

# Neighborhood News

Real Neighbors, Real Neighborhood

March 2011

#### 2011 Calendar of Events

Wednesday April 6th WSNA Board Meeting 7PM

Thursday April 14th WSNA General Meeting Wilson School 7PM

Saturday April 16th WSNA Spring Clean Up 9am

Saturday, April 30th Volunteer and Neighborhood Progressive Dinner

Wednesday May 4th WSNA Board Meeting 7PM

Saturday May 21st WSNA Wine Walk (date to be confirmed)

Wednesday June 1st WSNA Board Meeting 7PM

Wednesday July 6th WSNA Board Meeting 7PM

Thursday July 14th WSNA Summer General Meeting, Location TBD

Wednesday August 3rd WSNA Board Meeting 7PM

Saturday August 6th WSNA Movie Night at Dusk 16th Street cul de sac

Wednesday September 7th WSNA Board Meeting 7PM

Saturday September 24th WSNA Fall Concert

Wednesday October 5th WSNA Board Meeting 7PM

> Thursday October 13th, Fall General Meeting

Saturday October 15th, 2011 Fall Neighborhood Clean Up

Wednesday November 2rd WSNA Board Meeting 7PM

Wednesday December 7th WSNA Board Meeting 7PM

Sunday December 11 2011 WSNA Holiday Party

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

# Welcome WSNA's new president, Javier Garcia



Dear Neighbor,

My name is Javier Garcia and I'm proud to serve as the new President of Washington Square for the coming year. I was born and raised in Santa Ana. I graduated from California State University Long Beach with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. I work as a Manager at the Metropolitan Water District, where I have been for 20 years.

My wife, Laura and I have lived in the neighborhood since '92, where we raised our two sons. We were initially attracted because of the unique architecture, the custom built homes, and the tree lined streets. Our initial plan was to buy our starter home and upgrade to another neighborhood or city, but once we felt the sense of community and pride in ownership, we couldn't imagine leaving.

Through the years, I have seen many positive and welcome changes in Washington Square.; to mitigate traffic problems, several streets became cul-de-sacs. To improve our cleanliness and appearance, permanent trash cans were installed on the main arterial streets. To foster a sense of pride and community, beautiful updated street signs were installed. Additionally, there are various activities that make this an outstanding and fun place to live including a movie night in the summer, fall concerts, an annual wine walk, and neighborhood clean-up events, to name a few.

None of this would be possible without the diligence and commitment of your all-volunteer neighborhood association. One of my reasons for taking on this position is because I want to continue the previous boards' efforts. I felt it was time to help.

My goals for this coming

#### Coming up!

Apr 14
General Meeting

Apr 16 Neighborhood Cleanup Day year are to increase membership and neighborhood involvement. The neighborhood association is almost entirely funded by member donations. Another is to draw more volunteerism at our events and on the board. Ultimately, with our collective efforts, we will maintain the charm as well as community spirit. As we go into this year, I hope you will join me.

Lavier Karcia
Javier Garcia
2011 President

Washington Square Neighborhood Association

#### Washington Square invites you to

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You've been waiting for more months than you can remember to help on the next neighborhood cleanup, right? Yes, we believe you and that you've recruited your family and find you've you and that you've recruited you've recruit that you've recruited your family and friends to help. So here's the info: meet at the home of the Garcias (1012 N Towner) with everybody

else and from there teams will fan out with equipment. We have a power washer, rags, soap, graffiti remover, you name it and it will be standing by for your use. You donate your energy for a couple of hours and enjoy the comradarie and relaxation after it's all done.

Wine Walk Dilema

Washington Square Neighborhood Association is known for our parties, and the Wine Walk is a yearly favorite thanks to Sam Puzzo and his wife Carol who coordinate with the Orange County Wine Society to make it all happen. This year, the Wine Walk has been impacted by California's budget crises. Who knew. Our event is always

after the OC Fair where Sam scores the wine and volunteers. It seems this year, with the fairgrounds being taken over by the state and all, things are totallly up in the air over there. So we are too. According to event Chair, Nancy Lutz, there WILL be a Wine Walk, we just don't know when yet. Rumor has it the date may stay the same. Rest assured, we will let you know when it's set.

