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Photo courtesy of Angie DeLaRosa's daughter, via Angie

## PROTEST A SUCCESS?

For those who weren't out on the Boulevard this weekend, several protesters stood in front of the future Tom's Burgers on the Boulevard Friday, Saturday and Sunday, holding signs that said, for example, "MENTONE IS NOT REDLANDS" and similar sentiments (see photos below). Some signs were prepared and donated anonymously and some by participants. Some participants were also planning to be on the corner of Wabash and the Boulevard.

Passersby honked, flashed thumbs up and smiled or shouted encouragement and apparent agreement. The children in a family standing in front of Tom's Burgers on Sunday counted 60 honks just from the time they arrived until about noon, reported John Bonson, who was manning the booth and distributing the signs. Angie Grisafe DeLaRosa reported that the sign with the Chamber number also garnered some phone calls.

Participants on at least Friday and Sunday were treated to a parade of vintage vehicles dating from the 30s through the 70s. Some, particularly the 30s vehicles, were souped-up hot rods. Others were in "as-is" condition or looked just as they did in the good ol' days, only - maybe - sporting more modern-colored paint jobs.

Rich Orbaker, the organizer, plans to continue the protest each Friday, Saturday and Sunday for a few more weeks. Anyone wishing to participate is welcome. The Chamber and MACA are also sponsoring the event. MM

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MM thanks everyone who participated during the weekend for their time and energy. MM suggests the protest is successful if anyone realizes what's happening to Mentone. From the drivers' responses, it seems that lots of people did. Please come and help protest in the next few weeks and see if it doesn't make a difference.

For your comments to the County (see below): Don't know what to write? MM saw the Countywide Plan in past months and it seems to put most of the burden on Mentone to do what we need. For your convenience Mentone Matters will obtain and publish, as soon as possible, the comments previously submitted by Steve Rogers, P.E., who has been interested in Mentone's future and advocated for us before the County and City of Redlands for years – before many of us knew what was going on. Those comments were contributed to by Crafton Hills Honors Students who served Mentone as interns in the past school year. The more comments the County receives, the more likely it will honor our wishes!

Also, MM welcomes your news that is of importance to the whole community. Just e-mail [mentonematters@aol.com](mailto:mentonematters@aol.com). You may have noticed information missing from some articles, please include all information, such as the names of people in any photos, dates, times, etc., of coming events. In short, what you'd like to see in the newspaper. (It may be an artificial distinction but MM considers itself a newspaper, rather than newsletter, because it attempts to report neutrally, reserving opinions for this page, whereas a newsletter can contain anything, including one's opinions in "news" articles.) MM

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## THE COUNTY WANTS YOUR FEEDBACK

According to an e-mail sent Friday, August, San Bernardino County's Land Use Department is "hosting a second round of regional meetings in September to hear your feedback on draft goals and policies, community actions, and the land use map. You are invited to attend any of the nine meetings listed below. Spread the word - share the attached flyer with friends and neighbors, or post the flyer in your community!"

The nearest location to Mentone is "Yucaipa, Sept. 26 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Yucaipa Community Center, 34900 Oak Glen Rd." The e-mail included the following link: <http://countywideplan.com/openhouse/> for details.

"Questions and comments can be submitted to [CountywidePlan@lus.sbcounty.gov](mailto:CountywidePlan@lus.sbcounty.gov) or to [CommunityPlans@lus.sbcounty.gov](mailto:CommunityPlans@lus.sbcounty.gov) for questions or comments regarding a specific community," continued the e-mailed notice.

The e-mail concluded: "***Our job is to create a county in which those who reside and invest can prosper and achieve well-being.*** [www.SBCounty.gov](http://www.SBCounty.gov)." MM

### COMING EVENTS:

Protest against Redlands' pending takeover of Mentone: Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, 9 a.m. to noon, for several weeks. Some shade, bring water; signs will be provided.

**MACA:** Second Tuesday of the month, Mill Creek Cattle Company and Diamond Jim's Saloon, 6:30 p.m.,

**Coming events:** Weeklong celebration planned in 2019. **Chili Cookoff, September 29 on Wabash, across from Stater's (where the Mentone Days was held);** Thanksgiving parade. Film festival in a tent: date TBA.

