



2013 Neighborhood Calendar

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Housefire on Baker

***Meet Your New
President, Tom Lutz***

Poop in the Square



New 2013 WSNA President Tom Lutz (left) congratulating new 2013 Vice President and former President, Javier Garcia (right).

Message from Tom Lutz

President,
Washington Square
Neighborhood Association

Happy New Year! I hope your Holidays were joyous. My name is Tom Lutz and I have the pleasure of being the new Washington Square President for 2013.

I first want to thank our past president of the last two years, Javier Garcia, on an outstanding job he did as president. With Javier's leadership he expanded our support group by adding two new positions, a Volunteer Coordinator and Hospitality Chairperson. The Volunteer Coordinator, Diane Morter, helps getting neighborhood folks to help out with the different events we sponsor throughout the year. The Hospitality Chair conveys the neighborhood's grief over losses, welcoming of a new neighbor, celebration of a birth, accomplishments, graduation, etc. So if you know of such a person who deserves contact, please let our Hospitality Chair, Lubna Debbini, know, or inform one of the board members who will relay your message.

In addition under Javier's leadership two new events were added to the calendar--the Progressive Dinner and the Oktoberfest, with the major contribution of Diane Morter. So with Javier passing the torch to me it looks like I'm going to have my hands full to keep up with all the good things happening here in Washington Square.

My goal is to not only keep the fun events we all enjoy in Washington Square, but also to make sure our neighborhood is safe. I will do this by reviving the Neighborhood Watch Program. One of the best ways of making sure the Square is safe is by keeping in touch through the internet. Please send us your email if you haven't already done so, or if you have changed your address, so we can send important broadcasts of upcoming events and/or suspicious activities in the Square. My address is President@washington-square.org.

This month we will be starting our annual membership drive and you will soon receive a letter in the mail with an enclosed envelope for you to mail in your donation. You may also sign up and pay through PayPal at: www.washington-square.org. Your dues go toward the quarterly newsletter, website, maintenance of the trash containers, and events throughout the year. And remember Washington Square is a 501(c)(3) organization, so your membership dues are tax deductible.

I look forward to a great 2013 working with you in Washington Square.

Tom Lutz

Tom Lutz
2013 President

Washington Square
Neighborhood Association
A 501(c)(3) in Santa Ana, California

for more info go to www.washington-square.org



Washington Square invites you to

Be neighborly

Oktoberfest recap

The first new neighborhood event in years was a stunning success!

Often the first event in a series is, well, somewhat disorganized. We live and learn, right? Well, not any more! Now we're all learning from Diane Morter, Oktoberfest Chair, who pulled off a flawless experience for all who attended.

The first Oktoberfest was awesome. Diane created a festive environment where the crowd enjoyed great beers from all over the world. There were games, great food, more silly games, silly photo ops, and the all important Chicken Dance. Bottom line--it was FUN.

The DJ was a total pro. He kept the energy going all night with music, some specially acquired for the event. He kept the audience participating in the activities and the laughs coming.

Diane scheduled the raffle prize drawings throughout the evening so you could leave if you didn't win your item. She had over 20 prizes so the chances of winning something was excellent and many Oktoberfesters went home with something nice to remember the event by-- in addition to the ubiquitous smile on everyone's face.



Left to right: Pres Javier Garcia and Hosts Carlos and Brandie Nava with their swag. Note the bright smiles!



Only a few of the many raffle prizes on display during the event.

Santa Party recap

Washington Square believes in Santa and we have the pictures to prove it. A big thank you to Tim Rush and his beautiful elf, Sallee Smith, both former residents of Washington Square.

Santa had his biggest crowd in years. The kids were excited about the real fire truck and Santa's visit. All pictures are posted in a gallery on the website here or just click "Photo Gallery" on the home page.

www.washington-square.org/Images/Holiday_Party_2012/index.html



Santa Claus, his Elf and the WSNA workers who make the holiday party happen. Not pictured, the photographer. Photo by David Jirik.



