

Neighborhood News

Summer 2003



2003 Calendar of Events

Please attend our next:

General Meeting
July 10th - 7pm
Wilson Elementary

Summer Party
July 19th - 4-8pm
15th & Lowell

Senior Ice Cream Social
August 30th - 5pm
911 10th St.

Fall Concert
October 11th

General Meeting
November 9th - 7pm
Wilson Elementary

Neighborhood Holiday Celebration
December 11th

Our general meetings are fun and informative! We sponsor a pizza dinner, a visit from our neighborhood watch sergeant and a guest speaker at every meeting. Don't miss out on the happenings in our neighborhood. Attend and be informed!

Summer Hoe-Down at WS



Come learn how to line dance or practice your two-step at this year's WS summer party, western style. The association is busy planning the event which will take place at the intersection of Lowell and 15th on Saturday, July 19th. The fun begins at 4pm. Events currently being planned are pony rides for the kids, a visit from the Santa Ana petting zoo, line dance instruction and square dance performances. Come out and enjoy chicken, BBQ ribs, corn on the cob, beans, homemade cole slaw and apple pie.

If you make a cole slaw to die for or an awesome apple pie, make sure you enter our cole slaw and apple pie contest! We're looking for blue ribbon winners! We welcome donations of cole slaw and apple pie even if you don't want to enter our contest. Please contact Diane Valcena at 835-7304 for more information. We are also looking for volunteers to help with setting and clean-up efforts. Please arrive at 15th & Lowell by 2pm on the 19th.

Plenty of fun awaits so bring your friends and family and enjoy an old-fashioned country evening.

Washington Square Recognizes Lowell Neighbor as Pride Recipient



Congratulations to Santiago Grant who lives at 1424 N. Lowell for his fine job he has done to his Washington Square home. He is our second quarter recipient of Pride of Washington Square Award. This award is given to

neighbors who have worked hard to beautify their home and take pride in living in the square. If you have seen a neighbor making considerable home improvements and would like to nominate them for the next quarter's award, please call 953-0962 and leave your neighbors address. Thanks Santiago, The board and your neighbors appreciate you!

COYOTE SIGHTINGS IN NEIGHBORHOOD

There have been recent sightings and animal attacks by coyotes in Washington Square. The board has been notified by two neighbors that their cats have been attacked and killed at the hands of these coyotes. We have asked that Animal Control attend our next general meeting to discuss this issue, but in the mean time it is important to bring your pets in at night when the coyotes are most likely to be roaming the streets. Should you encounter a coyote, please call Santa Ana animal control immediately at (714) 245-8792.

Home Tour 2004



Washington Square is getting ready for next year's home tour and we need you! Our ever so popular event will take place in the Spring of 2004. 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 Lynette Gallegos at 953-0962.

Centerline Plans Derailed For Now

With Irvine's no-go vote on a rail system, the Centerline project is still in the development stages for the city of Santa Ana. Up until June 3rd, the proposal was to run the light rail system from UCI to John Wayne Airport, then to South Coast Plaza and into Santa Ana via Bristol ending at the OCTA Regional Center on Santa Ana Blvd. On June 3rd, the residents of Irvine put their route to a city-wide vote with unfavorable results. This outcome forces OCTA to re-direct their route without going into Irvine. With a huge transportation need in the central part of Orange County, it is likely that OCTA will move forward with a plan to run Centerline from John Wayne Airport to Santa Ana. Just recently, several members of the Washington Square Neighborhood Association Board met City Manager Dave Ream to discuss the Centerline project and its impact on our neighborhood. Mr. Ream explained that there is a strong support from residents and the mayor to take an extension of the rail on Bristol to Civic Center Dr. This would allow college and city/county employees closer access to their destinations. OCTA has approved and budgeted this extension. Their plans are to complete the Bristol widening approved by the city 10 years ago in exchange for the rail system route. Underground telephone poles, property buy-outs and landscaping are all part of this agreement with OCTA. Board members asked about rumors that Santa Ana College wants the Centerline system to run further north to 17th. Mr. Ream confirmed the college's support for this extension but explained that OCTA does not have the funds and has no budget to run the system to 17th. WS Board has asked that any changes to the plan or future development be communicated to us. It is the association's goal to keep Washington Square residents informed of all Centerline activities that directly affect our neighborhood.