And speaking of the Wine Walk, we can't tell you empatically enough to rsvp as soon as possible after you get your invitation. It's always a limited attendance, sold-out event and we hate turning people away which we have had to do for two years now. So RSVP darnit!

Annual Holday Party

Washington Square's Annual Santafest has come and gone for another year. The tenth annual event was a great success thanks to Tim Rush, our semi-professional Santa and his lovely elf Sally who generously donated their time and visages to the event. Santa and Sally arrived on a sparkling red fire truck cour-

tesy of the Santa Ana Fire Department. Dozens of kids and adults were assembled in the yard of the Vasquez' home on Washington for the arrival. David Jirik set up his photogrphy studio and cranked out over a hundred photos of residents with Santa as the crowd munched on holiday cookies and treats. If you couldn't make it and want to see your good-looking neighbors, the photos are posted on www.washington-square.org.



## 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

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#### **Neighborhood Spotlight:**

### **Alan Anderson Award Recipient**

### Angie and Angel Saucedo

1301 North Freeman Street



The Alan Anderson Award is presented by the Washington Square Neighborhood Association to recognize residents who take great pride in their homes. The award is given to a home that exemplifies the preservation, landscaping and maintenance values that Alan recognized and loved in Washington Square.

The current winner is the home at 1301 North Freeman belonging to **Angie and Angel Saucedo** who have been upgrading, remodeling and beautifing their home since they moved here.

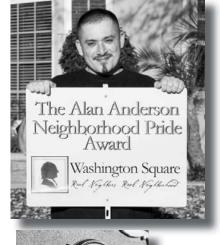
Along the perimeter is the new stucco, slate and iron fence which defines the yard and hugs the sidewalk. Although beautiful, the fence is more than just decorative. It gives parents Angel and Angie peace of mind as the fence helps keep the Saucedo youngsters and pets safely confined and away from traffic while playing outside in the yard.

Behind the fence are the lush new lawns, wide walkways and new planters. Gracefully curving lines of the planters and walkways balance and echo the generous curves of the custom ironwork in the fence.

Proud Washington Square residents for four years, the Saucedo family exemplifies the spirit of Washington Square and have worked hard and smart to make this a better place to raise their growing family.

at www.washington-square.org.

You'll find additional photos on the website



Congratulations Angie and Angel on a job well done!

Cultivating the Urban Garden and Urban Gardeners

# Are you eating all your vegetables?



Some neighborhood gardeners got to talking and came up with a great idea. As more and more neighbors are planting backyard gardens, that means more and more neighbors may have more and more garden bounty than they can consume, right?

So why not share? Victor Gomez and Lubna Debbini on Towner have offered to host a series of get-togethers where gardeners share coffee and their bounty.

It will work like this: you bring your extra produce, put it out on a table, then go around helping yourself to other neighbors garden overproduction.

Couldn't' be easier.

If this idea appeals to you and you believe you may have too many tomatos, or basil, or cucumbers, you bring it and "trade" for lettuce, radishes, or whatever someone else has brought.

This year is expected to be a great one for gardens and sharing is a good thing. Please sign up for more information by emailing gardengoodies@washington-square.org.





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### Laura's Neighborhood News

#### by Laura Tobias Garcia

homes for sale								
		Beds	Baths	Square Feet	List/Sold Price	DOM	Status	Sale Type
	1011 N. Lowell	2	2	951	327,000	20	Active	Standard/Flip
	1115 W. 16th	5	4	1,910	420,000	110	Active	Short Sale
in escrow/pending								
	1408 N. Olive	5	2	1,763	374,900	131	Back up	Standard
	1505 N. Baker	3	2	1,741	299,900	532	Back up	Short Sale
	1002 N. Freeman	4	2	1,875	350,000	47	Back up	Short Sale
	1025 N. Westwood	3	2	1,336	375,000	167	Back up	Short Sale
	1321 N. Towner	3	2	1,759	395,000	31	Back up	Short Sale
	1020 N. Louise	3	2	1,710	429,000	65	Back up	Standard
	906 Westwood	3	1	1,800	275,000	10	Pending	Short Sale
	1421 N. Towner	3	2	1,921	400,000	48	Pending	Standard
homes sold								
	1011 N. Lowell	2	2	1,225	242,658	8	Closed	Short Sale
	812 N. Louise	3	1	1,100	229,000	196	Closed	Short Sale
	1133 W. Washington	2	1	1,200	290,000	73	Closed	Short Sale

