

Neighborhood News

Fall 2003



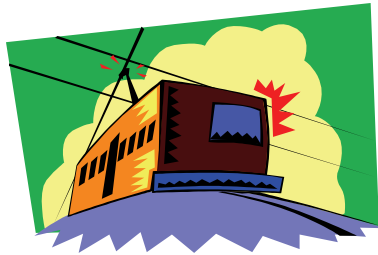
2003 Calendar of Events

Please attend our next:

General Meeting
October 9th
7 pm Wilson Library
OCTA To Present Centerline

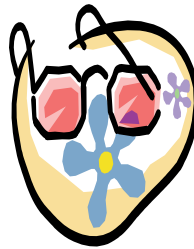
Fall Concert
October 11th
15th & Lowell

Neighborhood Holiday Celebration
December 11th



Don't miss our next general meeting, Thursday, Oct 9th 7pm at Wilson Elementary. Representatives from OCTA will be presenting the Centerline project in Santa Ana and how it impacts Washington Square. Your questions and comments will also be addressed. Be present and be informed!

Catch "Night Fever" at WS Fall Concert



Still have those picnic dinner. The popular "Boogie Disciples" will be playing your favorite 70's dance tunes and there will be prizes awarded for the best guests dressed in 70's attire.

our theme and dance, dance, dance is what we will all be doing!

Our annual Fall concert will take place on Saturday, October 11th from 6-10 pm. Tables are available now for \$25. Memphis Restaurant will be on site, providing dinners for sale, or you may wish to bring your own

To purchase tables, please make your check payable to WSNA and mail to Lynnette Verino, 1315 N. Towner, SA 92706. She may be reached at 835-0473 with additional questions. This event brings out neighbors and members of our community looking for a great time in the square. Don't miss it.

Olive Neighbor Receives Award for Pride of Ownership

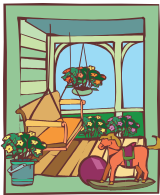
Congratulations to Sean and Wendy Asmus who live at 1426 N. Olive for the awesome job they have done in such a short time! Sean and Wendy are new neighbors to the square and we are all excited about their enthusiasm to help make this neighborhood the great place it is. The board presents this award to neighbors who have worked hard to beautify their home and take pride in living in the square. If you have seen a neighbor making considerable home improvements and would like to nominate them for the next quarter's award, please call 953-0962 and leave your neighbors address. Keep it up

WS WEBSITE UPDATED



Check out Washington Square's new and improved website! The board and dedicated WS residents have been working hard to develop our new website giving the residents of Washington Square an up-to-date avenue to obtain information about the neighborhood and the community. You can view current and old newsletters, featured articles, upcoming neighborhood events and community news. There is also a contact link where you can send your questions and/or comments to the webmaster. Take a look and let us know what you think! www.washington-square.org

Home Tour 2004



Washington Square is getting ready for next year's home tour and we need you! Our ever so popular event will take place in the Spring of 2004. Our committee is now being formed and we encourage any resident who is interested to contact us. Our last home tour was a huge success and the committee had a great time planning it. We welcome your help and interest!

We are also looking for homeowners who would be interested in having their home on tour. There is still plenty of time to complete those projects before next year, so don't worry if your home is not quite in tip-top shape; you've got some time! The committee is looking for homes whose owners have restored, improved and maintained the integrity of our custom homes. To express your interest in having your home on tour or to help with the preparations, please call Lynette Gallegos at 953-0962.

Santa Ana: The Site of Proposed 37 Story Building

The Planning Dept. is in receipt of an Environmental Impact Report draft on a proposed project just outside Washington Square.

The proposed project would consist of 545,124 sq ft. of office, retail and restaurant area. The project consists of a 37-story office building; 8-level parking garage and the rehabilitation of four existing structures into commercial office and restaurant uses.

The proposed "One Broadway Plaza" project would be developed entirely on one City block bounded by Washington Ave. to the north, Sycamore St. to the east, 10th St. to the south and Broadway St. to the west. This project site is located in the Downtown Redevelopment Area. As part of the proposed project, the City would abandon the segment of Sycamore St. between 10th St. and Washington St. to allow for construction of the office building and parking structure. Additionally, 10th St. would be converted from a two-way street to a one-way eastbound street and Washington Ave. would be converted from a two-way street to a one-way westbound street.

The project would require the removal of three structures on the project site that are designated historically significant. Additionally, one other structure on the project site designated historically significant would be retained in its present condition. A comprehensive design and landscape program would be implemented to unify the rehabilitated and retained structures on the project site with the other land use components of the One Broadway Plaza project.

