

Washington Square News



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October 2016

2016 Neighborhood Calendar

EVENTS

Oktoberfest 10/22
Holiday Party 12/11

GENERAL MEETINGS

October Meeting 10/13
January 2017 Meeting 1/12



Message from Wendy Boelter

President, Washington Square Neighborhood Association

Autumn is here! The leaves are starting to fall and the days & nights are getting cooler. Walking around Washington Square, it is obvious to me that this is a special place to live. Recently, a house across the street from me was put on the market. For the past 3 months the house had been going through a major remodel. The results are amazing! The first open house weekend was so busy; people were double-parking. The word must have gotten out about our neighborhood. Needless to say, the house has already been sold. We have met the new owners and we are excited for them to move to our great neighborhood. On behalf of Washington Square, I welcome all of the new homeowners and hope that you share the same pride of ownership and sense of community that we all enjoy here.

Get your lederhosen to the dry cleaners and brush up on your German because Oktoberfest is just around the corner! Where else will you find a gathering of the best neighbors drinking craft beers with delicious bratwurst hot off the grill? Picture your spouse in a costume dancing to polka music with a hot pretzel in one hand and a beer in the other and shouting, "Prost"! Only in Washington Square! One of our most popular events of the year is back with a fantastic polka dj, a costume contest, the highly competitive stein contest, and lots of opportunity drawing prizes. Pass the sauerkraut please! We will need volunteers for this event. If you are interested in helping, please contact our volunteer coordinator, Diane Morter, at 714-814-4326.

Dogs, dogs, everywhere, living the good life in Washington Square! Everyday we see neighbors walking their dogs up and down the beautiful tree-lined streets of our neighborhood. A lot of the stigma against talking to strangers on the street disappears when you are walking with your dog; they can be quite the social facilitator. Dogs can also help you incorporate exercise into your daily routine. Dogs have become part of our family and really are "mans best friend".

With that said, we should make a promise to our "best friends" that if should they get out the front door, back door, fence, gate, or car without our knowledge, that the collar and ID tags around their neck will get them returned home.

Residents in Washington Square and in other surrounding neighborhoods find so many dogs wandering the streets. Facebook and Nextdoor.com have become great tools for reuniting pets with their owners. Unfortunately, the majority of the dogs that are found are NOT wearing a collar, ID tags or Santa Ana dog license. ID tags are inexpensive and good for our pet's safety.

Microchips are another great way to help identify a lost dog's owner but should not be the only way to identify a pet. Not everyone has access to a chip reader and it may take some time to find the owner. A collar and ID tags are hands down, the best and quickest way to have our lost pets returned to us. See you around our great neighborhood!



Oktoberfest 2016 is coming!
Hold deine Lederhosen fest!
-Translation: Hold onto your Lederhosen!

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Anna Roe and Radek Paces win Fall Alan Anderson Award



This quarter's Award is a first, the first to non-resident owners. Anna and Radek moved into their 1104 N. Lowell home eight years ago and loved living in Washington Square. They recently relocated to Portland Oregon with their two small children in search of a more relaxed lifestyle. They're keeping the home as a rental with the intention of returning when the children are older.

They applied for a grant to convert their turf to xeriscape 18 months ago and received the go-ahead just as they were planning to move. Anna wanted something simple utilizing some of the existing succulents and trees. She consulted Pinterest for ideas and hired Rick Mora Landscape to do the work. Rick brought in a large crew, removed 2,100 sq ft. of turf and completed the transformation in one day.

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Washington Square is Fun!

