



# Neighborhood News

*Real Neighbors, Real Neighborhood*

Summer 2006

2006 Calendar of  
Events

**Please attend our next:**

**Annual Summer Party/Concert**  
**Saturday, June 24th**

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

**WS Wine Walk**  
**Saturday, September 16th**

**General Meeting**  
**October 12th**  
**7pm—Wilson Library**

**Neighborhood Holiday Party**  
**December 17th**



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

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As summer is closely approaching, the flowers are in bloom in the Square and we have a lot to look forward to and be thankful for. The new street signs are installed and they look great. A special thank you to Lynette Gallegos, past WSNA President who spent so much of her time and efforts to implement this project. The new signs are a tribute to the beauty and character of the homes in this neighborhood.

The membership drive for 2006 has been in full force for the last couple of months. Many thanks to those of you who have sent money. Your voluntary membership dues and extra contributions for the cement trash can project are greatly appreciated. These monies are primarily used to fund the events we host throughout the year and to produce this newsletter.

Our next event to be held on Saturday, June 24, 2006 in the Square is the Summer Party/ Concert. The location is the cul-de-sac at Towner and 16<sup>th</sup>. We will have games and food to entertain the entire family starting in the late afternoon and at 7pm, a great band, "Chico" is scheduled to play. The concert is sponsored by Tillamook Cheese and is expected to be a fantastic event, so get your tables ordered early. For information and details, please contact me.

The Washington Square Neighborhood Association is working hard to improve the neighborhood and communicate new information about recent activities and items of interest. We are always looking for volunteers to serve as street/block representatives or at an event. You may contact any of the board members listed in this newsletter or visit our website at [www.washington-square.org](http://www.washington-square.org).

Thank you again for your monetary contributions to the association and for making Washington Square a great place to live. This is not just a place to live, but a place to call home.

Sincerely,  
Lynette Verino

## Santa Ana Honors WSNA President with Hero Award



The Neighborhood Hero Award was established by the Communication Linkage Forum (Com-Link). It honors those individuals who have demonstrated steadfast commitment to improving the quality of life in their neighborhoods. On

May 11, 2006, Lynette Verino received this distinguished award. As WSNA President, Lynette has spent many hours overseeing the activities in the neighborhood. She was on the committee for the new street sign project, she is on the committee for the trash can project, and has helped with various other neighborhood projects. She is also on Santa Ana Colleges's expansion committee and helped successfully negotiate the placement of their parking structure so it would not impact our neighborhood. She is a great neighbor and value to Washington Square.

## Membership Drive

Your association is very active and prominent with the city of Santa Ana. Through its efforts, we have seen the installation of beautiful new street signs. We have also been able to organize neighborhood events such as last spring's dumpster day and an upcoming summer concert on June 24th. We very much want to continue making Washington Square a fabulous place to live. The association is now in the throes of our membership drive. Thus far, only 130 house holds out of 640 have contributed. Please know that your paid membership is the lifeblood of the neighborhood. Without it, we can not continue the quarterly newsletters and above mentioned activities. If you have not already done so, please take a moment to send in your donation. You have seen the new street signs. Just imagine what we could do if EVERY resident became an active member.

Contributions are at the following level:

- \$10.00 Senior
- \$20.00 Household
- \$50.00 Patron
- \$75.00 Sponsor

Please send your membership to WSNA P.O. Box 4435, Santa Ana, CA 92701.

Be sure to include your name and address so we can give you proper recognition. Thanks to those of you have have already responded.




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)

### SUMMER CONCERT & BLOCK PARTY

June 24, 2006

5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

At 16th and Towner

# Washington Square Says Goodbye to Lynette Gallegos

Perhaps some of you know Lynette. For those of you who don't, Lynette is the First Team realtor that has lived and worked in our neighborhood for the last several years. It is worth noting that in addition to selling homes in the square, Lynette has given a great deal back to our neighborhood. Lynette became a homeowner in Washington Square in 1998. Shortly after her arrival, she got involved in the neighborhood association and rapidly became a valuable member. She was initially Membership Chair and then became the editor for the newsletter. Later she became Vice President and eventually President. It is because of Lynette's hard work and dedication that Washington Square is enjoying our beautiful new street signs. All told, it took five years of fundraising, coordinating meetings with the city and the sign company to complete the project. This was accomplished on her own time. It was very much like having a part time job. Lynette managed this a long with her other jobs as a wife, mother, and realtor, pretty amazing. She was rewarded for her efforts in 2004 when she was nominated for and received the Hero Award given by the city of Santa Ana. Sadly, we will be loosing Lynette due to her husband's job transfer. Her contribution to our neighborhood has truly been remarkable. We will miss her. Not only because the board will have a void, but because she is a great person. Let's wish her and her family the very best.



