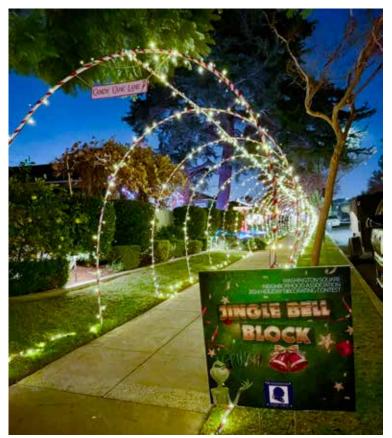


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Around the NEIGHBORHOOD



WSNA Winter GENERAL MEETING Where: Heroes School, Multi-Purpose Rm. When: Thursday, January 16, 2025 Time: 7pm - 9pm Meeting Topics/Speakers:

- Washington Square Neighborhood Association (WSNA) Board Nominations and Vote.
- Representatives of the City of Santa Ana Finance and Management Services Department, requesting input on shaping the City's budget with priorities that matter to us.
- Select dumpster locations for the upcoming Dumpster Day in March.
- As always, there will be pizza, water, and your neighbors to exchange information with.

EVENTS

WSNA 2025 DATES!

Dumpster Day Progressive Dinner Neighborhood Cleanup Spring Wine Festival 4th of July Parade Movie Night Chili Cook Off Oktoberfest Holiday Party

Board Meeting Board Meeting

General Meeting General Meeting General Meeting General Meeting March 8, 2025 March 22, 2025 April 12, 2025 May 17, 2025 July 4, 2025 August 9, 2025 September 13, 2025 October 11, 2025 December 14, 2025

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Will you be a BLOCK REP FOR FLOWER STREET??

We are looking for a volunteer Block Representative for Flower Street between 10th Street and Washington Avenue, on the West side of the street. The requirements for the Block Rep are to pass out an occasional flyer the quarterly newsletters which come out in January, April, July, and October. Flower Street has only twelve homes and four dentists' offices. If you have any further questions, please call Tom Lutz: 714-836-9110.

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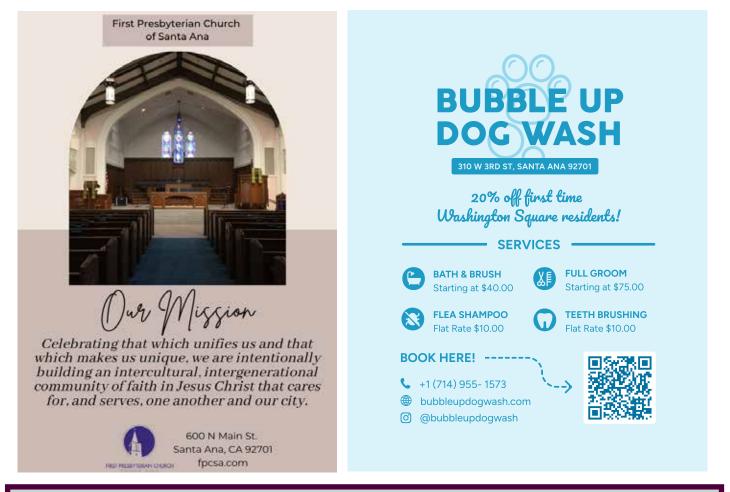
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REPORT POTHOLES

With winter comes (hopefully) the rain we can always use, though unfortunately we get a few potholes along with the rain. The city is asking for our help by reporting any potholes you may come across. The following information is provided by our Public Works Department:

- Potholes are created in many ways, and the most common way is when water seeps into cracks on the surface of the road. Water combined with the vibration of the tires over the cracks may eventually cause the asphalt to fail and create a pothole.
- If you notice a pothole on a Santa Ana street, please submit a request through the reporting options noted below and a crew will be dispatched to inspect the area and make the necessary repairs. We thank you for your patience and for your assistance in reporting service requests.

