



## 2017 Neighborhood Calendar

### EVENTS

Spring Cleanup	4/15
Wine Walk	5/20
Chili Cookoff	7/22
Movie Night	8/12
Oktoberfest	10/14
Holiday Party	12/10

### GENERAL MEETINGS

Spring Meeting	4/13
Summer Meeting	7/13
Fall Meeting	10/12

### GARAGE SALE WEEKENDS

June 3&4  
Sept. 2&3, Dec. 2&3

## WSNA's New President -- Dave Dethloff



My name is Dave Dethloff & I'm delighted to serve as your new President of Washington Square Neighborhood Association for the next 2 years! I've been a resident of "the square" for 18 years now & together with my wife, Kirsten Sketch, we run a sign company called Kutting Edge Design.

We didn't realize when we moved in what a truly great neighborhood we live in. It took us awhile but we finally started getting involved in some of the many great events this neighborhood has. We began attending the board meetings & Kirsten became the Membership Chairperson while I continued

to sit back & observe while making the occasional suggestion. This past December, Nancy Lutz approached me & asked if I would be interested in becoming President!

My goals are to increase neighborhood involvement & membership, draw more volunteers to our events & board of directors, and add new events to our calendar, including a kid friendly event. We already have our new chili cook-off scheduled for July & are working out the details to make it as successful as our most popular events.

I look forward to meeting many new faces & hearing your suggestions that will continue to make Washington Square a great place to live! Remember, if you see a new neighbor say "hello" & welcome them to the Square!

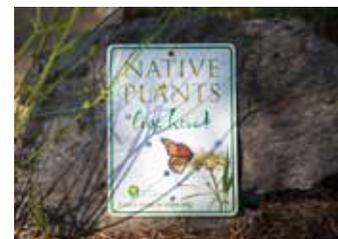
## Ev & Jennifer Mena, 1426 N. Olive - "Our Sweet Olive House"

by Bobi Keenan



When Ev and Jennifer Mena were looking to buy their first home, they wanted a well-built house, constructed in mid 20th Century or before. They were looking for a neighborhood that had a strong sense of community and appreciation for the character of the homes built there. They wanted a place that was safe and friendly and diverse... and it had to fit their budget. They found their dream home in Washington Square two years ago. They were thrilled to find a place that met all their wish-list items and was so well maintained that it needed none of the major upgrades or improvements so common to older homes.

With minimal attention required to the house itself, they were able to turn



their focus to the outside. While neat and nice, the front yard was traditional lawn with well-established tall plants and shrubs in front and to the sides of the house.

Jennifer works for the County Parks Department, managing wilderness areas. She wanted a more dynamic and diverse, landscaping plan, incorporating native, drought tolerant plants. Her area of expertise is knowing the plants that would provide a variety of texture, shapes, colors and would not grow so tall as to obscure the front of the house. "I did keep the climbing rose in front of our veranda because it is just so beautiful....and the gardenia on the side that smells so sweet," said Jennifer.

They also wanted plants that would provide habitat for beneficial creatures like bees and butterflies. Jennifer and Ev designed and reworked the entire front yard with these criteria in mind. Aside from paying someone to remove the lawn, they did the

# Washington Square is Fun!

and a little work  
now and then

## Neighborhood General Meeting Thursday, April 13th, 7PM Wilson School

Join us for the April meeting where we'll have updates on neighborhood issues and events including the City's new granny flat ordinance and the new car wash set to open on 17th Street. Come join us for conversation and camaraderie and don't forget we'll have pizza!

## WSNA 2017-2018 Officers



L to R back row: Secretary Jeff Qualey, President Dave Dethloff, VP Javier Garcia, Treasurer Don Harvey. Front row: VP Bobi Keenan, Treasurer Carlos Araujo

## Dumpster Day!

Our flyer said "Get Up Early and Bring It" and that is how the day went on March 11th. Of the seven dumpsters we had, the first was delivered at 6:30 a.m. and FULL by 8:30 a.m. As always, a successful event in the neighborhood providing an opportunity to part with your "treasures." Tech-Waste reported the collection of 230 items of e-waste! Good bye old TVs, monitors, and other computer parts.

Thanks to the volunteers for giving up their morning to supervise the bins. A good day!



Jeff Qualey hard at work monitoring his bin.