and a little work
now and then

Neighborhood General Meeting Thursday, October 13th 7PM Wilson School

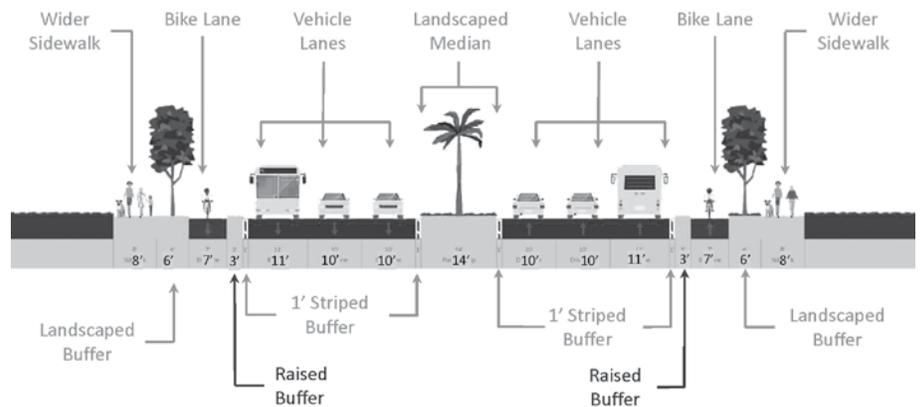
Join your neighbors at our Fall meeting. The theme is Education. Our speakers include Dr. Linda Rose, the new President of Santa Ana College, Randy Au from Orange County School of the Arts and Jason Watts, co-founder and principal of Scholarship Prep, the new K-8 charter school held at the 1010 Church on 17th Street. We all might learn something from this distinguished cadre of speakers. There will also be an update on issues of concern to our neighborhood. As always, there will be pizza, drinks and camaraderie, see you there!

Bristol Widening

On September 27th, the City held a meeting to update affected neighborhoods on the Bristol Street project. Property acquisition is almost complete.

The segment from Civic Center to Washington is planned to be parkway on the east side and the segment from Washington to 17th street will be commercial. A new feature is the separated bike lanes.

Utilities will be undergrounded for the entire project. They are negotiating with In-n-Out with some options to mitigate the stacking that occurs in front of the Chevron station. Construction is slated to begin on both segments about this time next year. More info: <http://itm.im/bristol>



5th Annual Oktoberfest Saturday October 22nd 5 - 9PM 1407 N. Towner

Dozens of Import Specialty and Domestic Craft beer tastings, OC Fair Award-Winning Home Brews by WSNA's own Ken Kawamura and Dave Dethloff, Live DJ and the Chicken Dance, Prizes Galore!!, Grilled Brats w/all the fixin's PLUS Hot Pretzels, Costume Contest, Stein Hoist, Arm Wrestling and Photo Ops. All this FUN and MORE for just \$20 pre-paid or \$25 at the door. Get your reservation in now on washington-square.org or drop off a check at Diane Morter's home 909 N. Westwood, 714 814-4326. We need volunteers to help make it happen too. Diane will sign you up.

Hospitality

A new baby, new neighbor, accomplishment, special birthday, illness, loss, let me know as I am the new Hospitality chair. As we in the Square are interested in our neighbors, I want to acknowledge special events with a card or whatever else may be appropriate. It should only take a moment to drop me an email nancy-lutz@sbcglobal.net or give me a call (714) 836-9110. Be sure to give me the name, address and what I am acknowledging!!! This only works if I hear from YOU. BRING IT ON!

Holiday Party Sunday December 11th 1-3PM 1110 W. Washington

It's not too early to start thinking about the Holidays. Plan on joining us in the front yard of 1110 W. Washington, the home of Ana and Juan Vasquez, for the festivities. Santa will arrive around 1:15 for photos with the children. Bring an ornament for the tree. There will be hot cocoa and cookies (bake your Holiday finest and bring them along) Baked goods can be dropped off between 12 and 1PM. Volunteers are needed for setup, cookie wrangling and photo printing. Contact Jean Poppa (714) 206-6836, the event chair to share your Holiday cheer. The get together is for kids of all ages so fire up your Holiday spirit and come spend an hour or two with your neighbors.



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The View From My Kitchen Window by Bobi Keenan

A young teen-aged man/boy stands next to his teen-aged woman/girl friend in my driveway, a few steps in from the sidewalk. Their faces are awe as they watch a pair of Monarch butterflies dancing among the plants of my neighbors' front yard. He steps away from her and holds his phone up, taking photographs of the creatures that have captured their attention. I can't hear her, but I can see the muffled squeal of delight that bursts from her mouth.

They watch as the pair of butterflies ascend and flit away above their heads. They kiss. She kisses him again on his neck. They smile so earnestly and completely. They hug and back off onto the sidewalk. They raise their heads in unison, looking up, searching to see if the butterflies will return. They don't.

The couple starts to walk down the sidewalk, past my house as I hurry out the door with my garden snips. I cut two bright red blossoms from the clumps of *Arctotis* daisies that bloom in my front yard. I call to them, "Wait!" Probably they don't hear me. They keep walking, holding hands, their fingers laced together. "Wait!" I call again and start after them. They turn around.

