



## 2020 NEIGHBORHOOD CALENDAR

### EVENTS

Dumpster Day	3/14
Progressive Dinner	4/11
Cleanup	4/18
Wine Walk	5/16
Chili Cookoff	7/25
Movie Night	8/22
Oktoberfest	10/17
Holiday Party	12/13

### GENERAL MEETINGS

1/16, 4/9, 7/9, 10/15

### GARAGE SALE WEEKENDS

March 7/8, June 6/7  
Sept. 5/6, Dec. 5/6

## Winter in WSNA -- WSNA President Keren Clark



Greetings to the winter and the return of the sun! It is a great irony to me that the coming of the December holiday season brings the seasonal turn into winter while simultaneously bringing the slow return of ever lengthening days. The winter solstice was indeed on December 21, 2019 and even though the weather has been wet and winter-like, the days are now slightly noticeably longer. With the holiday season behind us, we have stepped tentatively into a new decade. With all of the divisiveness that our country seems to be experiencing in this first 20 years of the 21st century, it is so lovely and reassuring to live in a neighborhood so full of friendliness and welcome. We are fortunate to live in a place that reflects such simple values of neighborhood pride along with care and concern for one another.

In light of this, the Washington Square Board and Officers invite all of you to join us in volunteering at our neighborhood events. We make them fun and are always excited to welcome new neighbors into active participation! In this first quarter of 2020, your Washington Square Neighborhood Association will once again be sponsoring our annual Dumpster Day on Saturday March 14, 2020. We are always looking for new neighbors to host a dumpster in front of their home; come to the January General Meeting to sign up. We will once again be offering electronics recycling. Another way to celebrate your neighbors and our shared neighborhood pride will be to join with other residents in our neighborhood clean up day on Saturday April 18, 2020. We have clean up activities for all abilities and everyone is welcome and needed to help out with this annual project. So join your neighbors and friends and add volunteering with WSNA to your New Year's resolutions.

## Bryce & Samantha Middleton Win Winter Alan Anderson Award

by Bobi Keenan

Bryce and Samantha met in Nevada when they were in college. They started their lives together in San Diego. He is an ICU Nurse and she works in Property Management. They moved to San Clemente for two years and Samantha's first client there lived on Lowell in Washington Square. On her visits, Samantha fell in love with the neighborhood and she and Bryce began to imagine buying a home here.

Their 2 bedroom/2 bath house at 1104 N. Freeman was built in 1937. They purchased it this spring and did a LOT of work on it before moving in in May. Their goals were to preserve and restore the historic character of the place, but to upgrade and update it. They have done a stellar job to that end.



They replaced the Greek columns framing the front door and they took out the worn parquet floors, installing faux wood that you would never guess wasn't from trees...much better for their two active dogs. Their 2 dogs Brixton and Bailey seem quite happy with their new lodgings and the large yard to play in.

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# Washington Square is Fun!

and a little work  
now and then



## General Meeting Thursday, January 16th, 7pm at Heroes School

Join us for the 2020 kick-off of the Washington Square Neighborhood Association! See page 8 for details of the WSNA election. Additionally, we'll be in the Multipurpose Room at Heroes School. You can walk down Baker Street to Civic Center and enter at the Civic Center entrance or drive to Civic Center and park in the school parking lot. REMEMBER, we'll have camaraderie, door prizes and "something" to eat.

## Follow WSNA on Instagram!

Washington Square now has a social media presence on Instagram! Follow us @washingtonsquareneighborhood to keep in touch with neighbors and be informed about upcoming events. Neighborhood updates and information will continue to be available on our website and Facebook page, but now you have another way of keeping in touch in your favorite place to live. #Thankyou! #WashingtonSquareNeighborhood

## 10th Annual Washington Square Progressive Dinner, April 11



The Washington Square Progressive Dinner has been one of the neighborhood's favorite events since its inception. It is a unique opportunity for you to show off your culinary skills and enjoy dinner with 50 of your friends and neighbors. This annual potluck dinner event is hosted by three residents who volunteer their homes. The dinner experience starts with appetizers and salads at the first home. We then make our way to the 2nd home where entrees are served. Desserts are served at the 3rd home. A sign-up list will be emailed for participants to sign up and indicate the dish that you will provide. This adult only event is extremely popular and limited to 50 people. We look forward to seeing you for dinner!