## WSNA Neighborhood Clean Up Saturday, April 15th

Grab your hat, your gloves, perhaps a broom, ladder or step stool, weeder, grass clippers wheel barrow, if you have one, and meet with WSNA neighbors to help tidy up the "Square" on Saturday, April 15th at 9:00 a.m.. We'll enjoy coffee, juice and muffins at 1118 Freeman and take off on our mission. We'll be through by noon so you'll have the rest of the day to finish your taxes and get them in the mail!!! The more volunteers, the faster we will get done. We will work on the entry monuments, clean the cement trash containers, clean any graffiti off street signs (you get the idea!) Hope to see a good number of you on April 15th!

## 15th Annual Wine Walk Saturday, May 20th

WE NEED VOLUNTEER HOMES! Looking for three homes in close proximity to each other to host this year's event so talk with your neighbors and be this year's heroes! We will not be in your home, just driveway or backyard (without a swimming pool!) For further information call Nancy at (714) 836-9110.

The WSNA 2017 Wine Walk has been scheduled for Saturday, May 20th 6:00-8:30 p.m. so mark your calendar. The Wine Walk Committee is working on the location and making plans for another great event. Plan on joining your neighbors in Washington Square and embark upon a progressive evening stroll. Linger and enjoy the three volunteer homes and sample a variety of wines, snacks and sweets. Look for details in an upcoming flyer and remember, we limit attendees to 75 so when you get your flyer, make reservations ASAP as this event sells out each year.

## Concert in the Park Cancelled

Unfortunately, The Concert Committee of North Santa Ana Neighborhoods, of which Washington Square is a member, has decided to discontinue holding its yearly concert due to the fact that the participating neighborhoods have been unable to recruit committee members to assist in the planning process. As you may know, this event is attended by 800 or so folks and becomes labor intensive! With just a few neighborhood committee members remaining due to a variety of circumstances, a successful event appeared unattainable. You can still support the classic rock band, The Answer, by locating their concerts on [www.theanswertoclassicrock.com](http://www.theanswertoclassicrock.com).



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# Washington Square Treasures - Tom Lutz

by Sarah Covarrubias



In 1887 John Jacob Lutz (Sr.), a 17 year old German immigrant, came to America and brought his young family to Santa Ana to join other relatives in 1911.

Fast forward twenty years...his son, John Lutz, Jr. was working at First American Title in the map department and met Vena-Belle Bryant, also working in mapping. They were married and eventually built a 2 bedroom 1 bath home at 912 N. Freeman Street in 1936.

The Lutz's gave birth to Joan, John III, Don, and then on May 22, 1944 they welcomed their bouncing baby boy Tommy Lutz-- that's when all the trouble started in Washington Square! Just imagine this dear little boy running around



Lutz home at 912 Freeman



Baby Tommy

the neighborhood climbing trees, picking walnuts, fruit and throwing playmates, and hitting the



3rd grade Wilson School photo

them at his aiming wrong neighbors' houses or windows. It's hard our community, who has dedicated most and integrity of Washington Square.

2-story building. He recalls that the current Next was Willard Junior high where he he became a budding Thespien and enjoyed Keaton). Tom attended Santa Ana College, their Hall of Fame. He eventually got his

to believe that this little hellion turned out to be one of the pillars of of his adult life to community service and maintaining the beauty

Tom would walk or roller-skate to Wilson Elementary, when it was a Washington Square meeting room was actually the cafeteria at that time. enjoyed sports, wood shop and drafting. It was at Santa Ana High, where "hamming it up" with friends like Diane Hall (better known as Diane graduating in 1965. SAC honored Tom in 2013 by inducting him into BA in Theatre Design with a minor in Art from Cal-State Fullerton.

A basketball game changed Tom's life. He and a few of his friends to go hang out at the pizza joint, where they were joined by a few Nancy Thompson. Tom had taken a fancy to one of Nancy's friends. Nancy was smitten by Tom's humor and good looks, so she devised a way to visit him at work. Nancy and her mother just "had to make a purchase" at VanderMast men's clothing store. And who might she happen to encounter...That's right, Tommy Lutz.

attended a game, and then decided cute gals. One of those gals was named But



Tom and Nancy tie the knot in August, 1969

They dated for 5 years, during which time Tom got drafted, but fortunately scored high on an aptitude test, which landed him in nuclear warhead school. He was assigned to duty in Korea as a nuclear warhead assembler. He returned from military duty in January 1969. Tom and Nancy were married at Santa Ana's First Presbyterian Church that August. In 1972, at Nancy's prodding, they purchased their first (and only) home on Freeman Street, where they still live. Tom says he was nervous about buying a home, especially in his old neighborhood. Could that be because it was up the street from his parents or perhaps worried that the neighbors would remember all his childhood shenanigans? Well, shortly after Tom and Nancy moved in, Tom's parents moved out...OUCH, that stings! All kidding aside, Tom, Nancy, Vena Belle and John always remained close.



