



# Neighborhood News

*Great Neighbors, Great Neighborhood.*

July 2011

## 2011 Calendar of Events

- Thursday July 7th** WSNA Board Meeting 7PM
- Thursday July 15th** Summer General Meeting 1420 N. Towner
- Thursday August 4th** WSNA Board Meeting 7PM
- Saturday August 6th** Free Movie Night at Dusk 16th Street cul de sac
- Thursday September 1st** WSNA Board Meeting 7PM
- Saturday September 24th** WSNA Fall Concert
- Thursday October 6th** WSNA Board Meeting 7PM
- Thursday October 13th** Fall General Meeting
- Saturday October 15th** Fall Neighborhood Clean Up
- Thursday November 3rd** WSNA Board Meeting 7PM
- Thursday December 1st** WSNA Board Meeting 7PM
- Sunday December 11th** WSNA Holiday Party

Santa Ana, California

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Dear WSNA Neighbors,

Summer is upon us and the weather is starting to warm up. Many of you are planning your summer vacations and will be out of town for a few days. I advise you to inform your friendly neighbors so that they can help take care of your property while you are away and keep an eye on the security of your home. You don't want to return only to find out that the moving company has been to your home!

I enthusiastically want to inform you that our 10th annual Wine Walk was a resounding success. In fact it was the highest revenue generating Wine Walk in our history. Thanks to all who were involved in putting on this great event. Our next neighborhood events include Movie Night on August 6th at the cul-de-sac at Towner and 16th. This is followed by the ever popular WSNA Fall Concert on September 24th at the corner of Lowell and 15th Streets. I urge you to take advantage of these neighborhood events and get to know your neighbors in a fun, friendly atmosphere. As always, the WSNA Board seeks volunteers to help with these and other fun events.

These nice long summer days allow for a variety of home improvement projects such as refinishing your hardwood floors, a fresh coat of paint, or perhaps a new landscape. As I walk through the neighborhood, it is nice to see the fine work that many of you have done to beautify your homes. Thanks to all of you for improving your homes and thus helping increase the property values in the neighborhood.

There is, however, something that can greatly threaten our neighborhood property values as well as our standard of living--a move by Chivas USA to Santa Ana Stadium. Apparently, there have been private discussions between City officials and Chivas USA representatives for some time on this potential move. But, up to now, no public hearings or meetings have been held to inform those of us who will be greatly affected. You can imagine the terrible traffic, noise, trash, and other problems that a major professional team can bring to an adjoining neighborhood.

I will say that I am a big soccer fan and have attended many Major League Soccer games. There may be a place in Santa Ana for Chivas USA, just not at Santa Ana Stadium. Not in our neighborhood. If you would like more information on this issue, please read the related articles in this newsletter and go to [www.santaanasos.org](http://www.santaanasos.org) for more information, sign the petition and learn how you can get involved.



**Coming up!**

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**July 14**  
**General Meeting**

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**Aug 6**  
**Free Movie Night**  
**in 16th St cul de sac**

*Javier Garcia*

Javier Garcia  
2011 President  
Washington Square Neighborhood Association

Washington Square invites you to

*Be neighborly*

*Graffiti*

There is a new email address to use to report graffiti. The previous telephone number has been disabled and we are now to report via email. Please use [grafitti@SantaAna.org](mailto:grafitti@SantaAna.org) to report in the future.

*Wine Walk Recap*

Two words: Smashing success. One word: Awesome. Maybe another word: Perfect. What more can be said about the 10th annual Wine Walk?

As the fortunate ticket holders lined up to check in at Diane Morter's lovely home, the anticipation of an eventful evening with friends could be felt. Even the neighborhood parrots lined up along the power lines to watch the event unfold.

Congratulations to the Wine Walk Committee for another successful Washington Square Wine Walk event! But, without the generous support from Sam Puzzo, Carol Frank along with the wonderful Orange County Wine Society members, this event would not be the success that it is. Your friendly smiles, your willingness to help, and your in-depth knowledge of the various wines are truly appreciated. As the sold-out crowd cheerfully made their way to the second home graciously hosted by Sharon Portman and Michael Fults, to the home of Karen Blue and Yasmin Wevers, and back to Diane Morter's home, I couldn't stop thinking how lucky I was to be in the company of so many wonderful friends who live around me. This is really the essence of Wine Walk; great friends, great wine, great times.

