



# Neighborhood News

*Real Neighbors, Real Neighborhood*

Spring 2009

## 2009 Calendar of Events

### General Meeting

Thurs., April 15<sup>th</sup>,  
7pm, Wilson School

### Spring Clean Up

Sat., April 18<sup>th</sup>, 8-11am

### Wine Walk

Sat., May 16<sup>th</sup>

### General Meeting

Thur., July 9<sup>th</sup>, 7pm

### Summer Movie Night

Sat., July 11<sup>th</sup>

### Fall Clean Up

Sat., October 10<sup>th</sup>

### General Meeting

Thur., October 15<sup>th</sup>, 7pm

### Fall Concert

Sat., October 24<sup>th</sup>

### Holiday Party

Sat., December 13<sup>th</sup>

For more info go to  
[www.washington-square.org](http://www.washington-square.org)

Santa Ana, California

*Message from the President, Nancy Lutz:*

## *Spring is in the air*

On my walks through the neighborhood I can smell Spring in the air. The vines and citrus trees are in bloom and they smell wonderful. Lawns are green from our recent rains and now is the time to tackle deferred yard maintenance by mowing, edging and weeding the flowerbeds. When you walk or drive through the neighborhood, notice which houses stand out--those that are neat and well maintained.

I have received a number of calls from neighbors frustrated about the yard across the street or down the block where toys, trash, old newspapers, weeds, beverage containers, unfinished projects and construction debris litters the property. Out of respect for your neighbors and the neighborhood as a whole if you haven't done so, go out and roll up your sleeves, get some fresh air, and spiff up your yard. Once done, you can stand back and admire your work--your neighbors will appreciate your work as well.

I know many of us choose to live in Washington Square because of the beautiful custom homes, tree lined streets and charm of the neighborhood. It is often said that our biggest investment is the down payment on a home. I feel that a homeowner's biggest investment is the maintenance of the house. One can easily put down a deposit and do no more. Maintenance, on the other hand, is an ongoing commitment. We can be passive and allow the decline of our neighborhood to simply occur, or we can be proactive and keep it safe and beautiful.

If you have questions about Spring planting, come to the **general meeting on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>** when we will have a presentation from Flowerdale Nurseries who will tell us what's hot and what's not. We will also have a presentation on graffiti—who, what, when and where. Remember, we serve pizza too!

WSNA membership letters have been mailed out. If you haven't renewed, please do. A membership coupon is on page four of this newsletter. We so appreciate your membership. It's proof that you support all the good things we're doing. Remember, the board and block reps are volunteers, many with families and full-time jobs and all the other responsibilities of modern life. Your membership reminds us that we're doing well, and that others care about the same things we do--ensuring that Washington Square remains a place we can all be proud to call home.

Sincerely,

Nancy Lutz

President, Washington Square Neighborhood Association

Washington Square invites you to

*Be neighborly*

# 2009 Wine Walk

Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup>

It's coming It's coming! One of our favorite events -- the Annual Wine Walk!

Oodles and oodles of thanks and props go out to Sam Puzzo and Carol Frank who are the procurers of the wine and officionados of the Orange County Wine Society. It is thanks to their passion, involvement and generosity that this event happens every year. In fact, without them it would be a wineless walk and no one would come.

This year, the four locations of the wine walk will be at homes in the 900-1000 area of Lowell, thanks to Carrina Franck-Pantone who is doing the job of recruiting and coordinating with the homeowners. We look forward to visiting and lingering in the beautiful tree-lined area.

The Wine Walk Committee, chaired by Nancy Lutz, is starting to meet to organize and disperse duties. If you would like to join the committee or volunteer for the event, please call Nancy at 714-836-9110 and she will fill you in on the current situation.

Because space is limited, attendance is very limited at this event and, for once, *will be strictly enforced*. It is highly recommended that you purchase tickets in advance because this is an extremely popular event and there may not be tickets available at the door on the night of the Walk.

For your convenience, you will be able to reserve and pay on the website. Residents are allowed a maximum of 2 guests per household. Parties larger than 4 are not allowed.

That said, WineWalk is so much fun! We hope you can attend and don't forget to bring cash for the raffle drawing tickets. Prizes are plentiful and awesome so you'll want to take your (excellent) chances.



Nancy Lutz holding one of the many large gift baskets in the raffle.



Neighbors contribute yummy, wineworthy delicacies.



Raffle baskets, gifts, etc.



Well behaved wine walkers.

## howdy neighbor!

As neighbors depart in Washington Square, and new families arrive, please reach out and welcome our new residents. We are known for our sense of neighborhood and by offering a smile, a handshake and you may make a new friend.

