

# Neighborhood News

**Summer Edition 2000** 

# Mark Your Calendar! WS General Meeting July 13, 2000 7 pm Wilson Elementary Important information will be discussed benefiting all WS residents.

#### **Calendar of Events**

Summer Block Party	7/1
WS General Meeting	7/13
Garage Sale Weekend	9/2
Fall Concert	10/8
Board Meeting	810
Board Meeting	9/14
WS General Meeting	10/1

# WSNA Says "Good-bye" to Two Leaders

We are bidding a fond farewell to our current president, Bill Campbell, and our secretary, Michael Holzman. After many years of hard work improving our neighborhood and association our friends are moving out of Washington Square. We wish them the very best in their new endeavors, and offer up a heartfelt "thanks" for all they have brought to Washington Square. Stepping up to fill their shoes are new board members: Brooke Stewart, President, Lynette Gallegos, Vice President and Lynnette Verino, Secretary. They are big shoes to fill, but these ladies are sure to fill them with panache!

# **Block Party at the Square**

Washington Square Neighborhood Association's annual summer party will be held this year on July 1st.

The event will take place on Louise Street, north of Washington. This event will have something for everyone in the family to enjoy and even participate in.

Activities including a bike decorating contest and parade are sure to 2 bring the patriotic spirit out of the little ones. The association will also be sponsoring a 3-in-1 moon-bounce complete with a climber and slide! Other activities include games, face painting, HAIR painting, a chili cook-off, a cake



walk, craft fair, live entertainment and, of course, lots of food!

Tickets will be sold at the entrance for food, games, and moon-bounce participation. If you have an interest in entering your child into the bike contest, please contact Lynnette Verino at 835-0473 for sign-up and full details. If you or someone you know is a master at chili, make

sure you contact Adriene Givant at 543-1433 to secure your spot in our chili cook-off. We also need cake donations! They can be baked or bought. Please contact Lynette Gallegos at 953-0962 to make arrangements for pick-up of your donated baked goodie. If it's crafts you love to make, or know someone who does, make sure you contact Brooke Stewart at 972-3168 to arrange for a table.

This summer's event promises to be one of the best yet in the square. What a wonderful opportunity to stroll one of the most beautiful streets in Santa Ana, see some old neighbors, meet some new ones and enjoy the day with friends and family.

#### 98+% Census Return Rate for Santa Ana

According to the census bureau, more than 98% of the census forms mailed to Santa Ana residents have been returned. The City has also achieved the second highest initial response rate of the 10

largest cities in California. The city of Santa Ana is ranked #1 in the nation for the nonresponse follow-up phase of the census which involved door knocking to collect questionnaires that were not returned by the April 1 deadline. Ac-

cording to the city spokesperson, one of the major elements of the city's aggressive campaign to promote participation was the partnership with local schools. This success means more funding dollars for our

## The History of our Homes

Washington Square is a quaint neighborhood of just over 600 homes nestled in Northern Santa Ana. Most of our homes were built during the period between 1920 and 1950, although a few farmhouses from even an earlier era are still sprinkled throughout the The predominant neighborhood. architectural styles in Washington Square are Mediterranean and Provincial Revival. These types of homes were made popular by the servicemen returning from Europe who liked the English cottage or Spanish-styled architecture.

Many of the homes in our neighborhood were built during the 1930's by local contractor, Emmett Rogers. Although Mr. Rogers sold each lot and contracted the homes according to standard plans, each home buyer was able to customize the plan to fit the family's needs. Consequently, no two homes in Washington Square are identical. There is definitely no "tract housing" feeling here!

Unlike the newer planned communities of Southern Orange County, Washington Square is a neighborhood built in the classic American



One of the many beautiful Washington Square Homes

style. With its neatly kept homes, picket fences, flower gardens, and large trees forming canopies over many of our streets, it's like taking a stroll into the past. You'll see neighbors conversing while watering their lawns, children riding their bikes, and young families strolling with their young children.

There is a strong sense of community spirit within Washington Square.

#### The Babysitter Beat

In need of a babysitter? Many WS teenagers and some in the surrounding area are available and would love to babysit for you. Next time your in need of some time away from the kids, think of your neighborhood help:

Rebecca Burt	"C"	569-0473
Paris Stewart		972-3168
Kurt Eichenberger	"C"	542-5108
Danielle Heiland		836-4244
Katie Holdroyd		836-7020
Patti Huanosto		953-5387
Steven Johnson	"C"	285-9808
Jessica Pranauski		973-0890
Lindsey Taylor		836-4624
Elaine Coombs		836-1565
Lauren Bauer		973-2853
Danielle Bauer		973-2853

Those names who have a "C" after them have been awarded certification through the American Red Cross. For more information about certification call the American Red Cross at (714) 835-5381