A very special thank you goes to Wendy Boelter and Kathleen Fraley for their willingness to host this event and for helping to bring Wine Walk to Westwood Street. The event sold out early and many deserving residents were unable to attend. Please note that attendance is limited and residents are asked to restrict their party to four persons. If you would like to volunteer or host next year's Wine Walk along with your neighbors, please call Nancy Lutz at 714-836-9110 or email me at [president@washington-square.org](mailto:president@washington-square.org).

Sincerely,  
Javier Garcia

*Progressive Dinner Recap*

Two words: Smashing success.

Sound familiar? It seems that Washington Square knows how to have fun at parties.

We also know how to cook. The potluck contributions were absolutely delicious. The appetizers, salads, entres and desserts were amazing. Thank you for putting forth your best culinary efforts. A good time and good food was had by all.

Thanks so much to the three hosts, the Sams family, the Garcia family and the Poppa family for opening their homes to the marauding, albeit well behaved, hordes of revelers. A special thank you to Diane Morter who provided the delicious wines specially selected for each stop to pair with the dishes offered.

howdy neighbor!

As neighbors depart Washington Square and new families arrive, we want to reach out and welcome our new residents.



We are known for our sense of neighborhood so please offer your new neighbors a smile, a handshake and you may make a new friend.

If you are new to Washington Square, please introduce yourself to your new neighbors. You'll find this is a safe and friendly place to call home.



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@heliotrope-studios.com](mailto:jljirik@heliotrope-studios.com)

## Neighborhood Spotlight: Most Beautiful Yard Award Recipient

### John and Monica Drevon

1323 North Louise Street

The **Most Beautiful Yard Award** is presented annually in June by Com-Link, the Communication Linkage Forum which partners with the City of Santa Ana to enhance our sense of community and positivity. The coveted awards are given to homes with yards that exemplify the hard work and pride exhibited by Santa Ana residents. Not every neighborhood wins in this exacting competition so kudos to our winners, John and Monica Drevon.

Congratulations to Washington Square's own Drevon Family comprised of John, Monica and their two beautiful daughters, Sophia 6, and little Madeleine who is five months old.

The Drevons have lived in Washington Square for three and a half years and were attracted by the character of the homes, the strong neighborhood feeling, and, of course, they fell in love with design of their house.

The landscaping features original brick arches, topiaries, a beckoning bistro set tucked under an arbor, a fountain, well manicured lawn and hedges, and displays of seasonal flowers. Recently added was the "Most Beautiful Yard" sign now proudly displayed in the front.

The contest was created to recognize Santa Ana residents who have improved and maintained the exterior and the landscaping of their homes. The nominees are evaluated on three categories: 1. Maintenance 2. Landscaping 3. Overall general appearance.

You'll find color photos on the website  
at [www.washington-square.org](http://www.washington-square.org).



# Santa Ana Could Lose Eddie West Stadium

## Possible takeover by pro soccer club obliterates all other users

It began as a rumor. The Chivas USA Major League Soccer club is moving to Santa Ana in 2012 with plans to takeover Eddie West Stadium (EWS) at Civic Center and Flower while a new stadium is constructed on what is now Willowick Golf Course.

There have been no public hearings, no public meetings and not even any sort of conversation with more than 15 neighborhood associations who oppose the concept. Neither Santa Ana Unified School District nor Santa Ana College (the most frequent users of EWS) were aware of an impending move and impacts to their programs. Because Chivas has been pursued in secret, there are no official statements, other than the denials and downplay.

Is it true? Here's some information so you can judge for yourself. There are some facts that cannot be overlooked.

**Fact One:** Three years ago in 2008, The Los Angeles Times reported on details that Chivas would relocate to Santa Ana, which Mayor Pulido alluded to in his state of the city address that year, and play on a new stadium at the site of the Willowick Golf Course which is on land owned by the City of Garden Grove.

**Fact Two:** Dan Chmeilewski blogged: "According to a source inside City Hall, Santa Ana is one of the communities Chivas USA

is looking into for a possible relocation and the city's pursuit of the club might actually be more aggressive than Chivas USA's interest in Santa Ana."