You can request pothole repairs through the following:

- Download the City's Smartphone Application: mySantaAna
- Call the Public Works Dispatch at (714) 647-3380
- <u>https://www.santa-ana.org/report-potholes/</u>



Washington Square Neighborhood Association MISSION STATEMENT

The Washington Square Neighborhood Association is an organization working to foster a sense of community by promoting public awareness, developing an appreciation of the historical significance of our homes, bridging the cultural, generational, and economic diversity of our residents and bringing about communication between the community, local businesses and city officials.



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 1985. Washington Square is an officially recognized neighborhood by the city of Santa Ana, California. The volunteer Newsletter Committee is looking for neighbors who want to contribute! If you have suggestions or story ideas, or know InDesign and want to help with layout, you can email us at newsletter@washington-square.org

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City Contact Information

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Police and Fire (Emergency)	911
Animal services (lost pets, barking)	245-8792
Code Enforcement	667-2780
Graffiti Hotline	877-786-7824
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Permit Parking Complaints	245-8225
Potholes (Public Works)	647-3380
SAUSD School Police	55 ⁸ -5535
School Traffic Concerns	647-5619
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Street Lights (Edison)	800-655-4555
Street Lights (City)	647-3380
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Tree Trimming	647-3380
Vector Control (County)	971-2421
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A more complete listing can be found on the WSNA website.

If you have a smartphone or a tablet, you'll want to download the free "My Santa Ana" app from the Apple App Store or Google Play. With it you can report graffiti, street light problems, potholes, tree issues, water wasting, etc as well as get phone #'s.

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SHORT TERM RENTALS INFORMATION

A new ordinance will take place on January 3, 2025, pertaining to short term rentals, also known as Airbnbs. On November 19th, 2024, the city council adopted a ban on short term rentals citywide with enhanced fines. There are five such rentals in Wash-

ington Square, and it is good to know of this new ordinance to prevent any fines to neighbors.



Better Buzz Coffee Roasters Drive-Through UPDATE

We reported early in 2024 about Better Buzz Coffee Roasters coming to 1601-1607 N. Bristol St. just north of MacDonalds. We are happy to report that after several meetings with the developer and meetings with residents, Better Buzz was finally approved by the Planning Commission on October 28th and will begin construction mid-

2025.



Better Buzz is a drive thru business with limited outdoor seating and is based out of San Diego where they roast their own coffee and serves an assortment of breakfast rolls and pastries.



WSNA BLOCK REPRESENTATIVES 2025!

Area 1. Louise North of Washington, Tracy Simons, 423-0801, 1310 N. Louise St., tracy4210@aol.com Area 2. Louise South of Washington, Maureen Tiritilli, 309-2229, 928 N. Louise St., maureentiritili@hotmail.com Area 3. Baker North of Washington, Laura Ruiz, 308-3008. 1524 N. Baker St., Iruiz@essexrealty.com Area 4. Baker South of Washington, John McGuinness, 836-1971, 907 N. Baker St., imcguinness@excite.com Area 5. Rosewood, Barbara Holmes, 619 851-8123, 1606 Rosewood, barbholmes@gmail.com Area 6. Westwood N. of Washington, Noe Vasquez, 851-6767, 1416 N. Westwood Ave., wishes 03@hotmail.com Area 7. Westwood S. of Washington, Steve Widdoss, 310 529-9737, 1116 W. Westwood Ave., stevenwiddoss@vahoo.com Area 8. Towner North of 15th & 16th, Gil Melendez, 866-9239, 1610 N. Towner, gilbertrmelendez@yahoo.com Area 9. Towner North of Washington, Russ Bartlett, 949.278.8350, 1403 N. Towner, bartlettruss@hotmail.com Area 10. Towner South of Washington, Ivy Poggi, 925-354-2214, 1120 N. Towner St., ivy.poggi@yahoo.com Area 11. Freeman North of Washington, Margarita Klase, 349-8887, 1506 Freeman St., klaserita@yahoo.com Area 12. Freeman South of Washington, Jason Athas, 270-4654, 908 Freeman St. athasjason@gmail.com Area 13. Lowell North of Washington, Gilbert Ochoa, 562 884-7193, 1420 N. Lowell St., gohawk93@hotmail.com Area 14. Lowell South of Washington, Carina Frank & Jim Pantone, 675-3653, 1010 N. Lowell St., pantonelaw@gmail.com thefranckfirm.com@gmail.com Area 15. Olive N. of Washington, Mario & Jennifer Sanchez, 724-3101, 1416 N. Olive St., sanchezjo4@sbcglobal.net Area 16. Olive S. of Washington, Connie Major, 673-8114, 923 N. Olive St., conniemajor@yahoo.com Area 17. Bomo Koral, Mailee Doan, 657-4521, 1142 Bomo Koral Cir., 6mdoan@gmail.com