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. WSNA is an officially recognized neighborhood by the city of Santa Ana, California. Currently the volunteer Newsletter Committee is chaired by Jean-Louise Jirik who gets a lot of help from you. If you have suggestions or story ideas, you can email her at jljirik@heliotope-studios.com



David van der Roest (L) on the move in the Argentinian Andes as he and his team ascends to the summit of Aconcagua.

He did it!

David van der Roest, 26, son of Martin and Susan, summits one of the tallest mountains on Earth

David van der Roest, 26, reached the summit of Aconcagua, on December 28th, 2012. A lifetime accomplishment for any mountaineer. Only about 20% of the 5000 annual climbers reach the Aconcagua summit so the thrill of summiting one of the highest peaks in the world must be indescribable.

David, with his two teammates,

Alex Barber and Carter Cox, climbed to the summit of 22,841 feet, the highest peak in South America and higher than Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa. Aconcagua is one of the "Seven Summits" which are the collection of the highest mountain peaks of each of the seven continents.

Having the right team is critical to any adventurer's success. David, Alex and Carter are all experienced mountaineers and close friends having been climbing together since 2005. They set out to discover what it means to be adventurers in the 21st century driven by a passion for adventure, the stewardship of nature, and friendship.



Facing the challenge--Aconcagua Peak in the background

From their website: www.peakexpeditions.org:

We reached the summit of Cerro Aconcagua (elev. 22,841 ft) on December 28th at 1:13pm (total ascent time of 8 hours and 43 mins). It was a beautiful day, being windless and sunny on top of the western hemisphere. On the descent, it quickly turned cloudy and began to snow steadily.

"And it all started in Washington Square" says proud mom Susan van der Roest. She goes on to recount how she and her husband Martin were looking for a fun family activity for their two sons about ten years ago. She researched the highly regarded Sierra Club Mountaineering Course in order to enroll them and it was a real bonus to learn the class was held at Wilson School. "I never dreamed it would be in our back yard," she concluded.

"If not for having the class within walking distance, I probably never would have gotten into it," added David. And get into mountaineering he did! Since discovering his passion, he has climbed in the Alps, the Sierras, the Cascades, and he adds, "of course, Mount Baldy and the Santa Ana Mountains are my home turf."

Such an achievement doesn't come easily. Lives can be lost in the harsh conditions and oxygen-deprived altitude. At the least it is almost a given that climbers will suffer from the lack of oxygen. David and his team were no different and experienced severe reactions during their 18 days on the mountain.

All three members of David's team returned, but that was not the outcome for another three-man team. While camped at one of the upper camps on the mountain during some brutal weather, sadly, in spite of their best efforts to help (and one member is an EMT), two men, experienced mountaineers, perished as a result of exposure to the harsh conditions. The men

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Got gear?



On the glacier--during summer in the Southern Hemisphere

David van der Roest story continued.

were Americans, Eric Nourse from Colorado, and David Reinhart from Oregon. The surviving team member is Eric's twin brother Greg Nourse, had gone to get help.

The deaths of their two colleagues while they were on the mountain has had a deep impact on the survivors. The team's thrill of facing the challenges of the mountain successfully has been tempered by the harrowing experience of directly confronting death--the most profound outcome the mountain can offer. David says it will affect his decision making process in the future and is moving forward with new focus and insight.

There's so much more to David's story we can't do it justice here. Please go to the neighborhood website where you'll find links to more information. Also, at the time of this writing there are media articles being written but not yet published. When articles appear, we will update the website. For now there's more info at: <http://peakexpeditions.org/2013/01/20/andes-expedition-report/>



Admiring the view from the summit of Aconcagua



A big shoutout and thank you to Oldrich and Ivana Unger

Washington Square is losing the regular participation of this loyal, hardworking couple, Oldrich and Ivana Unger, who were honored with a plaque at January's General Meeting. They will still be attending neighborhood functions but have retired from the board. They will be missed.

An afternoon reception is planned for later in the Spring.

Pictured left are Tom Lutz, Ivana Unger, Oldrich Unger and Javier Garcia.

Who's Tom Lutz?

