



Neighborhood News

Real Neighbors, Real Neighborhood

Winter 2006

2006 Calendar of
Events

Please attend our next:

Neighborhood Christmas Party
December 17th, 2006
2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
1110 W. Washington Ave.

2007 Events to be announced in
our next Newsletter

President's Message

As the holidays draw near, I want to wish you and your loved ones a wonderful Holiday Season. Washington Square is fortunate to have so many great people live in this neighborhood. It was apparent at this year's Summer Party/ Concert and Wine Walk. Neighbors not only came out to enjoy the music, food, and wine, but they invited their friends and families from out of town to join in on the festivities. It was a good time for all and a way to showcase to others how great Washington Square is.

It takes a lot of time and dedication from special people to make this neighborhood what it is. I want to take the time to thank the WSNA board members who meet once a month to discuss projects, issues, solutions, and ways to make the neighborhood better. Members of the board also put together all of the annual events, the newsletter, and maintain the website. If it was not for the board and a few others who constantly are working for the neighborhood, we would not be where we are today. Their volunteer time is very much appreciated. Special thanks to those neighbors who volunteer their homes and for those who are impacted when we close down the streets for special events. It is always a great experience working with each resident.

I want to also thank all of you who have chosen WS as your home. It is with your efforts that we can have a clean, safe, and enjoyable place to live. This year has been the hardest ever when it came to picking the beautiful yard award. So many homes have been improved and they look fantastic. I hope that 2007 brings even bigger and better things to the Square.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Holiday Party on December 17th.

Sincerely,
Lynnette Verino
President
Washington Square Neighborhood Association



*Don't miss our
general meetings!
They are fun and
informative and
we serve a pizza
dinner! Be there and be
informed...*

Don't Miss our Annual Christmas Party!

WSNA is pleased to invite all to its annual Christmas Party. This year the event will be held at the home of our hospitable neighbors, Juan and Ana Vasquez. The address is 1110 W. Washington Ave. The event will take place on Sunday, the 17th of December from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.



Hot cocoa, apple cider, coffee and cookies will be served. WSNA will also

have a camera on hand for photos with the kiddies, Santa and Mrs. Clause. Mrs. Velma Heflin, aka Mrs. Clause, has agreed to come all the way from Ventura to reprise her role. After many years as a resident, Mrs. Heflin moved away to be closer to her children. We will be delighted to have her back. So come one, come all and help ring in the holiday spirit.

-Laura Tobias Garcia

WSNA would like to extend a special thanks to those neighbors who graciously loaned their beautiful homes to us for the wine walk. The neighbors are; Leonard Lyons, Lloyd Queen, Jon & Samantha Stark, and Jay Barkman and Jackie Guzman. Thank you for making the wine walk possible.

WSNA Needs Your Help



Graffiti is on the rise in Washington Square and we must do everything we can to keep it out of the neighborhood. It is a menace to the city as a whole and our efforts to get rid of it can only make the city better. Lately, it has appeared on our signs, sidewalks, walls, a few garages, and even some houses. These graffiti vandals have no regard or respect for people's property and they must be stopped.

Please help the neighborhood combat the problem by reporting any suspected graffiti suspects to the Santa Ana Police Department Graffiti Task Force at (714) 245-8769. It would be helpful if you could give them a description of the suspect, the time, and the location you identified them at. If it is at all possible (most of us have cameras on our cell phones), take a picture of the actual graffiti as this assists in identification purposes. If you have graffiti that needs to be cleaned up, you may contact the Graffiti Hotline at (714) 647-3380. It would be helpful if you can identify a time range when you think the graffiti appeared.

It would also aid the neighborhood association to try pin down when the graffiti appeared. For example, if the graffiti appears during the day, before or after school, it may be kids walking through our neighborhood going to and from school. If it appears over night, it may be from someone living in the neighborhood. It is up to all of us to pitch in and try to catch these vandals who are attacking our neighbors' properties and abusing our neighborhood. Please call 835-0473 if you have pictures you wish to submit anonymously to the task force.

Do you have question related to real estate ?

Please e-mail them to laurag@sevengables.com. I will try to include them along with the answers in the next edition of the newsletter. Please be sure to type "wsna real estate question" in the subject line.

To keep current with what's happening in Santa Ana, visit the City's web site at: www.ci.santa-ana.ca.us

- Community Calendar
- Links (Neighborhood Associations)

Tired of the Movies? Here's an alternative in our backyard, SAC.

Big Band Meets Vocal Jazz

Jazz singers and big band musicians present a variety of popular styles including Swing, Bop, Latin, and more.

December 1 at 8 p.m., Phillips Hall Theatre

General Admission: \$8

Students/Staff/Seniors: \$6

Children 12 and under: \$4

Santa Ana College Choirs

An exciting concert filled with choral music including familiar classics and contemporary works.

December 2 at 8 p.m., December 9 at 7 p.m.