**Fact Three:** Mater Dei High School was informed that starting 2012, they no longer have access to Eddie West stadium for their outstanding (Heisman Trophy producing) football program and graduation ceremonies.

**Fact Four:** The Goodwill computer operation on Fairview has been given notice that an unknown portion, possibly all, of their facility will be taken over for a gift store for "a major sports franchise." Did you know that the building was built with state funds?

**Fact Five:** Members of the school board were COMPLETELY UNAWARE of the impending changes in access to Eddie West Stadium and learned about the Chivas deal when the rumor surfaced. Their schools are the most frequent user of EWS for football, sports, graduations and other events.

*So here are five facts. What is your conclusion? The SOS Committee and 15 other neighborhoods think this is a real deal that threatens this neighborhood and will cost us, the taxpayers, in the long run.*

June 21, 2011. Memo from Paul Walters, Interim City Manager: "At present, the City has not engaged in any formal discussions or negotiations with Chivas, USA..."

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# Laura's Neighborhood News

by Laura Tobias Garcia

## homes for sale

## in escrow/pending

## homes sold

	Beds	Baths	Square Feet	List/Sold Price	DOM	Status	Sale Type
1306 N. Flower	3	3	1,393	264,900	61	Active	REO
1011 N. Lowell	2	2	951	327,000	111	Active	Standard/Flip
1017 N. Westwood	4	3	2,190	479,900	13	Active	Standard
1308 N. Louise	2	2	1,475	299,000	164	Back up	Short
1505 N. Baker	3	2	1,741	299,900	623	Back up	Short
1302 N. Baker	3	2	1,358	310,000	51	Back up	Short
1416 N. Olive	3	2	1,382	359,900	7	Back up	Standard
1025 N. Westwood	3	2	1,336	375,000	210	Back up	Short
1321 N. Towner	3	2	1,759	395,000	122	Back up	Short
906 N. Westwood	3	1	1,800	345,000	365+	Pending	Short
924 N. Baker	2	2	1,033	300,000	20	Closed	REO
1408 N. Olive	5	3	1,763	390,000	49	Closed	Standard/Flip
1023 N. Freeman	3	1	1,785	280,000	40	Closed	Short
823 N. Towner	5	2	1,561	305,000	5	Closed	REO
812 N. Louise	3	1	1,300	300,000	32	Closed	Standard/Flip
1421 N. Towner	3	2	1,921	380,000	48	Closed	Standard/Flip
1020 N. Louise	3	2	1,710	395,000	139	Closed	Standard/Flip

I'm sure you've heard of how difficult it is to navigate short sales. These complicated transactions can take months to close. Often, there are many hurdles to leap before the bank gives final approval. Making the process even more frustrating, banks move at a snail's pace and then demand immediate responses when they request information from the seller or buyer. With fewer than three of five closing in California, it's no wonder the housing market has not recovered.

I recently had one where the owner had not made his payment in eight months. I took the listing in Perris, CA. The owner/seller was a previous client and friend. His home was up for auction soon and he really didn't want a foreclosure on his credit report. He asked for help and darn it, I knew it was going to be tough, but I couldn't say "no."

We stopped the sale. Next, I drove out there, studied comparables and priced the property well within market value. We immediately received multiple cash offers and went with the best one. One would think this would entice the lender to move forward quickly. It's much less costly for them to agree to a short sale than to foreclose.

We opened escrow. Both buyer and seller promptly furnished all bank requested information. Next began the wait. Weeks and weeks pass. Finally, we hear a peep. The bank wants more money and counters the buyer. Without delay, the buyer agreed. It appeared that the sale would be approved. The waiting continued with no more peeps.

More weeks pass. Suddenly without a reasonable or logical explanation, the bank informs us they are going to foreclose in a few days. Keep in mind, everything had been signed and agreed to. It wasn't that the seller didn't qualify. The bank offered this explanation: "The mortgage had been delinquent too long and enough was enough." Never mind that all was dependent on them (the bank) to approve the sale.

I advised my client to obtain legal counsel so he hired a real estate attorney. I guess the bank didn't want a lawsuit, so they reversed their decision. Finally, after about six months, we closed escrow and fortunately, this one had a happy ending. Sadly, these are few and far between. If the housing market is going to recover, banks must figure out how to move these transactions along more efficiently.