Choice words to describe our new 2013 WSNA President

Santa Ana native
 Santa Ana educated
 Successful General Contractor and founder/owner of The Lutz Company
 Former City Councilmember and Mayor Pro Tem
 Neighborhood Hero
 Former Planning Coommissioner
 The guy you often in the neighborhood picking up litter with his wife Nancy, or painting out graffiti
 The guy we call when we need something done
 Animal lover and "father" of two cats, numerous koi fish
 Wine and food lover
 Bad golfer (This item is his suggestion)



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Sarah's Neighborhood News

by Sarah Covarrubias

homes for sale

	Beds	Baths	Square Feet	List/Sold Price	DOM	Sale Type
1414 N. Baker	3	1	1257	299500	67	Bank Owned
827 N. Towner	3	2	1100	395000	40	Flip

in escrow/pending

	Beds	Baths	Square Feet	List/Sold Price	DOM	Sale Type
910 N. Flower	3	2	1434	249000	6	Short Sale
835 N. Freeman	2	2	1373	271600	59	Short Sale
1505 N. Baker	3	2	1740	299900	1199	Short Sale
1122 N. Freeman	4	2	2358	299900	443	Short Sale
906 N. Westwood	3	2	1,800	375,000	245	Short Sale
1510 N. Rosewood	3	2	1,617	395,900	19	Bank Owned
908 N. Lowell	4	2	1575	399950	4	Standard Sale
1515 N. Louise	3	2	1700	285000	1	Short Sale
1010 N. Towner	3	2	1980	347900	34	Short Sale

homes sold

	Beds	Baths	Square Feet	List/Sold Price	DOM	Sale Type
1517 N. Louise	3	1.5	1134	301000	25	Bank Owned
920 N. Towner	5	3	3220	305000	163	Short Sale
1602 N. Baker	3	2	1482	357000	8	Standard Sale
907 N. Towner	4	2	1320	365000	3	Standard Sale
1609 N. Rosewood	3	2	1470	370000	125	Flip
1020 N. Lowell	3	2	1486	399950	1	Standard Sale
1104 N. Freeman	3	2	1853	420000	80	Standard Sale

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Or as said in Spanish, "PROSPERO ANO NUEVO!" The Spanish translation is great as it wishes you a Prosperous Year full of Success and Good Fortune.

The Real Estate Market seems to have turned the corner over the last six months. Some points for your consideration:

1. Unemployment in OC is at 6.8%--the 4th lowest in the state. #1,2,3 are counties in the Bay Area.
2. Orange County homes inventory is at an all time low--less than 1 month's worth of houses for sale.
3. Interest rates continue to hover at 3.5%.
4. FOR WASHINGTON SQUARE

- The average sales for the last quarter of 2012 was \$360,000 compared to \$343,000 from the same time
- The average price per square was \$271 compared to \$241 from this same time in 2011

WHAT DOES ALL THIS NEWS MEAN FOR YOU? It means that prices are going up, and your home is probably at its highest value since 2007!!!

One of the most important developments so far this year is that THE (FEDERAL) MORTGAGE FORGIVENESS DEBT RELIEF ACT WAS EXTENDED FOR 1 MORE YEAR ENDING 12/31/2013. This gives struggling homeowners income tax relief on debt that is forgiven due to foreclosure, principle reduction (loan modification) or a short sale.

If you (or someone you know) have any questions on Loan Modifications, Foreclosures, Short sales, or would just like to know what's happening in your market, please don't hesitate to contact me. Meanwhile...HAVE A SAFE AND PROSPEROUS 2013!

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Washington Square Neighborhood Association Complete 2013 Calendar of Meetings

This is your neighborhood and meetings are open to interested neighbors and monthly meetings are held in a boardmember's home. Below is the schedule so if you want to attend or suggest an agenda item, give President Tom Lutz a call to find out where it will be held.

