



# Neighborhood News

*Real Neighbors, Real Neighborhood*

Summer 2005

## 2005 Calendar of Events

### Please attend our next:

**Annual Summer Party**  
**August 6th**  
**4-8pm 16th and Towner St.**

**Fall Concert**  
**October 1st**

**General Meeting**  
**October 13th**  
**7pm—Wilson Library**

**Neighborhood Holiday Party**  
**December 18th**

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

Dear WSNA Neighbors,

Summer is here and the weather is bright and beautiful. I look forward to seeing all of you at the WSNA Summer Party on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005. It will be a Luau theme, so wear your favorite Hawaiian clothes and join us for a fun and relaxing day of good food, games, and music.

As we venture into these warm and sunny days, it is always nice to walk the neighborhood and enjoy the many beautiful homes. I have noticed recently, new walkways, planters and landscaping at several homes in WS. Many thanks to those who are improving their homes and boosting property values in the neighborhood.

The Orange County Register reported in early July that home prices in the 92703 zip code have risen significantly. Since many of the homes in WS are in this zip code, we have lots to cheer about. Let's keep these values soaring. There are lots of ways to do that this summer especially with the extra daylight you can take advantage of to complete those home improvements.

Speaking of improvements, we are embarking on a new venture in the neighborhood. We have submitted our plans to the city for our new street signs. We have the funding secured and the designs approved. Our new signs will be a distinctive characteristic of our neighborhood and have an overall custom look. Installation should take place in early Fall. What an exciting time to be living in Washington Square!

In closing, I would like to remind everyone that it is important to be respectful to our neighbors and our neighborhood. If everyone does their part, Washington Square will continue to be a great place to live. It is that curb appeal that brings people to visit and keeps them coming back.

Have a great Summer!

Lynnette Verino  
President  
Washington Square Neighborhood Association

## Spend an evening in the Tropics at Washington Square

Jungle juice anyone? Be sure to be in the neighborhood from 4 - 8pm on Saturday, August 6, because the intersection of 16th and Towner will be alive with authentic island music as the neighbors feast on a classic Hawaiian buffet and show off their limbo skills! This year's neighborhood summer party is sure to be a crowd pleaser for all who attend. Complete

with a large bouncer for the kids, face painting, kids games and a costume contest for the one that has the best grass skirt in the square! For all paid members, you will receive a free adult dinner and pay only \$5 for each additional dinner. Kids over 7 will only pay \$2 and tots under 6 will eat free. Fun and friends await for the entire family.



How Low  
can you  
go?

## Litter Bugs Spotted in WS



In recent months the neighborhood has been experiencing trash pickers going through our trash cans in the early Monday morning hours. This is against the city ordinance and its contract with Waste Management and jeopardizes the city's mandate to meet the AB 939 of recycling its trash. This also creates a litter problem for our neighborhood since the trash pickers empty some of the debris on the street. If you notice this problem on your block, please report it to the city at 647-6900. It has also been noticed that some of the trash pickers start as early as 3am, so we suggest that you not put your trash out until Monday morning before you leave for work.

## Attention Permit Parking Residents

Effective September 1, 2005, resident parking permits (bumper style stickers) will cost the residents \$30.00 each. This fee is due to operating costs to administrate this program. In the past 4 years the city has seen this program grow 6-fold and due to its popularity, the city would like to maintain the program. However, due to the diminishing of state funds, the city council approved the fee on June 20th, 2005 for fiscal year 2005-2006. Last year it cost the city over \$300,000 (not including enforcement) and issued over 6000 permits city-wide. The permit parking program allows for up to 3 bumper sticker permits per household and are good for two years. Additionally, residents may receive up to 75 paper permits for guest and street parking good for a 24 hour period. Vehicles that have already been issued '07 permits are not affected by this change until the next renewal cycle or need a replacement permit. The city is in the process of amending the permit parking ordinance to adopt the option of affixing the resident parking permit either on the outside of the rear window on the left hand corner or on the left side of the rear bumper. The city anticipates council to approve this option by August 5, 2005. For further questions or to inquire how to go about obtaining a permits, please contact Traffic Engineering at (714) 647-5617




