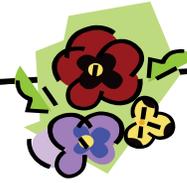


# Neighborhood News

*"Keeping the Spirit Alive"*



Spring 2001

## 2001 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>WS General Meeting 7pm Wilson Elementary</b>	<b>4/12</b>
<b>WS 1st Annual Golf Tournament</b>	<b>5/20</b>
<b>Neighborhood Resident Dumpster Day</b>	<b>5/26</b>
<b>Annual Summer Party</b>	<b>6/30</b>
<b>WS General Meeting 7pm Wilson Elementary</b>	<b>7/12</b>
<b>1st Annual Neighborhood Wine Walk!</b>	<b>9/7</b>
<b>WS General Meeting 7pm Wilson Elementary</b>	<b>10/11</b>
<b>Washington Square Home Tour</b>	<b>10/20 10/21</b>
<b>Annual Neighborhood Christmas Celebration</b>	<b>12/21</b>

## Washington Square Tee's Off

The first annual Washington Square Golf Tournament will be held on May 20, 2001.

This nine hole tournament will be held at the Riverview Golf Club with an awards dinner and reception following at the Old Shippe Pub. The

cost is \$30.00 per player for the tournament and \$10.00 per player or guest at the awards ceremony. If you are interested in participating, please call Tom Stewart at 972-3168. This promises to be a great event and one that is sure to continue in the years to come.

## President's Message

Dear Washington Square Residents, I'd love to say Happy New Year, as this is our first newsletter printed in 2001, but it already seems like the year is flying by, doesn't it? Especially in Washington Square, as we are busy making plans for the many great events we will be having this year!

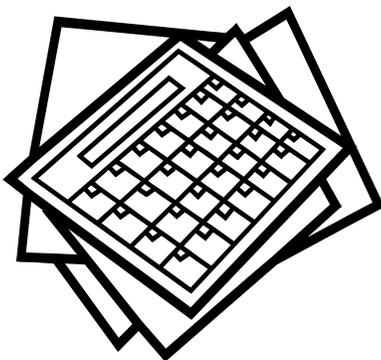
Be sure to make your reservations early to participate in the 1st annual Washington Square Golf Tournament on May 20th (details are in the newsletter).

We are so excited about all of the new neighbors that have agreed to help out with the Association this year! What a pleasure it is to know that there are so many who care about making this neighborhood an even better place to live—to that end I'd like to tell you what we've been doing lately: we are working hard to develop a better relationship with Wilson Elementary School. We are concerned about the trash on the school grounds, front yards and streets. The excessive parking concerns us as well, and so we are

conducting meetings trying to resolve these issues. We are also working on getting the needed repairs done to streets and sidewalks. We have come up with a novel and a bit more "pro-active" plan for getting this done. We'll keep you informed as this progresses! There are some homes in the neighborhood which I'm sure you've noticed that seem to be abandoned. These homes are getting a lot of attention from Code Enforcement and, with our continued perseverance, will hopefully be changing for the better sometime in the near future. Don't give up hope!...We haven't. If you would like to participate in helping to solve this problem with a very pro-active committee, please contact me at either 972-3168 or at brookestewart@home.com. All are welcome!

This quarter's newsletter is jam-packed with valuable information. I hope it will give you lots of insight to what is going on in our little corner of Santa Ana.

Brooke Stewart, WSNA President



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Our hats off to all the residents who paid their membership donations in 2000. We had an awesome response to our membership campaign last year. In fact, Washington Square has the largest membership of all neighborhoods in Santa Ana. Your membership donations are just another confirmation of how important you feel it is to "keep the spirit alive" within our neighborhood and is a true testament of just how much you care about where you live.

We would like to surpass last years numbers and get EVERY NEIGHBOR to become an active member. The Board and association members work hard to keep this neighborhood beautiful, clean, visible with the city and fun for the residents. Please consider the following events your membership goes towards and send your donation today!