If you'd like more information on short sales, visit [www.ShortSalesCalifornia.org](http://www.ShortSalesCalifornia.org). This is an excellent resource for agents as well as consumers.

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*Hablo Espanol.*



# Some Reasons to Oppose the Takeover of Our Eddie West Stadium

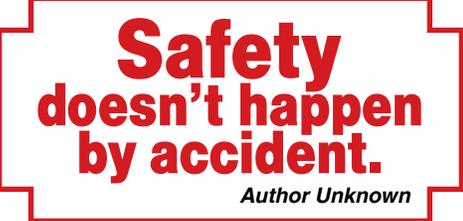
An action committee has been formed and the petition signature drive is underway. The Save Our Stadium (SOS) Committee has also started a website where they will post more information as it comes in. SOS has come up with ten reasons to oppose the possible Chivas USA takeover. You can read more on the website [www.santaanasos.org](http://www.santaanasos.org).

- 1. Puts property values at risk.** With constant noise (announcer, crowds and vuvuzalas), parking hassles, potentially violent post-game crowds; potential new families will think twice before moving to Washington Square.
- 2. Costs taxpayers millions.** MLS estimates the cost to construct a stadium at \$300 million. Where is this cash-strapped city going to find that kind of money? Name sponsorships won't generate that kind of cash. And once built, who covers operating expenses of such a huge enterprise? Us? Really?
- 3. Hurts local sports.** Only Chivas USA will have access to the stadium, no one else. The season is eight months long. That means every program in Santa Ana will have no venue. None. There are no alternatives.
- 4. Creates traffic and the need for traffic enforcement.** Along with traffic comes pollution and more cars mean more enforcement (police officers, cars, dogs, motorcycles) are needed. In addition parking mitigation MUST be strictly monitored or our streets will be event parking. In fact based on the number of spaces available (2040) and the average crowd (14000), cars need to average 7 persons per vehicle to be accommodated in existing parking and that leaves no parking for employees or city workers.
- 5. No due diligence.** There are (1) no independent professional impact studies, nor have there been (2) public hearings--both are egregious, deplorable, possibly criminal oversights.



About two weeks ago a woman was mugged in Floral Park. While on a walk with her family, the thief came up and yanked off

her gold necklace by breaking the chain. Because these nefarious persons are about, here's some



general safety tips and reminders.

Be especially aware of your surroundings at times when you may be less alert and more vulnerable to an attack when you are upset, sick, or if you have been drinking.

Use discretion and caution when taking shortcuts through isolated or unlit areas.

Keep your cell phone assessable and on your person and personal belongings in view while eating, meeting, or shopping.

Whenever you see or hear someone who might be in trouble, your options include running, yelling, confronting, and calling the Police Department at 911

### Residence

Keep doors locked even if you are going to be gone only a few minutes and report suspicious solicitors to the Police Department.

Notify the Police Department of suspicious individuals who appear to be "hanging around."

Install and use locks on your doors and windows.

Keep doors locked day or night whether you are home or not.

Know who is at the door before opening it. Insist on seeing an ID from anyone you do not know.

If someone comes to your door and asks to use your telephone to call for help, offer instead to make the call.

Give your home a "someone is home" look. Put radio, tv and lights on a timer.

Maintain good lighting around entrances.

Leave spare keys with a friend, not in accessible places.

### Self defense

If someone tries to snatch your purse or jewelry, let it go. Most injuries from robberies occur when people resist during purse and jewelry snatches.

If you are attacked, whether you resist and how you resist will depend on your personal resources and your personal values. Give some thought right now to what you would do in various situations that could arise. The more you have thought ahead, the more likely you will be to act in the way you have planned.

In considering your reactions to different situations, keep these three basic rules in mind.

### Trust your instincts.

Don't be afraid to be impolite or make a scene; this is especially important if someone you know threatens or attacks you.

*In any crisis, do your best to remain calm and use your imagination and good judgment; give yourself time to collect yourself and think.*

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## AMIGOS Summer Program

Mondays Starting July 11th, 2011



Our free AMIGOS after-school tutoring program begins its Summer session on Monday, July 11 and meets every Monday through August from 12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Tutoring is from 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. and snacks/program from 2:00 -3:00 p.m.

Many volunteers are needed! If you are available to help or are interested in registering your child, please contact Vanessa Combs at 714-542-7253.

