



Neighborhood News

Spring 2004



2004 Calendar of Events

Please attend our next:

General Meeting
April 8
7pm—Wilson Library

Annual Summer Party
TBD

General Meeting
July 11
7pm—Wilson Library

Senior Ice Cream Social
TBD

WS Home Tour
Oct 2 & 3—10-4pm

General Meeting
October 14
7pm—Wilson Library

Membership Drive 2004

The Association is just about ready to launch this year's membership drive! Your membership letter will soon be sent to you in the mail outlining all the exciting things happening this year in Washington Square. Please take a moment to read the letter and send in your membership donation. We currently have a 60% 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.

Thanks for your support.

1407 Lowell Recognized for Home Improvements



Have you driven down Lowell St. lately? Be sure and spot 1407 Lowell, home to Miguel and Sara Serna. Their yard demonstrates their artistic talent and inspires us all to "keep the pride" going. The board unanimously voted them our first quarter recipient

of our "Pride of Excellence" award for the great job they are doing. The WSNA board takes great pride in voting each quarter on a home that makes us proud to live in the square. If you know of someone whose made considerable home improvements and would like to nominate them for next quarter's award, please send your information to WSNA P.O. Box 4435 Santa Ana, CA 92701

Don't miss out on our general meetings! The neighborhood association sponsors a pizza dinner and provides much needed and informative information about our neighborhood and our community at every meeting. Don't be left out on the happenings in your neighborhood. Attend and be informed.

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



Take Pride Where You Live

When we make a choice as to where we want to live, we take many things into consideration. Some choose to live in an apartment or condo to alleviate the responsibility of maintaining the yard or exterior of their home. Most residents in Washington Square take great pride in maintaining their home. This not only elevates their property value but also the value of their neighbor's home. When you commit to make such a great investment, such as the purchase of a home, you are also committed to maintaining the exterior of your home. Situations may arise that temporarily keep you from property maintaining your home, but there is no good excuse for long term neglect.

The residents of Washington Square don't want to live where their neighbor's home is in a constant state of neglect and disarray. It is not fair to them to live with this burden. The city of Santa Ana has municipal codes in effect that are designed to keep our neighborhoods from deteriorating. The city is generally lenient, but they will and do take action if the violation continues to occur. The WSNA board supports the efforts of our code enforcement officers and takes great measures to see that home neglect violations are cited. The city of Santa Ana has funds available to assist in fixing up the home you live in. To qualify the home must be owner occupied. The borrower must have an acceptable credit history and household income must not exceed maximum income limits. For more information and an application, please call (714) 667-2250 or stop by the Housing and Neighborhood Development Division at City Hall.

Committee Prepares for 2004 Home Tour



The members of this year's home tour committee are very excited about putting together WS Home Tour 2004. Our tour is scheduled for October 2nd and 3rd from 10am to 4pm.

This year you can expect to see up to 8 spectacular homes and several lavish gardens. The committee has been impressed with the work these homeowners have completed to beautify where they live and we are proud to feature these homes.

There is much work to do, however, and the committee can use as much help as possible. If you have thought about becoming involved in the association or just want to do something positive for your neighborhood, this is your chance. We need docents to welcome guests at each home, volunteers to work ticketing and set-up and residents to assist with sub-committees where needed. For more information or to express an interest to help, please call Diana Valencia at 835-7304.

The committee is also working on a wonderful lunch menu and entertainment for all our guests. Our home tour event really showcases the neighborhood and has always been a positive experience for everyone.

This is a perfect time to bring friends and family from outside and introduce them to the awesome neighborhood you live in. Visit our web site for additional home tour information as it becomes available at www.washington-square.org.



SQUARE MEALS

Recipes courtesy of Washington Square Residents



Broccoli and Cranberry Salad

Salad:

- 5 cups broccoli florets, cut into 1/2 inch pieces
- 1/2 cup chopped red onion
- 1 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 cup cooked and crumbled bacon pieces
- 1 cup sunflower kernels or chopped almonds
- 1 cup Craisins dried cranberries

Dressing:

Store bought cole slaw dressing
Combine all salad ingredients and cole slaw dressing in a large mixing bowl; mix well.
Refrigerate 1 hour. Enjoy!

