



Washington Square NEWS

Little Libraries are booking near you!

Take a book. Leave a book. Love a book. Keep a book. That's the great motto of the Little Free Libraries. Our Washington Square Little Free Library network currently has five Little Libraries in the neighborhood, with the potential for more.

Walk through the neighborhood. Visit a library. There is a large selection of books for all ages. The Towner location has the largest selection and even includes puzzles and Spanish language books.

If you are not currently a member of the Washington Square Facebook page, search for Washington Square neighborhood association on Facebook. Consider joining so you can keep up with all the latest library updates. Feel free to message us via Facebook if you have any book, subject, or author requests.

This summer we hope to have Little Library activities for the kids of the neighborhood. We want everyone in the neighborhood to benefit from the libraries and find a book they love. Nothing makes us happier than to see someone walking away with a book!

You can visit the Little Libraries at these addresses:

- 1112 Olive St
- 1103 Freeman St
- 1111 N. Towner St.
- 1135 W. 10th St. (at Westwood)
- 1436 Louise St.

By Rebecca Ortiz



2022 WSNA EVENTS

Wine Walk	May 14
Chili Cookoff	July 23
Movie Night	August 27
Oktoberfest	October 15
Holiday Party	December 11

GENERAL MEETINGS

April 14
July 14
October 13

GARAGE SALES

June 4-5
September 3-4
December 3-4

Washington Square (and Santa Ana) *UPDATES*

WSNA SPRING GENERAL MEETING



Where: *Police Community Room, 60 Civic Center Plaza*

When: *Thursday, 4/14*
Time: *7pm - 9pm*

If you haven't already signed up to become a member of the **Washington Square Neighborhood Association**, please go to the washingtonsquare.com website and become part of our community. **Membership** in the Washington Square Neighborhood Association costs so little and supports so much around the Square, such as Movie Night, the Progressive Dinner and Wine Walk, to name a few. Join now, and be a part of something great!

OUR FINGERS are CROSSED for the WINE WALK!

The WSNA Wine Walk-2022 has been scheduled for **Saturday, May 14th 6:00-9:30 p.m.**, so mark your calendars.

The Wine Walk is another of WSNA's great events. 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, there is no cost for this event. We limit attendees to 75, so when you get your flyer, make reservations ASAP as limited spaces for this event fill up quickly each year.



Our fingers are crossed because,

WE NEED VOLUNTEER HOMES! We are looking for three homes *in close proximity to each other* to host this year's event, so talk with your neighbors and save the wine walk! (and attend the event for FREE) We will not be in your home, just driveway or backyard (without a swimming pool.) We will have volunteers to set up and take down after the event. For further information call Nancy at (714) 836-9110!

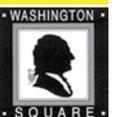
WSNA is neighbors helping neighbors.

Washington Square Neighborhood Association *MISSION STATEMENT*

The Washington Square Neighborhood Association is an organization working to foster a sense of community by promoting public awareness, developing an appreciation of the historical significance of our homes, bridging the cultural, generational, and economic diversity of our residents and bringing about communication between the community, local businesses and city officials.

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. Washington Square is an officially recognized neighborhood by the city of Santa Ana, California. The volunteer Newsletter Committee is looking for neighbors who want to contribute! If you have suggestions or story ideas, or know InDesign and want to help with layout, you can email us at newsletter@washington-square.org

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A Word from our *PRESIDENT!*

Have you ever been chased? I mean chased and run like your life depended on it? I have. It was awesome.

I was probably ten when a couple punk rock kids chased my friend Brandon and me from the end of our housing tract to his front door. I don't recall what Brandon did (I am certain it was his fault), but I was sure we were going to die that day. We ran like the wind, blind exhilaration pushing us toward the safety of his home. Cardiac arrest is rare in 10-year-olds. I was close that day. I remember having no clearer thought than this: RUN. RUN. RUN. This mental metronome beat in my brain. This was all my mind could comprehend. When we finally reached the house, they were hot on our heels. Brandon slammed the front door and locked it. They beat against the door with their fists. Fear gave way to laughter. Sweet release.