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Area 19. 10th St. between Westwood & Baker, Cheryl Yarnall, 542-7512, 1139 W. 10th St. <u>varnalls@pacbell.net</u>

Area 20. Flower Between Washington & 15th St., Delilah Mendez, 1404 N. Flower St. - <u>dee.chic9@gmail.com</u> Area 21. Flower between Washington & 10th St., (temporarily) Delilah Mendez, 1404 N. Flower St. , <u>dee.chic9@gmail.com</u>

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Babysitting	Leila	Rodriguez	(714) 727-8313				
Computer Specialist	Randy	Simons	(714) 423-0810				
Decorative Ironwork	Marco	Coronado	(714) 852-1363				
Farmers Insurance	Gonzalo	Guzman	(714) 669-3930				
Flooring and Floor Repairs	Tuzos	Flooring	(714) 720-7793				
Graphics and Signage	Kirsten	Sketch	(714) 721-8795				
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Insurance Agent	Albert	Durazo	(657) 667-0225				
Landscape Maintenance	Rick	Mora	(714) 721-3897				
Mortgages/Loan Officer	Victor	Gallardo	(714) 697-7564				
Natural Healing Center	Renee	Ascencio	(714) 697-0644				
Notary/Loan Signing Agent	Bob	Bolton	(702) 498-9832				
Origami Owl Ind. Design	Jennifer	Begen	(714) 606-0830				
Painter	Eric	Torres	(714) 292-4038				
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Highlighted Names are WSNA Members							





A Word from our Co - PRESIDENTS!

As I write this, we've just completed our annual Holiday Party, visited by Santa Claus and lots of kids with smiling faces as we passed out sweet treats and cookies. It was wonderful! There were many kids (and adults!) on sugar highs by the end of the party. A big shout out goes to all of those who donated our treats, to those volunteers who set up and to the Vasquez family for loaning us their front yard again.

We are so fortunate that the choir from Godinez High School is by headed our neighbor Jeanette McMahon. Evey year they tour our neighborhood and serenade us with holiday songs. We ended the year with our Holiday Decorating Contest. There were some spectacular yards to judge.

We need feedback! One of the things we want to improve for 2025 is *a better way to communicate about our events.* Our events are posted in our news newsletter, on Facebook, and on street signs ,but somehow, we're not getting as much response as we once had for



our events. We are considering text messaging or emailing monthly about what is happening in the neighborhood. We would be interested in getting some feedback or help and you can contact me at <u>carol@washington-square.org</u>.

This is my second and last year as co-president of the Washington Square Neighborhood Association. I want to thank my co-president Nina for being a great partner the last two years. Also, thanks to everybody who has supported me or put up with me. We've had two great Board of Directors, and I am very grateful for everything that they have done. A special thanks to Valerie Boulter and Carlos Araujo for handling our finances for the last few years. You both will be greatly missed.

I wish everyone a peaceful 2025.