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## Washington Square Neighbors Need to Communicate with Mayor and Council

Your board is committed to action on behalf of Washington Square on the Stadium issue. How do your neighbors feel about the loss of Eddie West Stadium to the citizens of Santa Ana? Below is a letter from Bobi Keenan, Washington Square resident. She composed and sent this to our Councilwoman Claudia Alvarez who also has a home here in Washington Square. Unfortunately, as of our publishing date, there has been no response from the councilwoman's office.

Bobi offers any or all of her well-written verbiage for neighbors who want to lend their voice and support keeping the stadium for use by Santa Ana schools and citizens. Santa Ana SOS urges you to contact the mayor and council if you want to maintain your lifestyle, your neighborhood and your home values.

Send your emails to [MPulido@SantaAna.org](mailto:MPulido@SantaAna.org) and [CAlvarez@SantaAna.org](mailto:CAlvarez@SantaAna.org). A website has been started by the Save Our Stadium committee headed by Co-Chairs Tom Lutz (WSNA VP) and Tim Rush (former WSNA President). Go to [www.santaanasos.org](http://www.santaanasos.org) for the latest information.

Dear Claudia,

I have recently learned that there is some effort to bring a professional soccer team into Eddie West Field and that the plan is to do away with Willowick Golf Course and replace it with a Soccer Stadium.

I am sure as a fellow resident of Washington Square, you are aware of the noise, traffic and litter that are generated when there is a big event at Eddie West Field. This is certainly tolerable when it is due to a community or school event.

However, the much larger crowds that would be drawn into our neighborhood and the surrounding streets on a regular weekly (at least) basis would be absolutely intolerable.

Also, the people attending soccer games are not the same as parents and families that attend highschool and community college functions there. First, there would be a lot more of them. Second, they would not be there for a school, community or civic event and most of them would have no vested interest in the quality of life in our neighborhoods. I believe there would be a need for greatly increased security and police services to protect the attendees as well as the neighbors and neighborhood.

For these reasons, I am very much opposed to having a professional soccer team use Eddie West Field, even on a temporary basis.

In terms of Willowick Golf Course, I think that would be an equally unsuitable place for a professional soccer team. There are many homes adjacent to the course & nearby and the only street to access Willowick now is barely able to handle the relatively low flow of traffic using it. However, if you are there in the area when Spurgeon School lets out, it is complete gridlock. It would be much worse if there were a soccer stadium there.

Though not a golfer myself, the course is beautiful and historic and affordable for the general public. It would be a loss to the City to lose it, even though, as I understand it, it actually belongs to the City of Garden Grove.

I see absolutely no benefit to the City of Santa Ana from having a professional soccer team here. The noise, traffic, security issues, litter are all down-sides. It could not create any meaningful new jobs for our residents.

I think this idea needs to be put firmly and permanently to rest.

I look forward to hearing your comments on this issue.

Sincerely,

bobi keenan  
919 N. Louise Street -Washington Square  
Santa Ana, CA 92703

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# Cinema in the Square

## FREE MOVIE NIGHT

We're Washington Square, not Hollywood, so you won't find a red carpet, searchlight or paparizzi--but there will be plenty of popcorn! So and dress yourselves casually for your **neighborhood-sponsored Movie Night**. The feature will be a delightful animated movie. There will be pre-movie music and **cartoons** for the kids in all of us.

**Where:** Cul-de-sac on 16th Street west of Towner

**When:** Saturday August 6

Twilight--about 8:15 pm

**What:** FREE MOVIE NIGHT

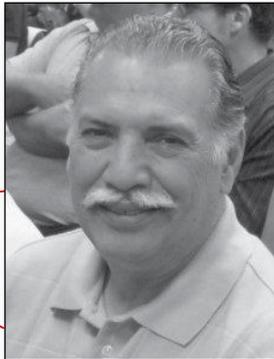
Chairs, screen, projector and sound will be setup.

Nights can get chilly so bring sweaters, blankets.

Free popcorn, drinks for Association members (max 6 per family) or \$1 donation per adult non-member.

### Neighborhood Hero 2011

*Gilbert Melendez*



Gilbert Melendez is truly deserving of this year's neighborhood hero award which is given annually by Com-Link to honor those individuals who have shown commitment and enthusiasm in bettering the quality of life in their neighborhoods.

