



Neighborhood News

Real Neighbors, Real Neighborhood

Fall 2006

2006 Calendar of
Events

Please attend our next:

**WS Wine Walk
Saturday, September 16th**

**General Meeting
October 12th
7pm—Wilson Library**

**Neighborhood Holiday Party
December 17th**

President's Message

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As we move quickly into Fall, I want to reflect on the many things we experienced and see happening in or around the square. This year's Summer Party/Concert was a success. If you did not attend, you missed a great party. The face painting, food and the entertainment were great. Our hats off to the band, Chico who knocked the socks off all of the guests. And an extra special thanks to Tillamook Cheese for sponsoring the band for this event. The kids enjoyed jumping in the bouncer. Although we realized that next year, we will probably need two jumpers, one for the big kids and one for all the little ones.

Construction around and in the square is in full swing between the Civic Center Street improvements, sidewalk repairs and Heroes School. There has been an increase in traffic due to construction vehicles and work being completed. The school district attended our last general meeting and advised that any construction vehicles in the neighborhood are addressing the underground improvements and they have to access this work through the neighborhood. Otherwise, all vehicles will access the construction site via Civic Center. Sidewalk improvements on Westwood are also contributing to some unusual congestion. So please be patient as these much needed changes are being made.

Lastly, the City Council will be addressing the shopping cart problem in the city by considering adopting an ordinance similar to what the city of Buena Park has. The WSNA board will keep you updated on the progress of this ordinance through our website and if it passes we should see an improvement in the number of shopping carts left on the streets. Until then, keep calling the shopping cart retrieval program when you see a cart near your home. The number is 1-800-252-4613.

See you around the Square!
Lynnette Verino
President
Washington Square Neighborhood Association



Don't miss our general meetings! They are fun and informative and we serve a pizza dinner! Be there and be informed...

Santa Ana Recycling News

The City of Santa Ana would like to kindly remind its residents of what is recyclable. Lately, there has been a great deal of items improperly dumped in the gray bins which are designated for recyclable items only. We have been notified that if the practice continues, waste management will stop emptying the bins. Please review the list below. For additional information on how to use the recycle program, please call Waste Management Customer Service Center at (714) 558-7761.

Newspaper	Liquor bottles
Mixed paper	Soda bottles
White paper	Juice bottles
Cardboard	Aluminum cans
Junk mail	Steel cans
Magazines	Tin cans
Telephone books	Food cans
Cereal boxes	Empty aerosol cans
Tissue boxes	Pie tins
Plastic bottles	Plastic milk containers

Santa Ana College Unveils State-Of-The-Art Digital Media Center

On Wednesday, September 6, Santa Ana College will host a grand opening dedication ceremony of its newest facility, the Digital Media Center (DMC), constructed using Measure E funds. Members of the Washington Square Neighborhood Association are invited to attend the event located at 1300 S. Bristol St. and scheduled from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. with a formal program scheduled at 5:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

At the DMC, students can earn associate degrees and vocational certificates through programs in television production, broadcast journalism, television scriptwriting, digital music, graphic design, 3D animation and digital media arts studies. Additionally, SAC will offer a student-operated enterprise called "Student Works," which provides hands-on experience creating graphic designs for companies in the business incubator, located on the second floor.

For more information, please visit www.dmc-works.com or call the Digital Media Center at (714) 241-5812.

-Ruth Cossio-Muniz



Shopping Cart Plan Moving Forward



My route home takes me west bound on 17th St. Several times a week, I see at least 6 to 8 carts, some bright red and on their sides, at the bus stop on 17th at Grand. I also see them on Bristol St. I see them everywhere. I find this extremely disconcerting. It has been said that it is tantamount to graffiti. Clearly, the problem is not just in our neighborhood. It is city wide.

It seems that this issue has been the subject of discussion among the Santa Ana City council, finally! The status quo has been the following. Private citizens call in the cart location to a hotline. A private contractor is paid by the city to pick up the carts and return them to the proper store.

The council appears to be moving forward with a plan to require store owners to keep the carts off of the city curbs and streets. Some of the points being considered are the following. New stores may be required to have carts with electronic wheels that lock up if the cart goes beyond a certain distance. Unmarked store carts will no longer be permitted. Logos will have to be printed on the carts. Stores will have to keep an inventory of their carts. Markets found in non compliance will be subject to fines. Those caught taking the carts will be subject prosecution for petty theft. The ordinance will be considered on September 18th at 6pm in council chambers at City Hall. WSNA encourages all residents to attend this meeting in support of this ordinance.

- Laura Tobias Garcia

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 residents and if you live near one, be sure and stop by and give a warm welcome as their new neighbor.



