



Neighborhood News

Real Neighbors, Real Neighborhood

Spring 2007

2007 Calendar of
Events

**Please note the following
dates:**

Dumpster Day
Saturday, March 10th

Neighborhood Clean Up Day
Saturday, March 31st

General Meeting
April 19th
7pm---Wilson Library

Wine Walk
Saturday, April 21st

Summer Party
Saturday, June 23rd

Fall Concert
Saturday, September 29th



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

and be informed...

President's Message

I would first like to dedicate this newsletter to Carol Haver, a long time Washington Square resident who passed away on January 30, 2007. Carol, a retired teacher was in the neighborhood close to 30 years. She lived on Westwood Street and was a block representative for the neighborhood association. She was also very involved in her church. Carol did not drive. So on many occasions she could be seen walking to and from her destinations, particularly in the mornings when she went out for her morning coffee. We will miss her dearly and are grateful for all of her efforts helping out in WS.

With everyone's help, this year should be another exciting one in the square. We have our annual events scheduled, so mark your calendars. We hope you will join us at these events.

In addition to planning the usual events, we are working on the installation of the new trash cans and getting organized. It starts with good housekeeping. This is all in an effort to keep our streets clean, safe, and beautiful.

What better way then a neighborhood cleanup right after dumpster day? Dumpster day is scheduled on 3-10-2007. Bring all of your trash to one of the dumpster locations (to be determined, watch for a flyer) and then get ready for the neighborhood cleanup. We will round up as many neighbors as we can and clean up the neighborhood streets. The date is 3-31-2007. If you would like to volunteer and help, join us at 1118 Freeman at 9am. We will start there with morning refreshments and get everyone ready for the big cleanup.

For more information call me at (714)835-0473. We appreciate everyone's efforts in continuing to make Washington Square a great place to live.

Sincerely,
Lynnette Verino

Paginas en Espanol

Building Neighborhood Pride

If you have not had a chance to walk or drive around the square recently, you are missing some great looking properties that people have been renovating and investing in. Landscaping, paint, windows, and additions are just a few of the noticeable items on the homes. I bet there are a few kitchen remodels happening too. It is great to see people taking pride in their home and investing in their properties. It is sometimes contagious and we have seen neighbors get motivated when home improvements start happening. It is such a good feeling to know that people care about Washington Square and are happy to be here and show it in the renovations and improvements. Property values remain high and according to some realtors, Santa Ana is an expensive place to live compared to other cities in Orange County. It is the central part of the county and we have some unique historical areas to be proud of. It is an exciting time also with the city council looking at ways to revitalize the downtown and make it a showcase for the city. This will be especially beneficial to Washington Square since we are in close proximity to the downtown. Let's all do our part and keep up the work on making our homes beautiful and attractive to new families and neighbors.

Dumpster Day is March 10th



To prepare for our neighborhood clean up, Your neighborhood association has scheduled our annual dumpster day for March 10th. WSNA residents will have an opportunity to clean out their garages, basements, etc.

This will be your chance to dump those large items that can not be taken by the regular trash pick up. The following items can not be taken to the dumpsters; paint, motor oil or anything considered a hazardous material. However, be prepared to show ID. We want to be certain that only WSNA residents take advantage of the dumpsters. You should arrive on the early side. In past years, the dumpsters fill up by 9:00 a.m. Locations to be determined. Watch for a flyer coming out shortly.

Save the Date August 11th, 2007 Concert in the Park at Morrison Park

Do you have question related to real estate ?

Please e-mail them to lau-rag@sevengables.com. I will try to include them along with the answers in the next edition of the newsletter. Please be sure to type "wsna real estate question" in the subject line.

 A blue-bordered graphic containing the Santa Ana Education 1st logo at the top center. Below the logo, the text reads: "To keep current with what's happening in Santa Ana, visit the City's website at www.ci.santa-ana.ca.us". At the bottom, there are two bullet points: "➤ Community Calendar" and "➤ Links (Neighborhood Associations)".

Membership Drive

It is time to renew our membership dues. Shortly, you will be receiving a membership letter asking for your paid renewal. We can not continue making this a great neighborhood to live in with out your support. Your contributions directly fund this newsletter, the website, our summer parties, concerts and improvements for the neighborhood. Please watch for the letter and send in your dues. Of course, we won't stop you from sending in your dues ahead of time. You may send in your check made payable to WSNA to, WSNA, P. O. Box 4435, Santa Ana, CA 92701. The contribution levels follow:

- Senior Membership \$5.00
- Household \$20.00
- Patron Membership \$50.00
- Sponsor Membership \$75.00

Please be sure to include your name and address so that we can give you proper recognition. We wish to thank you for your generous support.



Board Elections to be Held at Next General Meeting

WSNA will be holding board elections at the next general meeting. If you have considered getting involved, please attend the meeting. The board is always looking for new members who are interested in lending a hand. Please keep in mind that all positions are volunteer positions. You will not be given laborious tasks to complete on your own. The board works together as a team dividing the responsibilities. Joining the board is also a great way to get to know your neighbors. The general meeting will occur on 4/19/07 at 7pm at the Wilson library.