I give them each a flower. "They close up and sleep at night, but put them in water and tomorrow morning, they will be open and full" I tell them. They smile, delighted. They thank me. They walk on just a little bit happier. I think they didn't imagine they could be. It's so wonderful to live in this great neighborhood!



History Lesson: Bomo Koral, Santa Ana Sports Star

Most of the streets in Washington Square are named after city founders who lived in the late 19th century. One street, Bomo Koral Circle honors a much more recent city sports star. Bohimul "Bomo" Koral came to America in 1910 as a one-year-old from Austria with his family. They settled in the Delhi neighborhood, then known as Gloryetta, a Czech immigrant community, where the family lived for many years.

After serving in the Army Air Corps in WWII, he was employed by the City of Santa Ana Parks and Recreation Department. He was instrumental in developing the City's park system and Bomo Koral Park on MacArthur and Towner was named for him. He died in 1981 in a bicycle accident.

He was a star in multiple sports at Santa Ana High School and captain of the football team at Santa Ana Junior College. He continued to be involved with the College athletic program for most of his adult life. He was a player and manager for the Santa Ana Stars, the Cities "big time" National Night Ball League softball team in 1939. He also worked at the Santa Ana sugar factory, right around the corner from the family home.

Although he never lived in Washington Square, he was very close. When he was first married to his wife, Mabel, they lived at 1414 W. Washington, just across Bristol then at 1414 N. Bristol, now part of Santa Ana College. The next time you walk your dog past Bomo Koral Circle, tip your hat to Bomo, the sports star. Thanks to Bomo's grand niece Shawn Alladio for all the information.



Didn't we have a good time at this year's Concert In The Park on Sat. Sept. 17th at Morrison Park? The Answer provided their usual high energy classic rock music. There were several tables of WSNA residents and friends and if you missed it this year, be sure to mark it on your calendar in 2017.

Kudos to the new WSNA Dessert Booth chairs, Don Harvey and Carlos Araujo. They did a great job displaying the many varied desserts baked by WSNA residents---Nummy! The proceeds from sales went to the WSNA coffers. Susan van der Roest worked on obtaining volunteers and bagging the goodies for sale. Also, Kirsten Sketch and Dave Dethloff manned the information booth and sold opportunity tickets. David Jirik, Javier Garcia and Tom Lutz did the "grunt work."

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(barking dogs,etc)	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	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

by Lubna Debbini

Happy Fall my fellow gardeners. Despite the recent scorching heat, there are signs of Fall all around us. Days are shorter, football is on TV, baseball finals are around the corner, and everything pumpkin spice flavors your coffee, muffins, and scented candles. Fall brings us persimmons and early citrus harvests as well as apples and pears.

One of my favorite Fall meals is a "scavenged salad" of various greens freshly picked from the garden. Although some trees are shedding their leaves, many vegetables thrive in the cooler autumn months. Here are just a few:

The easy ones: Lettuce (red and green leaf, Romaine, and other varieties), Swiss chard, regular chard, carrots (try different colors for fun), beets and radishes (use their leaves in salads), mustard greens, leeks, kale, English peas, collards, turnips, and cabbage.

I've tried and failed or haven't tried on the following list (share your success stories on the Washington Square Facebook page so we can learn from you): Brussels sprouts, kohlrabi, Spinach, broccoli, cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, endive, Irish potatoes, and Rutabaga.

Tip: Sprinkle some Sluggo around the above veggies as they seem to be vulnerable to slug infestations.

If you're starting from seed, do so now while the weather is warm then the plants will thrive during the upcoming colder days.

If you're not big on the veggies but want to keep a fall herb garden, consider these: Flat and curled parsley, sage, thyme, chives, lavender, cilantro, and mint.



Super tip: Feed your edible garden with fish emulsion. The winner of the Guinness Book of World Records for largest cabbage feeds his garden fish carcass. You can just buy the concentrate at OC Farm Supply.

Remember, the best thing for your garden is you in it. Happy Gardening!



