



2017 Neighborhood Calendar

EVENTS

Chili Cookoff	7/22
Movie Night	8/5
Barbecue	9/23
Oktoberfest	10/14
Holiday Party	12/10

GENERAL MEETINGS

Summer Meeting	7/13
Fall Meeting	10/12

GARAGE SALE WEEKENDS

Sept. 2&3, Dec. 2&3

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Summer in The Square -- WSNA President Dave Dethloff



Hello Neighbors,

Summer is here and it's beginning to heat up. Graduations are over and traffic is getting lighter. Yay!

I've noticed neighbors have been completing projects & many yards are being transformed making Washington Square look even better!

One way to beat the heat this summer, besides going to the beach, is installing a mist system around your patio or back porch. This can lower temps from 10° - 20° depending on the system and location. If

you have a pool, think about inviting your neighbors over for "pool time" on those hotter days. It's a great way to socialize, share some food, & your neighbors will definitely appreciate the gesture!

Washington Square has some "hot" events coming up this summer:

Saturday, July 22 will be our first chili cook off. We are looking for 15 chili chefs, so break out grandma's recipe and get chopping See page 7!

Saturday, August 5th, is movie night. We will be showing the animated feature, Zootopia, along with a few short cartoons. Popcorn and water will be served and hot dogs will be available for purchase for \$1.

We're closing Lowell Street and having a picnic on September 23rd. See page 2!

Finally, we need volunteers for all of our events. Please consider helping out this year at one of them. It's always rewarding and with many hands goes quick work.

Thank you all and have a safe fun summer!!!

Moses Yneges & Rosalia Curiel Win Most Beautiful Yard

by Bobi Keenan



The City of Santa Ana Sponsors "The Most Beautiful Yard Award", given annually to one home in each neighborhood at the Com-Link Annual Awards Night at The Bowers Museum, June 22nd.

Moses Yneges and Rosalia Curiel were chosen as the Washington Square recipients of the award this year for their home at 1002 Freeman Street.

Rosalia grew up in a rural community in Northern California and she longed to live in a "real neighborhood". Moses was born in Santa Ana, but moved to the Inland Empire as a young child. After they were married they located to Orange County, they lived in an apartment but really wanted a home of their own, especially when they began to have a family.

In 2012, when they found the 4 bedroom, 2 bath house on Freeman, it was obvious that it needed A LOT of work, but it was a solidly built home (1941) on a big corner lot. Rosalia says, "I had a vision that we could make this our own....and we had a blank canvas to create a place we could really call home."

They set to work right away, gutting the kitchen, replacing windows, and electrical wiring inside. Outside, they removed a hodge-podge of stucco, wood siding and brick from the front facade, took out overgrown trees that were too close to the house and blocked the view. They re-stuccoed and painted the exterior.

They appreciate the finer finishing details inside which give the home so much character...the wooden mantle around the fireplace, the fluted wood framing around the windows and doors, the hardwood floors.

They completely removed and replace the landscaping, adding the element of low stucco walls in the front to create spaces that are interesting, welcoming and versatile.



Moses, Rosalia & Eric

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Washington Square is Fun!

and a little work
now and then

Neighborhood General Meeting Thursday, July 13th, 7PM Wilson School

Join us for the July meeting where we'll have updates on neighborhood issues and events. Archivist Dylan Almendral from the Santa Ana Public Library will tell us about their programs including house history workshops. There will also be Ryan Smolar from DTSA, Delilah Snell from Patchworks and a spokesperson from the OC Fair which opens on the 14th. Come join us for conversation and camaraderie and don't forget we'll have pizza!

Chili Cook Off Saturday, July 22nd

It's our first! See page 7 for details.

15th Annual Wine Walk follow up

This year's event, on Saturday, May 20th, sold out the 75 spaces in ONE WEEK! Sorry for those who were unable to attend. The Lowell homes of the Garza's, Wilson/Cabus and the Farrier's provided a wonderful forum for the event. The 10th Street Jazz Quartet were, as always, a great backdrop for tasting a variety of wines and, most especially, the great array of food offerings.