## Dump, Dump, Dumpster Day!! March 14

Have you felt that you just have too much stuff? Trees are overgrown? Garage is full? Attic and basements are brimming? Aren't we lucky that we have attics and basements in Washington Square? It is time to dump it!! Thanks to WSNA and the City of Santa Ana, there will be 7 dumpsters in our neighborhood, again. Get your spring cleaning and pruning done early and prepare to dump on Saturday, March 14. Do you need a dumpster really close to your house? The best way to ensure that is to volunteer to host a dumpster. Tom Lutz will bring you donuts and you will get to meet neighbors from down the street or even several streets over. Some of us regard it as a social event. You can, too.

Again, this year, there will be an e-waste container for your unwanted electronics, batteries and TVs. Look for a flier with more information which will be mailed with the WSNA membership drive letter in Mid-February, and can be found on the WSNA website, Facebook page and Nextdoor.

## 2020 Membership

The WSNA 2020 Membership Drive is about to kick off! And speaking of the 2020 membership letter (above), it's never too early to get your membership contribution in for 2020. You can either send a check to PO Box 4435, Santa Ana, CA 92702 or use your credit card on Washington-Square.org to make a donation. Remember, WSNA is a 501 (c)(3) organization and your contribution is tax-deductible. It costs so little to belong. Membership amounts in 2020 are still just \$15 for Seniors, \$20 Households, \$50 Patron, \$75 Sponsor, \$100 VIP Sponsor, \$200 PoohBah Sponsor and \$500 Grand PoohBah Sponsor.



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# David Jirik: Editor, Photographer, Volunteer, Good Guy

by Maureen Tiritilli



David Jirik has been the editor of the WSNA Newsletter for the past 4 years, and assisted with the editing for the prior 9 years. In case you don't know, he is also the official neighborhood photographer, volunteer, organizer, and general good guy, who shows up and helps at everything! Recently, he wed the lovely Nina, and David would enjoy nothing more than to spend time with his bride. Can you blame him? He has released the newsletter to Maureen Tiritilli, novice at large. THANK YOU, David, for all you have done and continue to do for this community!

The mystery embedded in this photo is, "Who photographed David with Santa?"

If you would like to meet David, show up at just about anything. Why not start with the neighborhood General Meeting on 1/16/20?

## WSNA 2019 Christmas Party



The Christmas Party is always a neighborhood hit. Our 12/15/19 event LINE for Santa went down the block. The wait was worth it for most of the tykes, big and small, who were able to be photographed with Santa, unless you happen to be 2 and don't like the man in red!



### City Contact Information

Police Services West End Office	647-5062
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
Graffiti Hotline	877-786-7824
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 (Public Works)	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 Mgmt.)	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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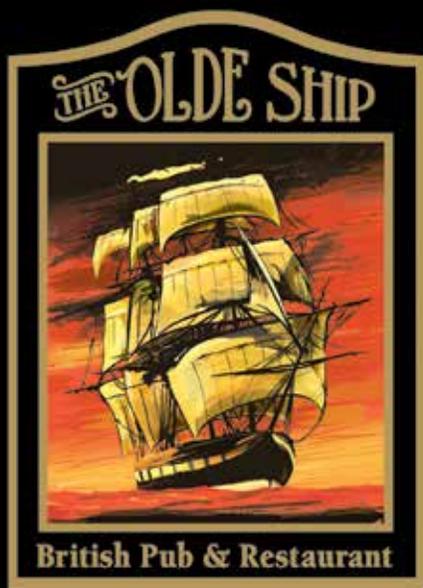
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**\$6 Well Drinks**

**\$6 Glass of La Terre Wine**  
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**\$5 Baskets of Chips or Basket of Onion Rings**

**\$7 Garlic Mushrooms**

**\$9 Fish Bites or Calamari**

# Whazzup? in Downtown Santa Ana

What's going on in and around DTSA? -- By Sam Puzzo



I recently visited a unique store in Downtown. Helping a friend dispose of over 900 Vinyl LP records plus as many in cassettes and CD's I was led to Left of the Dial Records at 320 French Street. Having a large vinyl collection myself, I was amazed to learn that what I thought was a moderate renewed interest in vinyl is anything but. The owner Bill Michelle is a wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm about the resurgence in vinyl. The shop has been at this location since 2011 but Bill has had it since 2017. I strongly recommend a visit to the shop especially when Bill is there. Maybe you have some treasures of your own he might buy from you. He has buyers throughout the USA. Left of the Dial Records. 320 French St

Suite B. Santa Ana, Ca 92701. (657)900-2275. Hours: Monday Closed, Tues-Sat 12-6pm, Sun 12-5pm.

