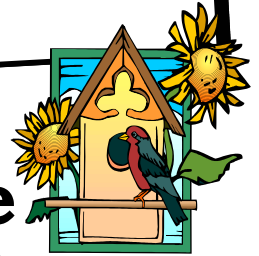


Neighborhood News

Spring 2002



Membership Drive

2002 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please attend our next:

WS General Meeting Wilson Elementary	4/11
Second Annual Neighborhood Wine Walk	5/18
Ws General Meeting Wilson Elementary	7/11
Annual Neighborhood Summer Party	7/13
Senior Ice Cream Social	8/17
WS Fall Concert	10/5
WS General Meeting Wilson Elementary	10/10
Neighborhood Christmas Celebration	TBD

The Association is alive and kicking and has just launched this year's membership drive! Your membership letter has recently been sent to you in the mail. There are exciting things happening this year in Washington Square and big plans for our neighborhood. Please take a moment to read the letter and send in your membership donation. We currently have a 50% membership and would like to surpass this number and have EVERY NEIGHBOR on our active member list! The association works very hard to keep our

neighborhood clean, visible with the city and fun for the residents. Contributions are at the following level:

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

Please send your membership to WSNA P.O. Box 4435, Santa Ana 92701.

Be sure to include your name and address so we can give you proper recognition. Together we keep the spirit of Washington Square alive.

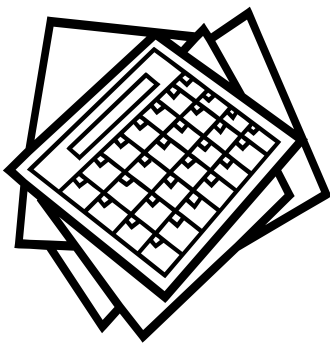
A Message from the WS President

As we enter into another year, I would like to take this time to wish you all a healthy and happy 2002. If I had one wish for this year that wish would be for residents of Washington Square to obey the posted speed limits. I am very sadden to say we have had two tragic incidences occur on Louise and Freeman St. Two of our resident's lost their pets in hit and run accidents by speeding drivers. **This easily could have been two human lives!** My deepest sympathy goes out to our residents. I hope this message will prevent this tragedy from happening again.

I've enjoyed serving as President of Washington Square the last seven months and I look forward to serving you again this year. 2002 is going to be an exciting year at WS and we want you to be a part of it!

The Board is currently working on plans to spruce up the neighborhood. Be on the look out for vintage sign holders in our neighborhood!

Oscar Garza—WS President



WS Members Recognized

Wow! In just the first few weeks we have received the following membership:

Senior Members

Louvenia Higgs
 Katherine Harper
 Lupe Maciel
 Winifred Axworthy
 Jeanne Ehrenberg
 Ellen Simmons
 Velma Heflin
 Nellie Myli
 Ruth Allison
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 Robert & Madge Machen
 Corrine Hiatt
 Hilda Hartman
 Mary Meserve
 Maxine Pittser
 Dona Evans
 Aline Boyle
 Joseph Kean
 Alan Anderson
 George & Margaret Lang
 Elizabeth Marshall
 Linda Lieu

Household Members

Tuyet Quach
 Tina Harvey
 Mary Mandy
 Adriane Givant
 William Gizer & Virginia Lee
 Le-Thu Do & Binh Vu
 Melvin Aguirre

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 Dennis & Lois Hayden
 Juan & Virginia Bernal
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 Lisa Gumina
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 David & Sylvia Clark
 Josie Martinez
 Carol Haver
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 Victoria Macbain
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 Zane Properties
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 Victor & Patty Ojeda
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 Mary & Oscar Estrada
 Sergio & Lynnette Verino

Sponsor Members:

Kelly Mitchell & Jason Escoto

City Manager Visits Washington Square

On March 7th, Dave Ream, Santa Ana City Manager, spoke to the residents of Washington Square regarding the Bristol street widening project and the Centerline Project. The meeting was held at Wilson Elementary to a full room of residents eager to learn about the projects, ask questions and voice their concerns.