Jan Board Meeting	Jan 9	
Quarterly Neighborhood Meeting	Jan 17	
Feb Board Meeting	Feb 6	
Mar Board Meeting	Mar 6	
Apr Board Meeting	Apr 3	
Quarterly Neighborhood Meeting	Apr 11	
May Board Meeting	May 1	
Jun Board Meeting	June 5	
July Board Meeting	Jul 3	
Quarterly Neighborhood Meeting	July 11	
Aug Board Meeting	Aug 7	
Sept Board Meeting	Sept 4	
Oct Board Meeting	Oct 2	
Quarterly Neighborhood Meeting	Oct 10	
Nov Board Meeting	Nov 6	
Dec Board Meeting	Dec 4	



First Presbyterian Church Santa Ana

600 N. Main St.
Santa Ana CA 92701

New Service Schedule

Sunday Service @ 10 a.m.

*Our traditional service with hymns

*Entirely in English

*Held in our main Sanctuary.

Second Service @ 11:30 a.m.

*Our Contemporary service

*Service is in both English and Spanish

*Held in McFarland Hall

*Contemporary worship songs

Sunday School and Nursery available
during both services.

Join us every Sunday morning
for worship.

Volunteer We're always asking for neighborhood residents to help with various WSNA events. Here's a chance to spread your wings, voluntarily speaking. The Assistance League of Santa Ana has asked for our help. They've been around for 75 years and have an excellent record of service.

They requested two things. Their biggest fundraiser is the thrift shop which is conveniently near Flower and First. To maintain the store they need (1) volunteers (2) inventory and (3) that you discover the shopping experience.

First--Donate: The Assistance League asks that we bring donations of clean used clothing, accessories, shoes, books, toys, housewares and furniture to their location. If you need help, call and they will arrange a pickup in their truck.

Second--Volunteer: Work a shift in the store. It's fun we hear and you don't have to be a member of the Assistance League to participate. Plus you get to scope out good bargains.

Third--Shop: Now it's time to go shopping! In their newly-refreshed store you'll find a large inventory of great bargains. Visit the Top Drawer Boutique for high-end designer labels, art, jewelry and luxury items.

Assistance League of Santa Ana (www.assistkids.org)
1037 West First Street, Santa Ana
714-543-1120

The ALSA does a lot of good in our city with their dental clinic, scholarship program, family assistance, optometric program and much more.

Speaking of garbage...

We're not speaking of garbage? How about now? If your Waste Management garbage cans have seen better days, just call 714-558-7761 for free repair or replacement. Easy peasy.

Please report street or sidewalk damage

Call 714-647-3380 to report potholes and damaged sidewalks.

New Free 2013 Meditation Group

Monday nights at 7 pm. Call Jean-Louise Jirik 714-543-9079 for more information.



Santa Ana adds new baseball opportunity for kids

A word from the new Pony League President, Carlos Nava of Washington Square

Welcome to the inaugural season of Santa Ana Pony Baseball from Carlos Nava, League President.

For those of you who did not know, Santa Ana Northwest Little League has recently converted over to Santa Ana Pony Baseball. The move was made in the best interests of our children and the future of baseball in Santa Ana. Many people have asked, "So what's the difference between Little League and Pony Baseball?"



The most obvious difference between

the two styles of baseball is that Pony (Protect Our Nation's Youth) baseball rules are very similar to Major League baseball rules. These rules are taught starting at the age of nine years old and basically stay the same until they reach the age of fourteen. In addition, our Pony boundaries now extend over the entire city of Santa Ana versus the much smaller boundaries imposed by Little League.

Little League rules are similar to softball for players up to twelve years old. What I found after interviewing coaches from Santa Ana High School, Servite, Orange Lutheran and Segerstrom High Schools, is that many children who played Little League don't have the same baseball IQ as players who played MLB style baseball rules (which is what high schools use). This puts the players at a disadvantage when trying out for a high school baseball program.

With the introduction of, "travel baseball" and Pony Baseball in other cities, Little League has seen a dramatic decrease in player registration. When we were still operating as a Little League, we lost dozens of players to other cities like Garden Grove, Fountain Valley, Tustin and Irvine. The mass exodus led to Santa Ana baseball players being recruited by other cities to play in their high school baseball programs. This in turn depleted the pool of players entering the Santa Ana Unified School high school baseball system.