# Square to Salute Homeowners with New Award

On June 8th the Washington Square Board of Directors voted in a new tradition for Washington Square. Homeowners are now going to be recognized for their pride of home ownership. A committee was voted to head-up this new tradition and select a homeowner each month to be the recipient of this award. We are calling it the "Pride of

Washington Square" award. This acknowledgment will include a sign to be placed in the homeowner's front yard along with recognition and a feature article written about the homeowner in our quarterly newsletter. The committee will be looking for homes that reflect dedication, pride and care about being a Washington Square resident. With so many homes that already depict this description, the committee is sure to be challenged. The committee is also opening up the nominations to you, the resident. If you see a neighbor who has been beautifying his home please submit your nomination by mail to WSNA P.O. Box 4435, Santa Ana, CA 92701. Washington Square residents are truly a positive reflection of how great this city is and we want to demonstrate how much they are appreciated.



Be sure and look for our first recipient of the "Pride of Washington Square" award due to chosen in the month of July

# Scrapbooker's Corner

Ever wonder what to do with all of those photos you've collected over the years? Why not start a scrapbook? Your goal in creating a scrapbook should be to preserve your memories in a way that will ensure that you and your family will be able to enjoy them for years to come. There are several important factors in achieving this goal.

Probably the most significant factor is the quality of scrapbook you use. Notice how photos yellow and fade with age? That is a direct result of the quality of storage containers they have been kept in. You want to be sure that your album is archival quality, containing no acid or lignin (the stuff that makes newspapers become yellow and brittle). The packaging your album comes in should be clearly labeled "Acid and Lignin Free". You then want to attach your photos with a photo safe adhesive. Any plastic sheet protector you add should be archival also, and free of pvc's.

Once you have the photos on the page, it is very important to label them. How many of us have old family photos that we do not have a clue who is in them or what they are doing? You want to label your photos on each scrapbook page, in a way that at least identifies the who, where and why of the photo. Try to include any anecdotes that come to mind when remembering why you took that picture in the first place, and what might be of interest to someone looking at your album. Relive that special memory through your words.

There are many fun things you can do to your scrapbook page to embellish it and make it your own work of art — but remember, the important things are the safety of the products you use and getting those pictures labeled. My motto: "A good project is a finished project", and you'll sure feel good about finishing your first scrapbook!

Lynn Lundquist is a Creative Memories Consultant. For a complete line of archival quality albums and products, or to schedule a Home Class and earn free products call her at (714) 285-9522.

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# 2000 WSNA Members Recognized

The following neighbors have paid their 2000 membership.:

#### SENIOR MEMBERS

Winifred Axworthy Ruth Allison

Nellie Muli

William & Leona Mahar

June Sisk Jose Rojas Carl Albright Velma Heflin

Paul & Stacey Duncan Guadalupe Maciel

Joseph & Mara Zapata

Dee Dowling

Sabra Russell

Martha Musick

Jeanne Ehrenberg Laurella Stearns

Ellen Simmons

Dona Evans

Hubert Mattson

Charles Higgs

Frieda Hanson

Ray & Corrine Hiett

Louise Agotsch

John & Clara Evans

Eileen Anne Druiff

Mary Mandy

#### **HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS**

Bob & Catherine Marks

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Adelfo Resendiz

Hector & Silvia Rodriguez John & Sandra Patterson

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Lester & Marie Selindh

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Tuyet Quach

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Louie Boer

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Humberto Martinez

Elizabeth Palmer

Suzanne Furjanic

Gary & Robin Cacciatore

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Tran & Linda Kim

Ricarda & Clifford Cox

Joan Muckenthaler

Nancy & Rodney Houser

Linda Burt

Ronny Hale

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Sulvia Salenius

Curtis & Silvia Hadnot

Jacques & Wendy Tobiska

Arturo & Alma Zamudio Ronald Umatum

Mark & Elizabeth Bausman

Adriene Givant

Rebecca Menes

Katherine Harper

Erin & Barbara Boyd

Russell & Lupe Delisi

Paul Crabtree

Elcu Brown

Javier & Laura Garcia

Harvey & Donna Buckridge

Magness & Blanche Ed

George Lana & Alan Anderson

Elizabeth Marshall

Juan & Trinidad Martinez

Rogelio & Maria Martinez

Robert & Renata Wagoner

Robert Wesley Ocker

Tim & Stephanie Baker

Juan & Renee Ascencio

Warren Haver

Lou & Verna Corum

Ernesto De la Riva

Victor & Margarita Casul

Cecelia Ryan

Grace Steiner

Lawrence Ball Lisa Guninna

Francisco Soto

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Ralph Costello

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#### PATRON MEMBERS

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Bill & Lynn Lundquist Kathleen Whelan

We have received several memberships that did not include a name or address. They are not recognized here and we apologize for this. If you have paid your membership please contact us at P.O. Box 4435, Santa Ana. 92701 and we will be sure and include you in our next publication.