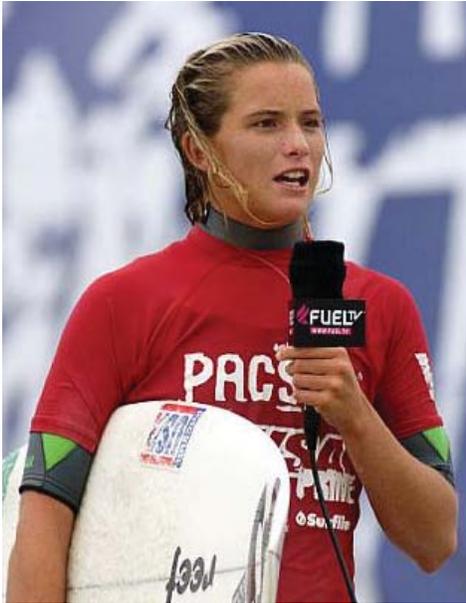
If you happen to live near a family that has recently moved-in, please make the effort to stop by and extend a friendly welcome from all of us. Or if you are new to Washington Square, please feel free to introduce yourself to your new neighbors. You'll probably find this is a friendly place to call home.



The Washington Square Neighborhood Newsletter is published quarterly by the Washington Square Neighborhood Association. WSNA is a non-profit mutual benefit community association established in 1984. WSNA is an officially recognized neighborhood by the city of Santa Ana, California. Currently the volunteer Newsletter Committee is chaired by Jean-Louise Jirik who gets a lot of help from you. If you have suggestions or story ideas, you can email her at [jljirik@heliotropes-studios.com](mailto:jljirik@heliotropes-studios.com)

# Neighbor Spotlight:

## Courtney Conlogue - Champion Surfer



Courtney addresses the crowd after a recent win at Camp Pendleton's Del Mar Beach. Photo by Fred Sweglis, ocregister.com

Washington Square may be some miles from the beach, but that doesn't stop champion surfer Courtney Conlogue of Lowell Street. Here's some of her recent press:

ocregister.com 4/28/09--Congratulations to the PacSun USA Surf Team for winning a copper medal at the ISA World Junior Surfing Championships, after battling it out against the world's top juniors in Ecuador all week.

**A special recognition for Courtney Conlogue, who took home an individual silver medal.**

Here's more from the press release:

"The American side can hold their heads high, though – for the second straight year they finished in the medals, taking copper in 2008 also. **Conlogue turned in one of the more clutch performances of the event, and by far the biggest from the PacSun USA Surf Team**, locking up a podium spot for the Americans with her second place finish in the Girls Under 18 division.

All day, and really all contest, Conlogue started quick, taking control of her heats and imposing her will on her competitors.

She surfed beautifully in both the Recharge Final and the Divisional Final and her wave selection was key, linking powerful backside turns all the way from the outside through to the inside.

"Pretty stoked to get the silver," Conlogue said. "Going into the [final] heat, I was just trying to stay as relaxed as I could, and I think it just came down to who got the best waves out there. Going into this, I hadn't had a silver since Tahiti, but it would have been nice to get gold, for sure. Losing that one qualifier heat made me press the reboot button, and let me know that I had to get my game on harder. I think that's what got me going again. Coming into this event, I didn't know what to expect and I'm going home happy."



Photo by Fred Sweglis, ocregister.com





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By George, I'd love to help make this a better place to live. Call me!

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\* Used only for important neighborhood information. Your privacy is respected.

**WSNA Membership level** (please circle one)

Sponsor \$75 or more    Patron \$50  
 Household \$20    Senior(65+) \$10

**Amount Enclosed**  
 100% Tax Deductible

## Home Tour? Here's the status:

You got the flyer. Many of you responded, Some of you volunteered, some of you nominated homes for the tour. The next job was to hit the streets. So headed by Amy Cordova, the intrepid Home Selection Committee combed the streets of Washington Square checking out nominated homes and looking for likely additions to the prospective home tour.

Results were, well, underwhelming. Pretty much everyone had big, and we mean BIG, projects to complete. Add to that the already planned and invested in Fall Concert, scheduled for 2 weeks after the tour, and what do you have? Two very good reasons to postpone it until next year.

So hold onto your hats and plan for it! The 2010 Washington Square Home tour. It will be fabulous!

