



Signal Hill's Origin Story

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In the 1500's, the Puva Indian tribe used this hill to signal others in Santa Catalina Island, 29 miles offshore. Thus, Spanish settlers named the area "Loma Sental", which translates to Signal Hill. Its first owner on record, Miguel Nieto, received the land in 1784 as a grant from King Carlos III of Spain. He divided the land he owned into six sections which included three cities that Long Beach residents hold near and dear to our hearts; Signal Hill, Los Alamitos, and Cerritos. All of which were either cattle or horse ranchos. In the 1800's, the land was sold to New Englanders who used it for grazing and agriculture. When a drought and financial hardships fell on the city in 1862, it was sold to the Bixby's (<http://www.cityofsignalhill.org/218/History-of-Signal-Hill>).

Much later on June 23, 1921, oil was discovered by the Royal Dutch Shell Oil Company. Signal Hill, known for its oil rich origins still hosts many mechanical oil drillers (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nI03eL8gm-4>).

Until 1924, the city had been unincorporated in a Los Angeles County area. Literally and completely surrounded by Long Beach it was subject to a Long Beach per barrel tax. So, the founding fathers voted to incorporate.

Signal Hill is not only rich in oil but in diversity. Additionally, it has a very progressive historical culture. Yes ladies! Signal Hill's first mayor was a woman, Mrs. Jesse Nelson. You go Mrs. Jesse!

In 1974, the city decided to diversify its portfolio and split its focus between oil and economic redevelopment. Today, Signal Hill is a financially stable city with its own government, governing a utopian community with an almost 50/50 mix of males and females living and working together

(<https://suburbanstats.org/population/california/how-many-people-live-in-signal-hill>). Who knew?

Finally, Signal Hill also hosts some of the most beautiful homes in the Long Beach area. Homes that are comparable in quality and design to Naples, Spinnaker Bay, and Belmont Shores. Pricing, like its residents, are very diverse depending on placement on the hill, square footage, and amenities. However, in my opinion, the most expensive home in Signal Hill could be as much as 40% lower in cost than a home in Naples. For more information about Signal Hill properties visit www.TaylorMiltonHomes.com or email me at sellmyhome4more@gmail.com.