In The Garden with Carolyn



Garden Spring Cleaning

Maintaining a beautiful garden at the height of the growing season can be both challenging and time consuming. If you put a little bit of effort into your garden now you will be big rewards later on in the way of lots of beauty and bloom.

One of the first things to do is sweep away all of last year's debris. Do this by pulling up all old annuals and cutting back perennials. As long as the material is not disease ridden or pest infested, it makes a great addition to your compost bin.

Early spring is also a time of year you'll want to give your lawn its first feeding. And, if you're controlling weeds by using a preemergent herbicide, it's important to get it out as soon as possible.

Feeding isn't just for lawns, there are other plants that can benefit this time of year. Layer in rich compost and a generous amount of well-rotten manure in your perennials.

For an extra boost, you can add triple super phosphate. Give three to four tablespoons per plant.

If there is anything that you wish to transplant, it's important that you do it now before the plant wakes up and puts out new growth.

Spring Lawn Mower Tips

The lawn mower can be one of the most neglected tools in the garden. Review here some ways to keep your mower in tip-top shape.

First, disengage the spark plug. This should be done anytime you are working on your mower. Next drain the gasoline and oil from your mower. Any gasoline that stays in the tank over a year can gum up your carburetor. A turkey baster is great for extracting the gas from the tank. For collecting the oil, try using a disposable aluminum roasting pan. Next, you should replace the spark plug. Sparks are inexpensive and easy to replace. Also, take your mower in and have the blade sharpened and balanced. This will give you a smoother cut on your grass. Happy Mowing!!

Washington Square Real Estate Recap

By: Lynette Gallegos

Properties currently for sale:

902 Freeman 4 bedroom, 2 bath 1811 sq ft \$499,900

Properties pending sale:

1424 Louise 4 bedroom, 2 bath 1864 sq ft \$475,000
 1602 Freeman 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath 1637 sq ft \$487,000
 920 Louise 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath 1729 sq ft \$529,000

Properties Sold:

907 Olive 2 bedroom, 1 bath 1059 sq ft \$397,500
 1024 Baker 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath 1500 sq ft \$460,000
 1514 Rosewood 3 bedroom, 2 bath 1511 sq ft \$446,500
 904 Olive 3 bedroom, 2 bath 1465 sq ft \$420,000
 1015 Olive 4 bedroom, 2 bath 1550 sq ft \$435,000
 1139 Bomo Koral 4 bedroom, 3 bath 1477 sq ft \$418,000



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.

The Square Takes the Spotlight

Washington Square neighborhood was showcased at last month's city Commlink meeting that included a dynamic video presentation produced by our neighbors, David and Jean-Louise Jirik. This presentation received such rave reviews that the board decided to have an encore showing at our next general meeting. Thanks to all neighbors who participated in the interviewing and shared all the wonderful reasons why they live in Washington Square. Be sure you make the next general meeting so you too can see a fabulous illustration of your neighborhood. A special thanks to our neighborhood Chinese Restaurant, Peking Kitchen for providing dinner at this event.



Lynette Gallegos
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*Your Washington Square
 Real Estate Resource*



Proud participants in WS presentation; Ivana and Oldrich Unger, David and Jean-Louise Jirik, Alan Anderson and Lynette Gallegos

PEKING KITCHEN

Chinese Restaurant

COUPONS

DINNER SPECIAL

For 2 or more persons:
House Soup or Salad, Fried Shrimp, Egg Roll, Fried Rice. Select one for each person.

\$5⁸⁵

Per Person

1. Sweet & Sour Pork
2. Chicken Chow Mein
3. Cashew Nut Chicken
4. Beef with Broccoli

Not valid with any other offer.
(Served after 3:00 PM Everyday)

1/2 OFF LUNCH/DINNER

Buy 1 meal at regular price and get 1/2 off 2nd meal of equal or lesser value. Good every day, including weekends.
Not valid with any other offer.

10% OFF

DINE-IN OR TAKE-OUT

Good On Any Order
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Now Serving Beer & Wine

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 Fri. 11:00 - 10:00
 Sat. 11:30 - 10:00

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
- Water Bill 647-5454



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

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www.fpcsa.org

Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush.