The developer, Caribou Industries, has been acquiring the site from current owners and are interested in building a "landmark" building in the Midtown area. The proposed objective is to create a new City Landmark by developing a building that would serve as a central focal point of the Downtown Redevelopment Area of the City.

SQUARE MEALS

Recipes courtesy of Washington Square Residents

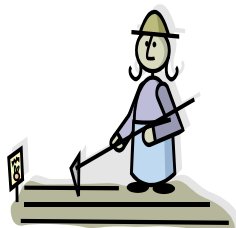


Warm Dilled Chicken and Potato Salad

- 1 lb. Small red-skinned potatoes, quartered
- 1/2 Peppercorn Ranch Dressing
- 2 Tbs. Chopped fresh dill
- 2 Tbs. Dijon mustard
- 3/4 lb. Boneless skinless chicken breast halves
- 1Tb. Olive oil or oil
- 1 1/2 cups. Chopped red, yellow and green pepper

Cook potatoes in boiling water in covered sauce pan for 15 minutes or until tender. Mix dressing, dill and mustard in small bowl. Cut chicken into bite-size strips. Heat oil in large skillet on medium-high heat. Add chicken; cook and stir 3 or 4 minutes or until cooked through. Toss cooked chicken, cooked potatoes and pepper in large

In The Garden with Carolyn



As fall approaches and temperatures begin to drop, now is the perfect time to give your garden a chance to renew itself. Get your garden in shape now to help ensure beautiful blooms next spring. Here's a checklist:

- Perennials. Start off by continuing to check plants for pest infestation. Clean up perennial beds and borders by cutting down flower stems and digging up and removing diseased plants. Be sure to weed areas that weren't mulched. To control the size and renew blooms, divide overlarge clumps of spring and summer blooming plants. After digging up new beds and renovating existing ones, plant new perennials or other cool-weather annuals such as pansies, snapdragons and colorful cabbage.
- Trees and shrubs. In order to keep fruit trees in shape, you must water them well to prevent the fruit from splitting. Plant or transplant non-tropical trees and shrubs around your yard. Prune injured branches from trees and shrubs.
- Fall fertilizer. Now is the time to use Winterizer on all trees, shrubs and grass. It helps harden them off for winter. Also, pre-emerge your grass.
- Annual Flowers. You can still enjoy geraniums, coleus, impatiens and begonias during the fall and winter season—indoors. Take cuttings of these to root to make beautiful houseplants and then to set out again for next spring. Plant seeds of cold-hardy annuals for extended winter bloom. Collect seed of favorite warm weather plants that will breed true to type. Continue to weed, water and watch for pests. Don't forget to renew the organic mulch in areas where it has decomposed and thinned in the heat of summer.
- Bulbs. This is the time to plant spring-flowering bulbs. Go ahead and buy them as early as possible to ensure the best selection. Plant them as soon as possible. If you delay planting, store bulbs in paper bags (not plastic) and in a well ventilated, cool spot. Bulbs prefer a sunny location in the garden as well as well-drained soil. Once bulbs are planted and fertilized, water the bed thoroughly to settle the soil. Cover the bed with a layer of organic mulch to defer future weeds and improve the soil.

Source www.mcherald.com

Washington Square Real Estate Recap

By: Lynette Gallegos

Homes that are currently for sale:

1514 N. Rosewood	3 bedrooms, 2 bath	1511 sq ft	\$439,900
1308 N. Freeman	4 bedrooms, 3 bath	2025 sq ft	\$529,000

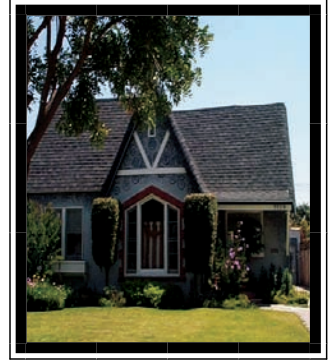
Homes that are pending sale:

904 N. Olive	3 bedrooms, 2 bath	1465 sq ft	\$429,900
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Homes that have recently sold:

1104 N. Lowell	3 bedrooms, 2 baths	1550 sq ft	\$370,000
1311 N. Towner	2 bedrooms, 1 bath	1357 sq ft	\$375,000
916 N. Lowell	2 bedrooms, 2 baths	1363 sq ft	\$348,000
919 N. Towner	3 bedrooms, 2 baths	1198 sq ft	\$359,900
827 N. Freeman	2 bedrooms, 1 bath	1168 sq ft	\$365,000
1505 N. Towner	3 bedrooms, 2 baths	1597 sq ft	\$385,000
1015 N. Lowell	3 bedrooms, 2 baths	1500 sq ft	\$397,500
1315 N. Olive	4 bedrooms, 2 baths	2088 sq ft	\$414,000
1424 N. Lowell	3 bedrooms, 2 baths	1471 sq ft	\$425,000

Show your neighbors you care about where you live and the neighborhood you live in. Be sure and mow your lawn regularly, plant grass seed and water when necessary, keep your paint trim updated and in good condition, bring your trash cans out after 4 pm on Sunday and back in again on Monday before 5 pm, keep your cars parked in your driveway or garage and not in front of your neighbor's house, and please don't wash your car on the grass. Together we make Washington Square a great place to live.



The Washington Square Neighborhood Newsletter is published quarterly by the association. A non-profit mutual benefit community association was established in 1984. WSNA is an officially recognized neighborhood by the city of Santa Ana.

Newsletter Editor:
Lynette Gallegos

Have an article you would like to see published? Please submit two weeks prior to publication date. All articles submitted are subject to final approval by the newsletter committee. For information and deadline dates please write to WSNA P.O. Box 4435, Santa Ana, CA 92701



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*Your Washington Square
Real Estate Resource*



Become involved with the neighborhood Association! There is so much to do and so much fun to have doing it! If you are interested and would like to help out and meet new neighbors, give us a call. Together WE make this neighborhood great!

CITY CONTACT INFORMATION



Who To Call For:

- Construction Engineering 565-4044
(On-going Street Construction)
- Design Engineering 647-5640
Street Design
Sidewalks
Flood Ratings 647-5641
- Development Services 647-2791
Street Work Permits
Private Utility Permits
Water Applications
- Graffiti Hotline 647-3380
- Obstructing Trees & Bushes 647-3380
- Potholes 647-3380
- Sanitation (Overgrown Yards) 647-3380
- Shopping Card Removal 800-252-4613
- Street Cleaning 647-3380
- Street Lights (Edison) 800-990-7788
- Street Lights (City) 647-3380
- Traffic Engineering 647-5673
- General Traffic Concerns 647-5673
- Neighborhood Traffic 647-5645
- Permit Parking 647-5612
- School Traffic Concerns 647-5612
- Traffic Signals 647-5611
- Traffic Control Plans 647-5605
- Street Striping 647-5605
- Trash Pick Up & Dumpsters 558-7761
- Tree Trimming 647-3380
- Water Bill 647-5454

A many thanks to all who have paid their 2003 membership!

We have had an outstanding turn-out and encourage you to pay your membership if you have not already done so. It's your membership that keep our neighborhood association going! Through your membership, we are able to print and deliver this quarterly newsletter, provide events such as our annual summer party, senior ice cream social, holiday celebration and neighborhood clean-up efforts.

Please send your contribution to WSNA P.O. Box 4435, SA 92701

Looking for a Place to...

Sing, play bells, do drama, or how about tutor kids, or possibly help women in jail? Maybe you would like an investors group, or a social group, books, discussions, Bible Study, plays, eating out etc.? Perhaps you are simply looking for a place to call your own or a group with whom to nurture your soul, or the soul of your family.

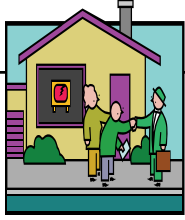
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PERFORMING HEARTS

600 N. Main 714-542-7253
church@fpcsa.org www.fpcsa.org
Worship 10:00 AM

Newsletter Tip

"The American city should be a collection of communities where every member has a right to belong. It should be a place where every man feels safe on his streets and in the house of his friends. It should be a place where each individual's dignity and self-respect is strengthened by the respect and affection of his neighbors. It should be a place where each of us can find the satisfaction and warmth which comes from being a member of the community of man. This is what man sought at the dawn of civilization. It is what we seek today."

—Lyndon B. Johnson



Welcome to Washington Square!

As old neighbors leave our neighborhood, new ones come in and continue the pride of homeownership in the square. Please welcome our latest neighbors and if you live near one, be sure and stop by and give a warm welcome as their new neighbor.