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.

- 1111 N. Lowell
- 1021 N. Westwood
- 1010 N. Westwood
- 1616 N. Freeman
- 904 N. Olive

Did You Know?

Has it been a while since you visited the Santa Ana Zoo? The Santa Ana Zoo, also known as Prentice Park, grants Santa Ana residents free admission on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. The Zoo is located at 1801 E. Chestnut Ave., in Santa Ana. It is worth visiting, especially for those who haven't been to it in years. It has changed a great deal.

If art is more your style, the Bowers Museum, located at 2002 N. Main St. in Santa Ana, grants Santa Ana residents free admission the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Check it out.

Renovaciones y Orgullo Se Ven en Nuestra Area

Si no ha tenido la oportunidad de caminar por nuestras calles ultimamente, es probable que se ha perdido la vista de tantas propiedades que lucen con ameajormientos. Tienen nueva pintura, ventanas, y pasto. Es agradable ver que tantas personas invierten y toman orgullo en su casa. A veces, uno se motiva con el hecho de ver lo que ha hecho su vecino. Obivamente, les importa la vecindad y les agrada vivir aqui.

Segun los agentes de Real Estate, los valores de propiedad en Santa Ana siguen altos. Es caro vivir en Santa Ana a comparacion con otras ciudades en el condado de Orange. Santa Ana viene siendo la parte central del condado y tenemos varios edificios historicos que dan orgullo. Estamos en una temporada emocionante con el concilio de la ciudad buscando forma de traer mas negocio al centro. Seguramente, ayudara a los valores de nuestra vecindad por la proximidad del centro. Debemos seguir manteniendo nuestras casas bellas para que la area siga siendo atractiva y que se conserven los valores.



*No se pierda
nuestras juntas.
Son divertidas y
informativas.
Tambien servimos
un cena de pizza.*

Sea informado!!

**19 de Abril, 7pm
Biblioteca de Wilson**

Oportunidad de limpiar Cocheras

Si tiene objetos grandes que normalmente no puede tirar con la basura semanal, marque su calendario para el 10 de Marzo. Su asociacion ha organizado que la ciudad traiga dumpsters. Deben llegar temprano por que se llenan pronto. Tambien deben mostrar identificacion para comprobar su domicilio. A veces personas que no viven aqui tratan de tomar ventaja. Pronto saldra un volante avisando en cuales calles estaran localizados. No se podra tirar pintura, aceite de motor, o cosas consideradas venenosas.

Sigiendo con el tema de limpieza, los que quieran podran reunirse el 31 de Marzo en 1118 N. Freeman para ayudar limpiar la vecindad. Comencaremos a las las 9:00 a.m. para tomar un café y de alli, a limpiar. Nos vemos.

Tiene preguntas tocante a real estate ?

Favor de enviar sus preguntas por correo electronico a laurag@sevengables.com. Tratare de incluirlos en la proxima revista. O me puede llamar al 714-883-3314.

Gustaria ayudar en su vecindad o en escribir esta publicacion?

Favor de comunicarse con migo. Llameme al 714-883-3314.

Se Solicita Miembresia

Es tiempo de renovar su miembresia para nuestra asociacion. Su patronicacion ayuda con la publicacion de nuestra revista de noticias. Tambien con eventos patrocinados por la vecindad, y el mantenimiento de nuestro website. Con el hecho de hacerse miembro de la asociacion, puede tomar orgullo que usted tiene mucho que ver con el exito de nuestra comunidad. Pronto, llegara una carta pidiendo su participacion. Pero, si se adelanta, no nos molestamos. Favor de hacer su cheque a WSNA, enviar lo a: WSNA, P.O. Box 4435, Santa Ana, CA 92701.

Favor de escojer de los siguiente niveles de miembresia:

- Miembro mayor \$5.00
- Miembro Hogareno \$20.00
- Miembro Patrono \$50.00
- Miembro Promovedor \$75.00

Bienvenidos a Washington Square!



Algunos vecinos se han mudado. Pero han llegado ortros en su lugar para continuar el orgullo de ser dueños de su propia casa y para asegurar que nuestra vecindad siga siendo una de las mas bellas de la ciudad. Si usted es vecino de uno de los siguientes que acaban de llegar, favor de darles la bien benida.

1111 N. Lowell
1021 N. Westwood
1010 N. Westwood
1616 N. Freeman
904 N. Olive



Apoyen el mercado al aire!

Los Meircoles de 3-7pm
En la esquina de la 3ra y Bush

Hay varios puestos de frutas y verduras frescas, panes y mucho mas!

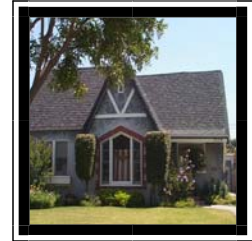
Sabia Usted?

Hace tiempo que visita el zoologico de Santa Ana, tambien conocido como Prentice Park? Le entrada es gratis a a los residentes de Santa Ana el segundo Martes de cada mes. El zoologico esta localizado en 1801 E. Chestnut Ave., en Santa Ana. Vale la pena ir, especialmente si tiene bastante tiempo sin ir.