## Website Usage Stats for [www.washington-square.org](http://www.washington-square.org)

We get really great feedback from the neighborhood, city staff, and real estate professionals on the quality of our website, but numbers don't lie. David Jirik pulled monthly website usage stats for you:

Unique visitors:	2542
First time visitors:	126
Pageloads:	13,173

Progressed to annual figures, this means that about 41,558 people visit the website per year. Impressive, yes?

**Membership in Washington Square Neighborhood Association is open to everyone.** Renters, homeowners, former resident--it doesn't matter to us since we are a *neighborhood association*, not a homeowner association. There is a definite difference. WSNA is not charged with policing any CC&R's, community property maintenance or property management. We are simply an all volunteer organization of neighbors who strive to keep our streets friendly, safe, clean and enjoyable. Of course, all of that contributes to the way of life that keeps property values up. We hope you participate and enjoy the events, newsletter and website which you and your neighbors, the WSNA volunteers, produce for you.

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# Laura's Neighborhood Real Estate Recap

by Laura Tobias Garcia

## Properties currently for sale:

1505 N. Baker	3 bed, 2 bath	1741 sq. ft.	\$339,900*
1302 N. Flower	2 bed, 1 bath	1268 sq. ft.	\$230,000*
1522 N. Rosewood	3 bed, 1 bath	1060 sq. ft.	\$249,000**
1024 Baker	3 bed, 1 bath	1500 sq. ft.	\$269,900*
907 N. Towner	4 bed, 1 bath	1320 sq. ft.	\$274,900*
917 N. Louise	3 bed, 1 bath	1358 sq. ft.	\$319,900*
1404 N. Baker	3 bed, 2 bath	1606 sq. ft.	\$324,900
1010 N. Westwood	3 bed, 2 bath	1628 sq. ft.	\$350,000
912 N. Olive	3 bed, 1.5 bath	1763 sq. ft.	\$499,000
1615 N. Freeman	2 bed, 1 bath	1527 sq. ft.	\$499,900
1106 N. 16th	4 bed, 2 bath	2235 sq. ft.	\$499,900
1509 N. Baker	3 bed, 2 bath	1088 sq. ft.	\$285,000*

homes  
for  
sale

## Properties in escrow & sold:

912 N. Freeman	5 bed, 3 bath	2300 sq. ft.	\$284,900**
1322 N. Baker	3 bed, 1 bath	1212 sq. ft.	\$289,000
1501 N. Freeman	3 bed, 2 bath	2000 sq. ft.	\$498,000
1020 N. Flower	3 bed, 2 bath	1255 sq. ft.	\$180,000*
1604 N. Towner	3 bed, 2 bath	1303 sq. ft.	\$595,000**
1001 N. Westwood	3 bed, 2 bath	1493 sq. ft.	\$375,250*
1017 N. Westwood	4 bed, 3 bath	2190 sq. ft.	\$397,800*
1108 N. Towner	3 bed, 3 bath	1910 sq. ft.	\$409,900*
819 N. Towner	3 bed, 2 bath	2000 sq. ft.	\$198,000*
1606 N. Louise	3 bed, 1 bath	1325 sq. ft.	\$299,000*
1509 N. Rosewood	4 bed, 2 bath	1387 sq. ft.	\$275,000*
1302 N. Olive	2 bed, 1 bath	1300 sq. ft.	\$300,000*
1011 N. Towner	3 bed, 2 bath	1640 sq. ft.	\$341,000*
1116 N. Baker	7 bed, 4 bath	4080 sq. ft.	\$570,000*

\* short sale

\*\* REO

homes  
SOLD!



**Laura Tobias Garcia**

*Building lasting client relationships  
with honesty, integrity, & consistency.*

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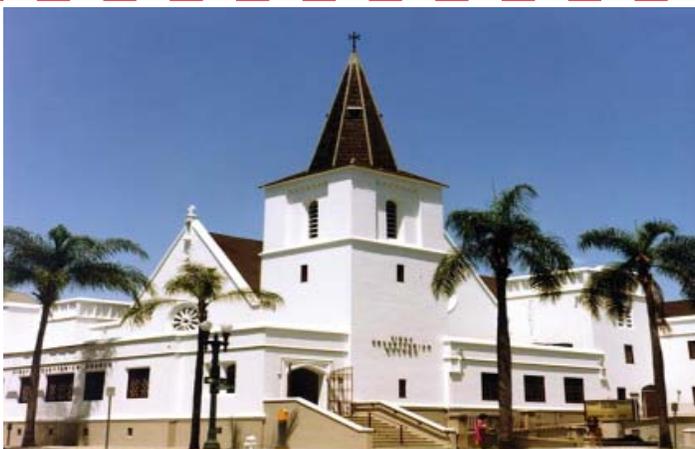
*Hablo Espanol.*



