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Dear OTNA Member:

Happy summer to you! As you know, July is the month OTNA hosts the annual *Picnic in the Park*. This year, we're trying something different. We are having the picnic on a Saturday afternoon, instead of a Wednesday evening — hoping that this day/time change will be more accommodating to everyone. Plus, we'll have a special treat! The Rusty Steel Drum Band will bring music to our ears with their authentic Caribbean music. This band has been performing for 10 years, and . . . has just issued their 5th CD!

We hope that you'll be able to join the **fun**. All you need to do is bring a dish that serves six to eight people, and we'll supply the rest — plates, napkins, beverages and good times!

Just to keep you up-to-date, you may or may not know, but the City has formed a Committee to research the possibility of getting a Mills Act for the City of Torrance. The Mills Act is a state sponsored legislation granting local governments the authority to directly participate in an historic preservation program. More importantly, the Mills Act is a self-directed, economic incentive program designed to provide private property owners the opportunity to actively participate in the restoration of their properties while receiving property tax relief.

This Mills Act Committee is Chaired by Councilwoman Hope Witkowsky, and Co-chaired by Councilmen Paul Nowatka, and Mike Mauno. The next meeting, will be held on Tuesday, August 23rd in the West Annex at City Hall at 4:30 PM. It is open to the public!

Okay, now . . . if you're looking for something **free and fun** to do, I'd like to invite you to join the Torrance Historical Society for a Walking Tour of Historic Downtown Torrance on Sunday, August 22nd. The tour starts at 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM, and leaves from the Museum (1345 Post Avenue)

See you at the picnic?!

Best regards,

Debbie Hays
OTNA President