The Bristol street widening project is an ambitious plan by the City of Santa Ana to not only widen Bristol Street, but also to beautify the street as well. "The goal is to have Bristol become the "Signature Street" of Orange County", says Ream.

The project can be seen currently under construction between St. Andrew and McFadden.

The Centerline project is a county wide Urban Rail Project with plans to travel through Santa Ana. Currently the city supports a rail alignment that travels on Bristol street. With a connection to the Santa Ana Regional Transportation Center via Santa Ana Blvd. An optional leg of the rail line will continue on Bristol and 17th St.

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SQUARE MEALS

Recipes courtesy of Washington Square Residents

Berry-Nut French Toast

- 2 cups multigrain flakes with oat clusters, cranberries, and almonds
- 4 eggs
- 1/2 tsp. Ground cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. Ground nutmeg
- 4 3/4 inch-thick slices French or Italian bread
- 2 Tbsp. Butter
- Fruit-flavored syrup, maple syrup, or apricot preserves, warmed

Coarsely crush the cereal and place in a shallow dish. Set aside. In another shallow bowl beat eggs, cinnamon, and nutmeg until well mixed. Dip the bread slices in the egg mixture until moistened, turning to coat, then dip both sides in crushed cereal until coated. In a large skillet or griddle melt butter over medium-high heat. Add bread slices and cook about 2 minutes on each side or until golden brown and crisp. Serve with warm syrup or preserves. Makes 2 servings.

Food For Thought

3 GREAT WAYS WITH GRAPES...
Pizza—top with grapes, olive oil and parmesan cheese. Bake at 400 until crisp. Top with slivers of prosciutto and crushed rosemary.
Frozen—Freeze whole grapes.
Place in dessert bowl and top with vanilla yogurt and honey.
Salad—add

In The Garden with Carolyn



Secrets to a great looking lawn.

1. Choose the right grass. Research and find out what lawn works best for our climate such as hybrid Bermuda.
2. Water efficiently. To encourage deep rooting and to conserve water, irrigate lawns as deeply and infrequently as possible. Water less in cool months. Step on the grass. If the blades do not spring back, it's time to water.
3. Fertilize regularly. Lawns are heavy feeders and require regular applications of high-nitrogen fertilizers. Feed warm-season lawn in late spring and cool-season lawns throughout fall and early spring.
4. Mow often. Mow grass when it's about a third taller than the recommended height. Grass is weakened if it grows too long between mowings. Shorter clippings can be left on the lawn to decompose and add nitrogen to the soil.

Calling All Gardeners!!!

Our first garden meeting will be held on April 21st at Elizabeth Palmer's house located at 1015 Lowell. Come with your ideas, questions and comments on how to improve, maintain and beautify your yard. Please call 835-4876 to RSVP. Thanks

City Manager Visit cont.

As both projects involve Bristol Street, the impact to Washington Square is a concern to its residents. While many residents at the meeting felt the street-widening project would be an enhancement to WS, the Centerline project was not as well received. Many voiced their concerns about cost, increased noise, and increased foot traffic through the neighborhood. Some stated that while the rail project may have a benefit to the city, the optional leg to 17th street would detract from the quality of life in our neighborhood.

While it appears both projects are now moving forward until completed, many decisions still need to be made. Maybe of most importance is whether or not the optional leg of the rail line is built so close to our neighborhood. Mr. Ream stated at the end of the meeting, "If residents show strong opposition, projects can be stopped". As a neighborhood, by participating now, we can make a difference. Please stay tuned to what is happening around our neighborhood and we, as an association, will keep you informed as to how you can help.

Washington Square Real Estate Recap

By: Lynette Gallegos



Despite what the experts are saying about us being in the middle of a recession, real estate (especially in Washington Square) is growing by leaps and bounds! Houses here are literally selling as they hit the market. The word is out that Washington Square is a GREAT place to live and recent sales show it. Take a look at these sales!!!