ESCORTING HER MAJESTY — Tom Lutz, SAC student, escorts Queen Nancy at the Homecoming game against Fullerton. Presentation of Miss Thompson, and her court highlighted half-time activities. (El Don Photo)

Nancy worked as a legal secretary. Tom was a lighting designer, then eventually got his contractor's license and did construction and insurance repair work. Tom helped found WSNA in 1985. Nancy was responsible for getting its non-profit status. Both Tom and Nancy have both served as president of WSNA.

Tom was a City councilman for eight years and mayor pro-tem. He was a major force in transforming an aging downtown into the Santa Ana Artists Village and led the effort to bring Orange County School of the Arts to Santa Ana from Los Alamitos in 2000.

You will often see Tom riding around in his little construction truck picking up trash, putting out WSNA event signs, dropping off newsletters and just being an all round good/great citizen. Tom and Nancy are still active in WSNA, and enjoy hanging out in their beautiful home, traveling and attending neighborhood functions.

Tom loves to joke around and chat, and he knows quite a lot about Washington Square and Santa Ana—past and present. He is the neighborhood "go to" person for information...quite the treasure. Thank you Tommy Lutz for all you do!



Tom and Nancy at the SAC Hall of Fame ceremony 2013

## City Contact Information

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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
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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

## Spring, a Feast for the Senses

by Lubna Debbini

I love walking out the front door this time of year. The smell of citrus blossoms and jasmine kiss the crisp morning air. Bright green leaves are sprouting at the tip of every branch and bush. White and pink stone fruit blossoms invite bees to buzz around. Calla Lilies reach for the sky and unfurl in white glory. Spring days are longer but not too hot so it's the perfect season to spend time outside (after you apply sunscreen).

I time my fruit tree fertilizing with the change of the seasons. Some people feed their trees every month but I find quarterly feedings followed by a good soaking is sufficient.

This is also a good time to amend the soil in your garden beds and start thinking about what summer crops to grow. If you're planting from seeds, start them in April so the seedlings will be strong enough to withstand the hot summer days once they arrive.

I've had my sprinklers off most of the winter season thanks to the generous rain but now it's time to turn them back on. It's always a good idea to do a manual test and walk around the garden to make sure you don't have any broken tips, loose hose, or clogged bubblers.



The love and care you give your garden will be returned ten fold. Whenever I step into the garden, I return with a smile on my face and, quite often, some harvest in my hands.

In the next Gardening column, we'll discuss unwanted critters in the garden and ways to mitigate their damage and uninvited visits.



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# Sarah's Neighborhood News

## homes for sale:

	beds	baths	Sq.Ft.	list/sold Price	DOM*	Sale Type
1424 N. FLOWER	4	2	1760	\$550,000.00	13	Standard
913 N. FREEMAN	4	2	1725	\$668,000.00	7	Flip

## homes in escrow:

1119 N. LOWELL	3	1	1456	\$579,000.00	114	Standard
1407 N. WESTWOOD	4	2	1630	\$650,000.00	29	Standard

## welcome to our new neighbors at:

1142 BOMO KORAL	3	1	1235	\$418,000.00	9	Standard
824 N. LOUISE	4	2	1623	\$460,000.00	78	Standard
1605 N. ROSEWOOD	3	1	1183	\$520,000.00	8	Standard
1012 N. WESTWOOD	4	2	1874	\$550,000.00	136	Standard
1615 N. FREEMAN	3	1.5	1760	\$565,000.00	108	Standard
824 N. LOUISE	4	2	1623	\$599,900.00	15	Flip
1414 N. TOWNER	3	2	1693	\$625,000.00	11	Standard

per MLS and the County Recorder for the period 12-19-2016 to 3-24-2017 \* = days on market

## HAVE A GREAT SPRING!

The real estate market is off to a great start this Spring, as it usually is this time of year. The difference is that inventory is low, demand is high. This supply and demand phenomenon is pushing up home prices tremendously. Just a quick recap of what has been happening in the 92703 & 92706 neighborhoods, which encompass Washington Square, using February 2016 vs. February 2017:

Last year there were 73 single family homes for sale in those zip codes; this year February there were 53

Last year the average sales price was \$578,000 and the average price per square foot was \$316; this year the average sales price is \$647,000 at \$389 per square foot. Orange County is faring very similarly, with the average sales price is currently \$814,000 vs \$786,000 in February 2016.