For those of you who do not know me... I'm Alton your new association president. I tell you the story above because it's a favorite memory of the neighborhood I grew up in. That neighborhood, not unlike this one, was my world then. I played, ate, slept, explored, and grew up in those houses on those streets and sidewalks. It held the things and the people that made me who I am today. I love that place. These days I am a husband and a father. Now my daughter has a neighborhood of her own. All of us have it together and I want for us what I had then. A place to love. So, you have my word that I will do my best to help create that place for your family and mine. Let's do it together. If you see me being chased, though... just assume I am building more memories.



by Alton Hitchcock

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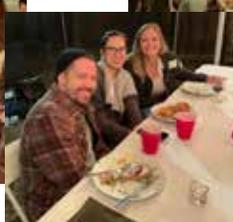
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Downtown Downtown

A prior pop-up restaurant has now opened a brick-and-mortar site. Munchies Vegan Diner is found at 313 N. Bush Street and features a variety of vegan foods. They have shown up at festivals, 4th Street Market and other events for awhile and have steadily developed their menu. See their website at <https://www.munchiesvegandiner.com/>. You can sign up for updates on their website.

For a different take on news of downtown there is a You Tube site called The Hot Hour. A recent show featured many downtown sites. It is hosted by Maria, and I am guessing this is a Twitter site (my social media skills are very limited), @the hottortilla.

My final discovery is something called the Gente Night Market held monthly in the Blue Lot at 119 North Bush Street. They show art, food, and good times. What more could you want?

The streetcar project has made getting around downtown Santa Ana a bit of a problem. Other building projects have contributed to the mess. There are many roadblocks, and it is frustrating. My primary way to get downtown is Flower to First Street then take a left on a street near the business. There is a travel map on the downtown-santaana.com site under getting here that is helpful to find parking and showing free parking times which is daytime M-F and for the first hour of parking after 5:00.

NOTE:

The scope of this column is expanding to include the city at large: Santa Ana College, concerts in the parks, high school performances, Bowers Museum, etc. WE NEED YOUR HELP to keep us apprised of what is going on, in order to let our neighbors know. Thank you!

by Sam Puzzo

Please let me know of places in Santa Ana or close by that you have enjoyed. My email is sampuzzo@gmail.com

Dumpster *DAY!*



Residents' *BUSINESSES*

Accounting/Tax Prep.	Alex Schneider	364-5173
Arbonne Consultant	Gloria Chavez	280-5723
Attorney, Business Specialist	Ashley Bolduc	949-852-1800
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Baby Sitting	Leila Rodriguez	727-8313
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Editor	Maureen Tiritilli	309-2229
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Flooring, Floor Repairs	Tuzos Flooring	720-7793
Graphics & Signage	Kirsten Sketch	721-8795
Heating and Cooling	Adam Garcia	263-6443
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Landscape Maintenance	Rick Mora	721-3897
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Notary/Loan Signing Agt.	Sasha Lopez	496-7969
Notary Public Comm#:2333888	Robert Bolton	702-498-9832
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Realtor	Sarah Covarrubias	928-1303
Realtor	Christina Moreno	425-2311
Rodan & Fields	Christina Moreno	425-2311
Trash Bin Cleaning	Noah	717-1079
Wedding Planner	Christin Wilson	337-2903
Window Coverings	Krrystal Wallinger	632-7744
Wine Club/Skin Care	Yolanda Valdivia	317-4152

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Where to Find Stuff

your non-profit neighborhood association is CELEBRATING 37 years strong!!

Are you missing some information usually included in this newsletter? Check out The Washington Square website at <http://www.washington-square.org>. for these and more:

City Contacts

Block Representatives

Photos from prior events



WSNA

CELEBRATING 37

To join our Facebook group, search for "Washington Square Neighborhood Association" We have 772 members!

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Our Mission

Celebrating that which unifies us and that which makes us unique, we are intentionally building an intercultural, intergenerational community of faith in Jesus Christ that cares for, and serves, one another and our city.



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SEVEN GABLES
REAL ESTATE

Happy Spring! The neighborhood is looking so fresh with all the bright green leaves peeking out of the trees, and flowers blooming. If you are working on projects around the house, you may have noticed that supplies and building materials have gone up in price. That said, have you ever wondered how much it would **cost to rebuild your home?**

Most of us won't ever have to rebuild all or part of our home due to a catastrophic event, but it *could* happen. Do you know how much replacement value coverage you currently have on your Homeowners Insurance policy? Do you know how much you need? For example, if your current replacement value coverage is \$300,000, it may cost a lot more today to rebuild your home to the same specifications that you currently enjoy. This has happened to several neighbors in recent years. They were stuck either paying the difference between insurance payout and the actual costs, or they were forced to rebuild a smaller or a lesser quality structure than what they previously had.