As Block Representative since 1997, Gil is known as Washington Square's "Chief Problem Solver." Gilbert especially is known for stepping up to help at our neighborhood events. He'll do whatever it takes--ranging from setup, tear down, materials run, and is always solution-driven to get the job done. And in between setup and teardown, he enjoys the party.

WSNA appreciates his commitment through the years and admires his always positive outlook. We consider him an exemplary neighbor and extraordinary human being. Congratulations Gil. You deserve it.



*Now Taking Nominations*

*We are a neighborhood of people and we like to highlight a few neighbors of note every issue. If you have a suggestion or if there is an item or news you would like to see in this newsletter, please call 714-543-9079 or email newsletter@washington-square.org. We are always open to suggestions for improvement and new content.*

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# Threatened with Extinction: Willowick Golf Course

Currently Willowick is to be considered for admission in the National Register of Historic Places so here is some background about the golf course that is threatened to be replaced by a professional soccer stadium. Always busy, golfers include Mater Dei's golf team among the regulars.

Located in the heart of Santa Ana, five miles west of Disneyland, Willowick Golf Course is the oldest 18-hole public golf course in Orange County. Offering everything you would expect from an established, successful course, Willowick also has a new 5000 square foot full-service restaurant and bar.

The 18 hole, par 71, 6061 yard course was opened in 1929. The Willowick course rating is 67.7 and it has a slope rating of 110.

Golfers find two sets of tees, grass driving range, three practice putting greens, a pro shop chock-full of products, a PGA Class A professional on staff, and affordable green fees.

Designed by William P. Bell, ASGCA, the Willowick golf course opened in 1929. Lane/Donovan Golf Partners, LLC manages this facility, with Daniel Donovan as the General Manager.

Since opening, the course uses its own private water wells to care for the trees and lawn areas thanks to the aquifers running underground below the land. Naturally the restaurant and clubhouse use purified city water on their premises.

Although the land is owned by the City of Garden Grove, Willowick is considered part of the open space of Santa Ana and It is our understanding that the City counts the golf course as part of its open space and parklands. This,

of course, would be lost if the course is destroyed and a stadium, parking, etc are installed

## About the designer

William P. Bell's architectural career straddled the Golden Age and into the 1940s and '50s, when a boom in demand for new municipal courses allowed him with his son, William F. Bell, to be the most prolific designers in the western United States, 52 in total.

John Harbottle, who refurbished Virginia Country Club in 2002, touts Bell's designs as having "great strategy, deception and variety," with his greatest strength being "distinctive flash bunkering, which includes varied shapes and dramatic edges."

PGA Tour veteran Tom Weiskopf lists Bell as one of his favorite golf course designers, because "excelled in simple, playable, enjoyable, memorable and maintainable golf courses." and Bell's courses remain heavily played and range from private tracks in the Coachella Valley to public layouts such as Torrey Pines and San Clemente Golf Course.

The name Willowick came about as the area was surrounded by willow trees, or so the story goes. The photo below is from 1952.

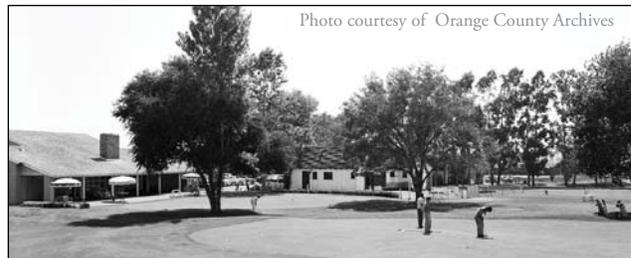


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## Birds of WaSqua--

## the Mourning Dove



Mourning Doves are the most frequently hunted species in North America.

**Size & Shape:** Plump-bodied and long-tailed, with short legs, small bill, and a head that looks particularly small in comparison to the body. The long, pointed tail is unique among North American doves.

**Color Pattern:** Mourning Doves often match their open-country surroundings. They're delicate brown to buffy-tan overall, with black spots on the wings and black-bordered white tips to the tail feathers.

**Behavior:** Mourning Doves fly fast on powerful wingbeats, sometimes making sudden ascents, descents, and dodges, their pointed tails stretching behind them.