While this past winter home sales were slow in Washington Square, homes are currently "flying off the racks" at amazing prices. It is probably safe to say that a typical 3 or 4 bedroom home in Washington Square is comfortably selling in the \$600s.

Although interest rates are still very low, they have inched up a bit this year. Rates are hovering between 4.125-4.25%. So if you are a seller thinking of selling it's a good time to take advantage of the higher prices; if you're a buyer, rates are still great, and the City of Santa Ana still has first time buyer funds.

Feel free to contact me anytime with questions.



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# COOKING WITH CAROL

## Huli Huli Chicken

Somehow I have become the grill master for the Cooks Caucus of the Orange County Wine Society. Our job is to cook food for some events held at the Fairgrounds for the Society. The best of all is I get to try a lot of new recipes!!! Last year one of the events was a Hawaiian luau and I thought the Huli Huli Chicken was a winner of a recipe. I hope you enjoy this fun recipe.

### Huli Huli Chicken Brine:

1 cup water  
1 cup kosher salt  
1/2 cup sugar  
3 bay leaves  
3 cloves garlic, peeled and smashed  
3 cups ice  
6 to 8 chicken breasts with skin

### Huli Huli Sauce:

1 cup pineapple juice  
1/2 cup ketchup  
1/2 cup soy sauce  
2 tbsp sherry vinegar  
1/2 cup light brown sugar  
2 tsp ground ginger

### Dry Rub:

2 tbsp garlic powder  
2 tablespoons kosher salt  
1 tbsp plus 1 tsp paprika  
1 tbsp cayenne pepper  
1 tbsp onion powder  
1 tsp ground cumin  
Frsh crckd black pepper  
1 lemon, juiced



For the brine: To a small saucepan, add 1 cup water, the salt, sugar, bay leaves and garlic cloves. Bring to a simmer to dissolve the salt and sugar. Once at a simmer, turn off the heat and add the ice. Once the liquid is cool, place into a resealable bag over a bowl and add the chicken to the brine, making sure it is completely submersed. Allow to brine in the fridge from 4 hours to overnight.

For the Huli Huli sauce: In a small sauce pot over medium-low heat, combine the pineapple juice, ketchup, soy sauce and sherry vinegar. Once the liquid simmers, whisk in the brown sugar and ginger. Continue to simmer until the liquid begins to thicken, about 5 minutes. Remove from the heat and let stand (or prepare ahead and refrigerate until ready for use). Once ready for use, reserve about a cup to serve.

For the dry rub: Remove the chicken from the brine and pat dry. Thoroughly mix the garlic powder, salt, paprika, cayenne, onion powder, cumin and some black pepper together in a small bowl. Coat the chicken with the dry rub.

Preheat a grill to medium heat. To grill: open grill flame. Char with the breast side down first, 7 to 8 minutes. Turn once and continue to grill, bone-side down for another 15 minutes. Continue to turn as it cooks so it doesn't burn. Squeeze the lemon juice over the chicken as you turn it. The chicken is done when it is thoroughly browned, the skin is crispy and a digital instant-read thermometer tucked under the breast confirms the internal temperature is 165 degrees F. With a heat-resistant silicone pastry brush, glaze the chicken with the Huli Huli sauce the last 5 minutes. Allow the chicken to rest for 6 to 8 minutes.

To serve: Arrange on a large serving dish alongside the reserved Huli Huli sauce.

*Bon Appetite, Carol Frank*

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*Whazzup?*

# in Downtown Santa Ana

What's going on in Downtown Santa Ana? -- By Wendy Boelter

## DTSA Farmers' Market

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



## New Places To Check Out:

### Lockout Music Studios

501 N. Main Street  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Lockoutmusicstudios.com



I can only think of a few places that are open 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week and I am confident that the majority of them would not welcome a 3am jam session from a local punk rock band. There is such a place that will accommodate that early morning jam - Lockout Music Studios in Downtown Santa Ana, (DTSA)!