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Sarah's Neighborhood News

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	beds	baths	Sq.Ft.	list/sold Price	DOM*	Sale Type
822 N. FLOWER	4	2	1332	\$479,000.00	37	Standard
1615 N. FREEMAN	3	1.5	1760	\$549,900.00	49	Standard
1012 N. WESTWOOD	3	2	1874	\$548,888.00	28	Standard
1123 N. FREEMAN	4	2	1837	\$679,900.00	50	Standard

homes in escrow:

1016 N. FLOWER	3	1	1235	\$435,000.00	57	Standard
1515 N. ROSEWOOD	3	2	1387	\$560,000.00	15	Standard
1515 N. TOWNER	3	2	1729	\$615,000.00	14	Standard
1601 N. FREEMAN	3	2	2243	\$699,900.00	10	Standard
1418 N. BAKER DUPLEX	-	-	-	\$735,000.00	44	Standard

welcome to our new neighbors at:

1139 BOMO KORAL	4	3	1464	\$480,000.00	9	Standard
910 N. FLOWER	3	2	1434	\$489,900.00	304	Flip
1308 N. FLOWER	4	2	1425	\$490,000.00	12	Flip
1425 N. OLIVE	3	1	1112	\$490,000.00	45	Standard
1617 N. BAKER DUPLEX	-	-	2162	\$500,000.00	366	Standard
1123 N. OLIVE	3	1	1247	\$520,000.00	35	Standard
821 N. OLIVE	3	2	1143	\$525,000.00	86	Standard
903 N. OLIVE DUPLEX	-	-	1308	\$510,000.00	27	Standard
823 N. FREEMAN	3	1	1270	\$535,000.00	50	Standard
915 N. WESTWOOD	3	2	1460	\$600,000.00	39	Flip
1005 N. TOWNER	3	1.5	1662	\$625,000.00	141	Standard
820 N. FLOWER	2	1	885	\$345,000.00	174	Shortsale

per MLS and the County Recorder for the period 6-24-2016 to 9-22-2016 * = days on market

Welcome to ALL our new neighbors this summer! Robyn MacNair, the Visual and Performing Arts Program Specialist for the SA Unified School District, is one of those who moved into Washington Square in July! One of her many "jobs" at the district is supporting our teachers in integrating arts into their curriculum at all grade levels. She has also pushed for funding & support for the arts in our legislature and from private sponsors.

An educator for over 20 years, Robyn is passionate about our students and teachers; she understands the importance of an arts program at all grade levels—be it through dance, instrumental, vocal, drama, visual—and how it translates into imaginative and creative thinking in business, science and other real world applications.

You will see her around town at many of the artistic events, and especially at events where our diverse Santa Ana students perform and display their talents. We are fortunate to have Robyn in Washington Square, and she loves being part of this vibrant, unique neighborhood and city!

Have a great Fall and let me know if I can answer any of your real estate questions.

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This premier public charter school in Santa Ana currently serves over 2,100 students in grades 7-12 from more than 115 cities throughout Southern California. More information at www.ocsarts.net

The Visual Arts Conservatory is one of 14 Conservatory programs at OCSA. Here are some upcoming events that you might be interested in. For more information visit us on Facebook OCSA: Visual Arts conservatory. You can also email/contact the assistant director at randy.au@ocsarts.net

The Great Painted Pumpkin auction!

October is the time for the Great Painted Pumpkin silent Auction. It gives our VA students and staff and wonderful opportunity to show off their creative talents while raising funds for the VA Conservatory and a local Santa Ana charity. Last year, we had the Trumpkin, what will appear this year?!

Decorated faux pumpkins go on display at OCSA lobby 1010 N. Main street starting October 25 and ending at 2:30pm October 27th just in time to take home for the weekend!



Out of a Shoebox gallery exhibit

The very first show in the VAC gallery is this juried theme show. All visual arts students and any medium will be on display as long as it includes some part of a shoebox. The opening is Wednesday, October 12, 902 North Main Street, Visual Arts Center gallery from 5:30-7:30pm. The show will be up until November 9th and open from 11-5 M-T (school days)

The Winter Market is coming at OCSA!

November 30- December 1, Wednesday and Thursday mark the arrival of the VA Winter Market. This is truly the Holiday event of the year! Unique handmade gifts made by our talented students and staff will be for sale. We will also have ceramic ice cream sunday bowls on Wednesday and our Tamale Supper Thursday evening. Get your unique Holiday gifts and support the VA Conservatory!