I recently had a call from some residents here in our neighborhood. They were considering selling their home, which they'd purchased only two years ago. After doing an extensive market analysis, I estimated that if they sold the home, it would sell for nearly the same price they paid for it. At least they weren't under. Were they able to make their payment comfortably? Or, was it the case that they couldn't and were in danger of losing the home to foreclosure? Thank goodness the answer was the previous case. I shared with them what those of us in the industry are expecting, mainly that real estate prices are expected to rebound this year. My advice was to hold on and they are going to.

355,000

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108

So, this is what the The National Association of Realtors is forecasting. After falling 4.8% in 2010, sales of existing homes will rise approximately 8% for this year and another 4.5% in 2012. Sales of new single-family homes are expected to recover faster than existing homes, from a 15.5% drop last year to 17.7% for 2011, to 2.4% in 2012. Mortgage rates are expected to average 5.1% this year for a 30-year-fixed, up from 4.7% in 2010 and rise to 5.9% in 2012.

The perfect storm is about to come to an end. If you are waiting to buy, don't.

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### Laura Tobias Garcia

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# Helpful suggestions for you and the planet



# The Value of Trees Here are some statistics on just how important trees are in a neighborhood

"The net cooling effect of a young, healthy tree is equivalent to ten room-size air conditioners operating 20 hours a day." —U.S. Department of Agriculture

"Landscaping can reduce air conditioning costs by up to 50 percent, by shading the windows and walls of a home." —American Public Power Association

"A mature tree can often have an appraised value of between \$1,000 and \$10,000." —Council of Tree and Landscape Appraisers

"In one study, 83% of realtors believe that mature trees have a 'strong or moderate impact' on the salability of homes listed for under \$150,000; on homes over \$250,000, this perception increases to 98%." —Arbor National Mortgage & American Forests

"Landscaping, especially with trees, can increase property values as much as 20 percent." —Management Information Services/ICMA

#### Celebrate Easter Sunday with us!

April 24th, 2011

600 N. Main St. Santa Ana, CA 92701

8:30 a.m. Home-Made Breakfast Delicious food made by our church members available for a suggested \$3 donation.

10:00 a.m. Bilingual (English/Spanish) Service Celebrate Christ's resurrection with a brief Easter message and special music from our talented Sanctuary Choir.

11:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt All children up to 5th grade are welcome to search for eggs on the Old Orange County Courthouse lawn.

Also, mark your calendars now to join us for Vacation Bible School at the end of June! Our VBS consists of a week of evening events for all children from 1st-6th grade including Bible lessons, games, dinner and more!

For more information on these and other events, contact the church office at 714-363-6897 or by email at Christina@fpcsa.com

First Presbyterian Church of Santa Ana

# Keep it green and keep YOUR green

Tree species for our neighborhood

The city of Santa Ana was first recognized as a Tree City USA in 1998. The Tree City USA is an annual, renewable designation that means the city has:

- \* Established a Tree Board—The Environmental Transportation Advisory Committee, made up of council appointees who provide oversight on tree planting programs.
- \* Established a Tree Care Ordinance—In 1998, the City adopted its Tree Care Ordinance which provides guidelines for maintaining a healthy urban forest.
  - \* Celebrated Arbor Day annually.
- \* Established a Community Forestry Program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita.

The tree program is crucial to the look, feel, and health of our community. The city spends 2.6 million dollars per year on its tree programs. This includes purchasing, planting and maintaining all city owned trees. Included in this amount is \$250,000 per year spent for repairing sidewalk damage caused by tree roots. Twelve employees in the tree section keep our urban forest of 60,000 trees healthy and attractive. Tree planting is typically scheduled in the fall months to provide trees the optimal weather for successful growth.

Here's a list of trees the city has defined for future plantings of city owned trees,. If you are considering planting a tree or two, here's a partial guide to species that can survive in our neighborhood.