Clip and save:

## 2009 Neighborhood Event Calendar

Thurs. **April 16** WSNA General Meeting 7pm  
 Sat. **April 18** Spring Clean Up  
 Wed. **May 6th** WSNA Board Meeting 7pm  
 Sat. **May 16** WSNA Wine Walk  
 Wed. **June 3** WSNA Board Meeting 7pm  
 Wed. **July 1** WSNA Board Meeting 7pm  
 Thurs. **July 9** WSNA General Meeting 7pm  
 Sat. **July 11** Summer Movie Night  
 Wed. **August 5** WSNA Board Meeting 7pm  
 Wed. **September 2**, WSNA Board Meeting 7pm  
 Wed. **October 7** WSNA Board Meeting 7pm  
 Sat. **October 10** Fall Clean Up  
 Thurs. **October 15** WSNA General Meeting 7pm  
 Sat. **October 24** WSNA Fall Concert  
 Wed. **November 4** WSNA Board Meeting 7pm  
 Wed. **December 2** WSNA Board Meeting 7pm  
 Sun. **December 13** WSNA Holiday Party 2pm



Looking for a Place to...

Meet new friends, sing in a choir, or perhaps you are simply looking for a place to call your own, or a group with whom to nurture your soul, or the souls of your family.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

600 N. Main                      [www.fpcs.org](http://www.fpcs.org)  
 714-542-7253

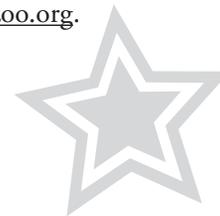
# George's ODDS N ENDS

Looking for something fun?  
 Try the **Santa Ana Zoo**.

Twenty acres of room to wander with lots of things to do and see. Train rides are popular with young and old alike. The train travels throughout the Crean Family Farm and up into the northern part of the Zoo for a 6 ½ minute ride, pulling six cars: a tender, four passenger cars and a caboose.

How about a ride on a carousel too? The Conservation Carousel brings much enjoyment to the children of Southern California and guests are delighted to ride any of the carousel's 33 animal line-up including the Giraffe, Giant Panda, African Elephant, Cheetah and more.

The Santa Ana Zoo wants to share the magic and joy of nature and organizes a great series of concerts called *Sunset at the Zoo* starting June 28<sup>th</sup> 5:30 - 7:30pm. Take a picnic and join your friends, old and new, for an evening of live music, coffee, dessert, train rides and, of course, animals. Check their website for more details, [www.santaanazoo.org](http://www.santaanazoo.org).



On the internet? Don't forget our website [www.washington-square.org](http://www.washington-square.org). If you're hungry for the haps in the hood, or just plain bored, the site is updated regularly and it's available 24/7 to quench your curiosity and quell your questions.



*Garbage cans a little bedraggled?*

FREE REPLACEMENT and repair is offered by Waste Management. There's just no reason to suffer with cracked lids, broken/missing wheels or cracks in the can itself when all it takes is one little phone call to 714-558-7761.

When you call, they will instruct you on the procedure and deliver the appropriate new cart to your curb.



## City Contact Information



Code Enforcement	667-2780
Police Services	647-5062
Police—non emergency	834-4211
Construction Engineering (Ongoing 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	877-STOP TAG
Obstructing Trees & Bushes	647-3380
Potholes	647-3380
Sanitation (Overgrown Yards)	647-3380
Shopping Cart 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

**For code enforcement issues, call Joe Rodriguez, Washington Square's dedicated Code Enforcement Officer, at 714-667-2734.**



Joe is a consummate professional and has a track record of response to us. He brings a depth of knowledge and valuable years of experience in the field right here in Santa Ana, and he will do his best to solve your problem. In addition he is an expert on lawns and lawncare. He knows everything (honest) and you can call him anytime for some reliably on-the-mark advice.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- **It is illegal to dispose of hazardous waste** in personal or public trash cans and it is punishable by a \$25,000 fine. This includes motor oil, housepaint and other toxic substances.
- **Trash containers** are not to be put out on Sunday before 4:00 PM and must be taken in by 12:00 midnight Monday evening. Trash containers must be stored so they are not 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.
- **Cars** are never 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. The permits are free. Contact the building department 667-2700 for more information. Maintain your wood fences by keeping them painted and in good repair.

• **Store Shopping Carts** are a blight when left on the street after they are stolen from stores. The solution? If this applies to you, please use your own folding shopping cart (pictured at left) instead of stealing them from stores to transport your purchases. It is expensive for the city to pick them up (\$75 each time) and you can buy your own for around \$10-25 at nearby stores. It's an investment in good neighbor relations.



