about 1969.

Wilbur Road

Named for Jesse and Catherine Craig Wilbur, who built an adobe on the site now owned by Southern California Edison. The property was the location of an extensive vineyard from the 1920s to 1940s.