- 1302 N. Baker
- 1105 N. Baker
- 1321 N. Towner
- 1016 N. Towner

Vintage Street Sign Auction

Have you wondered what happened to the old green and cream street signs that graced our streets for so many years? Once removed, they were stored in Lynnette & Sergio Verinos' yard for a brief period. Then Oldrich Unger, of 10th St. volunteered to remove all of the remaining hardware and to clean the signs. Now that the task is complete, the signs are available and ready for auction. This is your chance to own a little piece of history.

You can hang a sign in your garage, game room, etc. and it will be legal. Bids are starting at \$50. Your tax-deductible donation will help fund the garbage project, which incidentally, is almost fully funded. The monies raised will be used to buy the permanent cement trash cans.

Another gracious neighbor, Tom Lutz, currently has the job of emptying the pilot trash cans on Sundays. He very much would like the city to relieve him of this duty. Won't you help him by getting in on this auction? The order forms were passed out a few weeks ago. If you didn't get one, please contact your block representative.

-Laura Tobias Garcia

Membership Drive A Major Success

WSNA would very much like to thank of the residents who contributed to our membership drive. It has been a tremendous success. Many contributed toward the trash can project as well. Thanks to all of you for being so generous. The donor list follows in no particular order. Those with an asterisk following their names made an additional contribution for the trash can project as well. Our apologies if your name does not appear, as checks continued to come in as we went to press.

Last Name	First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name	First Name
Eden	Lydia & Geoffrey*	Adkins	John	Nelson	Cory
Unger	Ivana & Oldrich*	Baird	Adam & Joana	Gordillo	Guillermina & Adan
Portman	Sharon*	Romero	Ernesto & Emi*	Schneider Cruz	
Clark	Sylvia & David*	Young	Myrna	Wood	Cindyann
Graham	Richard & Bernadette*	Wilson	Jon*	Smith*	Steve & Harrison Lou
Salenius	Sylvia*	Cabus	Leo*	Sharpe	Gary & Maureen*
Kean	Joseph*	Puzzo	Sam	van der Roest	Family*
Skiles	Al & Alma*	Hyatt	Erin and Josh*	Abbott	Mike & Brooke*
Weiler	Bruce & Michele*	Gallardo	Nabor C*	Ruiz	Arnie & Laura*
Hernandez Freddie & Gloria*		Gober	Family*	Long	Robert & Maclovia
Pulati	Evalene*	Hitchman	Craig*	Misuraca	Joe & Lucy*
Wood	Barbara*	Lopez	Bernardo & Evangelina*	Fults	Melanie*
Matthews	Jolanda	Pantone	Jim & Carina*	Magness*	Edward & Margaret
Good	Joyce	de Felice	Patricia*	Franklin	Donna*
Muckenthaler	Joan*	Walker	Ben & Jane	Marks	Bob & Catherine*
Ervine	Tom*	Selindh	Les & Marie	Bausman	Mark & Liz
Burt	Doug & Linda	Hizar	William & Virginia*	McGrail	Diana
Fritz	Lawrence*	Davis	Bob & Sugee	Goins	Jennifer*
Clinard	Anne*	Weinman	Edward & Margaret*	Zamudio	Elvira
Quach	Tuyet*	Melendez	Cynthia & Gilbert*	Dethloff	Dave & Kirsten
Valdivia	Benny & Yolanda*	Cwiertry	Christine*	Hendrickson	John & Jesse Perez
Magana	Cristobal*	Ehrenberg Jeanne*		Costello	Ralph
Soto	Frank*	Chambers Janie*		McGuinness	John & Lois
Bateman	Carolyn & Larry*	Hernandez Pedro		Pineda	Joanne*
Buckridge	Harvey*	Forman	Rachel	Morrell	Mrs. Anthony*
Ascencio	Juan & Renee*	Martinez	Josie	Cervantez Javier & Jennifer*	
Alcaraz	Grace & Joe*	Blas	Simon & Maria	Cox	David*
Hill	Joann*	Rodriguez Lugardo*		Patterson	John & Sandy*
Garcia	Anthony*	Nava	Carlos & Brandie*	Lutz	Tom & Nancy*
Upton	George*	Davis	Paul *	Lutz Company,	The*
Arevalo	Hector & Kelly*	Schneider Alex & Renee*		Whelan	Kathleen*
Crites	Lisa*	Carmona	Vickie & Pedro	Beatty	Doris
Newcomer Glenda		Griffiths	Steven & Lisa	Requejo	Joe & Jennifer*
Lyons	Paul & Kimberly*	Vasquez	Martha	Fetzer	Bill & Sheila*
Pekarek	Bob & Jan*	Kaneko	Jerry & Hilda	Lugo	Jose
Corum	Verna	Keenan	Bobbi	Urquiza	Sulema*
Martinez	Humberto & Ana*	Queen	Lloyd	Gallegos	Cirilo
Lang	Margaret & George	Pinedo	Jose & Amanda*	Jimenez	Ray & Margie*
Albright	Elaine	Ramirez	Tony & Teresa*	Ramirez	Saul
Manson	Robert & Kelly	Gallardo	Victor*	Selindh	Les & Marie
Centeno	Jesus & Celina*	Martinez	Joyce*	Rodriguez Steve	
Heitt	Corrine*	Cabrera	Gavino	Zamudio	Arturo & Alma
Baldwin	Steven & Kristine*	Vega	Victor & Elvira	Jurado	Olga
Mandy	Mary	Wysocki	Eva *	Long*	Mark & Renay St John
Harper	Katherine	Hayden	Lois & Dennis	McEachern Jim & Jan*	
Ortiz	Rebecca & Leonard*	Major	Pete & Connie	Nichols	Dan
Cordova	Dan & Amy*	Martinez	Carlos & Trinidad*	Lockington William & Uaina*	
Resendiz	Adelfo*	Southgate W*		Sykes	Residence
Beligan	Valeriu	MacBain	Victoria*	Stearns	Lauretta
Viggiano	David*	Haver	Carolyn & Larry*	Aleman	Eduardo
Mahipus	Rolando & Joselyn	Simons	Randall & Tracy*	Vargas	Steve & Debbie
Roman	Benjamin	Munoz	J.	Poppa	Jean & Ray*
Garcia	Javier & Laura*	Velazquez Guadalupe & Maria Perez		Beckman	Freddie & Gloria
Casul	Victor & Margarita	Cox	Cliff & Rikki	Guzman	Gonzalo*