**C.O.M.E.T./CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:** Meetings: last Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., at Rocky Point Fellowship in the back meeting room.

### **ORGANIZATIONS MEETING LOCALLY\*:**

(Religious organizations meet on Sundays unless otherwise noted)

Rocky Point Fellowship  
2116 Mentone Blvd.,  
Mentone, 92359

Avodah Fellowship (Friday nights)  
Rocky Point Fellowship (in the fellowship hall)  
2116 Mentone Blvd.,  
Mentone, CA 92359

Faith Chapel  
1259 Agate Ave.,  
Mentone, CA 909-863-8145

Seventh-Day Adventist Church of Mentone (English and Spanish) (Saturdays 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.)  
1230 Olivine Ave., Mentone

Congregational Church UCC  
1205 Beryl Ave,  
Mentone, CA · (909) 794-2893

Sandals Church East Valley  
1325 Amethyst Ave.,  
Mentone, CA

Mentone, CA 909-794-1610

Mentone Indonesian-American Seventh-Day Adventist Church  
1331 Turquoise Ave.,  
Mentone, CA 909-799-3521

New Life Christian Women's Luncheon @ Mill Creek Cattle Co.,  
1874 Mentone Blvd., Mentone,  
First Wednesday each month, 10-2

Republican Committee Tea Party,  
Mill Creek Cattle Co., 1st Thursday of the month

COMET and Chamber of Commerce: Rocky Point Fellowship,  
2116 Mentone Boulevard, at 7 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month.  
AA/NA Rocky Point Fellowship, Tuesdays

MACA: Mill Creek Cattle Co., in Diamond Jim's Saloon,  
1874 Mentone Blvd., second Tuesday of the month,  
Mentone, CA 909/389-0706

\*Organizations that aren't listed here are welcome to contact [mentonematters@aol.com](mailto:mentonematters@aol.com) to have their information included.

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From the Good Ol' Days:

The advertisement is a collage of text and graphics. At the top left, there are several small business notices: 'STILLATE' with 'pt Service' and 'e 3655', 'Gowland' with 'Associated' and 'bution', and 'Mrs. Colton Cornwell, Prop. Telephone 9551 Redlands'. Next to it is 'Steve's Barber Shop' by 'C. E. STEVENS' at '1820 Mentone Boulevard'. To the right is a large box for 'McMillan Mercantile Co.' advertising 'Cement—Coal—Fuel Oil—Glass' and 'MENTONE'S DEPARTMENT STORE' with the slogan 'Where You Buy the Most for the Least'. The central part of the ad is a large framed box with the headline 'Come to — MENTONE' and the sub-headline 'The Fastest Growing Community in San Bernardino County For— Sunshine, Health, Opportunity'. Below this, it describes the climate and agricultural benefits of the area. At the bottom of the central box, it lists 'No Fog, No City Taxes, No Smudge', 'Cooler in Summer, Warmer in Winter', and 'Cheap Acreage, Unlimited Water'. It concludes with contact information for the 'Mentone Chamber of Commerce' and 'LEWIS E. McKEE, Secretary' at '1770 Mentone Boulevard, Mentone, California'. On the far left edge, there are more partial notices: 'ins in rriters', 'tion Royal able', 'lars Off.', 's from \$39.95', 'tals', 'QUILL', '., Redlands', 'IN AMERICA of', 'it best', 'Phone 5006', and 'Dairy'.

From H.G. Reynolds' newspaper, most likely dated in the 40s, photo courtesy of John Bonson

PLEASE SCROLL OR PAGE DOWN FOR MORE PHOTOS OF THE PROTEST: Photos again courtesy of Angie's daughter:





From left: From left to right: Rich Orbaker, protest organizer; ?; Gabe DeLaRosa, MACA president and Chamber of Commerce Vice-President  
AND, MORE FROM JOHN BONSON (MM's favorite is "Mentone Rocks"):

