

Banning Park (2001)



THE BANNING PARK HPOZ WAS ORIGINALLY PART OF the estate of General Phineas Banning, “The Father of Wilmington,” an early developer of the port of San Pedro and a railroad tycoon. In 1927, William Wrigley Jr., of chewing gum fame, purchased a portion of the estate now known as Banning Park, with the intent of developing the area into residential housing for the employees of Wilmington businesses.

The community was primarily developed in the 1930s and 1940s, with some additional construction after World War II. Locally prominent architect Sid Spearin designed the development, which he called the “Original Court of Nations,” as a group of distinctive homes that represented architecture from around the world. The result is an architecturally cohesive neighborhood characterized by a range of Revival styles, from Tudor to Spanish, Dutch, and American Colonial Revival.



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