With the help of community organizations like the Washington Square Neighborhood Association, Riverview Neighborhood Association, Morrison Park Neighborhood association and Families of Floral Park we were able to get Pony established here in Santa Ana. This decision now affords our residents the opportunity to have a choice between Little League or Pony Baseball.

Currently the new league stands at nearly 350 players with lower division players still being accepted. In addition, Pony offers both recreational baseball and the "travel ball" experience for those players looking to expand on their baseball knowledge.

We are still looking for coaches, so if you're interested please visit our website at SantaAnaPony.com and fill out a coach's

form. Opening ceremonies will be conducted on March 2nd at 9am at Riverview Park. Please join us to celebrate our first year as an organization and catch a ball game. We look forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at President@SantaAnaPony.com.

Downtown Santa Ana

What's new?

Left of the Dial Records

320 French Street 562-595-2331

Specializing in actual vinyl records in these genres: Psych, garage, power pop, shoe gaze, 60's and 70's rock, 80's post punk and new wave, punk goth and indie rock. You will find very knowledgeable and friendly staff who are committed to meeting customer needs so you will come back again and again.

Au Naturaw Organic Garden Eatery

206-A North Broadway 714-955-4774

Delicious gourmet cuisine bursting with radiant health can be found here. The varied menu features recipes with organic vegetables, sprouted grains, nuts and seeds combined to retain the natural "life" force of foods for optimum nourishment. As you enjoy your meal, you are partaking of a conscientious diet that nourishes your body, stimulates the mind and awakens the soul.

Local fresh produce is used which supports local farmers, thereby reducing transportation costs and environmental pollutants.

The Grilled Cheese Spot

318 West Fifth Street, 714-543-3543

The team of The Crosby, the popular nearby gastropub, launched this tiny sandwich shop. The first thing you should know about this place is that it's standing-room only. Literally. There are no tables or chairs, just a fastfood-like counter in a closet-sized space. So expect to stand and eat or take out.

The second thing you should know is that the sandwiches are terrific according to everyone we know who's been there. You can order a standard or build your own, as simple or complicated as you like. Choose from 15 types of cheese, seven kinds of bread, plus add-ons like braised beef short ribs, bacon or fried egg.

The third thing to know is: The onion rings are outstanding.

Information submitted by Wendy Boelter

Lock it **Car break-ins are up. Simple ways to stay safe.**

Keeping yourself and family out of harm's way is your Number 1 priority, and keeping your home and vehicles safe from break-ins is a key component of your safety plan. Lately there's been a number of automobile break-ins in Washington Square, not all reported to police. It is a crime of opportunity focused on unlocked cars parked in driveways. The thief opens the unlocked car, removes valuables and goes through the glove compartment leaving it open.

Washington Square neighbors are known for watching out for each other but you also need to watch out for yourself. If you aren't paying attention to what you're doing, you could unknowingly be rolling out a red carpet for a burglar to waltz through your front door or help themselves to your car.

How can you keep thieves out of your

car? Lock it. This is just too easy to do--and just as easy to forget. So we ask you to make a point of locking your cars. Get the kids to be on the lookout and remind you if you forget or put a note somewhere to remind you until it becomes a habit.

The same thing goes for the house. When thieves break into homes, there's a greater chance of them doing so during the day when many people are at work. Also, around 40 percent of annual household burglaries in the United States are not forced entries, meaning someone was able to walk, climb or crawl inside of houses almost as easily as if the owners left a key in the door [source: Bureau of Justice Statistics].

To keep unwanted intruders out of your home, you don't have to turn your property into a suburban Fort Knox. There are many

solutions that require no money at all. With 40 percent of break-ins happening without the use of force, that means a lot of people are leaving their houses without locking the doors and windows.