- Dumpster Days
- Annual neighborhood festivities
- Cleanup resources
- Improvement resources

## Santa Ana Youth Expo

Santa Ana's annual "Youth Expo" is planned for the local boys and girls, between 8 and 18 years of age, as a one-stop, one day program to provide as much information as possible on the opportunities and assistance that is available to our youth. Youth will be encouraged to directly benefit from the many local resources, while enjoying refreshing music, food and entertainment. Businesses, schools and local organizations are being recruited to provide information on colleges, career opportunities, business internships, government employment and military service, service projects and volunteerism, and career development assistance. Youth membership organizations will set up exhibits and promote program opportunities, while sports groups will be on hand to share program benefits and costs.

**Character Building Benefits for those 8 through 12 years of age, in the elementary schools:**

- Information on membership organizations, such as the Boys and Girls Scouts, YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, Campfire Girls, Zoo Camp, Summer Camps, programs and excursions.
- Information on sports organizations, such as soccer, little league baseball, Jr. All-American Football, flag football, track & cross country, NJB bas-

- Quarterly Newsletter costs
- Community and neighborhood awareness
- Keeping the association alive and operating

Please send your membership to WSNA, P.O. Box 4435, Santa Ana, CA 92701. Contributions are at the following level:

- \$5.00 Senior
- \$10.00 Household
- \$25.00 Patron
- \$50.00 Sponsor

Be sure and include your name and address so we can give you proper recognition. Thanks to each and every resident for your continued support. Together we will keep the spirit of Washington Square alive.



ketball, boxing and karate.

- Information on how to be involved in helping others, through community service projects and volunteerism.

**Character Building Benefits for those 13 through 18 years of age, in the middle and high schools:**

- Summer job fair
- College Career Day
- Student Scholarship Opportunities
- Career Opportunities
- Business Internships
- Military Service & Government Employment
- Learning to assist others, through community service projects and volunteerism.

**Additional Enjoyment**

Battle of the Bands live music

Vehicle displays, tasty hamburgers and soft drinks

Pro-bicycle Stunt Shows

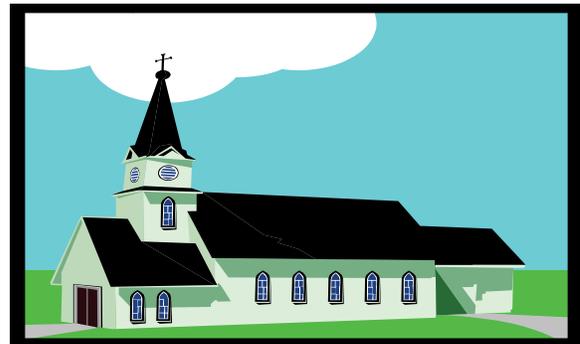
Student "Sport Skills" contest and great door prizes!

**Sunday March 18, 2001  
Santa Ana Stadium**

# 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
- 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
- Water Engineering 647-3320



### 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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### Classified Ads:

**Are your cuff links gathering dust? If you want to get rid of them, please call Tim Rush @ 714-299-4455**

*\*If you are a paid WS member you can place a free classified ad. Contact us at P.O. Box 4435, Santa Ana, CA 92701 with your ad.*

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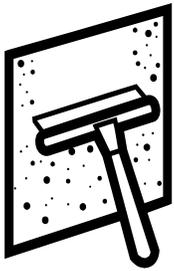
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## Household Helpful Hints



Nontoxic ways to clean your home...cheaper, too!

- **Liquid cleanser** for cutting grease and cleaning countertops, baseboards and appliances: In a plastic spray bottle, combine two cups of very hot water, one teaspoon borax, half-teaspoon washing soda and half-teaspoon Murphy's Oil Soap (or similar vegetable-based detergent).
- **Antibacterial spray** for cutting boards: Fill spray bottle with one cup of water and 10 to 20 drops of essential oil of lavender. Spray on surface and leave overnight. Rinse, if desired.
- **Easy scrub** for sinks and bathtubs: Combine quarter-cup of baking soda and enough liquid soap or detergent to make a frosting-like paste.
- **Floor cleaner** for wood, tile or linoleum: Put two gallons of warm water in a plastic pail, and add one-eighth cup of liquid soap or detergent and half cup of white vinegar.
- **Oven cleaner:** Sprinkle dirty spots with water, then cover with baking soda. Rinse. Repeat, leave overnight, and wipe up grime the next morning. Residue can be removed with liquid soap and water.
- **Toilet-bowl cleaner.** Pour in one cup of borax, leave overnight and flush in the morning.
- **Glass cleaner:** In a spray bottle, combine half-teaspoon of liquid soap or detergent, three tablespoons of white vinegar and two cups of water.
- **Dusting and polishing wood:** Moisten a cotton cloth in a bowl containing half-teaspoon of olive oil and quarter-cup of white vinegar or lemon juice.
- **Air freshener:** Put a few slices of lemon, orange or grapefruit in a pot of water. Simmer gently for one hour to fill your house with a citrus scent.