SQUARE MEALS

Recipes courtesy of Washington Square Residents

Strawberry Salsa

- 2 1/2 cups finely chopped fresh strawberries
- 1 cup chopped green pepper
- 2 tablespoons chopped green onions
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh garlic
- 1/3 cup Catalina salad dressing
- Dash hot pepper sauce
- Pepper to taste

In a bowl, combine strawberries, green pepper, onions and parsley. Stir in the salad dressing, hot pepper sauce and pepper. Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours. Serve with tortilla chips. Yields 3 cups

Santa Ana's Restaurant Spotlight

Gypsy Den - Good for salads, veggie dishes

Two's Company - Great sandwiches, hamburgers

Ciao - Mexican food in the old IHOP building

Ponchos 4 - Great bargains

Athena's - Upscale and highly acclaimed

Memphis - let the name speak for itself

Shelly's - Cajun cuisine

All located in the heart of Santa Ana- try one today!

In The Garden with Carolyn

Garden Care for Summer



Always let the foliage on spring bulbs wither naturally. This is vital for the next year's display.

Save yourself hours of future weeding by pulling the abundant weeds now before they go to seed.

Prune evergreens such as Boxwoods, Camellia, Leucothe and Junipers.

Deadhead all blooming plants to encourage new blooms.

Japanese beetles will begin to emerge this month. Traps, repellent and Sevin dust should be close at hand.

Make sure you keep fertilizer on all flowers in order to keep them healthy and looking their best throughout the summer months. If you chose to use a granular feed you may need to supplement with a liquid fertilizer on occasion.

After climbing roses bloom, be sure to prune them. Next year's bloom will be produced on this summer's new growth.

Extend the blooming season of Crepe Myrtle, Rose of Sharon and Buddleia by cutting off spent blooms to invigorate them to form even more flowers.

Be sure to water plants early in the morning so the foliage can dry off before the summer sun sets in.

Pinch mums for the last time around the 4th of July to ensure bushy plants this fall. Keep their height at about 12 inches.

Continue rose spraying and dead head any faded blooms.

Scatter super phosphates around the base of Azaleas, Laurels, Rhododendrons and Pieris to promote heavy blower bud formation this summer.

Fertilize bedding plants one last time for a good boost of bloom on into autumn.

In insects, such as ants, ticks, fleas, etc., are a problem in your lawn, use Diazinon or Dursban.

Water your watering in confined areas such as hanging baskets and container gardens. They tend to dry out fast on hot days.

Washington Square Real Estate Recap

By: Lynette Gallegos

Homes that are currently for sale:

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| 1142 Bomo Koral | 4 bedroom, 3 bath | 1449 sq ft | \$420,000 |
| 1315 Olive | 4 bedroom, 2 bath | 2088 sq ft | \$428,000 |

Homes that are pending sale:

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| 1104 Lowell | 3 bedroom, 2 bath | 1550 sq ft | \$367,500 |
| 1614 Towner | 3 bedroom, 2 bath | 1529 sq ft | \$419,999 |
| 919 Towner | 3 bedroom, 2 bath | 1198 sq ft | \$359,900 |
| 1206 Louise | 3 bedroom, 2 bath | 1900 sq ft | \$369,900 |
| 1316 Baker | 4 bedroom, 2 bath | 1741 sq ft | \$375,000 |

Homes that have recently sold:

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|-----------------|-------------------|------------|-----------|
| 1311 Towner | 2 bedroom, 1 bath | 1357 sq ft | \$315,000 |
| 1011 Lowell | 2 bedroom, 2 bath | 1011 sq ft | \$314,900 |
| 1111 Washington | 3 bedroom, 1 bath | 1338 sq ft | \$315,000 |
| 1011 Olive | 2 bedroom, 1 bath | 1250 sq ft | \$315,000 |
| 1408 Lowell | 2 bedroom, 1 bath | 1222 sq ft | \$325,000 |
| 1610 Rosewood | 3 bedroom, 2 bath | 1400 sq ft | \$335,000 |
| 1138 Bomo Koral | 4 bedroom, 2 bath | 1338 sq ft | \$336,000 |
| 916 Lowell | 2 bedroom, 2 bath | 1363 sq ft | \$348,000 |
| 925 Lowell | 3 bedroom, 2 bath | 1698 sq ft | \$392,500 |

Show your neighbors you care about where you live and the neighborhood you live in. Be sure and mow your lawn regularly, plant grass seed and water when necessary, keep your paint trim updated and in good condition, bring your trash cans out after 4 pm on Sunday and back in again on Monday before 5 pm, keep your cars parked in your driveway or garage and not in front of your neighbor's house, and please don't wash your car on the grass. Together we make Washington Square a great place to live.



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.

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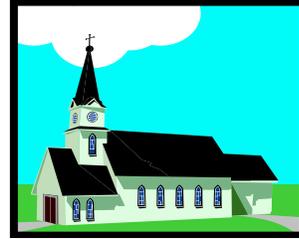
Have an article you would like to see published? Please submit two weeks prior to publication date. All articles submitted are subject to final approval by the newsletter committee. For information and deadline dates please write to WSNA P.O. Box 4435, Santa Ana, CA 92701



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*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:

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| 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 |

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

600 N. Main 714-542-7253
church@fpcsa.org www.fpcsa.org
Worship 10:00 AM

Newsletter Tip

“ Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

-Margaret Mead

A many thanks to all who have paid their 2003 membership!