It costs us nothing to lock the door when we leave the house. If you have a thumb latch lock and a deadbolt on your doors, always lock the dead bolt. Double-check weaker doors such as patio and sliding ones to make sure their locks are strong enough to withstand kicks. When you leave your home, don't forget to lock up the door leading from the garage to inside. Even if your garage door is down, someone can easily open it and make their way inside unimpeded.

And if you see someone suspicious, call the police. They are the ones to handle it.



Upcoming Zoo Events



Every Month--Free admission on the 3rd Sunday to all Santa Ana residents.

Feb 9 Membership Appreciation Day 11am - 2pm | FOSAZ Members get \$3 all day wristbands to ride the train and carousel, craft tables and extra discounts.

Feb 16-17: University of California Master Gardeners: 11am-3pm. Fun activities and helpful information for the gardening enthusiast. General Admission or Free to Members.

March 2-3: Zoo Birthday Party: 11am-2pm. All-Zoo party with miniature train displays, music, games and fun. General admission or Free to Members.

April 20: Party for the Planet: 11am-2pm. An All Zoo event with music, craft tables, booths promoting conservation. Members free.

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On the Drawing board

Exciting new Streetcar coming to Downtown

And the best thing? It's pre-funded by a complex combination of Federal and Grant monies so we taxpayers are not on the hook and nothing will be taken away from the city's already lean budget.

The streetcar project has been a long time in the making and won't be complete until 2017. When that time comes, it will be a tremendous asset to our neighborhood on many levels, a boon to business and because this is a regional collaboration with other OC cities, it's a piece of a long term vision.

You can learn more at www.santaanatransitvision.com where you can sign up to receive updates and the like.

Jim Pantone Honored with Board Member of the Year Award

Congratulations to Jim Pantone (of Lowell Street) on your Board Member of the Year Award! Thank you for keeping up the fight on behalf of consumers with the OC Trial Lawyers Association.

Coaches needed

Santa Ana Pony (Protect Our Nation's Youth) Baseball League is still looking for coaches. If you're interested please visit the website at SantaAnaPony.com and fill out a coach's form. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Carlos Nava at President@SantaAnaPony.com.

Opening ceremonies are scheduled for March 2nd at 9 am at Riverview Park. Please attend and celebrate Pony's first year as an organization and enjoy a ball game. You will be welcomed and may find the experience, and the nachos, addicting.

Walk your dog?

Please pick up the waste.

Please. Please. Please.

Note from the editor: For God's sake I'm begging you, please pick up your dog's poop. I'm asking nicely here. Note all the "pleases?"

You poop-leavers are making my life miserable. Do you know how many neighbors are distressed and calling me to include yet another reminder to pick up your dog's poo?

This is basic stuff people. I don't care what you do in your own yard but removing your disgusting, unsanitary waste from your neighbor's yards is simply the right thing to do. So step up, be an example, and just do it.

A dog's unconditional love is a powerful gift. Earn it and be worthy. I'm tired of writing about your youknowwhat.

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dumpster & e-waste day

*Get up early
and bring it!*

The Dump Comes to You:

Dumpster Day is a free annual event that brings a small fleet of dumpsters for residents to discard large items, yard waste, furniture, construction debris, etc. on Saturday morning for your use between 8 am and Noon. Like last year, we've added e-waste dumpsters as a service to the Washington Square neighborhood. The timing of DD is the weekend after the Spring Santa Ana garage sale weekend so collect your stuff--It's a great day to get rid of old fencing, concrete, building materials, and items that didn't sell at your last garage sale.

eWaste

Working and non-working electronics you want to get rid of are welcome in the 4x4' dumpsters that are coming from Neo Recycling in Santa Ana. Their motto is "if it has a cord or batteries, we take it." The exceptions are refrigerators, ac units, washers and dryers (which can go in the big dumpster).

Required for televisions: The State of California requires the name, address and phone number of the person dropping it off securely taped to the tv for verification.

www.washington-square.org has more information and a long list of what's allowed including electric heaters and old phones. Check it out if you have any questions.