Contact your insurance agent to make sure your policy reflects today's replacement costs. If you don't have an agent, Washington Square has a couple of insurance agents who live or own here, and they would be happy to assist you.

Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions!

Homes for Sale		Beds	Baths	Sq. Ft.	List/Sold price	DOM*	Sale Type
1057 Civic Center		2	2	1482	\$ 793,000.00	1	Standard
1107 N. Towner		3	2	1538	\$ 899,000.00	1	Standard
Homes in Escrow							
1607 Freeman		2	1	1335	\$ 875,000.00	9	Standard
1103 N. Lowell		3	2	1499	\$ 928,000.00	6	Standard
Welcome New Neighbors!!!!							
1001 Louise		3	2	1864	\$ 860,000.00	66	Standard
806 N. Lowell		2	1	1091	\$ 570,000.00	162	Standard
1033 Civic Center		2	1	1141	\$ 595,000.00	106	Standard
1014 Louise		3	2	1812	\$ 930,000.00	4	Standard
1411 N. Lowell		2	1	1338	\$ 860,000.00	10	Standard
1027 N. Olive		3	2	1800	\$ 875,000.00	1	Standard
1510 N. Rosewood		3	2	1614	\$ 895,000.00	4	Standard
1105 N. Olive	Duplex	2 bed ea	2 bath ea	1782	\$ 1,010,000.00	54	Standard

THE ABOVE SOLD STATISTICS ARE FOR THE TIME PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2022
COMPILED FROM INFORMATION FROM THE CALIFORNIA REGIONAL MULTIPLE LISTING SERVICE AND
COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE.

*DAYS ON THE MARKET

The Alan Anderson AWARD!



Spring 2022

Alan Anderson Award

911 Towner

Pat Tsui

by Alton Hitchcock

What do you do when there is a pandemic raging, and everyone is forced to stay home? You buy a house, that's what. At least that is what our new neighbor, Pat Tsui, did last December. Pat was already an Orange County resident when she started shopping for a new home. She was not totally committed to home buying, though, until she saw 911 Towner. Who can resist the charm of Washington Square?



Built in 1924, this house is one of the older homes in our neighborhood. The bright green lawn makes the stark white exterior gleam from the street, while a solo palm tree defiantly reaches for the sky. A long driveway stretches along the side of the property and nestled between the house and the garage is a small oasis of a back yard that Pat intends to put her own touches on. Right now, it's a great space for Rupert, her canine companion. Pat is a nurse, so we can only guess that she spends a great amount of time on her feet. Luckily for her she has a great backyard patio to relax on. Like all of us, she is anxious to get to know more neighbors and plug into the community. We welcome Pat to Washington Square. She has already honored us all by presenting such a beautiful home. Congratulations to Pat on being this quarter's Alan Anderson Award winner!



New Trash **CONTRACTORS!**

The City of Santa Ana is changing trash companies, to Republic Services, on July 1, 2022. Part of the new contract is to maintain clean public spaces throughout the city, including 250 trash containers, sidewalk powerwashing, abandoned item pick up, and clearing hot spot dumping sites.

We will all receive new bins, with the same designations we currently have: trash, recycling and yard/food waste. Republic Services will also

offer other services such as hazardous waste drop off, compost giveaway for your garden, document shredding events, bulky item pick up and dumpster day, to name a few.

The Square is Going to the *DOGS*

Danielle and Brian Heney have been residents of Washington Square since 2015. She and her husband are both pastors at The Sound Church in Santa Ana, and have two teenage daughters.

An animal lover all her life, Danielle was six when she nursed a cat back to health (unfortunately, she had a cat allergy!), was twelve when she obtained her first dog, and once had a pet rat that used to greet her at her door. She was a member of 4H (4H= Head, Heart, Hands, Health) for ten years, caring for bunnies and training dogs.

A dog groomer for fourteen years, Danielle developed "groomer's lung", which caused respiratory problems and required her to quit her profession. Despite having an allergy to dogs, she has a few dogs anyway: a basset hound and a pug, along with a very shy and scared rescue dog.



