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Mayor Robert S. Ferraro
900 Arizona Street
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Dear Mayor Ferraro:

I am pleased to inform you that Boulder City Historic District has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This is an honorary status, but it also means that the contributing structures within the District will be eligible for development grants when available. It also means that contributing structures within the district can qualify for Historic Preservation Tax Act benefits.

If you or any one else has any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald M. James".

RONALD M. JAMES, Deputy
State Historic Preservation Officer

RMJ/lmw

cc: Lee West

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Benefits of a Historic Preservation Plan

1. Preserves the beauty and assets of our Historic District for current and future residents to enjoy.
2. Encourages property owners to invest in their properties by knowing what the common goals and standards for their area and neighborhoods are. Neighbors having the same common goals.
3. Helps maintain the peaceful, pleasant nature of the Historic District, by developing zoning and Master Planning which does not currently exist.
4. Property values have typically increased above what would otherwise be expected by encouraging investment, pride of ownership, and preservation of an atmosphere that is becoming extinct in other areas.
5. Sets a ~~commercial theme~~ ^{theme in the commercial area} that is in alignment with our Boulder City spirit. Our Old Town will never be able to "out do" shopping malls. Its' strongest draw is a pleasant Historical theme and ambiance.
6. Provides for good planning with input from everyone on the direction of the area.
7. Provides Tax Benefits for those investing in, improving, or maintaining certain aspects of their property.
8. Provides information on our properties, sources of materials to maintain them, and other information to enhance everyone's enjoyment of the district.
9. Many of our historic assets still exist. Preservation plans now could prevent their quietly slipping away each year.
10. Funding is available for Historic Districts with certain types of Preservation Plans.
11. Psychological benefits that come from living in an attractive, stable environment and the galvanizing effect of neighborhood-based action to achieve and support this environment.



MOTHER'S DAY TREAT! -- The K.C. Claussen family included a stop at the Bottling Plant as part of the celebration of Mother's Day. The foursome family shared the mountainous delights of a super concoction known as The Rockpile. From left are Keith, 3, K.C., Linda and Kevin, 6. Yes, they made it through the massive dessert in great style.

Thank You, Mimi Rodden and James Hamrick, for Inspiring us

By Teddy Fenton
 As promised, a public Forum was held to acquaint all Boulder City with the background of other towns that have received the honor of being placed on the National Register of Historical Places.
 Mimi Rodden, in fact, spoke with hopeful certainty that the town that was built to house the workers who built Hoover Dam is surely eligible for Landmark status.
 James M. Hamrick, representing the state as its Historical Architect, showed slides of pioneer buildings that had been preserved, with help from state funding. It seemed a far more formidable task than it

would be to preserve the district in Boulder City that is a mere 50 years old.
 It was so inspiring to have this special attention from our Carson City, Nevada Division of Historic Preservation and Archeology.
 This historian, for one, is going on record as one citizen who feels herself lucky to have lived in this clean, green city. It must be said that any secure position the Fenton family attained was because the opportunity was here to buy property at unheard of bargains.
 Please join the movement to give funds and information to the survey of our city. When

finished we will have a full report on this area that will benefit our children's children.

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Boulder City on the National Register of Historic Places

By Teddy Fenton

A Boulder City News dated Sept. 15, 1983, is before me. It has a headline printed in bold bright blue lettering. The wording is indeed exciting. For on that date the "scoop" was that the city had received an official notice that on Aug. 19, 1983, according to Ron James, historian-supervisor with the Division of Historic Preservation and Archeology for the State of Nevada.

Mayor Bob Ferraro (at the time) was also president of the Boulder City Museum and Historical Association, was elated when he learned of the action. "This is a tremendous stride forward for Boulder City," he told editor Bill Harbour of the B.C. News.

The Historic District comprises most of the original por-

^{the News - Th. - 5:11-34, p. 13}
tion of the community where lives the pioneers who built Hoover Dam.

It is bound roughly on the north by the U.S.B.R. Administration Building, Watertank Hill; the railroad spur and Date Street on the west; New Mexico Street on the south; and avenues B, F and L on the east.

The above was copied from the original story by Bill Harbour.

The sad fact is that being placed on the Historic District, which in effect was supposed to stop the removal of buildings with the district, from being removed, did not stop anything at all. First to go was the first church in Boulder City, St. Andrews Catholic Church, even before that, the lovely old fire station and government garage, followed by the first

apartments built by a private owner, the Wheelwright Apts., and of late, The Babcox and Wilcox cottages (to make way for our new post office) and for former pioneers returning to Boulder City they wonder if the original model town will disappear altogether!

Wellspring and the National Register fulfilled

Luckily a miracle preserved the original Boulder City Hospital off Park St. A bit of history. In 1967 there arrived to Boulder City, Sister Faith, she answered a call from the late Father Jack Adams of St. Jude's Ranch for Children. Sister Faith is a member of the community of the Sisters of Charity. The mother home is in Bristol England.

The Ranch was in its infancy. Sister Faith slept on a mat-

tress on the floor of an unfinished cottage. Other sisters joined the movement. Father Adams died, Father Herbert Ward arrived, the ranch for

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abused children grew in fame, and then a miracle, in 1977, the Sister of Charity bought the original Six Companies' Inc. hospital (it had served the wounded workers from Hoover Dam from 1931-1936), and now it fell to the Sisters' of Charity to bring it back to life again.

To see it now one could never guess the hardship and toil, the prayers and standing on corners (as Sister Faith laughingly described fund raising) for while there was no "tin cup" proffered, there were friends throughout the many parishes in the Episcopal Church. Citizens of Boulder City, including the contribution of rewiring the building by Larry Wengert recently so for the first time there was a light shining on the cross at the entrance of the building. Organizations within Boulder City leaders, volunteers, the City of Boulder City, all helped.

Now to the important news

of the day! Sister Faith knew the Wellspring Retreat qualified for the National Register of Historic Places. She went straight to the state. Long before Boulder City was honored, Wellspring was placed on the National Register. Congratulations Sister Faith and Sister Ann,

Sister Nicolette, and Sister Philippa, (now in residence). Well done!

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