## We Need you!

It is fitting to follow up the story above with the following note. Have you ever said to yourself, "if the neighborhood did this or that, it would be really great." WSNA is always looking for talented, energetic board members. It really is a great way to make new friends and get to know your neighbors. It can also be a great deal of fun. Of course, one should not expect that once involved, they'll be saddled with

# Welcome to Washington



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.

- 1104 Freeman
- 914 Westwood
- 1514 Rosewood
- 1011 Towner
- 1302 Freeman
- 920 Olive
- 926 Olive
- 1403 Towner

laborious projects. Remember, it is all *volunteer* based. Currently, Washington Avenue needs a block representative. The responsibilities of a block rep are to periodically distribute flyers, newsletters, etc. Occasionally, block reps do need to attend a board meetings. However, those moments occur once or twice a year. Until recently, Freeman north of Washington needed a block rep. On the day the new owners of 1302 N. Freeman took possession of their new home, they graciously agreed to become block reps for their street. Kudos to Mr. & Mrs. Barkman. If you have been thinking about getting involved, give one of the board members a call. The numbers are the back of the newsletter. Let's continue making our neighborhood a great place to live!



# 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:*

827 N. Towner	3 bedroom, 2 ba	1100 Sq ft.	\$624,900
1326 N. Westwood	3 bedroom, 1 ba	1303 Sq ft	\$625,000
1111 N. Olive	2 bedroom, 1 ba	1088 Sq ft	\$625,000
814 N. Towner	3 bedroom, 1 ba	1324 Sq ft	\$638,900
904 N. Lowell	2 bedroom, 1 ba	1088 Sq ft	\$639,000
1023 N. Freeman	2 bedroom, 1 ba	1785 Sq ft	\$679,000
1105 N. Baker	3 bedroom, 1.5 ba	1642 Sq ft	\$680,900
1108 N. Towner	3 bedroom, 3 ba	1910 Sq ft	\$684,900

*Properties Pending Sale:*

1321 N. Towner	3 bedroom, 2 ba	1759 Sq ft	\$724,900
1016 N. Towner	4 bedroom, 2 ba	2236 Sq ft	\$739,900
1302 N. Baker	2 bedroom, 1.5 ba	1538 Sq ft	\$575,000

*Properties Recently Sold:*

1104 N. Freeman	3 bedroom, 2 ba	1853 Sq ft	\$645,000
914 N. Westwood	2 bedroom, 2 ba	1349 Sq ft	\$625,000
1514 N. Rosewood	3 bedroom, 1.75 ba	1511 Sq ft	\$655,000
1011 N. Towner	3 bedroom, 2 ba	1640 Sq ft	\$678,000
1302 N. Freeman	3 bedroom, 1.75 ba	1684 Sq ft	\$689,000
1420 N. Louise	3 bedroom, 2 ba	1549 Sq ft	\$645,900
920 N. Olive	3 bedroom, 1.5 ba	1519 Sq ft	\$699,500
926 N. Olive	3 bedroom, 2 ba	1385 Sq ft	\$698,000



**Laura Tobias Garcia**  
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**" 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.

## Garage Conversions and Shopping Carts are Illegal

As has always been the case, garage conversions are illegal in the city of Santa Ana. It has been brought to the attention of the board, that some do exist in Washington Square. Necessary steps to correct the problem have been taken, namely code enforcement has been notified. However, if you become aware of a garage conversion or some other type of code violation, please do take the time to call it in, (714-667-2780). Its better to be proactive and not make the assumption that someone else has already done so. This is true for abandoned shopping carts as well. Call it in, (800-252-4613). We should all do our part. Please keep in mind that the WSNA board are volunteers that have jobs and families. They would greatly appreciate any help. A short call does the trick.

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

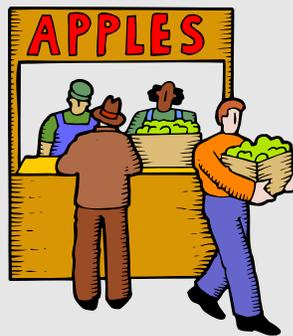
If you are interesting in advertising babysitting services, call 836-8128 with your name, number and address and we'll add you to our list to be published in the next edition of *Neighborhood News*.

### 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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Email Coordinator	Ivana Unger	972-8503

## Block Representatives

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 OPEN	
Area 5	Rosewood Kelly Manson	571-0704
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 OPEN	
Area 10	Towner South of Washington Javier Garcia	836-8128
Area 11	Freeman North of Washington Jay & Jackie Barkman	
Area 12	Freeman South of Washington Janie Chambers	550-0818
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	550-6348
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
Windows/Doors Refinish or New	Dillon Stieler	953-1714
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

**Check us out on the web!**  
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