Danielle has become a dedicated rescuer. Her website is therescue.me, she posts on Petfinder, and often on the WSNA Facebook page. During the first 18 months of her rescue, Danielle placed twenty-six dogs, named alphabetically, but no cats due to her allergy.

To date, Danielle has found homes for approximately forty dogs, and has aided more than twenty reunifications, made possible because of microchipping. Due to the increasing number of loose animals in the neighborhood, and at Danielle's suggestion, the WSNA Board voted to buy a microchip reader for the neighborhood and to give it to Danielle to use. Danielle will set up a data base of the chips and share this information on our Facebook page.

A pet microchip uses a radio frequency known as RFID to transmit the ID number stored on the microchip to the scanning device that reads the pet's unique number and displays it. WSNA's new microchip reader is high quality and will read most microchips, which are not a form of GPS tracking. Placing a microchip in an animal is simple: a chip about the size of a grain of rice is implanted under the skin at the shoulders.

by Pat Lenahan

Danielle will host a microchip event at her home on Saturday April 16th from 1-4pm. She has arranged for a local veterinary technician to implant the chips in our pets for the low cost of \$30. Please come and support this event and help save our pets. (Louise, north of Washington, west side of street, half way up the block) :)

New Trash *BINS!*

You have already received notification that your trash bins are being replaced, and you have been asked how many you would like. We will each receive three bins, just as we have now, for the monthly rate of \$22.94. If you would like extra bins, there is an additional fee of \$5.85 for a trash bin, and for a recycle or green waste bin, the fee is \$2.00 each.



Between March 1 and June 30, all bins will be traded out, the old for the new. Read the notification you have received for the date designated for your address or call 714.558.7761. Waste Management, our current trash collectors, are managing the changing of the bins.



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Buried *TREASURE!*

Have you ever been digging in your garden or planter and come across something flat and round? You might see a shimmer of what look likes gold and your heart starts to beat a bit faster? Do you wash it off and wipe it down, only to find that it's a 100-peso coin from 1985!?! Oh, well.

My wife Kirsten and I have been living in our house for 23 years now, and I still find little treasures buried in the yard. Mostly it's pennies that I find but I have unearthed a few dimes and quarters too. I have also found marbles - lots of cat's eyes, buttons, a small ring, a cat's collar, an Etch-A-Sketch wristwatch, a spark plug, a wood handled screwdriver, a hinge pin and the front end of a metal toy car that probably belonged to Tom Lutz!

Some of the houses in The Square have been here since the late 1800s and before that California natives roamed the area. I have found pieces of obsidian by my avocado tree in the back.

My favorite time to look for treasure is right after a good rain, especially if I've done a bit of tilling beforehand. The rain washes away that top layer of soil exposing little trinkets that have been hiding.

Awhile back I had asked my gardeners to do a better job of tilling the front planter. They obliged, and days later we were blessed with heavy rain for about three days. The following week I decided to put mulch around our sago palm. There is a large rock next to the sago and I moved it out of the way. Just as I was going to put down the mulch, I noticed a round thing in the dirt. It looked like the end of a piece of white sprinkler riser. At first I thought, "no big deal," and almost spread the mulch, but then I got curious. What is this thing doing here? How far does it go in the ground? I put down the mulch bag and went to dig the thing out. I picked it up and it wasn't big, so I started to clean it off. It was gold! I got excited! It was a gold ring! I cleaned it a bit more and looked on the inside and holy moly there was our wedding date!! I had found my wedding ring that had been missing for thirteen years! I thought I had lost it at work and that it was gone forever. Tears filled my eyes as I ran in to show Kirsten.

You never know what you're going to find, so get out there and re-connect with the soil and maybe the earth will bless you with treasure too!

Happy Hunting!

by Dave Dethloff

Hazardous Waste *DISPOSAL!*

Items such as paint, cleaners, pesticides, oil, antifreeze, batteries, used oil filters and pool chemicals should never go into our trash bins. Instead, Household Hazardous Waste, HHW, can be dropped off year-round at one of the four disposal sites in Orange County:

- Anaheim: 101 N. Blue Gum Street
- Huntington Beach: 17121 Nichols Lane
- Irvine: 6411 Oak Canyon
- San Juan Capistrano: 32250 Avenida La Pata





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