~Doug Larson



Feed the Body, Fill Your Soul

First Presbyterian Church invites you to join us for Lenten Lunches during the Easter Season. Join us every Wednesday in March from 12 noon - 1 pm as we give praise to God for our redeemer, Jesus Christ.

The cost is \$5.00 for the lunch. Join us at Church on Sundays. Traditional services are held at 9:30 am and contemporary services are held at 11:00 am



Happy Easter



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.

New Neighbors - 1308 Freeman	Huebner & Kim Rodriguez - 904 Olive
New Neighbors - 907 Olive	New Neighbors - 1015 Olive
New Neighbors - 1024 Baker	New Neighbors - 1130 Bomo Koral
Margarito Vazquez - 1514 Rosewood	

Santa Ana Community Highlights

“Late Nite Catechism”

Reserved Seating

By: Vicki Quade & Maripat Donovan

This interactive off-Broadway show is coming to

Ebell Club of Santa Ana Valley

625 French St., Santa Ana

**Tickets are
\$35
This will sell
Out fast**

Friday, March 19, 2004

In your seats by 8:00 pm

7:30 pm Pre-curtain cocktails

Order now by Phone (714) 679-6555

Proceeds benefit the Centennial Heritage Museum

For more information: www.centennialmuseum.org



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)*



Washington Square Cub Scout Boys Cross Over

On Friday, February 27th, Cub Scout Pack 26 had their commencement ceremony bridging over three of our neighborhood boys. Darren Nakahara, Andrew Gurule and Evan Gallegos bridged over from Cub Scout to Boy Scout rank. It is an honored event which requires the young cub to acknowledge his passing from following leaders to becoming one. Darren, Andrew and Evan received Cub Scouts' highest award in rank after five years of hard work, dedication and, of course, quite a bit of fun. Washington Square wishes them great success in their boy scouting endeavors.

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
Maria Diaz	Freeman	543-6285

The Importance of Water; Are you Drinking Enough?



Did you know 75% of all people are chronically dehydrated? In 37% of use, the thirst mechanism is so weak that it is often mistaken for hunger. Even mild dehydration will slow down one's metabolism as much as 3%. One glass of water shut down midnight hunger pangs for almost 100% of the dieters studied in a University study. Lack of water is the #1 trigger of daytime fatigue. Preliminary research indicated that 8-10 glasses of water a day could significantly ease back and joint pain for up to 80% of sufferers. A mere 2% drop in body water can trigger fuzzy short-term memory, trouble with basic math, and difficulty focusing on the computer screen. Drinking 5 glasses of water daily decreases the risk of colon cancer by 45%, plus it can slash the risk of breast cancer by 79%, and one is 50% less likely to develop bladder cancer.

Are you drinking the amount of water you should every day?

We are looking for block representatives to cover the following streets for neighborhood distribution:

- Area 13 - Lowell St., South of Washington
- Area 15 - Olive St., North of Washington

If you live on one of these streets and would like to contribute to the success of the association by making sure information is passed on to your neighbors, give a call to 953-0962 and express your interest. Block representatives do not have to live on the street they are in charge of. Thanks for your support.

Washington Square 2004 Board of Directors

President	Lynette Gallegos	953-0962
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Membership Co-Chair	Laura Garcia	836-8128
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Website coordinator	Jean-Louise Jirik	543-9079
Comm-Link Rep	Alan Anderson	835-5529
Email Coordinator	Ivana Unger	972-8503

Block Representatives

Area 1	Louise North of Washington Randy & Tracy Simons	558-4871
Area 2	Louise South of Washington Bobbie Keenan	953-9516
Area 3	Baker North of Washington Laura Ruiz	568-1660
Area 4	Baker South of Washington Joy Haught	
Area 5	Rosewood Gracie Blanco	541-1117
Area 6	Westwood North of Washington Carol Haver	558-0402
Area 7	Westwood South of Washington Sylvia Clark	836-5257
Area 8	16th/Towner North of 15th Gil Melendez	542-3398
Area 9	Towner North of Washington Brooke Stewart	547-9207
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
General Contractor	Tom Lutz	835-6130
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

Were On the Web!
www.washington-square.org