Find Dumpsters Here:

1. 1122 N. Freeman St. - Maco Long
2. 1501 N. Rosewood St. - Josie Martinez
3. 919 N. Louise St. - Bobi Keenan
4. 1108 N. Baker St. - Richard Evans
5. 1006 N. Lowell St. - Jeorge and Ashley Garcia

The Date:

Saturday, March 9th, 2013

The Time:

8 a.m-Noon

Dumpsters are scheduled for 8 a.m. delivery but there is variance...some are early, some arrive later and they stay open for your use only until they are filled.

The Deal:

Each friendly volunteer Dumpster Monitor is responsible for verifying your residence (in Washington Square so bring ID), packing the e-waste and trash dumpsters (heavy stuff at bottom), and monitoring contents of the waste. NOT allowed in trash dumpsters are the following items: used oil, tires, paint, chemicals, medical waste, your mother in law, and hazardous waste.



Days to remember in Washington Square

Trash Day
Monday

Street Sweeping Day
Tuesday

Garage Sale Day
1st weekend of every quarter
(March, June, Sept., Dec.)

Free Day at Bowers Museum
First Sunday and 3rd Thursday of every month
for residents (need id)

Housefire on Baker Street

Recently there was a house fire on Baker Street. The billowing black smoke was noticed by many. The Fire Dept was called who responded and took down the fire. One resident was inside and was taken to the hospital to be treated for smoke inhalation. Cause of the fire was an electrical failure in the attic.

The house is owned and inhabited by long-time Washington Square residents and their pets. Thankfully all humans and animals were accounted for and have returned to face the cleanup and rebuilding task.

Brothers Richard and Nick Evans are happy to be alive and reunited with their beloved animals. Unfortunately an older cat did not survive and perished quietly of smoke inhalation.

They volunteered to be dumpster monitors on March 9th so if you drop by or use the dumpster on Baker, be sure to say hi.



City Contact Information



Police Services	647-5062
Police—non emergency	834-4211
Police and Fire Emergency	911
Animal services(barking dogs,etc)	245-8792
City Hall:	
Code Enforcement	667-2780
Construction Engineering	565-4044
(Ongoing Street Construction)	
Design Engineering	647-5640
Street Design, Sidewalks	
Fire Dept Non-Emergency	542-2315
Flood Ratings	647-5641
Development Services	647-2791
Street & Utility Permits, Water Applications	
Graffiti Hotline	877-786-7824
Obstructing Trees & Bushes	647-3380
Permit Parking	647-5612
Potholes	647-3380
Sanitation (Overgrown Yards)	647-3380
School Traffic Concerns	647-5612
Shopping Cart Removal	667-2780
Street Cleaning	647-3380
Street Lights (Edison)	800-655-4555
Street Lights (City)	647-3380
Street Striping	647-5605
Traffic Engineering	647-5673
General Traffic Concerns	647-5673
Neighborhood Traffic	647-5645
Traffic Signals	647-5611
Traffic Control Plans	647-5605
Trash Pick Up & Dumpsters	558-7761
Tree Trimming	647-3380

DID YOU KNOW?

It is illegal to dispose of hazardous waste in personal or public trash cans and it is punishable by a \$25,000 fine. This includes motor oil, housepaint and other toxic substances.

Trash containers are not to be put out on Sunday before 4:00 PM and must be taken in by 12:00 midnight Monday evening. Trash containers must be stored so they are not 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.

- **Cars** are never to be parked on the lawn. Inoperable vehicles are not allowed on the street or in driveways and cars cannot remain in the street for more than 72 hours without being moved. Inoperable vehicles are vehicles that are damaged, have flat tires, and/or do not run.

- **Front yard fences** require a building permit and can not be over 30" high. The permits are free. Contact the building department 667-2700 for more information. Maintain your wood fences by keeping them painted and in good repair.

- **Store Shopping Carts** are a blight when left on the street after they are stolen from stores. The solution? If this applies to you, please use your own folding shopping cart instead of stealing them from stores to transport your purchases. It is costly for the city to pick them up and comes out of our pockets.

Planning a fence? Did you know you need a permit to erect a fence around your property to control height and material requirements. Permits are free.