Membership

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Last Name	First Name
Klase	Clarence & Margarita
Sedei	Susan & Kenneth*
Sikich	Danny & Lisa Dietzel*
Spanel	Kurt & Betty*
Martinez	Maria & Rogelio
Thomas	Terese & Willey*
McDonald	Mary Ann
Carlson	Bob
Lister	Brian*
Hartman	Hulda
Vargas	Larry
Avila	Saul & Christina
Wences	Ana & Evaristo*
Marshall	Elizabeth*
Jirik	David & Jean-Louise
Verino	Sergio & Lynnette
McMahon	Jeanette*
Mora	Margarita
Clemens	Jolie

Code Enforcement is Sweeping the Neighborhood

WSNA has recently learned that city code enforcement officers have been patrolling the neighborhood. Several homes were cited for minor violations. From the looks of it, this is going to continue. To avoid being cited, grass should be green and cut regularly, trash cans should be stored out of sight. Cars should never be parked on lawns. These are just a few suggestions. In general, homes that look neat and clean, will likely be left alone.

Code Enforcement is good thing. Who wants to live next door to the house with the Christmas lights that stay up all year? Even worse, who wants to live next to a home with

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concrete in place of lawn and 6 parked cars in front? Let's be honest, we've all seen this in other areas. Its not as desirable to live there. Thankfully, this has not happened here. We bought homes here because of the beauty and charm. So let the lawn police run free. In the long run, code enforcement contributes to the desirability and preservation of our neighborhood. It is a good thing.

-Laura Tobias Garcia

WSNA Seeks CPA



Did you know Washington Square is in the process of becoming a non-profit corporation? We are pretty darn close to achieving this goal. However, this means that eventually we will need to file tax returns. We are hoping that an accountant or CPA in our neighborhood would be willing to donate their time to help us fulfill this requirement. If you are willing to help, please contact Nancy Lutz at (714) 836-9110.

WSNA Needs Your Help

It has been brought to the attention of the board that certain individuals have been using the neighborhood pilot trash cans to dump grass clippings. Please remember that the trash cans are intended for passers by to dump their soda cans, etc. The goal is to keep the neighborhood clean, not provide convenient trash cans for the residents. If you observe a neighbor or his gardener doing this, please kindly remind them. If you do not wish to do so, call one of the board members. The phone numbers are located on the back of this newsletter. We will send the individual a friendly note asking them to refrain from the using the trash cans for their private use.

Washington Square Real Estate Recap

By: Laura Tobias Garcia

Properties currently for sale:

827 N. Towner	3 bedroom, 2 ba	1100 Sq ft.	\$529,000
1111 N. Lowell	2 bedroom, 1 ba	1161 Sq ft.	\$539-569K
820 N. Olive	2 bedroom, 1 ba	1101 Sq ft.	\$584,900
835 N. Freeman	2 bedroom, 1.5 ba	1373 Sq ft.	\$599,000
814 N. Towner	3 bedroom, 1 ba	1324 Sq ft	\$614,900
1326 N. Westwood	3 bedroom, 1 ba	1303 Sq ft	\$615,000
1308 N. Flower	4 bedroom, 2 ba	1467 Sq ft.	\$619,900
1302 N. Olive	2 bedroom, 1 ba	1257 Sq ft.	\$630,000
827 N. Freeman	2 bedroom, 1 ba	1126 Sq ft.	\$640,000
1023 N. Freeman	3 bedroom, 2 ba	1785 Sq ft.	\$599-649K
1302 N. Flower	2 bedroom, 1 ba	1257 Sq ft.	\$650,000
901 N. Westwood	3 bedroom, 1 ba	1640 Sq ft.	\$669,900
1108 N. Towner	3 bedroom, 3 ba	1910 Sq ft	\$674,900-684,000
1616 N. Freeman	4 bedroom, 2 ba	1693 Sq ft.	\$685,000
1002 N. Freeman	4 bedroom, 2 ba	1875 Sq ft.	\$689,900
1501 N. Freeman	3 bedroom, 2 ba	2000 Sq ft.	\$723,000
1001 N. Lowell	2 bedroom, 2 ba	1441 Sq ft.	\$740,000
1420 N. Louise	3 bedroom, 2 ba	1549 Sq ft.	\$749,900

Properties Pending Sale:

827 N. Bristol	2 bedroom, 1 ba	1168 Sq ft.	\$455,000
1415 N. Flower	1 bedroom, 1 ba	686 Sq ft.	\$435,000
1506 N. Baker	4 bedroom, 3 ba	1325 Sq ft.	\$685,000
905 N. Freeman	3 bedroom, 2 ba	1600 Sq ft.	\$710,000

Properties Recently Sold:

1302 N. Baker	2 bedroom, 1.5 ba	1538 Sq ft.	\$555,000
1105 N. Baker	3 bedroom, 1.5 ba	1642 Sq ft.	\$685,000
1321 N. Towner	3 bedroom, 2 ba	1759 Sq ft.	\$725,000
1016 N. Towner	4 bedroom, 2 ba	2236 Sq ft.	\$742,500



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" DID YOU KNOW ? "

In order to maintain the neighborhoods appearance and keep WSNA residents informed we submit the following "Did You Know" items.

- Trash barrel are not to be put out on Sunday before 4:00 PM and must be taken in by 12:00 midnight on Monday evening. Storing your trash barrels must not be visible from the street.
- Garage/Yard Sales are only allowed on the first weekend of March, June, September, and December, Saturday and Sunday only. Items must not be put out before 7:00 AM and taken in by 4:00 PM. No new merchandise is allowed to be sold. If there is rain on the first weekend the second weekend will be allowed.
- Cars are not to be parked on the lawn. Inoperable vehicles are not allowed on the street or in the driveways and cars can not remain in the street for more than 72 hours without being moved. Inoperable vehicles are vehicles that are either damaged, flat tires, and do not run.
- Front yard fences require a building permit and can not be over 30" high. Contact the building department 667-2700 for more information. The permits are free. Maintain your wood fences by keeping them painted and in good repair.



As this newsletter goes to press, there seems to be a surplus of homes on the market. This is the case everywhere. It is also true that list prices have started to come down. This goes back to the supply and demand principle of economics. The days of multiple offers are behind us for now. However, a headline appeared in a local newspaper a few weeks ago screaming that the market was near crashing. Yet reading the article further revealed that sales were actually up! Misleading headlines don't help. However, stable interest rates do. The Federal Reserve decided to not raise rates when they last met. That is the upside for now. Sellers need to hang in there. For those who bought a home within the last few years, try not to be discouraged. Even if the market slips, real estate always recovers.

CITY CONTACT INFORMATION

Who To Call For:

- Code Enforcement 667-2780
- Police Services 647-5062
- Police—non emergency 834-4211
- 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

Washington Square Babysitters:

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| Adrianna Elisada | 543-4292 |
| Maria Diaz | 543-6285 |
| Jeff Taylor | 836-4624 |
| Susan Cava | 571-5762 |
| Hillary Rush <i>CPR cert.</i> | 245-0710 |

If you are interesting in advertising babysitting services, call 836-8128 with your name, number and address and we'll add you to our list to be published in the next edition of *Neighborhood News*.



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.

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Area 13	Lowell South of Washington Christine Cwiertyny	835-9464
Area 14	Lowell North of Washington Jon Wilson	550-0599
Area 15	Olive North of Washington Delmy Savilla	906-4309
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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.

Key's & Locksmith	Ivan Rivera	953-6720
Windows/Doors Refinish or New	Dillon Stieler	953-1714
General Contractor	Tom Lutz	835-6130
Handyman	Frank Garcia	313-5765
Stone/brick work	Frankie Mata	478-2304
Notary Public	Therese Thomas	318-1455
Life Coach Organizational Consultant	Rebecca Goldstone	417-0017

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