I attended the most recent Downtown Association meeting in October. The homeless problem has regularly been a major topic of discussion, as it is in our neighborhood meetings, and was primary again this time but with more positive results. A new program developed in a joint effort between the City Council and police has been implemented by the police. The police detain homeless people versus just telling them to move away from their preferred spots, only to see them return a few hours later. The current program has them cited, then held in detention for a brief period. After cleaning spaces, the individuals are released with their possessions. The message seems to be having an effect, as the police are seeing far less returns to the sites formerly occupied. In addition, and unfortunately, benches are being moved on streets such as 4th Street to curb sleeping.

Other items discussed at the meeting were:

1. Expanded outdoor patios were in the plans for Wursthau with others under consideration.
2. The always popular Art Walk will see an expansion of activities and side events and an event called Witchwalk will be made a monthly event.
3. If you have parked downtown recently you may note the public garages are now free for the first two hours.
4. Due to all the construction, it was felt allowing the first hour free would entice people to head downtown. I was very pleased to see it increased to two hours. For one hour, cost to the City was to be \$40,000 per year so we expect now it is \$80,000. We will see what impact the 2-hour free parking will be at the next Downtown Association meeting.



The Downtown Report posted about a new pop up restaurant at 4th Street Market called Recipe Champions. From the innovative minds of creators Josh Elkin, Andy Nguyen and Chef Mike Pham, the Recipe Champions pop-up will be popped up at the market until January 31st!



These guys will be whipping up fun and unique recipes, adding their own unique twist on otherwise ordinary dishes. Check out the Recipe Champions web site.

There are 2 events you will need to plan for in 2020 (You can receive monthly notices by signing up at Downtown Inc.):

1. Savor Santa Ana, held in October, is a walking event: you will buy tickets and walk

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## The Square is Going to the Dogs

In our last issue, I included my email so anyone who might want to have their pups featured in a future newsletter could contact me. I think it was only a day or two after the newsletter was distributed when I received Allegra Ringo's email. Allegra and her boyfriend, Adam, moved into Washington Square on North Olive little more than three months ago. They have an eight-year-



old chihuahua/terrier mix named, Pistachio.

I emailed Allegra and set up a time to meet her and Pistachio. I also contacted David Jirik, the newsletter

editor, and told him about Allegra's email. He was shocked, too, stating no one has ever replied about something in the newsletter.

When it was time to meet Pistachio, Allegra asked me to call before I got there and she and "Stach" would meet me outside. Allegra wasn't sure how Stach would act when I came in. Well...we met outside and the pup was jumping up on my legs...our meet and greet was a success. (I suppose the toy I brought for her helped.)

When we went into the house I met their other four-legged resident, Rick, a two-year-old tabby. Stach and Rick were quite friendly and "demanded" to be the focus of attention.

Stach is a rescue from Dogs Without Borders in LA. Allegra said she liked Pistachio's underbite



by Pat Lenahan

and then when she picked her up, Stach rested her head on Allegra's shoulder. The rest is history.

Both Pistacio and Rick are enjoying their first yard—something new for them. Allegra says they both like lying outside.

Pistacio has his own "room"—part of Allegra's office. Allegra is an editor for cuteness.com, a pet website, and also writes for live comedy shows in Los Angeles and is working on a novel with a friend. Pistacio monitors her work in the office.

**Poopy statistic:** This year the WSNA dog waste stations have already gone through over 7000 bags. Suggest a dog to be featured in a future newsletter. Send an email with a story and picture to : [dogs@washington-square.org](mailto:dogs@washington-square.org).