African Sumac **Deodar Cedar** Alamo Sycamore **Fern Pine** Arizona Ash Firewheel Tree **Australian Willow** Golden Rain tree **Bottle Tree** Holly Oak **Brisbane Box** Jacaranda California Pepper Tree Lavender Bloom California Sycamore Lemon Bottlebrush **London Plane Sycamore** Camphor **Canary Island Pine Magnolia Samuel Summers Cape Chestnut** Modesto Ash **Chanticleer Pear New Zealand Christmas Tree Chinese Elm Peppermint Tree** 

Queen Palm

Raywood Ash

Tipu Tree

**Red Spire Pear** 

Chinese Flame Tree

**Chinese Fringe Tree** 

Coast Live Oak

Crape Myrtle

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With over 15 years of financial advisory experience, John joined Wedbush Securities in 2008 as an independent Financial Consultant.

John graduated from California State University, Fullerton in with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics. In his spare time, John enjoys surfing and karate training. He is an active member of the Santa Ana Kiwanis Club and The Surfrider Foundation. John and his wife Monica have a 4 year old daughter, Sophia.

#### **About Wedbush Securities**

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# Freelies. Fun for Free for Santa Ana Residents

### Enjoy, Relax and Learn at Santa Ana's Great Attractions.

As Santa Ana residents you can receive free admission to various museums and other attractions here. Proof of residency is required so bring your California Driver's License, California Identification Card, or a utility bill with picture ID are valid proofs of residency. Take this opportunity to have a fun-filled day with the whole family!

The Bowers Museum --Free admission first Sunday and third Tuesday of every month, www.bowers.org
Heritage Museum --Free admission first Sunday of each month, www.heritagemuseumoc.org
Discovery Science Center --Free admission first Tuesday of every month, www.discoverycube.org
Santa Ana Zoo at Prentice Park--Free admission third Sunday of the month, max 4 per household,
www.santaanazoo.org

Cal State Fullerton Grand Central Art Center in the Artist Village--Always free. Changing exhibits. www.grandcentralartcenter.com



### Get out your Debit Card or Checkbook...Please.



It's time once again for the Annual WSNA Membership Drive. You should have received Laura's membership letter in the mail by now.

We want to remind you that WSNA relies on your contributions to keep the organization and neighborhood moving. Unlike some other non-profits, we get no funding but your donations and you are only asked once a year. Please remember to send a check, or click the website (www.washington-square.org) to use Paypal. Thank you in advance and remember that WSNA is a 501(c)(3) which means your contributions are tax deductable.

#### Free Baseball Excitement!

Come Out and Get Your Nacho On.

Baseball is the American Pastime and don't you just love Ballpark Food as you're sitting in the bleachers? So come out and cheer for the home team Little League featuring the Washington Square kids and coaches.

Get some fresh air and make some noise for the home team while you enjoy the snacks. All proceeds from the parent-staffed snack bar go to the teams to keep equipment and fields in playing condition.

Now is the time because Santa Ana Northwest Little League is iin season and swinging in full force.

The Major Titans play at nearby Riverview Park (1817 W. 21st Street) and here's their home schedule:

In addition to the Titans, there are three other fields with games going on throughout the day so game-hopping is an option..

#### Titans Schedule

Saturday March 26th, 9am & 2pm Wednesday April 6ht, 6pm Tuesday April 26th, 6pm Tuesday May 10th, 6pm Saturday May 14th, 9am & 2pm

Tuesday May 24th, 6pm



Page 9 Real neighbors live here.

Thank you for your generosity proving once and for all that Washingtons at forward ton Square neighbors are the best! Last quarter we asked you for contributions to support the Dollars for Dictionaries fund drive to purchase dictionaries for Wilson School 4th graders that they can take home.

WSNA pledged matching funds to a max of \$300 and we're happy to report that we antied up and the dictionaries have been distributed. Most Wilson students speak Spanish at home so having a reference dictionary available at home often benefits the whole family in addition to the student.

Dumpster Day Report

by Javier Garcia

The morning was partly cloudy and cool, the dumpsters at their destination, the monitors at their post ... a perfect day for dumpster day!

As Tom Lutz and I patrolled the various locations and we were pleased to observe the friendly monitors helping their neighbors unload their unwanted materials. Thus, a great way to connect with their neighbors.

