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Ventura County Events

Thomas Fire Benefit Festival

100% of proceeds benefit the Thomas Fire victims!

Great music and great food under the stars

**February 3rd
Plaza Park, Downtown
Ventura
2:00pm to 9:15pm**

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Museum
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Saturdays from
10am to 3pm**

**1421 Emerson Ave
Oxnard, CA**

Little Known Ventura Facts

Half way between LA and Santa Barbara lies the coastal city of Ventura. It starts at the top of the steep Ventura foothills and winds its way down to the Pacific, overlooking Channel Islands National Park. Known for its epic surf conditions and 10,000 year history, here are some little known facts about the city of Ventura:

Home of world class soccer - Year-round ideal weather and easy access to Los Angeles is very attractive to players, luring both prospects and teams looking for a friendly match. Ventura's local team, the **Fusion**, became the first in the Premier Development League's history to play against international teams, including a first-of-its-kind exhibition match against an English Premier League team in 2009. Players are also being exported *from* Ventura. Over 70 players have moved on from the Fusion to professional teams in the EPL and elsewhere, including the number one Major League Soccer draft pick of 2008, Chance Myers, and Gyasi Zardes, who now plays for the LA Galaxy and the US Men's National Team.

Gluten-free is a Ventura original - Though most agriculture happens elsewhere in the county, Ventura was the first place in the world to produce lima beans outside of their native Peru, and it's from this source that "gluten-free" was introduced to the world. In the 1920s, a baker by the name of William Baker (who'd changed his name from William Koch) began working at a bakery in Ventura, later opening the Bill Baker Bakery in Ojai, where he perfected what he called his "wheat-less" flours, utilizing soy and lima beans from Ventura. Everything from bread to pastries was made with the flour and marketed as health food nearly 100years before gluten-free evolved into the trend it is today.

Anaheim peppers! - If you've ever had an Anaheim chili pepper, you have Ventura native Emilio Ortega to thank. In the 1890s, Emilio traveled from Ventura, where his family operated the state's first commercial pepper plant — the Ortega Chili

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\$635,000 **PENDING!**

Oxnard, CA

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3 Bedroom, 2 Bath

1477 Sq. Ft.

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(Ventura Facts cont.)

Company in downtown Ventura — to New Mexico and returned with hatch chili pepper seeds. The peppers grew so well in the Ventura soil that they became prolific and were later named “the Anaheim” after Emilio moved operations south. The original Ortega chili peppers and salsa can still be purchased today, and you can visit Emilio’s home, the Ortega Adobe, in Ventura.

Ghost hunters love Ventura- The city of Ventura recently celebrated its 150th anniversary...and so have many of the town’s ghostly residents. Ghost hunting excursions are commonplace here, with popular destinations being the [Olivas Adobe](#) (where a mysterious lady in black has supposedly been seen for many years), [City Hall](#) (in which several ghosts are said to reside), and downtown’s [Bella Maggiore Inn](#), where a ghost named Sylvia reputedly spooks guests.

Little Miss Sunshine actually ends in Ventura - You wouldn’t know it, but the Redondo Beach beauty pageant that becomes the crux of the 2006 Steve Carell and Greg Kinnear comedy *Little Miss Sunshine* is actually in Ventura. The city’s promenade features during the film’s climactic rush to make the pageant’s deadline, with the local Crowne Plaza Hotel as the actual location the family was so eager to reach.

Long lost tombstone found off surfer’s point - A cemetery from the 1860s that became the final resting place for many of Ventura’s founders is now known as [Cemetery Memorial Park](#), popular with local residents, but its history is somewhat lost to time. Many of the buried are unknown, records destroyed and tombstones misplaced, including the tombstone of Mother Ida May Shively, buried in 1901 at what was then known as St. Mary’s Cemetery. The tombstone was uncovered at [Surfers’ Point](#) in 1993 and retrieved by Shively’s 91-year-old daughter.

Serious music history - In 1968, John Lennon played to the surprise of a small gathering at a Ventura beach bar while studying in Ojai. And Johnny Cash is revered as a native son around these parts; every year in Ventura, the [Roadshow Revival](#), a tribute to Cash, is put on in late June and features a salute to the Man in Black and his Ventura roots. A perfect excuse to plan a trip.

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