Si prefiere el arte, el museo Bowers localizado en 2002 N. Main St. en Santa Ana, regala la entrada el segundo y cuarto Martes a los residentes de Santa Ana.

Washington Square Real Estate Recap

By: Laura Tobias Garcia



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.

Properties currently for sale:

820 N. Olive	2 bed, 1 bath	1101 sq. ft.	\$544,900
1302 N. Olive	2 bed, 1 bath	1300 sq. ft.	\$549,900
908 N. Freeman	2 bed, 1 bath	1342 sq. ft.	\$575,000
926 N. Louise	2 bed, 3 bath	1752 sq. ft.	\$599,000
1522 N. Rosewood	2 bed, 1 bath	1060 sq. ft.	\$614,900
1515 N. Rosewood	3 bed, 1.5 bath	1387 sq. ft.	\$599,000-629,900
1143 Bomo Koral Cr.	4 bed, 3 bath	1700 sq. ft.	\$630,000
924 N. Olive	3 bed, 1.5 bath	1540 sq. ft.	\$639,000
1020 N. Louise	3 bed, 2 bath	1710 sq. ft.	\$639,000
1104 N. Flower	3 bed, 1 bath	1448 sq. ft.	\$625,000-640,000
1308 N. Flower	3 bed, 1.75 bath	1467 sq. ft.	\$533,900
1506 N. Baker	4 bed, 1 bath	1325 sq. ft.	\$645,000
1418 N. Freeman	3 bed, 2 bath	1527 sq. ft.	\$659,900
1417 N. Townner	2 bed, 2 bath	1404 sq. ft.	\$669,000
1509 N. Townner	3 bed, 2 bath	1475 sq. ft.	\$649,000-699,000
1501 N. Freeman	3 bed, 2 bath	2000 sq. ft.	\$699,500
1302 N. Baker	3 bed, 2 bath	1358 sq. ft.	\$649,900-699,000
1104 N. Freeman	3 bed,	1853 sq. ft.	\$710,000
1101 W. Washington	3 bed, 1.5 bath	1550 sq. ft.	\$714,900
1105 N. Baker	3 bed, 2 bath	1642 sq. ft.	\$789,900

Properties currently in escrow:

1142 Bomo Koral Cr.	4 bed, 3 bath	1449 sq. ft.	\$559,000-589,000
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Properties recently sold:

1111 N. Lowell	2 bed, 1.25 bath	1161 sq. ft.	\$549,000
1021 N. Westwood	2 bed, 1 bath	1417 sq. ft.	\$565,000
1010 N. Westwood	3 bed, 2 bath	1628 sq. ft.	\$615,000
1616 N. Freeman	4 bed, 2 bath	1693 sq. ft.	\$640,000
901 N. Westwood	3 bed, 2 bath	1640 sq. ft.	\$625,000
904 N. Olive	3 bed, 2 bath	1465 sq. ft.	\$660,000



Laura Tobias Garcia

"Your Neighbor and Area Specialist"

714.883.3314

Hablo Español



There are still plenty of houses for sale in the square. If you know someone you'd like to have as a neighbor, consider telling them about what a great place Washington Square is to live. You would help your fellow neighbors who are selling as well as the rest of us who are staying. It is widely accepted in the industry that the more days a property is on the market, the less the home will fetch. In sum, it would help maintain our property values to get these properties sold.

This leads me to my next point. The days of listing a house and having it sell with little effort from the listing agent are over. Not so long ago, realtors with moderate to low skill levels popped up every where. However, with a change in the market, only truly competent realtors will know how to properly position a property in the market place, how to market it and drive as much traffic to it as possible. They also understand that it is crucial to get feedback after every single showing and/or open house as this reveals how the market feels, if you will, about the property for sale. In short, competence really matters. Don't gamble with your biggest investment. When interviewing an agent, ask them how they arrived at their suggested list price. Ask for references and check them out. As your neighbor and area specialist, I'd be thrilled if you called me. However if not me, I'd rather you hire an agent that knows what they are doing.

" 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.

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:

Adrianna Elisada	543-4292
Jeff Taylor	836-4624
Susan Cava	571-5762

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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www.fpsa.org

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Plenty of local merchants with lots of fresh veggies and fruit
 Breads and a whole lot more!

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Area 8	16th/Towner North of 15th Gil Melendez	542-3398
Area 9	Towner North of Washington OPEN	
Area 10	Towner South of Washington Javier Garcia	836-8128
Area 11	Freeman North of Washington Jay & Jackie Barkman	571-0363
Area 12	Freeman South of Washington OPEN	
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
Area 16	Olive South of Washington Oldrich & Ivana Unger	972-8503
Area 17	Washington/Bomo Koral Virginia Crisostomo	550-7220
Area 18	Washington St. OPEN	

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
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
Realtor	Laura Tobias Garcia	883-3314
Home Loans	Brandie Nava	200-5831
Preschool	Denise Davey	543-1813
Sylvia's Wigs & Accessories		545-1307

Check us out on the web!
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