**Habitat:** You can see Mourning Doves nearly anywhere except the deep woods. Look for them in lawns, fields, patches of bare ground, or on overhead perches like telephone wires.



The Mourning Dove is known for her soothing sounds. She makes a soft coo with a drawn-out call that sounds like laments.

A graceful, slender-tailed, small-headed dove that's common across the continent. Mourning Doves often perch on telephone wires and forage for seeds on the ground. Their flight is fast and bullet straight. When taking off, their wings make a sharp whistling or whinnying. Their soft, drawn-out calls sound like laments, sounds of mourning.

## 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**  
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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	NEW <a href="mailto:grafitti@SantaAna.org">grafitti@SantaAna.org</a>
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.



# Washington Square

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## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

We welcome new volunteers. 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 Javier and talk about opportunities to serve. We remain committed to WSNA and are just as committed to having fun while making it happen. It's never boring.

### 2011 Officers

<b>President</b>	Javier Garcia	595-8813
<b>Vice-President</b>	Tom Lutz	836-9110
<b>Secretary</b>	Ivana Unger	972-8503
<b>Treasurer</b>	Oscar Garza	349-6089
<b>Board Members:</b>	Jean-Louise Jirik	543-9079
	Jean Poppa	836-6430
	Lynnette Verino	835-0473
	Nancy Lutz	836-9110
	Javier Garcia	595-8813
	<b>Committees Chairs:</b>	
<b>Membership</b>	Laura Garcia	836-8128
<b>Website</b>	David Jirik	543-9079
<b>Newsletter</b>	Jean-Louise Jirik	543-9079
<b>Comm-Link</b>	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	647-9020
Area 6 Westwood North of Washington Rob&Maco Long (949) 387-4446	
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 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 Connie Major	547-7404
Area 17 Washington/Bomo Koral Tom Erwine	543-5802
Area 18 Washington St. Patricia Arroyo and Carlos Silva	

## New Location for Summer Quarterly General Meeting

**Thursday, July 14 at 7 pm  
At 1420 N. Towner Street**

up to date info: [www.washington-square.org](http://www.washington-square.org)

Open and free to all residents, the quarterly Summer meeting for the Washington Square Neighborhood Association (WSNA) is normally held in the library of Wilson School at 7 p.m. but the school is closed.

The Summer meeting will be held in the side yard of Emi and Ernie Romero's beautiful home at 1420 N. Towner. The house is on the southwest corner of Towner and 15th Streets.

The July meeting agenda includes information on parking issues and a discussion of the Stadium Issue presented by Save Our Stadium committee members.

There will be pizza along with soft drinks and water to entice you to attend and mingle with your neighbors. Coincidentally, July 14 is France's Bastille Day, commemorating the storming of the prison.

## The Washington Square Vendor Network

Accountant	<b>Alex Schneider</b>	667-8114
Keys & Locksmith	<b>Ivan Rivera</b>	953-6720
General Contractor	<b>Tom Lutz</b>	835-6130
Handyman	<b>Ken Clark</b>	809-6884
Electrician	<b>Andrew Nunez</b>	782-4740
Realtor	<b>Laura Garcia</b>	883-3314
Realtor	<b>Jason Isley</b>	665-7134
Home Loans & Reverse Mortgages	<b>Brandie Nava</b>	200-5831
Preschool	<b>Denise Davey</b>	543-1813
Professional Audio/Video, Event and Technology	<b>David Jirik</b>	545-0222
Heliotrope Studios	<b>Jean-Louise Jirik</b>	545-0700
All-natural pet food, dogwalking/sitting	<b>Monica Martinez Drevon</b>	966-2679
State Farm Insurance	<b>Photography by Ricardo</b>	
Wedding Photography	<b>Ricardo Barrera</b>	836-4041
Voice data, TV, CATV	<b>Rudy Ramirez</b>	863-9335
Yard flags	<b>Rebecca Ortiz</b>	835-5720
Decorative Ironwork	<b>Marco Coronado</b>	852-1363
Flooring, floor repairs	<b>Tuzos Flooring</b>	720-7793
Piano Instructor	<b>Bethany Campbell</b>	<b>585-1036</b>

We promote business and services provided by Washington Square residents and any owner of a local business may be included. This list will be published in every newsletter as a way to inform you of the opportunity to patronize your own neighbors.