To keep current with what's happening in Santa Ana, visit the City's website at [www.ci.santa-ana.ca.us](http://www.ci.santa-ana.ca.us)

- Community Calendar
- Links (Neighborhood Associations)

## WWW Is Missing In Washington Square!

Three of Washington Square Iron Ws went missing the night of the wine walk on Louise St. The wine walk committee as well as the WS board have exhausted efforts to locate these valuable yard symbols and is asking for the neighborhood's support. They were last seen on the front yard of Ray & Jean Poppas at 1602 Louise St. The board is offering a \$50 reward for any information leading to the location of these Ws. They are used at our home tour as well as other major events and were designed by a neighbor for the neighborhood. If you have seen any of these iron pieces or know where they are located, please contact 835-0473.

## Update on Washington Square Neighborhood Fire Damages



You may have noticed workers at the old H. Salt Fish Food site, which burned up last year, drilling holes in the parking lot and extracting fluids from the ground. Back in the 1950's there used to be an old Richfield gas station on the site and the contractors were looking for any soil contamination from the old gas tanks. It is not clear whether any contamination was found but there is an interested party that is looking to build a coffee shop on the site.

Also the bail bonds building which burned up the beginning of this year on the corner of Freeman and Civic Center Drive is under reconstruction. The building is being gutted to the first floor and built back to its second story condition.

## Support Your Local Farmers Market!

Every Wednesday from 3-7pm  
Corner of 3rd St. and Bush



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

# 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.

907 Towner

1515 N. Louise

1502 N. Towner

1506 N. Towner

## Hollywood in Washington Square!

If on April 14th and 15th you were driving on Freeman Street, you may have thought you were in Hollywood on a film set. It wasn't quite that glamorous, but pretty exciting to see all the camera equipment, lights, reflectors and hundreds of feet of cable, as well as 30 plus people running around with microphones, cameras, etc. As it turns out, USC Film School students were shooting a short film as a student director's year-end project. The moving was filmed on the front yard of Tom and Nancy Lutz's house. This film was about a little boy who has withdrawn into himself and hardly talks or expresses any emotion. It isn't until he and his mother come to live with his maternal grandmother, who is dying of cancer, that the relationship with his grandmother brings him out of his shell. The film was a two-day shoot in a studio in LA, two-days at the Lutz's house, with the final two-days in Long Beach. The little boy who is the star of the movie was played by C.J., who played Ray Charles as a little boy in the movie "Ray." You are probably wondering how the film school chose the Lutz house. It goes back to when Tom attended a meeting with the Orange

County Film Commission which was starting up in the mid nineties. Tom signed up his and Nancy's house thinking nothing would ever happen. The Film Commission came out and took pictures of the house and yard and entered them in a data base with other potential film sites from all over Orange County. Then movie producers and directors can breeze thru different possible film locations that fit their movie's needs. Low and behold, the Lutz's have had two advertisements filmed, one training film, and two student films, the one by USC and the other by Chapman University. The Lutz's found the students from both Universities very polite and it was a chance to help out the students and their education. Not only was this interesting for the Lutz's, it was beneficial to the City as well. On both days the crew purchased their breakfasts, snacks, and lunch from local restaurants in the city. This is the reason why the Film Commission was created--to bring the movie industry to Orange County cities. They have found that the movie industry pays substantial sums to cities for security and street closure, and to businesses where they purchase food for their commissary, and to hardware stores and rental yards for last minute items. That's a cut!