Thanks to all who contributed and to the great showing of volunteers who helped to set up and tear down. We had numerous wine baskets donated, as well as contributions of discount coupons from the downtown businesses and special bottles of wine. Remember that next year's event will be the 3rd weekend (approx.) in May, so mark your calendar once our 2018 calendar is posted in the newsletter so you are able to attend.

Movie Night Saturday August 5th!

Can you believe it's our 9th Annual Movie Night? This year we're featuring Zootopia an Academy Award winning animated feature that should be fun for kids & grown-ups alike. It's a story about a modern mammal metropolis that registers 98% on the Tomatometer (that's really exceptional).

The show begins at dusk in the 16th St. cul de sac near Towner. Chairs are provided but you're welcome to bring your own. We'll have popcorn, hot dogs and drinks as always. Please join us!!



BBQ in the Square Saturday, September 23rd 11AM-2PM N. Lowell Street

All Washington Square neighbors and families are invited to join us on Lowell Street between 10th & Washington for an afternoon of good old-fashioned fun. We are excited to provide an event the entire family can enjoy and continue to promote neighborhood pride. This FREE event, brought to you by the Washington Square Neighborhood Association will feature All-American picnic food, music, organized contests, a bounce house for the kids, and some familiar throwback carnival games from Washington Square's past. Please mark your calendar! If you're new to the neighborhood or have never participated in any of our events, please stop by, have a hot dog and meet some of your neighbors, we want to meet you! Look for a flyer in early September with more details. If you would like to help with planning or volunteer the day of, please contact organizers Jorge and Ashley Garcia at bbqinthesquare@gmail.com.

A few trashy reminders...

If your trash containers have broken wheels, cracked lids or bodies, call Waste Management and they will replace the containers for free. All you need to do is call 558-7761 or go to www.wm.com to request new containers. You can also request different sizes if you find you need larger or smaller containers to meet your needs. After you call, put your old container out on trash day and they'll replace or repair it. On the subject of trash, remember that you don't have to wait for Dumpster Day next year to get rid of things that won't fit in your trash. Call the number above and they'll schedule a large item pickup twice per year. One last thing, if you put signs up for a lost pet or for a garage sale, PLEASE take them down when rover returns or the sale is over. Signs left up are a blight and suggests a neighborhood that doesn't care, and we all know Washington Square is a Neighborhood with Pride.



Coyotes terrorize Washington Square cats

In May and June there were many reports on Facebook and Nextdoor of coyotes roaming our streets, searching for food. They were usually seen after dark and in the early morning in pairs. They are a necessary part of our urban-ecosystem. Coyotes are denning and rearing pups from April through August and are more active during that time. Outdoor cats and small dogs aren't usually part of their diet but they'll kill a cat to eat the contents of their stomach. Keep your pets inside at night and do not leave pet food and water outside in your yard. Coyotes can easily jump an 8 foot fence. If you encounter them, don't back away but make noise and wave your arms until they retreat. For more info: www.projectcoyote.org/resources/ & www.oregister.com (search for "coyotes" there are several current articles) Stay on the lookout when walking your dogs.



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Washington Square's Neighborhood Hero - Jean Poppa

by Sarah Covarrubias



2017 Neighborhood Hero Jean Poppa

On June 22nd Jean Poppa was presented with the Neighborhood Hero Award at The Bowers Museum. It was an awesome tribute to a wonderful lady, who has dedicated many hours of service to Washington Square and represented the neighborhood association at the city-wide community meetings (Com-Link) for many years. Coming "straight outta Compton," where she was born and raised, Jean became a WS resident in 1998, when she married Ray Poppa, who has lived on Louise Street since 1972. Besides her active participation in Com-link and at WSNA board meetings, you may have seen Jean and her big, beautiful smile, at the Washington Square Holiday Party (as chairperson), volunteering at Movie Night (popcorn maker), being a docent for the Howe-Waffle House and a member of the Santa Ana Historical Society.