Phillips Hall Theatre

General admission: \$5

Students/Staff/Seniors/Children: \$4

Latin Jazz Ensemble

An unforgettable evening of jazz music blended with meringue, samba, cha cha, mambo, and more.

December 3 at 5 p.m., Phillips Hall Theatre

General admission: \$5

Students/Staff/Seniors/Children: \$4

Studio Night

Join us for a fun and relaxed evening of dance. There will be an informal showing of class projects, individual compositions and improvisations.

December 5 at 7 p.m., Dance Studio G-108

For more information: call (714) 564-5641

'Don' Mariachi

Music and dance, featuring Balet Folklorico Mexicanismo and dances of Vera Cruz, Jalisco, Nayarit, and more.

December 7 at 8 p.m., Phillips Hall Theatre

General Admission: \$8

Students/Staff/Seniors: \$6

Children 12 and under: \$4

Untitled

"Untitled" is a curatorial survey of significant and compelling works of art exhibited over the past three decades at Santa Ana College.

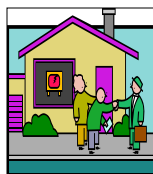
Opening reception: December 2 at 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

December 7, 2006 through February 3, 2007

Located at: Gallery at the Santora Building,
207 N. Broadway, suite Q, in Santa Ana.

For more information call (714) 564-5605

Welcome to Washington Square!



As old neighbors leave our neighborhood, new ones come in and continue the pride of homeownership in the square. Please welcome our latest residents and if you live near one, be sure and stop by and give a warm welcome as their new neighbor.

827 N. Towner

835 N. Freeman

1023 N. Freeman

1002 N. Freeman

1506 N. Baker

905 N. Freeman

912 N. Freeman

Concert Band & Chamber Orchestra

This afternoon of lively and enjoyable classics will put you in the mood for holiday celebrations.

December 10 at 2:30 p.m., Phillips Hall Theatre

General admission: \$5

Students/Staff/Seniors/Children: \$4

Honk! Junior

Based on Hans Christian Andersen's classic story, "The Ugly Duckling." Honk! Junior is a contemporary retelling of this timely tale.

January 27 & 28, and February 3 & 4 at 2:30 p.m.

General admission: \$5

Students/Staff/Seniors/Children: \$4

Washington Square Real Estate Recap

By: Laura Tobias Garcia



The Washington Square Neighborhood Newsletter is published quarterly by the association. A non-profit mutual benefit community association was established in 1984. WSNA is an officially recognized neighborhood by the city of Santa Ana.

Properties currently for sale:

1111 N. Lowell	2 bedroom, 1.25ba	1161 Sq ft.	\$549,000
1302 N. Olive	2 bedroom, 1 ba	1300 Sq ft	\$560,000
820 N. Olive	2 bedroom, 1 ba	1101 Sq ft	\$565,000
1308 N. Flower	3 bedroom, 1 ba	1467 Sq ft	\$565,900
1021 N. Westwood	2 bedroom, 1 ba	1417 Sq ft	\$574,900
908 N. Freeman	2 bedroom, 1 ba	1342 Sq ft	\$575,000
1142 Bomo Koral Cr.	4 bedroom, 3 ba	1449 Sq ft	\$599,000
814 N. Towner	3 bedroom, 1 ba	1324 Sq ft	\$614,900
1104 N. Flower	3 bedroom, 1 ba	1448 Sq ft	\$640,000
812 N. Louise	3 bedroom, 1 ba	1300 Sq ft	\$640,000
1616 N. Freeman	4 bedroom, 2 ba	1693 Sq ft	\$659,000
904 N. Olive	3 bedroom, 1.5 ba	1465 Sq ft	\$684,000
1001 N. Lowell	2 bedroom, 2 ba	1441 Sq ft	\$695,000
1302 N. Baker	3 bedroom, 2 ba	1538 Sq ft	\$699,900
1104 N. Freeman	3 bedroom, 2 ba	1853 Sq ft	\$710,000
1101 W. Washington	3 bedroom, 1.5 ba	1550 Sq ft	\$714,900
1501 N. Freeman	3 bedroom, 2 ba	2000 Sq ft	\$715,000
1420 N. Louise	3 bedroom, 2 ba	1549 Sq ft	\$725,000

Properties Pending Sale:

901 N. Westwood	3 bedroom, 2 ba	1640 Sq ft	\$659,900
1010 N. Westwood	3 bedroom, 2 ba	1628 Sq ft	\$599,000

Properties Recently Sold:

1415 N. Flower	1 bedroom, 1 ba	686 Sq ft	\$435,000
827 N. Bristol	2 bedroom, 1 ba	1168 Sq ft	\$425,000
827 N. Towner	3 bedroom, 2 ba	1100 Sq ft	\$535,000
1111 N. Lowell	2 bedroom, 1 ba	1161 Sq ft	\$468,000
835 N. Freeman	2 bedroom, 1.5 ba	1373 Sq ft	\$559,000
1023 N. Freeman	3 bedroom, 2 ba	1785 Sq ft	\$605,000
1002 N. Freeman	4 bedroom, 2 ba	1875 Sq ft	\$655,000
912 N. Freeman	5 bedroom, 3 ba	2300 Sq ft	\$700,000



Laura Tobias Garcia

"Your Neighbor and Area Specialist"

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Hablo Español



"DID YOU KNOW?"