By midmorning, most of the dumpsters had swallowed more than 3/4 of their capacity. The word on the streets was that the signs posted in the neighborhood earlier in the week really helped to remind the residents for the Saturday morning event.

I wish to thank John Pulice, Josie Martinez, Don Harvey, John McGuiness, Tom Erwine, and Ray Jimenez for doing an outstanding job as monitors. Your willingness to step up and volunteer was greatly appreciated and led to the success of the 2011 dumpster day. You can go to the website to view photos. (www.washington-square.org)

toodbye Velma

We don't usually post obits but Velma Heflin was special. She was Washington Square's Mrs. Santa every Christmas party, as well as the self-appointed queen of helpful neighbors. So much so, she was recognized as a Neighborhood Hero in 2003 by the City. Many of us have benefitted from her efforts and advice. She passed away just a few months shy of her 100th birthday. We'll miss you Velma.

> Velma Lucille Heflin December 31, 1911 - March 5, 2011

#### Zoom zoom?

Listen up people and be honest. How many of us always drive 25 mph down our streets? We're thinking that not very many of us are as careful as we could be. Speeding is becoming a problem, neighbors are complaining, and we're probably all guilty of it at some time or another. After all, this is Southern California, land of the freeways.

So we're asking our homies to be more aware and slow it down driving here in your neighborhood. What you do on the freeways, well, that's up to you but please observe the posted speed limit of 25 mph near home.

You Taking Yaminations

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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# LOOK! New Event

# Ultimate Dinner Party!

## Volunteer and Neighborhood Progressive Dinner. April 30<sup>th</sup>

Celebrate yourself and your neighbors with the first (hopefully annual) progressive potluck dinner. We will be celebrating ourselves for the evening starting with appetizers and salads, moving on (not far) to entrees and side dishes, and finishing at a location devoted solely to desserts. Is your mouth watering yet? Donated cocktails\* and soft beverages will be provided.

Rumor has it there will be a margarita machine involved, plus a new signature Washington Square cocktail, "George's Juice". You MUST rsvp with the number of adults (no kids) in your party and to which location you will be contributing your potluck dish. We will tell you where to start when you RSVP.

Location 1: 6-7 pm Appetizers and Salads TBD

Location 2: 7-8:30 pm Entrees and Side Dishes 1012 N. Towner

Location 3: 8:30-10 pm Decadent Desserts TBD

To join the fun, just RSVP to the celebration. Please call 714-543-9079 by Thursday the 28th to J-L Jirik who is coordinating this event with Javier Garcia. Or email her at newsletter@washington-square.org. And don't forget to put a notation on your calendar or organizer: *First WS Progressive Dinner, 6-10 om, April 30th, Bring* (fill in the blank). This event is not suitable for children. We love them, but can't provide suitable accommodations.

\*Please note: Alcohol is donated, no WSNA funds will be used to purchase alcohol.



### Birds of WaSqua--

### the California Thrasher

You've heard them and you've seen them around. The California Trasher is found only in California and Baja California. Shocking isn't it? They are larger, brown birds who make a distinctive "chuurk" and throaty "quip" sounds and are excellent mimics with a pretty song as well. In fact they have been reported to mimic the songs of such birds as the Northern Flicker, House Finch, Bullocks Oriole, American Robin, and Redtailed Hawk.

To spot one, look for a large, slender bird with dark brown upperparts and paler grey-brown underparts. The face is finely streaked, eyes are dark and bill is very long and down-curved. The throat has a small buff patch. Tail is long with reddish-brown undertail and the sexes are similar looking.

The California Thrasher's preferred habitats include chapparral, foothills, and dense shrubs in gardens or parks. Like us, the California Thrashers live here year round and do not migrate to another climate to avoid harsh conditions. It rarely flies in the open, however, preferring to

keep hidden in dense brush. Therefore while it is common here, it is

The Thrasher's diet consists of insects, spiders, seeds of berries, hazelnuts, weeds and small fruits. It will forage by digging in soil and turning over leaves with its bill and if you want to feed them, they readily eat suet, sunflower seed and nuts.

Thrashers mate for life and are monogamous. Both parents incubate the eggs in a nest made of roots and twigs and lined with finer material. If you happen upon a nest with eggs, there will be two to four eggs that are pale blue with faint light brown spots.