What you may not know is that Jean commutes 1.5 hours (each way) to Beverly Hills to work at a law

firm, where she is a paralegal. Where does she find the time? Her hubby Ray, who is now retired, has been very supportive of her and all her efforts to better the community. He takes care of their home, has remodeled their kitchen and family room, prepares dinner and is right there with her at all the neighborhood functions. They truly make a great team. Jean and Ray have 7 children, 10 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

From your Washington Square neighbors: thank you, Jean, for all you do to make our city and community a better place to live!



Jean is lauded by Com-Link's Carl Benninger.

WSNA Activities



Dave Dethloff paints a sign at Towner & 15th while Dave Parsons preps another

Your Neighborhood Association does many things in front of the camera and behind the scenes besides throwing great parties.

You may have noticed several Tuesdays on street cleaning days a two-man crew has been out painting the backs and poles of the different street signs throughout the neighborhood. Tuesdays were selected because no cars park on the street to make sure no over spray could land on a parked car. This project was started many years ago with our neighborhood cleanup and those who volunteer to spruce up the "Square." But as the saying goes, "if you want the job done right hire a professional!" So that is what the Neighborhood Association did. All 307 signs throughout the "Square" have been done at once with long-lasting high quality paint. By painting the signs black they have a tendency to disappear from view as you drive down the street as well as discourage graffiti. Plus, they just look clean and fresh. We want to thank Dave Dethloff and his helper Dave Parsons for taking on the job completing it in a timely manner.

About 11 years ago, WSNA replaced all the fading green street signs with bright blue custom signs featuring our logo. We paid for the signs and the City installed them. We're responsible for maintaining them. Recently two were stolen from Baker & 17th Street and two were destroyed along with a street lamp pole at Freeman and 17th. The four signs and a fifth to meet a city requirement cost over \$700 to replace.

You might have noticed that our 13 neighborhood trash cans are missing their lids. They'll be back soon, newly powder-coated and ready to stand up against graffiti.

Once or twice a year we have a neighborhood cleanup on a Saturday morning where volunteers walk the neighborhood and identify issues that need addressing. Sometimes it's graffiti, sometimes it's landscaping our entry monuments, sometimes it's picking up trash. We're always done by noon and you're welcome to join us for the next one in October. The fall newsletter will have the details.



Kurt Preston & Javier Garcia glue down one of our 13 cement trash cans during the April Clean-up.

City Contact Information

Police Services West End Office	647-5062
Police - non emergency	834-4211
Police admin. business	245-8665
Police and Fire Emergency	911
Animal services (lost pets, barking)	245-8792
Code Enforcement	667-2780
Graffiti Hotline	877-786-7824
Obstructing Trees & Bushes	647-3380
Permit Parking-Frank Orellana	647-5614
Permit Parking Complaints	245-8225
Potholes (Public Works)	647-3380
SAUSD School Police	558-5535
School Traffic Concerns	647-5619
Street Cleaning	647-3380
Street Lights (Edison)	800-655-4555
Street Lights (City)	647-3380
Traffic Engineering	647-5619
Traffic Signals	647-5620
Trash Pick Up (Waste Management)	558-7761
Tree Trimming	647-3380
Vector Control (County)	971-2421
Water Bill	647-5454
Wilson School	564-8100

all numbers (714) unless indicated otherwise

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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Our Garden: Our Labor of Love

Pay it Forward, Share Your Bounty *by Lubna Debbini*

Ever walk around the neighborhood and notice fruit trees brimming with fruit that no one is picking or eating? I know I do and I always wonder if the residents just aren't interested in their fruit, if they simply can't consume it all or share enough, or perhaps they are no longer able to pick it themselves or don't have the time. In the United States, 40% of our food ends up in landfills.

60% of homes in Orange County have at least one fruit tree, and a small orange tree can produce a 150 pounds of fruit in one year. The Harvest Club is a volunteer organization that comes to your home, picks your excess fruit and vegetables, and donates it to food pantries where people in need go to seek assistance. There are half a million people living in hunger, poverty, and food insecurity in Orange County. Some visit food pantries and are able to enjoy fresh vegetables and fruit thanks to the generosity of donors and volunteers.

If you would rather share your excess with people instead of rodents, consider contacting The Harvest Club at www.theharvestclub.org or call them at 714-564-9525. If you would like to help this organization but don't have fruit trees, you may donate to their cause or volunteer to assist in the harvests. You'll meet nice people, get physical activity, and have the joy of knowing you've done something good for others.