### Your WSNA Block Representatives

Area 1: Louise North of Washington	
Randy & Tracy Simons	(724) 423-0810
Area 2: Louise South of Washington	
Bobi Keenan	953-9516
Area 3: Baker North of Washington	
Laura Ruiz	568-1660
Area 4: Baker South of Washington	
John McGuinness	836-1971
Area 5: Rosewood	
Barbara Holmes	(619) 851-8123
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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Gil Melendez	542-3398
Area 9: Towner North of Washington	
Russ Bartlett	564-9080
Area 10: Towner South of Washington	
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Margaret Klase	972-8951
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Jason & Elise Athas	270-4654
Area 13: Lowell South of Washington	
Carina Franck-Pantone	675-3653
Area 14: Bomo Koral	
Juan Miramontes	309-6491
Area 18: Washington St.	
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Area 19: 10th between Westwood and Baker	
Cheryl Yarnall	542-7512
Area 20: Flower St. between Wash. and 15th	
Delilah Mendez	725-6357
Area 21: Flower St. between 10th and Wash	
Maco Long	(949) 387-4446
Area 22: Flower St. between Civic Center and 10th	
Jose Palcacios	835-0980

# Sarah's Neighborhood News

Homes for Sale	beds	baths	Sq. Ft.	list/sold price	DOM*	Sale Type
1015 N. Towner	2	1.5	1559	\$695,900.00	91	Standard
1517 N. Baker	3	2	1577	\$729,900.00	8	Flip
910 Flower	3	2	1434	\$600,000.00	2	Standard
<b>Homes in Escrow</b>						
1302 N. Flower	2	1	1264	\$519,900.00	228	Standard
<b>Welcome to Our New Neighbors</b>						
1119 N. Olive	3	2	2000	\$670,000.00	74	Standard
904 Louise	3	1	1004	\$615,000.00	5	Standard
1023 Freeman	3	2	1781	\$680,000.00	11	Standard
1419 Louise	2	1	1300	\$535,000.00	3	Standard
1408 N. Flower	3	1	1091	\$598,000.00	36	Flip
1423 Louise	5	2	1932	\$652,500.00	45	Standard
1021 Louise	3	2	1453	\$660,000.00	21	Flip
1307 N. Towner	3	1.5	1604	\$631,500.00	10	Standard

Per MLS and the County Recorder for the period 9/23/2019 to 12/31/2019 \*= days on market

**Happy New Year Everyone.** It was another amazing year in real estate for Washington Square: There were 24 closed sales with an Avg Sales Price of \$628,750 and Avg Price per SqFt was \$431; compared to 2018 with 21 closed sales with an Avg Sales Price of \$616,857 and Avg Price per SqFt of \$419.94. Notably there are two cool and interesting trends in those statistics: 2 bedroom home prices were slightly up on average, and homes on Flower Street sold faster and at higher prices. Sadly, this year also saw a few more homes sold due to probates (deaths) and a couple of distress sales.

Outlook continues to be positive for home sales in SoCal. At this time of writing, there are few homes on the market and there are lots of buyers clamoring to purchase. So if you need to sell now, it is a good time. If you are thinking of selling sometime this year, then the "hot" selling market starts in late February through May, giving you time to get your home looking its best. Keep in mind the homes that sell the fastest and at highest prices are homes that buyers feel are "move in ready." Paint, staging and general cleaning are some of the least expensive items that can be done to give the house a fresh and modern feel. Central air is also a big plus. Please contact me if you feel that painting or staging is not in your budget, I know contractors who may be willing to wait for payment until your house is sold.

Wishing you all a very prosperous 2020!!!!



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Audio-Video Production	David Jirik	545-0222
Avon Representative	Hilda Kaneko	925-2300
Avon Representative	Maria Guzman	904-1973
Babysitting	Emma Cano	351-2105
Business Lawyer	Ashley Bolduc	(949)852-1800
Computer Specialist	Randy Simons	423-0810
Consignment Store	Tiffany Miller	317-4591
Copywriting/Proofreading	Michael Mello	948-0677
Crocheted Beanies	Lubna Debbini	457-0237
Decorative Ironwork	Marco Coronado	852-1363
DJ Service	Arnie Ruiz	287-3534
Electrical Contractor	Andrew Nunez	782-4740
Farmers Insurance	Gonzalo Guzman	669-3930
Financial Planner	Ariel Agrazsanchez	317-5265
Flooring, floor repairs	Tuzos Flooring	720-7793
Graphics & Signage	Kirsten Sketch	721-8795
Handyman	Ken Clark	809-6884
Hardwood floors	Chris Manning	(949)678-0435
Holistic Medicine	Renee Ascencio	697-0644
Keys & Locksmith	Ivan Rivera	953-6720
Landscape Maintenance	Rick Mora	721-3897
Math Tutor grades 7-12	Cristina Agrazsanchez	402-7271
Mortgages/Loan officer	Victor Gallardo	697-7564
Notary Public	Mike Silva	317-3087
Notary/Loan Signing Agt.	Sasha Lopez	496-7969
Origami Owl Ind.Designer	Jennifer Begen	606-0830
Painter	Eric Torres	292-4038
Personal Injury Attorney	Moses Yneges	591-0661
Pet Groomer/Sitter	Aurora Valent	858-2768
Prof. Photographer	Ricardo Barrera	715-1747
Realtor	Christina Moreno	425-2311
Realtor	Sarah Covarrubias	928-1303
Stella & Dot rep	Jennifer Rivera	697-6025
Trombone Instructor	Michael Briones	401-4018
Wedding Planner	Christin Wilson	337-2903
Window Coverings	Richard Wallinger	(949)285-6422
Wine Club/Skin Care	Yolanda Valdivia	317-4152