Julie Seyler, 916 N. Lowell
 Cynthia Carbajal, 919 N. Towner
 New neighbors, 1104 N. Lowell
 New neighbors, 1311 N. Towner

New neighbors, 1315 N. Olive
 New neighbors, 827 N. Freeman
 New neighbors, 1424 N. Lowell

Santa Ana Community Highlights



**Boo At the Zoo at Santa Ana Zoo—Prentice Park
 October 18, 19, 24, 25 & 26**

**Harvest Pumpkin Patch Party—October 25th
 Strolling through a growing pumpkin patch is a true old-fashioned fall tradition. Pumpkins will be everywhere!**

Pick one, pick two or as many as you can carry. All proceeds help fund future educational programs and events. Family activities, food and much more. Children in costume may receive a special treat. Activities start at 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. Pumpkin sale will continue throughout the week. Centennial Heritage Museum 3101 West Harvard Street, Santa Ana (714) 540-7080



To keep current with what's happening in Santa Ana, visit the City's website at www.ci.santa-ana.ca.us

- *Community Calendar*
- *Links (Neighborhood Associations)*

Santa Ana Public Library On-Line Book Club

Santa Ana Library presents its on-line book club! It's fun and it's easy to join. Once you join you can start reading books in your email. Each day they will send you a 5-minute portion of a book. By the end of the week, you'll have read 2-3 chapters. If you'd like to finish the book, stop by the library and pick up a copy. Every week the library features new books. You can choose from the following categories:

- Non-fiction books
- Fiction books
- Business books
- Audio books
- Teen books
- Mystery books
- Romance books
- Horror books
- Science fiction books
- And more....

Visit www.chapteraday.com

Wanted: Neighborhood Babysitters

If you know of a teenager who is looking for extra spending money, tell them to advertise their services in our newsletter. There are plenty of families in the square who could use good, qualified babysitters. Call 953-0962 with your name, number and address and we'll add you to our list to be published in the next edition of *Neighborhood News*.

Washington Square Babysitters:

Adrianna Elisada 801 Louise 543-4292

What To Do With all Those Papers!!!!

Before you decide to throw out all your personal files, check with your accountant, tax planner or lawyer. The following guidelines, however, can help you sort out your important papers:

- Keep your bank statements for five years.
- Hold on to copies of checks or payment stubs for home improvements and any tax-deductible costs. You will need this information if you sell your home.
- Save telephone, utility and water bills for six months to a year. You may want to keep for one year to compare costs from year to year.
- Keep all paperwork, including all year-end statements on investments and big-ticket purchases, such as a car, in a permanent file.
- The IRS recommends that you save tax records and receipts for seven years, just to be safe. Bundle each year's paperwork separately and store in well-marked boxes.
- Create an organizing system to maintain your files. For example, at the beginning of each month, put all unpaid bills into a single folder. Keep a list of bills and their due dates and amounts, then cross off each item as it gets paid. File receipts, marked with check numbers and other information, into folders designated for specific categories such as car, utilities, medical expenses, house payments, taxes, etc.



Happy Halloween!

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Area 10	Towner South of Washington Javiar Garcia	836-8128
Area 11	Freeman North of Washington Janie Chambers	550-0818
Area 12	Freeman South of Washington Janie Chambers	550-0818
Area 13	Lowell South of Washington Open	
Area 14	Lowell North of Washington Jon Wilson	550-0599
Area 15	Olive North of Washington Open	
Area 16	Olive South of Washington Oldrich & Ivana Unger	972-8503
Area 17	Washington/Bomo Koral Virginia Crisostomo	550-6348
Area 18	Washington St. Kerry Gorman	550-9859

Washington Square Vendor Referral Network



To help promote business and services provided by Washington Square residents, any owner of a local business or service provider may be included in our network referral list. This list will be published in every newsletter as a way to get Washington Square residents the opportunity of using the services provided by our own neighbors! Take a minute, look at the list and if you need one of these services, be sure and call them first! If you provide a professional service and live in Washington Square, give us a call and we will be sure to add you to our list.

Call 953-0962.

Key's & Locksmith	Ivan Rivera	953-6720
Windows/Doors Refinish or New	Dillon Stieler	953-1714
Plumbing	Mike Hanson	953-4232
General Contractor	Tom Lutz	835-6130
Concrete Contractor	Jason Escoto	541-4959
Creative Memories Consultant	Susie Alexander	835-1975
Landscape Garden Design	Gracie Blanco	541-1117
Lawn Installation/Design Sprinklers	Manuel Gomez	543-6397
Handyman	Ken Clark	809-6884
Notary Public	Therese Thomas	318-1455
Life Coach Organizational Consultant	Rebecca Goldstone	417-0017

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