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Sunday Worship:

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- *English service held in our main Sanctuary.
- *Spanish service held in McFarland Hall
- *Children's Sunday School and Nursery available during service.
- *Worship includes hymns & praise songs
- * Communion the first Sunday of the month

**Join us this Sunday,
we would love to see you!**

Sarah's Neighborhood News

homes for sale:	beds	baths	Sq.Ft.	list/sold Price	DOM*	Sale Type
1124 N. Olive	3	1	1396	\$599,900.00	26	Standard
920 N. Louise	2	2	1729	\$750,000.00	2	Standard
homes in escrow:						
916 N. Louise	3	2	1757	\$599,900.00	45	Flip
1528 N. Baker	3	1.5	1646	\$559,000.00	53	Standard
welcome to our new neighbors at:						
1119 N. Lowell	3	1	1456	\$579,000.00	114	Standard
1407 N. Westwood	4	2	1630	\$650,000.00	29	Standard
915 N. Lowell	2	2	1254	\$595,000.00	7	Standard
1417 N. Towner	2	2	1520	\$605,000.00	31	Standard
1028 N. Olive	3	2	1375	\$635,000.00	5	Standard
913 N. Freeman	4	2	1725	\$660,000.00	10	Flip
1502 N. Towner'	4	4	2516	\$799,000.00	30	Flip

per MLS and the County Recorder for the period 3-25-2017 to 6-28-2017 * = days on market

HOPING ALL OF YOU ARE ENJOYING THE SUMMER SEASON THIS YEAR!

With all the rain we had this winter, the yards are looking especially colorful and green, and more amazing is that the trees are looking healthy and many of them in bloom. As I walk the neighborhood, it is so fun to see many neighbors have spruced up their flower beds or painted their home and/or trim with bright colors, giving Washington Square a very festive "spirit."

Wanting to say goodbye to Jacques and Wendy Tobiska, who have moved to Colorado. The Tobiskas lived at 1028 N. Olive for over 36 years, where they raised their two sons. Both Jacques and Wendy are musicians, giving private lessons and working at OCHSA. Son Joey still lives in WS with his wife Olivia and two babies on 16th St. Son Jackson lives in Orange. Wishing this awesome couple the best on their new adventure in the beautiful state of Colorado, only a short plane ride away...

Welcome to James Glasgow and Larisa Hood, who have moved into 1417 N. Towner. They sold their home in Fountain Valley and are excited to be part of our unique community. Both are teachers for the Irvine School District with James teaching History and Larisa teaching English.

In case you have heard of Reverse Mortgages, but aren't sure what they are, I offer you a simplified lesson: If you are 62 or older, you may be eligible for this FHA (government insured) loan. What a reverse mortgage does is allows seniors to remain in their home without ever making a payment. Or perhaps your family is all grown up, you're thinking of downsizing and you're on a small fixed income. It allows you to purchase a new home with part of the equity from the sale of your current home and never have to make another house payment for the rest of your life. This way you can enjoy your golden years without the stress of payments and perhaps have extra money to go on some vacations you've been waiting to take. A reverse mortgage may not be for everyone, but it is a legitimate loan and something to look into if you're thinking of retiring. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Congratulations to the winners of my Mother's Day and Father's Day drawings, Patricia de Felice of Rosewood and Rob Smaw of Olive!

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Bring your best recipe!

15 great Washington Square chili cooks needed. Sign up to compete now at www.washington-square.org by July 15th. The \$20 PayPal entry fee will be refunded when you bring your pre-cooked chili by 5:45PM to the cook-off in a crock pot.

Make 6 to 8 quarts for tasting. You'll get free admission along with one other family member and the chance to win a \$100 Chevron gas card, a trophy and bragging rights to the best chili in the Square! Judging will be "people's choice". Call Dave Dethloff (714)721-8124 with questions.