Homes currently on the market:

1411 Louise	4 Bedroom, 2.00 Bath	Sq ft 2390	\$359,900
923 Louise	3 Bedroom, 2.00 Bath	St ft 1640	\$315,000
1315 Olive	4 Bedroom, 1.75 Bath	St ft 2028	\$356,500
911 Olive	3 Bedroom, 1.00 Bath	St ft 1079	\$295,000

Homes currently Pending Sale:

1321 Freeman	3 Bedroom, 1.75 Bath	Sq ft. 1360	\$295,000
1416 Olive	3 Bedroom, 1.50 Bath	Sq ft. 1409	\$309,900
1127 Lowell	2 Bedroom, 1.75 Bath	Sq ft Unknown	\$274,000
830 Baker	3 Bedroom, 1.00 Bath	Sq ft 1347	\$285,000

Homes that have recently sold:

1112 Olive	2 Bedroom, 1.00 Bath	Sq ft 1450	\$310,000
920 Towner	5 Bedroom, 3.00 Bath	Sq ft 3100	\$360,000
916 Lowell	2 Bedroom, 1.72 Bath	Sq ft 1363	\$263,000
1020 Lowell	3 Bedroom, 1.75 Bath	Sq ft 1486	\$320,000
1517 Louise	3 Bedroom, 1.00 Bath	Sq ft 1140	\$243,500

If you live near one of these homes, please stop by and give a warm Washington Square welcome!

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



Lynette Gallegos
(714) 592-4050
*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 (On-going Street Construction)	565-4044
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

Handyman At Your Service



For all your home projects you just can't get to or need help on, call WS resident Ken Clark! He's professional, reliable and a perfectionist...

(714) 558-4871

The Washington Square Board would like to thank Nancy Lutz for her wonderful donation of our new General Meeting Signs. You may have seen them for the first time a few weeks ago around the neighborhood. They are of such high quality and are easy to read for passing residents. Nancy, we really appreciate them and you!!!

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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Santa Ana Ebell Building Celebrates 78 Years

On July 2, 2001, the Ebell building was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Ebell Society would like for you to come see what has stood proudly for nearly 78 years, learn more about downtown Santa Ana and its society—one that is still going strong after 107 years.

The Ebell Society is planning a "Hats Off to The Ebell Society of the Santa Ana Valley" open house on April 14, 2002 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. All local dignitaries will be invited.

This memorable event is free to the public. There will be special displays, etc. The event chair hopes you will take the time and come see their beautiful building and learn a little bit more about Santa Ana and the wonderful city we live in.

City of Santa Ana Offers Residential Loan Program

One of the primary goals of our City is to revitalize and improve its residential neighborhoods. To that end, the City has designed loan programs to assist property owners to upgrade and preserve private properties and existing neighborhoods by eliminating health and safety problems and correcting code violations. The following programs may meet your needs.

Single Family Owner Occupied Loans

Loan funds may be utilized for a variety of home improvement projects which address both code deficiencies and general improvements to the property. For amortized loans, at least twenty percent (20%) of the total rehabilitation costs must be to correct code-related items, improvements may include, but are not limited to plumbing, electrical, roofing, heating, structural (foundation), landscaping, interior/exterior painting, driveway repair/replacement, add bedroom/bath to relieve overcrowding, and other room additions to relieve overcrowding.

Payments on City loans are based upon the borrower's ability to pay. Borrowers who are unable to make regular monthly payments will have their payments deferred and are eligible for code-related improvement only, i.e., plumbing, electrical, roofing, heating, foundation, etc.

Requirements

Maximum gross family income to be eligible is 120 percent of county median, based on family size. The following table is effective as of January 17, 1999:

1 person	\$57,360	5 persons	\$88,560
2 persons	\$65,520	6 persons	\$95,040
3 persons	\$73,800	7 persons	\$101,640
4 persons	\$81,960	8 persons	\$108,240

For amortized loans, borrower's debt ratio with the City loan cannot exceed 50% of the total gross income and there must be as least 10% equity in the property after rehabilitation plus a positive credit history.

Maximum Loan Amounts

Up to \$30,000 for an amortized loan and \$15,000 for deferred payment.