In order to maintain the neighborhoods appearance and keep WSNA residents informed we submit the following "Did You Know" items.

- Trash barrel are not to be put out on Sunday before 4:00 PM and must be taken in by 12:00 midnight on Monday evening. Storing your trash barrels must not be 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. If there is rain on the first weekend the second weekend will be allowed.
- Cars are not to be parked on the lawn. Inoperable vehicles are not allowed on the street or in the driveways and cars can not remain in the street for more than 72 hours without being moved. Inoperable vehicles are vehicles that are either damaged, flat tires, and do not run.
- Front yard fences require a building permit and can not be over 30" high. Contact the building department 667-2700 for more information. The permits are free. Maintain your wood fences by keeping them painted and in good repair.

At the time of the previous publication, there were 18 homes on the market. The same is true today. Yet homes have indeed sold since that time. The key seems to be price. Although interest rates have remained stable, it is apparent that buyers are no longer willing to pay what they consider to be inflated prices. They appear to be looking for value. If you have friends or relatives you want as neighbors, have them examine their situation,. There is a good chance they will qualify. With closing costs a given, it really is a great time to buy. Especially for those with a longer time horizon.

For those who've owned for some time that need to sell (the operative word is need), you'll still come out ahead. I recently closed 2 transactions. In both cases, the seller had to lower the list price considerably. They went out of state with several hundred thousand dollars in their bank account, not at all bad. As for those who bought during the boom, keep in mind that the market always comes back.

On a final note, if you need the services of a Realtor, be certain that the "agent" you choose is truly a licensed agent. Many unscrupulous brokers are hiring unlicensed individuals to work for them. They are not bound to any code of ethics. The result has been sloppy transactions with severe breaches in representation. To check license status, go to www.dre.ca.gov.

CITY CONTACT INFORMATION



Who To Call For:

- Code Enforcement 667-2780
- Police Services 647-5062
- Police—non emergency 834-4211
- Construction Engineering 565-4044
(On-going Street Construction)
- Design Engineering 647-5640
 - Street Design
 - Sidewalks
 - Flood Ratings 647-5641
- Development Services 647-2791
 - Street Work Permits
 - Private Utility Permits
 - Water Applications
- Graffiti Hotline 647-3380
- Obstructing Trees & Bushes 647-3380
- Potholes 647-3380
- Sanitation (Overgrown Yards) 647-3380
- Shopping Card Removal 800-252-4613
- Street Cleaning 647-3380
- Street Lights (Edison) 800-990-7788
- Street Lights (City) 647-3380
- Traffic Engineering 647-5673
- General Traffic Concerns 647-5673
- Neighborhood Traffic 647-5645
- Permit Parking 647-5612
- School Traffic Concerns 647-5612
- Traffic Signals 647-5611
- Traffic Control Plans 647-5605
- Street Striping 647-5605
- Trash Pick Up & Dumpsters 558-7761
- Tree Trimming 647-3380

Washington Square Babysitters:

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| Adrianna Elisada | 543-4292 |
| Jeff Taylor | 836-4624 |
| Susan Cava | 571-5762 |

If you are interesting in advertising babysitting services, call 836-8128 with your name, number and address and we'll add you to our list to be published in the next edition of *Neighborhood News*.

Looking for a Place to...

Sing, play bells, do drama, or how about tutor kids, or possibly help women in jail? Maybe you would like an investors group, or a social group, books, discussions, Bible Study, plays, eating out etc.? Perhaps you are simply looking for a place to call your own or a group with whom to nurture your soul, or the soul of your family.

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Area 1	Louise North of Washington Randy & Tracy Simons	558-4871
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Area 11	Freeman North of Washington Jay & Jackie Barkman	
Area 12	Freeman South of Washington OPEN	
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
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Area 17	Washington/Bomo Koral Virginia Crisostomo	550-7220
Area 18	Washington St. OPEN	

Washington Square Vendor Referral Network



To help promote business and services provided by Washington Square residents, any owner of a local business or service provider may be included in our network referral list. This list will be published in every newsletter as a way to get Washington Square residents the opportunity of using the services provided by our own neighbors! Take a minute, look at the list and if you need one of these services, be sure and call them first! If you provide a professional service and live in Washington Square, give us a call and we will be sure to add you to our list.

Call 953-0962.

Key's & Locksmith	Ivan Rivera	953-6720
General Contractor	Tom Lutz	835-6130
Handyman	Frank Garcia	313-5765
Stone/brick work	Frankie Mata	478-2304
Notary Public	Therese Thomas	318-1455
Life Coach Organizational Consultant	Rebecca Goldstone	417-0017
Realtor	Laura Tobias Garcia	883-3314

Check us out on the web!
www.washington-square.org