-  Chili samples plus cornbread and fixins, veggies, chips & salsa, fruit.
-  Plenty of beer, soda and water
-  This is a 21 and over event.
-  Like our Wine Walk, we have to limit the number of guests to 75.
-  Get your tickets now at washington-square.org or bring a check to Dave Dethloff 1016 N. Westwood by July 15th.
-  Volunteers needed for setup and tear-down, call Dave at 714 721-8124 to join in.

Whazzup?

in Downtown Santa Ana

What's going on in Downtown Santa Ana?

-- By Wendy Boelter

NEW PLACES TO CHECK OUT:

Wingman Kitchen

201 E 4th Street

Santa Ana, CA 92701

There is a new fried chicken place in the 4th Street Market-WINGMAN! Offering sandwiches and salads featuring crispy skinned chicken, loaded fries, and wings among other things.

The mastermind behind the project, Kevin Lim, is excited to show off WINGMAN's unique, mouth-watering menu, and is thrilled to be partnering up with Kevin Bobby Nguyen and the entire team behind Blueprint Valor to bring it all to life.



WINGMAN is a contemporary collection of classic and new poultry dishes specializing in American Fried Chicken using a variety of spices. Their unique chicken sandwiches, flavorful wings, loaded fries, and other creations are already causing buzz amongst the Orange County foodies and is finger-lickin' good!

Red Envelope

201 E 4th St

Santa Ana, CA 92701

A couple of doors over from WINGMAN is another newcomer to the 4th Street Market- Red Envelope—formerly Sit Low Pho. Chef Michael Pham's take on Vietnamese leans towards modern comfort food.

What's popular on Red Envelope's menu? For starters, the Shaken Beef Nachos! Another menu favorite is the smoky pho, which almost literally jumps out at you with its sizable beef bone. Other menu items: spring rolls with shrimp or chicken that incorporate beautiful edible flowers, a juicy shaken beef cheese melt, Vietnamese-nachos, and more! Are you hungry yet?

THINGS TO DO:

Downtown Santa Ana Art Walk

The DTSA Art Walk in the Artist Village launched in 1999 and since then has inspired many other cities in Orange County to create their own unique art walk. The once a month event covers all of Downtown from The East End at French & 4th Street to The West End at Birch & 4th Street with the Artist Village in the middle at Broadway & 2nd Street.

You will find great live music no matter what part of Downtown you find yourself in. On the 2nd Street promenade in the Artist Village you will find art vendors, live music, dance performance and cooking demos. The outdoor plaza on 4th & French you will find live local bands playing throughout the night.

Downtown Santa Ana has over 40 galleries that are open during the artwalk! A map of the downtown galleries and events going on is available online via the Downtown Santa Ana Facebook page and/or you can pick up a hard copy of the map at the artwalk.

The DTSA Art Walk is the 1st Saturday of every month, 6:00-10:00pm. Admission is free.

DTSA Farmers' Market

Voted Orange County's Best Farmers' Market 2015, by OC Weekly's Best of, reader's choice poll! The DTSA Farmers' Market is a family-friendly market with a wide variety of fresh fruits & vegetables, organic honey, home-made gumbo, artisan breads, handmade soaps, iced coffee, fresh cut flowers, nuts, gluten free products, hummus, salsa and eggs. There is live music, food trucks and booths with free educational information.

The DTSA Farmer's Market is open every Sunday, 10am-2pm located in the Artist Village on the 2nd Street Promenade.

DID YOU KNOW?

FREE DTSA Lunch Trolley! It runs every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11:30am-1:30pm. Hop on and off free of charge - it's easy!

Trolley Stops & Pick-Up Locations: OC Courthouse, City Hall, 4th Street/ Birch, 3rd Street/Sycamore, 5th Street/Bush. To get real-time updates of the trolley's location: www.dtsatrolley.com or follow dtsatrolley on Twitter.





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The Path to Adventure

by Lubna Debbini

My husband and I have always enjoyed nature, hiking, and adventure. Our esteemed neighbor Susan van der Roest took notice and mentioned a class her husband and two sons had taken years ago. She raved about the skills they acquired, the adventures they had, and the memories they made together. I thought, "Say no more," and took to the internet. A few clicks on some pages, and we were promptly registered for the Sierra Club's Wilderness Travel Course (WTC).