### Washington Square Babysitters

Jenn Holden	1402 N Towner
Jeff Taylor	836-4624
Susan Cava	571-5762

If you are interesting in advertising babysitting services, call J-L at 543-9079 with your name, number and address and we'll add you to our list published in the next edition of Neighborhood News.



# Washington Square

P.O. Box 4435



Santa Ana CA 92702

## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

We welcome new volunteers. As you can see below there are very few residents active at making this a truly outstanding place to live. Any help you can give is appreciated so please call Nancy and talk about opportunities to serve. We remain committed to WSNA and having fun while making it happen! It's never boring.

### 2008-2009 Board Positions

<b>President</b>	Nancy Lutz	836-9110
<b>Vice-President</b>	Lynnette Verino	835-0473
<b>Secretary</b>	Ivana Unger	972-8503
<b>Treasurer</b>	Laura T. Garcia	836-8128
<b>Members at large:</b>		
	Jean-Louise Jirik	543-9079
	Jean Poppa	836-6430

### Committees and Block Reps:

<b>Membership</b>	Laura T. Garcia	836-8128
<b>Website</b>	David Jirik	543-9079
<b>Newsletter</b>	Jean-Louise Jirik	543-9079
<b>Comm-Link</b>	Jean Poppa	836-6430
<b>Hospitality</b>	Tracy Simons	552-4871

### Block Representatives

Area 1 Louise North of Washington	
Randy & Tracy Simons	558-4871
Area 2 Louise South of Washington	
Bobi Keenan	953-9516
Area 3 Baker North of Washington	
Laura Ruiz	568-1660
Area 4 Baker South of Washington	
John McGuinness	836-1971
Area 5 Rosewood	
Kelly Manson	571-0704
Area 6 Westwood North of Washington	
Rob&Maco Long	(949) 387-4446
Area 7 Westwood South of Washington	
Wendy Boelter	(949) 375-2485
Area 8 16th/Towner North of 15th	
Gil Melendez	542-3398
Area 9 Towner North of Washington	
Russ Bartlett	564-9080
Area 10 Towner South of Washington	
Javier Garcia	836-8128
Area 11 Freeman North of Washington	
Margaret Klase	972-8951
Area 12 Freeman South of Washington	
Juan & Virginia Bernal	836-7448
Area 13 Lowell South of Washington	
Christine Cwiertny	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

## Credit card convenience just added to your neighborhood website

[www.washington-square.org](http://www.washington-square.org)

Your neighborhood website now has the capability to receive payments for annual membership, donations, and event fees. Currently you can click the PayPal button and use your debit or credit card to make payments for your annual membership dues.

The next neighborhood event is Wine Walk scheduled for Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. It will be held along the 900-1000 blocks of North Lowell and you will be able to sign up and pay in advance using the website.

Detailed information will be on the flyer you will receive prior to the event. If you do not receive a flyer for this or any event, they are posted on the website when completed as is the annual calendar of events for the Washington Square Neighborhood Association.



## The Washington Square Vendor Network

Accountant	<b>Alex Schneider</b>	667-8114
Keys & Locksmith	<b>Ivan Rivera</b>	953-6720
General Contractor	<b>Tom Lutz</b>	835-6130
Handyman	<b>Ken Clark</b>	809-6884
Stone/Brick Design & Installations		
	<b>Frankie Mata</b>	478-2304
Electrician	<b>AJN Electric</b>	
	<b>Andrew Nunez</b>	782-4740
Notary Public	<b>Therese Thomas</b>	318-1455
Realtor	<b>Laura Tobias Garcia</b>	883-3314
Home Loans & Reverse Mortgages		
	<b>Brandie Nava</b>	200-5831
Preschool	<b>Denise Davey</b>	543-1813
Sylvia's Wigs & Accessories		545-1307
Professional Audio/Video, Event and Technology		
Heliotope Studios	<b>David Jirik</b>	545-0222
All-natural raw pet food		
CoolPets Raw Gourmet	<b>Jean-Louise Jirik</b>	545-0700
State Farm Insurance	<b>Monica Martinez Drevon</b>	966-2679
Wedding Photography	<b>Photography by Ricardo</b>	
	<b>Ricardo Barrera</b>	836-4041

We promote business and services provided by Washington Square residents and any owner of a local business may be included. This list will be published in every newsletter as a way to inform you of the opportunity to patronize your own neighbors. Please check them out and if you need one of these services, be sure to call them first! If you want your business listed, email or give us a call with your info.