## WSNA ELECTIONS!



If it is the first meeting of the year, that means it is time again for WSNA elections in accordance with our Bylaws. As a reminder, here's how it goes. The election shall be a quorum of members (you!) who elect the seven members to the Board of Directors. Qualifications to be a Board member are being a paid member of the Association, provide email/contact information, attend monthly meetings (first Wednesday of the month), and participate in Association events. The term is one year. Once the Board is elected by the membership, the Board then elects its officers, i.e. President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

If you want to get involved this would be the time to "throw in your hat." We welcome new faces and volunteers to help on various committees and events. Many friendships have been made working together for the neighborhood.

Block reps will be confirmed as well. We currently have a full component of block reps who pass out newsletters and event flyers to your doorstep throughout the year, but there may be circumstances where they want to take a break and find a replacement--is their replacement you???? We are grateful for their help, as that is our way to keep you informed of the goings on in the neighborhood and surroundings.

*by Nancy Lutz*

# Whazzup?

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to your local restaurants for tastings. Walk around or hop on to the free trolley to get around downtown! This last event was the largest ever with 2400 attendees, whereas the prior high was 1700. The last Savor Santa Ana gave my wife and I the chance to try some new food purveyors as well as return to some favorites. At 4th Street Market we enjoyed a sample sized pulled pork sandwich at The Deli Station, which was new to us, and enjoyed it so much we went back a couple of weeks later and it was just as good. A new fried chicken place for Santa Ana is called Gus's World Famous Fried Chicken and had the biggest line. We haven't made it to Gus's at Savor but will go by their location on 4th Street once open. They have been a long time favorite in Long Beach and have locations in other parts of the country. We enjoyed lots of good foods and we liked the one ticket per food. Carol and I shared lots of offerings as there were too many good items to eat solo.



2. The OC Vegan Fest, which is hosted by OC Vegan Village, is the perfect event to expose the curious person to the Plant Based & Vegan Lifestyle! It was just held on Sunday, January 5th from 11AM to 6PM. The venue is located at 253 E 3rd Street, Santa Ana, CA. This is a FREE EVENT. Put it on your calendar for next year!

I know new restaurants are going into 4th Street Market and around downtown. If anyone tries something they like, let me know. Lots of good stuff in DTSA!!

Please let me know of places in Downtown Santa Ana or close by that you have enjoyed. My email is [sampuzzo@gmail.com](mailto:sampuzzo@gmail.com)

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Trees	Susan van der Roest	319-4457



*Middleton continued*

Bryce and Samantha did a lot of the work themselves, painting the house completely, inside and out. They chose a clean white for the stucco exterior and black for the trim and shutters. They thought that made the bright red brick chimney look too bold, so they toned it down with a thin wash of white paint.

They created an open concept interior by

removing a door and parts of the walls to widen the entrances to the dining room and kitchen, maintaining the arched framing.



They have completely upgraded the kitchen, installing an island, new cabinets, countertops and subway tile backsplashes

and appliances. They widened the window to allow for more natural lighting. It looks very modern, but they kept the pantry with vintage, round-topped paneled doors, which is an homage to the period of the house's construction, and painted hunter green, they really make a statement.



The house was once owned by former Santa Ana Fire Chief & Mayor, John Garthe. A unique memento of his time there is a fire hydrant in the back yard.

Samantha and Bryce say they love their house and this neighborhood and felt at home here immediately. They are excited and delighted to be a part of Washington Square.

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