We have had an outstanding turn-out and encourage you to pay your membership if you have not already done so. It's your membership that keep our neighborhood association going!

Through your membership, we are able to print and deliver this quarterly newsletter, provide events such as our annual summer party, senior ice cream social, holiday celebration and neighborhood clean-up efforts.

**Please send your contribution to
WSNA P.O. Box 4435, SA 92701**



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.

Deborah Capalety - 1011 N. Olive
 Victor & Alberta Tapia - 1610 Rosewood
 Maria Pou - 925 Lowell

One City, One Book

In an effort to bring our community together through literature, the Santa Ana Public Library along with cooperating neighborhood associations are participating in the reading of John Steinbeck's "The Pearl". Washington Square has purchased several copies of this short novel and have passed in around in the neighborhood. If you would like to read this novel (a real quick read) and participate in a campaign to see what association reads the book the most, please call 953-0962 and leave your name and address. We'll be sure and pass a copy on to you.

Wine Club To Form Soon in Washington Square



With such a big success at our last two wine walk fundraisers, a few neighbors have decided to form a group to meet quarterly and learn about the art of wine making and tasting. This group, and all costs and activities associated with it, is not a part of the WSNA. If you are interested in joining, please contact Elizabeth Palmer at 835-4876 for more details.



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)*

90 year old neighbor is honored with Neighbor Hero Award



Velma Heflen, a long standing citizen of our community and WS neighbor, was recently recognized as Washington Square's Neighborhood Hero at the last Celebrate Santa Ana event held on May 15th.

You can always find Velma helping out at our neighborhood events, specifically as our "Cake Walk" caller at summer parties and our Mrs. Claus during our neighborhood holiday celebration festivities. Her enthusiasm and self proclaimed "recycled teenager" attitude is an inspiration to us all. Velma is a long time hot-air balloonist and spent her 90th birthday where she enjoys life the best; in the sky hot air ballooning! We congratulate her on her dedication to our neighborhood and are very privileged to call her our friend. If you see Velma out watering her lawn or strolling the neighborhood streets, be sure and give her a thanks too.

Senior's Ice Cream Social



Calling all seniors. This one's for you! We will be hosting our ever-so-popular annual senior's ice cream social on August 30th at the home of Oldrich and Ivana Unger at 911 10th St. Bring your sweet tooth, your sweet heart, or just your sweet self and enjoy the evening with friends and neighbors. The fun begins at 5pm. Please call 972-8503 to RSVP. Transportation will be provided to and from your home if needed. Don't miss this time to come out, socialize with your neighbors and enjoy yourself.

PICKING EXTERIOR COLORS FOR YOUR HOME

Think of your house as a canvas. Here's how to choose paint colors that will bring out its beauty and character:

- Begin with colors suggested by your roof and masonry work.
- Consider the color schemes used inside your home. Exterior colors should harmonize with the interior.
- Don't clash with your neighbors! Choose colors that coordinate with the homes around you.
- Large surfaces make a paint look lighter. Consider selecting darker shades for these areas.
- Remember that very bright or very deep colors will fade.
- To emphasize architectural details, outline them with an accent color that contrasts with the background.
- Use darker colors to emphasize shadows and lighter colors to show projections.
- Study color samples outside, but never in direct sunlight. Bright sun will distort the color.
- Photocopy a sketch or photograph of your house. Use watercolors or colored pencils to try color combinations.
- Before buying large quantities of paint, buy quarts of your selected colors and paint a small area of your house.
- Most importantly, take your time, be creative and have fun.

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*.

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Block Representatives

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| Area 1 | Louise North of Washington Randy & Tracy Simons | 558-4871 |
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| 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.

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| Key's & Locksmith | Ivan Rivera | 953-6720 |
| Windows/Doors Refinish or New | Dillon Stieler | 953-1714 |
| Plumbing | Mike Hanson | 953-4232 |
| General Contractor | Tom Lutz | 835-6130 |
| Concrete Contractor | Jason Escoto | 541-4959 |
| Creative Memories Consultant | Susie Alexander | 835-1975 |
| Landscape Garden Design | Gracie Blanco | 541-1117 |
| Hardwood Floor Refinishing | Elizabeth Maldonado | 835-7780 |
| Lawn Installation/Design Sprinklers | Manuel Gomez | 543-6397 |
| Handyman | Ken Clark | 809-6884 |
| Notary Public | Therese Thomas | 318-1455 |

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