## WSNA Babysitter Referral List

Previously we listed only names and phone numbers but we have a new policy and will include more information so parents have confidence calling the names listed here. If you want to offer your services, please send your info to newsletter@washington-square.org.

#### Lyndsay Taylor

714-675-8100

Lyndsay has completed the Red Cross program and has a child abuse clearance. She is 24 years old and loves children.

#### **Candace Cordova**

714-675-8100

Candace is 16 years old and has experience with infants and young children.

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#### Days to remember

in Washington Square

Trash Day Monday

Street Sweeping Day Tuesday

#### Garage Sale Day

Ist 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)



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834-4211

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Police and Fire Emergency	911
Animal services(barking dogs,etc)	245-8792
City Hall	
Code Enforcement	667-2780
Construction Engineering	565-4044
(Ongoing Street Constructi	
Design Engineering	647-5640
Street Design. Sidewalks	
Fire Dept Non-Emergen-	
cy 542-2315	
Flood Ratings	647-5641
Development Services	647-2791
Street & Utility Permits,	
Water Applications	
Graffiti Hotline 877-5	STOP TAG
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
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Neighborhood Traffic	647-5645
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Traffic Control Plans	647-5605

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Joe Rodriguez is a consummate professional and has a track record of response to us. He brings a depth of knowledge and valuable years of experience in the field, all right here in Santa Ana, and he will do his best to solve your problem. In addition, he is an expert on lawns and lawncare. You can

call him anytime for some reliably on-the-mark advice.



#### **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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Santa Ana CA 92702

#### 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

President	Javier Garcia	595-8813				
<b>Vice-President</b>	Tom Lutz	836-9110				
Secretary	Ivana Unger	972-8503				
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	Jean Poppa	836-6430				
	Lynnette Verino	835-0473				
	Nancy Lutz	836-9110				
	Javier Garcia	595-8813				
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Membership	Laura Garcia	836-8128				
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#### **Block Representatives**

Area I Louise North of Washington Randy & Tracy Simons Area 2 Louise South of Washington	558-4871
Bobi Keenan	953-9516
Area 3 Baker North of Washington Laura Ruiz	568-1660
Area 4 Baker South of Washington John McGuinness Area 5 Rosewood	836-1971
Josie Martinez	647-9020
	9) 387-4446
	on 9) 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 II Freeman North of Washingto Margaret Klase	972-8951
Area 12 Freeman South of Washington Juan & Virginia Bernal	n 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 Delmy Savilla	906-4309
Area 16 Olive South of Washington Connie Major	547-7404
Area 17 Washington/Bomo Koral Tom Erwine Area 18 Washington St.	543-5802 OPEN

### Don't Forget... Your Quarterly General Meetings

#### Thursday, April 14 at 7 pm At Wilson School

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

Open and free to all residents, the quarterly meetings for the Washington Square Neighborhood Association (WSNA) are held in the library of Wilson School at 7 p.m. There will be pizza along with soft drinks and water to entice you to attend and mingle with your neighbors.

The April meeting has a great program featuring presentations from both the police and fire departments. The new Santa Ana Fire Chief, Dave Thomas will speak and representing SAPD will be Commander Ken Gominski.

The school is located on Baker Street. Entrance to the library is on the side facing Baker, just south of 16th Street. You will see the lights and open door.

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# The Washington Square Vendor Network

Alex Schneider	667-8114				
Ivan Rivera	953-6720				
Tom Lutz	835-6130				
Ken Clark	809-6884				
Andrew Nunez	782-4740				
Laura Garcia	883-3314				
Jason Isley	665-7134				
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Brandie Nava	200-583 I				
Denise Davey	543-1813				
Professional Audio/Video, Event and Technology					
e,	545-0222				
Heliotrope Studios <b>David Jirik</b> 545-0222 All-natural pet food, dogwalking/sitting					
Jean-Louise Jirik	545-0700				
Monica Martinez Drevon	966-2679				
Photography by Ricardo					
Ricardo Barrera	836-4041				
Rudy Ramirez	863-9335				
Rebecca Ortiz	835-5720				
Marco Coronado	852-1363				
Tuzos Flooring	720-7793				
Bethany Campbell	585-1036				
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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.