Dave Leon, owner of Lockout Music Studios, recently opened his 4th music studio location in DTSA making a total of five locations in Orange County. Dave is no stranger to DTSA. He is one of a handful of local business owners that helped launch the most recent revitalization of downtown with the opening of Yost Theater and the Velvet Lounge.

Lockout Music Studio latest location is what used to be an old bank built in 1929. The 22,000 sq. ft. building, once shabby and vacant, is now clean and sleek. Dave described the current design in an interview with the OC Weekly as, "mid-century modern meets industrial modern," with the look of exposed brick, exposed beams, and cement.

At the new location you will find it has 75 studio spaces! The spaces are 60-400 sq. feet, sound resistant, acoustically sound, affordable, and available to use 24/7. The spaces can be utilized for practically anything - from being used as a place to DJ, practice, record, or give music lessons. They can be used as a creative office space, photography studio, or a fine art studio. The rooms have plenty of amenities such as windows, individual air conditioning units, multiple wall outlets, and everyone's favorite, FREE WIFI!

## Hidden House Coffee

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Have you ever jumped on the train to San Juan Capistrano, (SJC), for an afternoon of shopping, or took your family to see the beautiful San Juan Mission? How about that time you and your friends parked your cars at the Santa Ana train station, grabbed the train and enjoyed an evening out at your favorite restaurant in SJC? If you have spent time in SJC site seeing, shopping, or satisfying the foodie in you, then you have most likely enjoyed something delicious from Hidden House Coffee.

It's the coffee shop that is inside a repurposed yellow and green house concealed by oak trees on the west side of the train station in SJC. Hidden House actually is a hidden house! Well, there is another Hidden House that is inside a house and that house is in Santa Ana! A 2400 sq. ft., house to be exact which makes this spot twice as big as the original location in SJC! More space equals more coffee for all!

The Santa Ana location has a full-size pastry kitchen, making Hidden House one of the few roasters to produce their baked goods in house! That is a pretty sweet feature!

Also on Hidden House Coffee's, 'to-do', list is to open a small gastro pub-style restaurant called Knife & Glass inside Santa Ana's newest downtown development, The Roost. Keep an eye on the progress of Knife & Glass while enjoying a cup of Santa Ana's newest coffee shop coffee and a delicious pastry.

BONUS: There is plenty of parking! There are free reserved parking spaces for Hidden House customers in the parking lot right next to the coffee shop, and street parking is an option as well.

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## What is all the Construction on Bristol Street?

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California recently entered into a contract with Spiniello Co. to rehabilitate a two mile section of pipeline that runs along Bristol Street. This is part of a 40 mile pipeline that starts at a treatment plant in the city of La Verne and conveys water to communities in Los Angeles and Orange County.

This two mile long section of pipeline undergoing rehabilitation is part of a 9.4 mile, 36-inch diameter, 3/8 inch thick steel pipe that was installed back in the early 1940's to supply water to Santa Ana, Costa Mesa, unincorporated communities, and terminates in Newport Beach. At that time, the pipe was lined with 1/8 inch of enamel to protect the steel against corrosion. This enamel lining is nearing the end of its service life and requires replacement.

Every 1,500 Ft of the two mile section, the contractor will excavate over 10 feet below the street level to reach the pipeline and remove a section so that their crews and equipment can enter the pipeline to remove the enamel. The contractor is using state of the art equipment that can remotely travel inside of the pipeline and remove the enamel using the waterjet blasting process. Additionally, welders will enter the pipeline and weld internal steel bands at the pipe connections every 30 feet. The contractor will then re-line the pipeline with 1/2 inch cement mortar using specialized equipment. The contractor began work at the north end of Bristol and will complete the work near Willits Street at the south end. The entire project is scheduled to be completed by Mid-July.

This project will prevent corrosion and maintain the structural integrity of the pipeline so that we can all enjoy safe, reliable water for many more years to come.