## GENERAL REMINDERS

**A reminder to all residents that trash cans are not to be brought out until after 4 p.m. on Sunday and must be brought in by 5 p.m. on Monday. It has been noticed that residents are not bringing in their bins in a timely manner. This is important for street sweeping on Tuesday morning as well as the general appearance of our streets.**

**A notice that after March 25, 2001 code enforcement will start citing residents who have not yet taken down their Christmas lights. If this is you, take an afternoon this weekend and take 'em down. Your neighbors will appreciate it as well as the city.**

**If you have a concern regarding one of our homes here in Washington Square, you may express your comments/thoughts to the Code Enforcement department.**

**Their number is 667-2780.**



*WE NEED YOU!*

**Become involved with the neighborhood association! There is so much to do and so much fun to have doing it! We currently have two openings for block representatives for Westwood and Towner streets. If you would like to help out and meet new neighbors, give us a call. Together WE make this neighborhood great! Call 953-0962 or 972-3168.**

### Graffiti Hotline

When you see any graffiti in the city or Washington Square, please call this toll free number and report it. The task force keeps track of the gangs and removes the graffiti immediately. It's also a great number to program into your car phone for when you need it.

**Graffiti Hotline: 714-647-3380**

**After 3pm 714-647-3542**



# SQUARE MEALS



*Recipes courtesy of Washington Square Residents*

## Greg's Sweet Corned Beef

Cooking Time 3-4 Hrs

Lay out extra heavy foil. Put meat on it and slather the uncooked meat with any kind of mustard (cheap is OK). Cover with brown sugar (will stick to mustard) then pour over 1 package of Liptons Onion Soup Mix (Dry). Add about 2 Tbsp of water around sides. Fold up foil and seal well. Bake at 250 for 3-4 hours. Will be super tender and you'll never

## "Poor Cook's Stroganoff"

Cook time 20 minutes

Cook 1 lb of ground beef or turkey. Saute some instant or fresh onions. Stir in one undiluted can of Cream of Chicken soup (sounds strange, but doesn't taste as good with mushroom soup; I tried it). Then stir in at last one large 16oz. Carton of sour cream. Serve over cooked butter noodles. (You can use mashed potatoes too).



## In The Garden with Carolyn

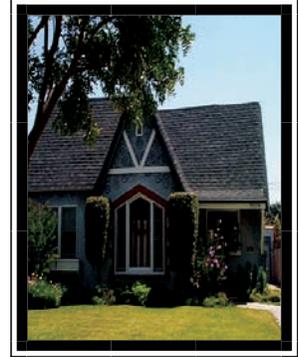
Hi, I live on Louise St. and I am a new resident to Washington Square. Gardening is one of my hobbies and when I am not teaching elementary students I enjoy growing roses and other plants. I have a lot of patio shade plants and roses in pots. I began my interest in planting as a child when my mother gave "us kids" a small corner of the flower beds where we planted radishes, beets, etc. The only thing I remember as really being successful was the radishes, which were more fun to grow than to eat! Radishes are a great quick growing thing for kids to plant. Plant barely 1/4" or LESS deep. One thing I've learned...tilling in some granulated vegetable food WHEN planting vegetable seed sure helps!

