

## What's Happening With Bottle Village?

Dear Bottle Villager,

We used to call you "Friends of Bottle Village", but we think that implies a separation between you and the "Board." The fact is, **You** are Bottle Village! It isn't owned by a private corporation or government body, but by those who support it. Speaking of support, some of you may know that aid for the Village is at an all-time low. Meanwhile, Bottle Village is disintegrating to the point where it may be lost forever.

A grant from the County Arts Alliance/Ventura Co. Community Foundation made this mailing possible. Now we can answer some of your questions and inform you of what you can do to help.

### Resolution Solution

Our resolution for the New Year is to continue our involvement for one year as the driving force to preserve Bottle Village unless you convince us through your actions that Bottle Village is worthwhile to you. This support doesn't have to be monetary... Come over on January 26th and 27th from 10-4 to sweep walkways or help out with other site activities. Please write or call us a.s.a.p. because without your help we won't meet our goal of preserving Bottle Village and having public access and ownership assured.

### Good News from 1990

- Paid off back taxes from prior owner (property was donated in 1986)
- Secured engineering reports for building restoration
- Received grant for this mailing

### Major Hurdles for 1991

- To develop a solid constituency of Bottle Villagers
- Emergency stabilization
- City of Simi Valley Planning Commission (appearance & fees)
- County of Ventura Property Taxes (challenge or pay)
- State of California: Develop a plan for retro fitting or removing unreinforced masonry (bottle buildings) as mandated by law.

### What You Can Do

- Donate money: See "Pave the Way" information and "Bottle Villager" form. Any amount helps.

• Donate your time: Help us "pack the hall" when we meet the Simi Valley Planning Commission. Host a consciousness raising meeting and film showing in your home. Help landscape our parkway, sow lupines & poppies, erect historic plaques, assist professionals...

• Donate your skill: \*Attorney, \*Consultant to developers, Landscape architect, general contracting, carpentry, masonry, plumbing, \*historic preservation, \*structural stabilization, photo processing, printing, tree trimming, silk screening, \*grading, \*security fencing...

• Donate your items: \*Landscape blower, trash cans & rakes (plastic), brooms, electrical panel, pruning tools, wheelbarrow, \*"porta-potty"...

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Yes, I want to make a resolution solution for Bottle Village and become a Bottle Villager. Keep me on your mailing list. My donation of \_\_\_\_\_ is included.  
*to more advice*

Yes, I'll be at Bottle Village on January 26th and/or 27th. (please circle)

Yes, I can help with

Name, address, phone:

Grandma Prisbrey's Bottle Village is a city, county, and state landmark. Your donation to Preserve Bottle Village is tax deductible as allowed by law.