Interest Rates

Between 3 and 8 percent APR, depending on family size and gross family income.

Term

Maximum of 15 years for an amortized loan and an initial 5 years for a deferred loan.

Processing Fee

1 percent of loan amount, plus costs for escrow, title, credit report and monthly collection fee for amortized loans.

All loans are secured by a Deed of Trust recorded against the property. All work must be performed by a licensed contractor of the borrower's choice. Contractor must have an applicable City Business License. Loan funds will be placed in a non-interest bearing escrow account and be disbursed in increments to the contractor.

For more information about this type of loan, please contact Nancy Edwards, Housing Program Coordinator at 667-2244.

Household Helpful Hints

Some useful tips to spring ahead on your spring cleaning

Indoor

Perform a safety check. Smoke detectors should be installed on every floor of the house. Check batteries and replace every six months. Also check batteries in carbon-monoxide detectors and flashlights; inspect pressure gauges on fire extinguishers.

Renew Cushions. Rotate and flip mattresses. Thoroughly vacuum them and the box springs. If possible, haul mattresses outside and air for the better part of the day. Sofa and chair cushions should also be flipped if their design and construction allows.

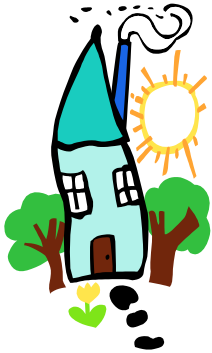
Replace filters. Vacuum and clean grates and coils and condensers, if applicable on furnaces, refrigerators, stoves and air conditioners. Remove filters in furnaces and air conditioners, and either clean or replace them.

Freshen Curtains. Take down shades and curtains. Most fabrics will need to be handled by a dry cleaner. Those that can be cleaned at home should either be lightly steamed in place or hand-washed. Line dry in the shade.

Sort Through Wardrobes. Separate clothes into piles: off-season, give away, dry cleaner, tailor. Make sure clothing is clean and mended before putting back in the closet or away for longer storage. Invest in good hangers and garment bags that breathe.

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HOME TOUR 2003



Washington Square is getting ready for next 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 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 Oscar Garza at 836-7301.

Household hints cont.

Attend to Recordkeeping. Adopt tax-filing day, April 15, as a deadline for reorganizing papers and files. Review and update insurance policies, contracts, and inventory notebooks. Delete old e-mails, clear you computer desktop, and clean out your file cabinets.

Outdoor

Get ready to mow. Send mower out to be serviced, or, if you are handy and have the right tools, sharpen the mower blades yourself. Before mowing, clear lawn of winter debris, and look for areas that may need reseeding.

Survey the yard. Note tree limbs that should be cut down or cabled, especially those that overhang structures. Gather small branches for kindling. Remove mulch from beds planted with bulbs. Check fences, steps and pathways for disrepair.

Examine Gutters. Make sure that no sections have become disconnected and that the downspouts are still in place. Clear gutters of leaves and other winter debris. To check that downspouts are unobstructed, run a stream of water through them with a hose.

Prepare Gas Grill. Clean all pipes and openings including burner ports and manifold with pipe cleaners or a narrow bottle brush. Replace lava rocks. Burn off any food buildup on grates. Fill propane tank and stock up on specialty woods.

Detail Automobiles. Clean cars inside and out. Vacuum seating, and shampoo soiled upholstery. Touch up scratches or rust spots, polish chrome and wax the paint finish. Schedule a tune up. Recondition bicycles too.



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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.

Call 953-0962.

Key's & Locksmith	Ivan Rivera	953-6720
Home Loan Consultant	Fred Imhof	256-5593
Hanson Plumbing	Mike Hanson	953-4232
General Contractor	Tom Lutz	835-6130
Concrete Contractor	Jason Escoto	541-4959
Electrician Services	Scott Manchester	564-0998
Landscape Garden Design	Gracie Blanco	541-1117
Hardwood Floor Refinishing	Elizabeth Maldonado	835-7780
Lawn Installation Sprinklers	Manuel Gomez	543-6397
Handyman	Ken Clark	558-4871

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