# Washington Square Real Estate Recap

By: Lynette Gallegos

Properties currently for sale:

1001 Westwood	3 bd, 2 ba	1600 sq ft	\$637,500
905 Freeman	3 Bd, 2 ba	1600 sq ft	\$650,000
1522 Rosewood	2 bd, 1 ba	1060 sq ft	\$509,000

Properties pending sale:

906 Westwood	3bd, 2ba	1800 sq ft	\$650,000
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Properties recently sold:

907 Towner	3 bd, 1ba	1320 sq ft	\$550,000
1515 N. Louise	3 bd, 2 ba	1700 sq ft	\$590,000
1502 N. Towner	4 bd, 2.5 ba	2516 sq ft	\$632,000
1506 N. Towner	3 bd, 1.5 ba	1415 sq ft	\$639,000



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*Your Washington Square  
 Real Estate Resource*




Suggestions or ideas for our newsletter? You can send them to WSNA, P.O. Box 4435, Santa Ana, CA 92701

## The Jiriks Receive Hero Status!



Congratulations to David and Jean-Louise Jirik of Towner St. They are our 2005 Neighborhood Heroes!

Each year, the Communication linkage Forum of Santa Ana votes on neighborhood heroes throughout the city based on nominations from neighborhood association boards. This year's nomination was easy for Washington Square board members since they see just how much the Jiriks do for our neighborhood. David designed and currently maintains Washington Square's website which is an ongoing task. Jean-Louise is currently the board's treasurer and maintains membership status from all paid members and you can always find them helping out at all WS events. Thank you for your continued dedication.



*WE NEED YOU!*

**Become involved with the neighborhood Association!**  
 There is so much to do and so much fun to have doing it! We currently have openings for the 2005 Board. To keep our association a success, we need enthusiastic residents who care about their neighborhood. If you would like to help out and meet new neighbors, give us a call. Together WE make this neighborhood great!  
 Call 953-0962 or 836-7301.

## CITY CONTACT INFORMATION

Who To Call For:

- 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



### 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  
[www.fpcsa.org](http://www.fpcsa.org)

## World Champ Is From WS

Gilbert Melendez Jr., or "Tito" as they call him is currently ranked the #1 light weight contender in the world for Mixed Martial Arts. Son of Gilbert and Cynthia who reside on Towner St., Gilbert's current 8-0 record puts him at the top of this sport which is a mixture of boxing, kickboxing, Jujitsu and wrestling, commonly called extreme or ultimate fighting. Gilbert is a graduate of Santa Ana High attended San Francisco State and currently lives in the SF area.

## Washington Square Babysitters:

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| Adrianna Elisada              | 543-4292 |
| Maria Diaz                    | 543-6285 |
| Jeff Taylor                   | 836-4624 |
| Susan Cava                    | 571-5762 |
| Hillary Rush <i>CPR cert.</i> | 245-0710 |

If you are interesting in advertising babysitting services, 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 2005 Board of Directors

President	Lynette Verino	835-0473
Vice President	Jon Wilson	550-0599
Secretary	Lynette Gallegos	953-0962
Treasurer	Jean-Louise Jirik	543-9079
Membership Co-Chair	Jim Pantone	835-1223
Membership Co-Chair	Laura Garcia	836-8128
Hospitality Chair		
Website coordinator	David Jirik	543-9079
Com-Link Rep	Jean Poppa	
Email Coordinator	Ivana Unger	972-8503
<b>Block Representatives</b>		
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		
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 Gregg Gallegos		953-0962
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 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		550-6348
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.

Key's & Locksmith	Ivan Rivera	953-6720
Windows/Doors Refinish or New	Dillon Stieler	953-1714
General Contractor	Tom Lutz	835-6130
Landscape Garden Design	Gracie Blanco	541-1117
Lawn Installation/Design Sprinklers	Manuel Gomez	543-6397
Handyman Stone/Brick work	Frank Garcia Frankie Mata	313-5765 478-2304
Notary Public	Therese Thomas	318-1455
Life Coach Organizational Consultant	Rebecca Goldstone	417-0017
Party Rental/Jumpers	Rosa Barajas	547-5591
Cool Pets Raw Gourmet Pet Food	Jean-Louise Jirik	545-0222

**Were On the Web!**  
[www.washington-square.org](http://www.washington-square.org)