--Javier Garcia, PE Construction Management Unit- Team Manager, MWD



Workers weld pipeline connection near Bristol & 17th

## Tragic Fire on Olive

by Connie Major and Syl Salenius



The southwest corner of Washington and Olive was full of disruptive activity for several days ending the evening of March 2, with the historic two story wood frame house ablaze. The alleged arsonist, the oldest son of the homeowners, was upset by a recent divorce and spent several days breaking out the downstairs windows, throwing items out and threatening the neighbors. The police were there many, many times but could not take action as no one would press charges.

The evening of the fire, the police had been there, thought that they had calmed things down and left the premises. Shortly

after they'd gone, the son, lit a fire in the downstairs southeast corner room. Neighbors who'd been across the street watching the commotion called 911 immediately. The police returned and arrested the son for suspected arson as he escaped the blazing fire. Our local firehouse trucks were out on another call and the first truck to arrive 10 minutes into the fire was OCFA Company 71 from Orange, which found the fire engulfing half the structure, flames shooting nearly 40 feet into the air. The house went up like a campfire since the fire had plenty of oxygen with all the downstairs windows broken out.

The fire department credited Joe Wieland for saving his home next door on Olive Street by his quick action with his garden hose. Neighbors pitched in with water hoses from across the street and others helped remove valuables from the Wieland home. The north side windows burst from the heat and window frames melted, but the water saved the house and roof.

The ruined Colonial-style historic home, built in 1925, is listed as the Files House in the Santa Ana Register of Historical Properties. Hopefully, a full renovation will occur. WSNA will monitor what happens.

### 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
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Area 4 Baker South of Washington	John McGuinness	836-1971
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Area 6 Westwood North of Washington	Noe Vasquez	851-6767
Area 7 Westwood South of Washington	Karen Blue Wevers	(949)295-4979
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# TREE TALK GUACAMOLE THREAT!

by Susan van der Roest



In the last 24 hours, I met with 3 different neighbors. They are concerned about the health of their avocado trees.

Each tree shows signs of great stress:

1. Heavy (abnormal) loss of leaves/canopy.
2. Leaves are wilted and browning. Some leaves crumble when squeezed.
3. Sunburn on branches and leaves.

Adding to the stress load, each tree is in heavy bloom.

It usually takes time for healthy avocado trees to get sick. It is the result of cumulative negative impact. Some of these are:

1. Wrong watering technique.
2. Drought.
3. Abnormal leaf drop.
4. Sunburn.

Here are some points to keep your healthy avocado tree healthy or to repair a sick tree:

1. Apply Gypsum.



Gypsum is a naturally occurring mineral. Gypsum improves soil structure and nitrogen uptake. With gypsum, the soil structure becomes more sponge-like. Even clay soils can absorb water and move it down through the soil layers.

2. Slow water soak (about 24 hours) with a regular garden hose. Move hose around under the tree canopy. Then allow the area to drain and dry out to about 5" below soil line. Then repeat process. This deep soaking leeches out the salts that build up in the soil from using a sprinkler system. Salts in the soil are deadly for avocados.

3. Paint exposed branches with white tree paint.
4. Remove all fruit from tree ( if there is any).
5. Remove as many flowering buds as possible.
6. If it is a small tree, put up sun shade mesh to shade the tree from sunburn.

If these steps are successful, the overall tree health will slowly improve. My fear for the 3 trees I just saw is that the help is coming too late. I have 2 avocado trees that I put on these "life-support" measures a year ago. One tree is showing improvement. The other tree is not. I will remove it soon.

Do you have questions about your avocado tree? I can host a tree meeting at our house. We can see first hand healthy vs sick avocado trees. We can look at the products that can help, too.

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work themselves. They installed a virtually invisible drip system of irrigation to maintain the plants with a minimum of watering during dry periods. They

planted some things into sub-surface "pods" of mulching materials, covered by decomposed granite. These invisible pods collect and hold water, allowing it to percolate slowly into the subsoil...thus supplying the drought tolerant plants with moisture between rains.



They sprinkled wild flower seeds around the periphery of the garden, which are now blooming as a result of recent rains. California poppies and lupines are up and blooming!

They created a cozy gathering space with table and chairs in the midst of their front yard

plantings. Ev and Jennifer say it's so nice to sit out there together or with a few friends in the evenings or weekends and just enjoy each other and the space they have created in front of the home they love to live in.

To add interest and texture, they have strategically placed large



rocks & aged tree limbs throughout the garden.

They call it "OUR SWEET OLIVE HOUSE." and they love living here and being part of Washington Square.





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