Carol Frank

Happy New Year 2025

I wish you all prosperity, blessings, and warm hearts as we enter 2025. Did you know that 2025 is the 40th anniversary of the founding (in 1985) of our Neighborhood Association? Our General Meeting in July will mark forty years of bringing neighbors together, helping one another, and finding solutions to keep and enhance our quality of life in the neighborhood.

Carol Frank and I have been sharing the role of President for two years now, a typical term. Are you interested in helping direct or share opinions on what happens in our neighborhood? Come to the January Board meeting on Wednesday, January 8th at 7 p.m. at Carol Frank's home. (Email <u>carol@washington-</u> <u>square.org</u> for address.) There, put your hat in the ring to be an officer, board member or committee chair.

Bring a friend! Each January, we elect board members who then select the president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. New perspectives are welcome to keep this neighborhood a wonderful place to live.

WSNA does much more than just host the events that have made us famous. We interface with the city leadership to ensure that the concerns of our residents are heard. For example, we will continue to push toward a walkable park in our neighborhood, the next phase of Bristol Street widening, and getting speed bumps in the appropriate places to mitigate traffic. Be a part of the team!



Please come to our January 16th 7 p.m. General Meeting at Heroes Elementary to see what moves our neighborhood. There will be representatives of the City of

Santa Ana's Finance and Management Services Agency **requesting input** on the city budget with priorities that matter to us. This is a first!

Working with and for you has been a pleasure. It is, however, time to pass the shared baton as Co-President. Cheers for a prosperous 2025!

Nina Jirik



Godinez High School Choir,

brought to you by choir director and neighbor, Jeanette McMahon, and hosted by Susan Van der Roest. This is the 20th year they've caroled in our neighborhood! (12.13.2024)

Happy New Year, Washington Square!

It's hard to believe 2024 is over when it feels like it just began. This year, the mortgage market has been unpredictable, with rates fluctuating up and down. However, it looks like we'll end the year with interest rates on the lower side. According to current sales statistics, only seven properties have sold this year, with one foreclosure.

Looking ahead to spring, if you're considering a move, now is the time to start prepping your home for sale. It's a good opportunity to trim back the roses, touch up paint, and declutter closets. March 1st will be the next garage sale weekend, a perfect chance to sell items you no longer need. If you are curious or concerned about the tax advantages or consequences of selling, contact your tax professional. Feel free to reach out to me with questions–if I am unable to answer all of them, I can help you find someone who can. I look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood!

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1053 W. Civic Centerduplex	1	1	1520	\$ 875,000.00	7	Standard	4/19/2024
1324 Freeman	3	2	1576	\$ 1,050,000.00	7	Standard	4/22/2024
1028 N. Olive	3	2	1372	\$ 975,000.00	3	Standard	5/3/2024
1123 N. Bakerduplex	1	1	1950	\$ 1,200,000.00	4	Standard	6/7/2024
1119 Louise	4	3	2103	\$ 900,000.00	59	Standard	9/5/2024
1515 N. Rosewood	3	2	1387	\$ 982,000.00	7	Standard	9/26/2024
835 Freeman	2	1	1303	\$ 690,000.00		Foreclosure	9/30/2024
1308 N. Baker	2	1	1601	\$ 925,000.00	13	Standard	12/19/2024
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The Holiday Party, brought to you by WSNA, hosted at the Vasquez Family home, 12.15.2024.

Halloween Contest WINNERS



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MCST SPCCKTACULAR The Vialobos Family 1302 N. Lowell

SPCCKIEST The Montes Family 817 N. Louise

WINNER

MOST WHIMSICAL The Ruiz Family 1115 N. Lowell

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WSNA residents may schedule up to **four** bulky item pickups annually. Each pickup can be up to **four** items, or four 30-gallon bags of trash, or twenty 30-gallon bags of yard waste.

Acceptable items:

Furniture Appliances Electronics Trash (four 30-gallon bags) Yard Waste (twenty 30-gallon bags) (No Hazardous waste, ie: oil, paint, garden sprays, etc.)

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