The ten-week course began in January, and was held on Tuesday nights at the Calvary Church in Tustin. I still remember the first night of class when we met the all-volunteer staff and the other students who would soon be our good friends. The enthusiasm and energy in the room was palpable. We received our workbooks, compasses, and a schedule for upcoming trips.

In the proceeding weeks, we learned how to be safe and comfortable in the backcountry, how to scramble on rocks, how to navigate in the wilderness using topographic maps and a compass, how to survive snow camp, and how to identify avalanche conditions. We also acquired skills in planning our own trips, buying proper equipment, and addressing first aid issues in the wilderness. Most importantly, we went on some incredibly fun outings and hikes and had great conversations with amazing people.

Once the ten-week class is over, the real adventure begins and students are invited to join staff-led experience trips backpacking to dozens of locations throughout southern California and the Sierra Nevada. These experience trips are a fantastic way to continue the learning curve and put recently acquired skills to use.

If you're ready to realize your potential and reach new heights, consider joining the 2018 WTC class. Registration opens July 15 and space is limited therefore sells out quickly. Visit www.wildernesstravelcourse.org to learn more about the program.



San Jacinto summit 10,834'. Author Lubna is seated, husband Victor Gomez is behind the sign in black

HOUSEHOLD SUMMER HINTS

by Tom Lutz

- ✂ **BANANARAMA**- Pull bananas apart before displaying them in your fruit bowl. If you leave them connected at the stem, they'll ripen faster and go brown quicker. Who knew?!
- ✂ **FLEXIBLE VACUUM** - To suck up hard-to-reach gunk under your fridge, or behind a bookshelf, insert an empty paper towel roll into the end of your vacuum cleaner and bend, or flatten it, to squeeze into these difficult spots.
- ✂ **BUYING BELL PEPPERS** - We're not sure why, but a bell pepper with three bumps on the bottom is sweeter than one with four. Oh, but four bumps make for a crunchier, firmer pepper, so you should weigh up crunch vs. sweet when picking out your pepper!
- ✂ **FEND OFF WEEDS** - Instead of tossing your daily rag in the recycling bin, use the newspaper as mulch and deter noxious weeds. Simply wet the sheets and put the layers around your plants and garden beds, covering with soil as you go. The weeds won't be able to get through the wet newspaper layers
- ✂ **SO CHEEZY** - Wrap cheese chunks in aluminum foil and store in the fridge to keep your cheddar fresher for longer and to keep mold out.
- ✂ **SKEETER DADDLE** - If you have the kind of blood that attracts mosquitoes like a moth to a flame, then listen up. To keep the pesky blood suckers at bay, place a fabric softener dryer sheet in your pocket. Mosquitoes are repelled by the scent and you'll smell like summer breeze all night!
- ✂ **ANTS BE GONE** - It may sound cruel, but if you have an ant problem, desperate times call for desperate measures. Put small piles of polenta where you see ants and they'll gobble it up, return 'home' and won't be able to digest it. Your ant problem (and the ants) will soon be dead.
- ✂ **LEFT OVER PIZZA**- To reheat a pizza so that the crust is out-of-the-oven crisp, heat your leftover slices in a fry pan on low-medium heat on the stove until warm and wave goodbye to the days of soggy microwave pizza.
- ✂ **GARLIC POWER**- Add garlic immediately to a recipe if you want a subtle taste and towards the end to blast it with flavor.-- Have a great Summer!!

Your WSNA 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 Karen Blue Wevers	(949)295-4979
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 Ivy Poggi	(925)354-2214
Area 11 Freeman North of Washington Margaret Klase	972-8951
Area 12 Freeman South of Washington Jason & Elise Athas	270-4654
Area 13 Lowell South of Washington Carina Franck-Pantone	675-3653
Area 14 Lowell North of Washington Laurella Stearns	542-0219
Area 15 Olive North of Washington Adriane Givant	264-9200
Area 16 Olive South of Washington Connie Major	547-7404
Area 17 Bomo Koral Tom Erwine	543-5802
Area 18 Washington St. Kurt & Jen Preston	547-4895
Area 19 10th between Westwood and Baker Cheryl Yarnall	542-7512
Area 20 Flower St. between Wash. and 15th Delilah Mendez	725-6357
Area 21 Flower St. between 10th and Wash Maco Long	(949)387-4446
Area 22 Flower St. between Civic Center and 10th Jose Palcacios	835-0980