### Membership Is Up

Congratulations to all Washington Square residents who have submitted their 2000 membership contributions. To date we have approximately 30% of our residents as active members. Our goal this year is to reach 50%. We had a tremendous response to our letter campaign, which went out to all homeowners in May. If you have yet to make your contribution please do so today. Your membership goes toward very important events and community outreach programs within our neighborhood. Such benefits include the publication of this newsletter, neighborhood dumpster days, summer parties, neighborhood improvement projects and community outreach programs. The membership donation levels are as follows:

Senior - \$5.00

Household - \$10.00

Patron - \$25.00

Sponsor - \$50.00

Mail your membership to WSNA P.O. Box 4435, Santa Ana, CA 92701-4335

Please include your address and phone number for proper processing and recognition. Thank you for your continued support. It's residents like you that make this neighborhood so desirable and attractive to prospective buyers and neighbors.

Congratulations to Margarita Mora at 824 N. Freeman. She is our membership campaign winner. Her name was drawn at the last Board Meeting held June 8, 2000 and will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate to Home Depot sponsored by Lynette Gallegos of First

#### **Washington Square Real Estate Recap**

By: Lynette Gallegos

The heat of the summer months is finally catching up to the sizzling real estate market we have been experiencing over the last several months. Wow, homes just seem to appreciate literally while we sleep! Check out the current prices of the homes you live right next door to:

Homes	that	are	currently	of for	sale:
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1206 N. Louise	\$259,900	3 bedroom, 1.75 bath	1882 Sq ft
837 Westwood	\$259,000	3 bedroom, 2.00 bath	1827 Sq ft
1507 N. Louise	\$219,900	3 bedroom, 2.00 bath	1403 Sq ft

#### Homes that have recently sold in the neighborhood:

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I	819 N. Freeman	\$171,000	2 bedroom, 1.00 bath	1095 Sq ft	
I	1011 Westwood	\$189,900	2 bedroom, 1.00 bath	1400 Sq ft	
I	1403 N. Lowell	\$194,900	2 bedroom, 1.00 bath	1330 Sq ft	
I	1501 N. Rosewood	\$185,000	2 bedroom, 2.00 bath	1460 Sq ft	
I	827 N. Towner	\$175,000	3 bedroom, 1.00 bath	1098 Sq ft	
I	1119 N. Lowell	\$204,800	3 bedroom, 1.00 bath	1450 Sq ft	
I	1414 N. Towner	\$218,000	3 bedroom, 2.00 bath	1734 Sq ft	
I	1416 N. Louise	\$269,000	3 bedroom, 2.00 bath	2155 Sq ft	
I	1609 N. Towner	\$255,000	3 bedroom, 2.50 bath	Unknown	
I	1307 N. Freeman	\$264,900	3 bedroom, 2.00 bath	1987 Sq ft	
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If you live close to one of these homes, please make sure to stop by and give our new WS neighbor a warm welcome!

#### Homes that are currently pending for sale:

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914 N. Westwood	\$229,900	2 bedroom, 2.00 bath	1352 Sq ft
1616 N. Freeman	\$239,900	4 bedroom, 1.75 bath	1693 Sq ft
1112 N. Olive`	\$249,900	3 bedroom, 1.00 bath	1450 Sq ft
1123 N. Lowell	\$209,900	2 bedroom, 1.00 bath	1300 Sq ft
1015 N. Olive	\$159,900	4 bedroom, 1.75 bath	Unknown

All indications point to the real estate market staying steady and strong. Despite the recent rise in interest rates, OC real estate remains one of the hottest in the country.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (714) 592-4050 with any real estate questions you may have.





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Your Washington Square Specialist

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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

## Who's Who Around Washington Square

Congratulations to David Jirik and his newly wedded wife Jean-Louise. David has lived in Washington Square for 15 years and is now sharing his WS home with Jean-Louise who is moving from Tucson, AZ. May they create many wonderful memories and have a blessed and prosperous life together.

Alan Anderson of 1402 N. Towner found a vintage flag with 48 stars in his garage! He has it displayed in his front yard and it is a must see for all. Make sure on your way in or out of the square that you make a special trip down Towner for a viewing.

If you have exciting news to share about yourself or a fellow Washington Square resident please submit your request to WSNA Newsletter at P.O. Box 4435, Santa Ana, CA 92701. We would love to hear from

Paris Stewart, age 13, of
Towner St. has been selected
to participate as an actor in
this year's <u>Pageant of the Mas-</u>
ters in Laguna Beach. She will
featured in the famous Monet
painting, "Picnic in the Park"
Break a leg Paris!!!

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Congratulations to Bill and Lynn Lundquist at 1308 N. Baker for their recent "Most Beautiful Yard" award given by the city. The celebration dinner was held on June 15th at the Santa Ana Zoo where they received their yard award and sign. Good job you two!

#### Washington Square 2000 Board of Directors

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