



# ZIPPING

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who live, work and play there.

## 93066 ZIP is in a league of its own

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The city of Somis, also known by its ZIP code of 93066, is a sparkling gem of a community at the very west end of east Ventura County. Just outside Moorpark, Somis is a charming back-road gateway to Camarillo, Oxnard and Ventura. The scenic drive on Highway 118 passes through 93066 and gives but a glimpse of what this rural paradise has to offer.

Not only are there an abundance of agricultural properties, estate homes, quaint plant nurseries and the world-famous Somis Nut House — selling candies, nuts, dried fruit and more, for more than 50 years — but 93066 also is rich in historical significance, harkening to a time when simplicity was appreciated.

Gwyn Goodman of Goodman Realty, Inc. is a lifelong resident of Somis and remembers the days of “donkey baseball,” an entertaining sport that consisted of baseball players riding atop donkeys, with mostly hilarious and often unsuccessful results.

Goodman also has fond memories of girls’ and women’s night softball games, in the days when WACs, members of the Women’s Army Corps, were on some of the teams. They were tough competitors who took the game seriously, with distinct similarities to the 1992 film “A League of Their Own.” It was a groundbreaking era for these female role models, yet it represented the wholesome activities that provided athleticism and entertainment to a close-knit community that didn’t have as much access to bustling city life as it does now.

“There’s a tremendous history in Somis, from cattle ranching, apricots and walnut groves, and the acres of lima beans on ranches throughout the county,” Goodman said.

“In addition, there were the Civilian Conservation Corps camps that turned young men into productive, capable tradesmen during the Depression.”

The CCC camp in Somis was dedicated to soil conservation, a relatively new concept inspired by the difficulties faced during the 1930s Dust Bowl, which caused major ecological and agricultural damage. Its legacy



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courtesy of Gwyn Goodman

continues today, with a branch of the Ventura County Resource Conservation District still located in the 93066 to assist Ventura County landowners with water and soil management and conservation, among its many other duties.



This respect for the land is one of the elements that continues to make Somis such a desirable ZIP code in which to own a home and raise a family. It is a lovely, green and secluded setting that’s also freeway-close to Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara counties.

“Somis provides a special connection with your surroundings in a country atmosphere with community-minded individuals who appreciate the opportunity to raise their families in a clean and productive environment with clean air, good schools, access to outdoor activities

and related amenities,” she said.

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“All who experience time in the area realize that they have been exposed to an unusually beautiful area that is the jewel of Ventura County,” Goodman said.

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