My subject for this issue is BERGENIA plants. What?...you ask...are they? They are old fashioned low growing plants that have leaves that look like a flat green beaver's tail (paddle shaped). They were very popular in the era of the 1940s (which is when a lot of these homes were built). They are best for shade or semi-shade, and great for a border in front of ferns, fuchsia bushes, etc. They are almost impossible to find in nurseries. I got my plants from a friend and a garage sale! They multiply quickly and bloom mostly in early spring. My one bloomer is finished now. (My others are still babies). They have a long spike with a lot of small lavender/pink flowers on the end. If you want to see a lot of these, look at all the plants along the winding brick path at 1307 Louise. They are in full sun, but get a lot of shade in summer from the Louise St. sycamore tree in front of the house. They are in full bloom now. They have probably disappeared now from the stores. That is the cheapest way to buy them; but if you really want to see what you're getting, then buy them planted in a tub in spring. April and May are the best flowering months. Well, last year I did not plant this years "best rose bush", the Iceberg Floribunda. I planted almost all tea roses, (I do cut them, and it's good for the plant; always cut at a slight angle 1/4" above a "five-leafer left stem). But my neighbor in the 1500 part of Louise, 1/2 block, Gracie (many of you know her), planted icebergs in her yard and has flowers more often than mine...she told me that "new-last-year-neighbor" on the corner at 1301 Louise planted several on her advise. Then I noticed that when In'N'Out on Bristol recently re-landscaped their establishment, guess what they planted ALL around their driveways and burger stand? Iceberg roses!

I recommend planting them where the soil is very heavy. Put a layer of small pebbles (peal gravel) in first for drainage and then bagged potted soil, then some heavy regular soil which helps hold the new bushes in place. Then add a bucket full of vitamin B1 (2 to 4 Tbsp, in water in a plastic pail) to stimulate root growth and help transplant shock. I hope mine will grow like Gracie's!!! Happy Growing.

## Washington Square Real Estate Recap

By: Lynette Gallegos



2001 is proving to be a spectacular year for real estate. Homes in Washington Square are rising in value as quickly as the year's going by. Here are a list of homes that have hit the market this last quarter. The homes date from 12/01/00 to present:

Homes that are currently for sale:

837 Westwood	3 Bedroom, 2 Bath	\$295,000
1306 10th	3 Bedroom, 1 Bath	\$229,950
1521 Rosewood	3 Bedroom, 1.75 Bath	\$249,900
1307 Lowell	3 Bedroom, 2 Bath	\$264,500
1001 Westwood	3 Bedroom, 2 Bath	\$295,900

Homes that have recently sold:

1609 Rosewood	3 Bedroom, 1.75 Bath	\$235,000
1015 Olive	4 Bedroom, 1.75 Bath	\$235,000
1424 Lowell	3 Bedroom, 1.75 Bath	\$245,000
1407 Westwood	4 Bedroom, 2 Bath	\$282,000
925 Lowell	3 Bedroom, 1.75 Bath	\$295,000

Homes that are currently pending for sale:

1426 Freeman	2 Bedroom, 1 Bath	\$218,000
815 Freeman	2 Bedroom, 1 Bath	\$230,000
816 Flower	3 Bedroom, 1 Bath	\$231,000
909 Westwood	3 Bedroom, 2 Bath	\$269,000
1010 Lowell	3 Bedroom, 1.75 Bath	\$299,500

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## Washington Square Neighborhood Association January 11, 2001 General Meeting Minutes

Meeting began at 7:05pm.

Officer Witt advised us of current neighborhood activity. We had an isolated domestic violence incident on Louise street on New Years Eve. One vehicle burglary on Towner on December 14 early in the day.

Maggie Mack-Residential Code Inspector for Community Preservation who's responsibilities include Washington Square was present to address any concerns and pass out information brochures in English and Spanish that explained what violations she looks for when evaluating our area. She recommended that any alleged violators be sent to her or given to Brooke Stewart to send to her. She explained the violation process before a resident can be sent to administrative action. Once a violator is determined, they receive a cite which costs \$100 and code violation must be brought into compliance. If it is ignored, another cite is issued. The fine for this cite is \$200. If it is still ignored, the third violation costs \$500. It is after these three violations have been issued, that she can send the violator to an administrative hearing. It can make its way up to criminal prosecution by the city attorney.

She did recommend a proactive approach from the association if we can intercept potential problems from developing. If we can't, they should be referred to her.

Gordon Ito-Director of Facilities planning and Ralph Allen-Architect addressed questions and concerns regarding the proposed school site on Civic Center. There are traffic and pedestrian issues that the neighborhood would like mitigated by the School District. They expressed their desire to include our school liaison in on future meetings regarding this site. They do understand our requests for no ingress or egress openings from the school into the neighborhood. They have attempted to design the school to focus on traffic solely on Civic Center Drive.