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Washington Square Resident's Businesses

Accounting/tax prep.	Alex Schneider	364-5173
Babysitting	Emma Cano	351-2105
Keys & Locksmith	Ivan Rivera	953-6720
Electrical Contractor	Andrew Nunez	782-4740
Plumber/Rooter Service	Saul, Action Rooter	751-5173
Realtor	Sarah Covarrubias	928-1303
Home/Life Insurance	Brandie Nava	200-5831
Audio-Video Production	David Jirik	545-0222
DoTERRA Wellness	Kathleen Frailey	(562)889-6520
State Farm Insurance	Monica Martinez Drevon	966-2679
Copywriting/Proofreading	Michael Mello	948-0677
Decorative Ironwork	Marco Coronado	852-1363
Flooring, floor repairs	Tuzos Flooring	720-7793
Computer Specialist	Randy Simons	423-0810
Personal Injury Attorney	Moses Yneges	591-0661
Stella & Dot rep	Jennifer Rivera	697-6025
Landscape Maintenance	Jeff McKee	721-3897
Graphics & Signage	Kirsten Sketch	721-8795
Avon Representative	Hilda Kaneko	925-2300
Pet Groomer/Sitter	Aurora Garcia	858-2768
Realtor	Christina Moreno	425-2311
DJ Service	Arnie Ruiz	287-3534
Trombone Instructor	Michael Briones	401-4018
Wine Club/Skin Care	Yolanda Valdivia	317-4152
Origami Owl Ind. Designer	Jennifer Begen	606-0830
Wedding Planner	Christin Wilson	337-2903
Prof. Photographer	Ricardo Barrera	715-1747
Arbonne Consultant	Gloria Chavez	280-5723
Notary/Loan Signing Agt.	Sasha Lopez	496-7969
Hardwood floors	Chris Manning	(949)678-0435
Mortgages/Loan officer	Victor Gallardo	697-7564
Farmers Insurance	Gonzalo Guzman	669-3930
Avon Representative	Maria Guzman	904-1973
Commercial Real Estate	Mike Di Peppino	318-9684
Crocheted Beanies	Lubna Debbini	457-0237
Business Lawyer	Ashley Bolduc	788-8900
Notary Public	Mike Silva	317-3087
Native Nursery	Reginald Durant	509-4787
Financial Planner	Ariel Agrazsanchez	317-5265
Math Tutor grades 7-12	Cristina Agrazsanchez	402-7271

These free listings promote business and services provided by Washington Square residents to inform you of opportunities to patronize your neighbors. All numbers are (714) unless listed otherwise.



They put in a variety of colorful and drought tolerant plants around the house.

Rosalia says this is what she envisioned....a place where you know your neighbors and they become your friends and everyone watches out for each other.

They now have two small boys and look forward to raising them in this neighborhood where they have found a true home of their own. Moses and Rosalia are very happy to have found it in Washington Square.



Moses receiving the MBY award at Com-Link meeting 6-22. (L to R) Avelino Valencia of Assemblymember Tom Daly's office; Augustine Han of State Senator Janet Nguyen's office, Moses, Santa Ana City Councilmember Juan Villegas; Claudio Gallegos of Congressman Lou Correa's office, Peter Katz, Com-Link President.

Call for Creative Volunteers!

Your neighborhood needs your help! We'd like to get some of our newer neighbors involved with WSNA activities and services. Specifically, we'd like to bring some new talent into production of our newsletter, flyers and website. If you're a budding photographer, graphic designer, web designer or Adobe In-Design master, we'd like to talk to you. The newsletter is published four times a year, just before our General Meetings. We start on each quarter's issue about a month in advance. If you've been wondering how to get involved with this great neighborhood, this might be the way to find your voice. Email David Jirik newsletter@washington-square.org to learn more.



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