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NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

As you can see below it is our volunteer residents who make this a truly outstanding place to live. Any help you can give is appreciated so please call Tom and talk about opportunities to serve. We are committed to WSNA and just as committed to having fun.

2013 Officers

President	Tom Lutz	836-9110
Vice-President	Javier Garcia	595-8813
Secretary	Laura Garcia	595-8813
Treasurer	Monica Drevon	(949) 500-3678
Board Members:	Javier Garcia	595-8813
	Jean-Louise Jirik	543-9079
	Bobi Keenan	835-0473
	Nancy Lutz	836-9110
	Jean Poppa	836-6430

2013 Committee Chairs

Membership	Laura Garcia	836-8128
Volunteer	Diane Morter	814-4326
Hospitality	Lubna Debbini	457-0237
Website	David Jirik	543-9079
Newsletter	Jean-Louise Jirik	543-9079
City Laisson	Wendy Boelter	(949) 375-2485
Comm-Link	Jean Poppa	836-6430

Block Representatives

Area 1 Louise North of Washington	Randy & Tracy Simons	558-4871
Area 2 Louise South of Washington	Bobi Keenan	953-9516
Area 3 Baker North of Washington	Laura Ruiz	568-1660
Area 4 Baker South of Washington	John McGuinness	836-1971
Area 5 Rosewood	Josie Martinez	481-3871
Area 6 Westwood North of Washington	Noe Vasquez	851-6767
Area 7 Westwood South of Washington	Wendy Boelter	(949) 375-2485
Area 8 16th/Towner North of 15th	Gil Melendez	542-3398
Area 9 Towner North of Washington	Russ Bartlett	564-9080
Area 10 Towner South of Washington	Victor Gomez	386-8249
Area 11 Freeman North of Washington	Margaret Klase	972-8951
Area 12 Freeman South of Washington	Juan & Virginia Bernal	836-7448
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	Annette Arellano	483-0245
Area 16 Olive South of Washington	Connie Major	547-7404
Area 17 Washington/Bomo Koral	Tom Erwine	543-5802
Area 18 Washington St.	Patricia Arroyo and Carlos Silva	721-8522
Area 19 10th between Westwood and Baker	Cheryl Yarnall	542-7512

Quarterly General Meetings are GREAT!

**Thursday, April 11 at 7 pm
At Wilson School**

up to date info: www.washington-square.org

Your neighborhood quarterly meetings are open and free to all residents. A great way to network with your neighbors, get informed and there's always someone new to meet because we have some of the best-attended meetings in the city.

The board puts a lot of effort into bringing enjoyable, interesting, timely, and informative programs for your benefit. Plus you have the chance to ask questions and express your personal concerns. Nobody knows what's important to you until you tell them.

The next quarterly meeting for the Washington Square Neighborhood Association (WSNA) will be held in the library of Wilson School at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 11th and you are invited.



The Washington Square Vendor Network

Accounting/tax prep.	Alex Schneider	374-5173
Keys & Locksmith	Ivan Rivera	953-6720
General Contractor	Tom Lutz	835-6130
Handyman	Ken Clark	809-6884
Electrician	Andrew Nunez	782-4740
Realtor	Sarah Covarrubias	883-3314
Home Loans	Brandie Nava	200-5831
Preschool	Denise Davey	543-1813
Professional Audio/Video, Event and Technology		
Heliotrope Studios	David Jirik	545-0222
Natural pet nutrition	Jean-Louise Jirik	545-0700
State Farm Insurance	Monica Martinez Drevon	966-2679
Wedding Photography	Photography by Ricardo	
	Ricardo Barrera	836-4041
Yard flags	Rebecca Ortiz	835-5720
Decorative Ironwork	Marco Coronado	852-1363
Flooring, floor repairs	Tuzos Flooring	720-7793
Piano Instructor	Bethany Campbell	585-1036
Computer Repair/Instruction/Crisis Management	Randy Simons	423-0810

These free listings promote business and services provided by Washington Square residents. This list is published to inform you of opportunities to patronize your neighbors.