The school site is approximately 3 ½ acres and will consist of 24 classrooms. They expect to have at least 600 students on campus at any one time. It is being proposed as a neighborhood K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade year around school. Parking will be on the third level of the school, considered the roof, just like Century High School. There will be 63 parking stalls on the third level for teachers and guests. Gordon believes this is ample parking. Two lower stories will house the classrooms. Because of the size of the land, Gordon does not anticipate that any portables will be utilized after completion of the school. We did request a traffic management plan prior to designing the school to mitigate traffic overflowing into the neighborhood. Construction plans will begin this Summer and it will have to pass the Field Act by the state before the design can be approved. The School Board has approved the initial plans and it is now being given neighborhood consideration for feedback. Some residents were dismayed that we were not involved with the design from the beginning. Gordon was not able to address this issue, but did direct those concerns to the School Board. As far as when this may be completed, the land still needs to be bought and close escrow. We should not expect to see a school on that site until Spring 2002.

The model of the school was available for residents to see and Architect Ralph Allen was taking comments on design very seriously.

The election of Officers was voted unanimously by the residents present. A few new block representatives were discussed and they will be noted at a later time to confirm their acceptance of the position.

The Newly Elected Board is as follows:

President-Brooke Stewart

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President-Lynette Gallegos

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President-Oscar Garza

Treasurer-Diana Valencia

Secretary-Geoff Migala

Hospitality Chair-Lynette Verino

Historian-Open

Phone Tree Coordinator-Open

School Liaison-Bill Lundquist

Comm-Link Representative-Sergio Verino

Comments;

There was some discussion regarding parking permits for duplexes. There is a question about whether that property site receives 2 or 3 parking permits. Brooke will look further into the issue.

Meeting adjourned 8:50 p.m.

## HOME TOUR 2003

Washington Square is getting ready for this year's home tour and we need you! This ever so popular event will take place in the Spring of 2003. 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 October, 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 our committee chairman Oscar Garza at 836-7301.

## March Checklist

- Easier tax preparation: For taxpayer assistance, call the IRS at 800-829-1040...to download forms, [www.irs.gov/forms\\_pubs](http://www.irs.gov/forms_pubs).
- Early bird makes out: File tax returns early...finalize summer travel plans...buy garden seeds before supplies are depleted.
- Head Start on a healthful garden: Easy to grow; Broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage and cauliflower—all are known to reduce cancer risk.
- Spring home repair: Make sure that gutters and downspouts are anchored and free of "junk"...check outdoor steps and decks for winter damage...use binoculars to check for loose or missing roof shingles.
- March money savers: Bargains on winter coats and sports equipment...garden supplies...one-way car rentals from Florida.

*Source: Bottomline publication*

## Santa Ana Favorites Highlighted

Do you know of a business located in Santa Ana that you just love and would love to rave about? Let us know! In this edition we are highlighting two businesses that not many may know about but sure come in handy when you need it.

**Epedx Paper Co.** located at 3105 Harbor in Santa Ana is a paper company open to the public. They have a unique selection of specialty paper products for all your creative needs. Their customer service is superb and their prices are outstanding. They are located at the corner of MacArthur and Harbor and may be reached at 751-6650.

If you are looking for a good, affordable printing company, check out **Jhaynel Printing Co.** located at 2331 Otis St. in Santa Ana. They are a new business to the city and their prices and service are awesome! From large commercial print jobs to small personal needs, this company can help. Their turnaround time is impressive. They may be reached at 668-9787.

If you would like to toot a Santa Ana business' horn, please call us at 953-0962 or write to us at WSNA P.O. Box 4435, Santa Ana, CA 92701



## 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.

Aaron's Key's & Locks	Ivan Rivera	953-6720
Home Loan Consultant	Fred Imhof	256-5593
Hanson Plumbing	Mike Hanson	953-4232
Lutz General Contractor	Tom Lutz	835-6130
Concrete Contractor	Jason Escoto	541-4959
Electrician Services	Scott Manchester	564-0998
Computer Repairs/Service	Tai Kekawa	543-3369
Landscape/Gardening Design	Gracie Blanco	541-1117