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UPDATE

SANTA ANA COLLEGE

Greetings from your neighbors at SAC and welcome to those of you who have been joining us on campus this fall! Our 101st school year is well under way and sailing smoothly, but that doesn't mean we're ready for a break! We're hard at work getting ready for two rounds of Accelerated Courses starting Oct. 17 and Jan. 9!

But the excitement on campus doesn't end there! We've got a host of incredible Fine & Performing Arts events including a production of Tracy Letts' Pulitzer Prize winning "August: Osage County." Performances continue to 10/15. At the end of the month, keep an eye out for our Piano Extravaganza concert! Featuring Two Steinway Concert Grand Pianos and a stellar cast of SAC Faculty performers, this event is not to be missed. For tickets and further info, visit sac.edu/fpa.

We'd like to thank our neighbors for their patience in waiting for our beautiful new campus to be completed. For the latest information on closures, parking or to enroll, please visit sac.edu or connect with us via Social Media!

Whazzup?

in Downtown Santa Ana

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

Things To Do:

DTSA Farmers' Market

Voted Orange County's Best Farmers' Market 2015, by OC Weekly's Best of, reader's choice poll! The DTSA Farmers' Market is a family-friendly market with a wide variety of fresh fruits & vegetables, organic honey, home-made gumbo, artisan breads, iced coffee, fresh cut flowers, nuts, gluten free products, hummus, salsa and eggs. There is live music, food trucks and booths with free educational information. The DTSA Farmers' Market is open every Sunday, 10am-2pm located at the 3rd and Bush parking lot in front of the Yost Theater.



DTSA Art Walk

You will find great live music no matter what part of Downtown you find yourself in. On the 2nd Street promenade in the Artist Village you will find art vendors, live music, dance performance and cooking demos. The outdoor plaza on 4th & French you will find live local bands playing throughout the night.

DTSA has over 20-plus galleries that are open during the event. The DTSA Art Walk is the 1st Saturday of every month, November 5th & December 3rd coming up. 6:00-10:00pm. Admission is free.

New places to eat:



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What is "Shabu shabu"? Shabu shabu is literally translated as "swish-swish" because the meat is "swished" in the boiling water. It is a Japanese dish of vegetables and meat cooked by individuals in a pot of boiling water. The boiling water releases a majority of the fat in the meat, and with a balanced meal of vegetables and rice, it's the perfect choice for the health conscious.

What is Sukiyaki? Sukiyaki is a Nabemono (one pot) style Japanese dish. Yojie serves it Kanto (Tokyo) style, which means that soy sauce, sugar, and mirin are premixed into a sauce. The sauce is then served inside an iron pot in which the individual cooks their meat and vegetables. The meat and vegetables are dipped in a fresh egg either before or after being cooked in the sauce. For all those with a sweet tooth, Sukiyaki will surely satisfy their palate.

Yojie is open for lunch & dinner: M-W, 5--10pm, THR & F, 5pm-12am, SAT, 11:30am-11:59pm, SUN, 11:30am-10pm

AA Award Continued

An efficient subsurface irrigation system was installed. They transplanted the existing plants to be saved added Mexican feather grass, additional succulents and Salvia Leucantha. A border of mulch and decomposed granite stretches along the front of the home and wraps around along the neighbors driveway.

The yard should look more mature and final in about a year. At that time the irrigation can be reduced to a minimum, producing even more savings on the water bill.

Congratulations to Radek and Anna from WSNA for improving the curb appeal of their home and at the same time saving water in this time of drought.



SAHPS Cemetery Tour 2016 October 22nd

"The Way We Learned; A History of Education In Orange County" will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2016. This guided historical tour of Fairhaven Memorial Park and Santa Ana Cemetery features costumed actors portraying historic figures who share stories from Orange County's past.

Docents will guide visitors through scenes that showcase the history of education in the County, culminating in a presentation in Fairhaven's beautiful 1916 mausoleum. Small groups, a lovely outdoor setting, and close access to the actors make the tour an entertaining outing for the whole family. Comfortable shoes and a hat or sunshade are recommended for the hour-and-a-half long walking tour.

The event is presented by the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society and will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Fairhaven Memorial Park, 1702 Fairhaven Ave., Santa Ana. Tickets are \$22 for adults, \$18 for seniors and Members, and \$16 for students and children 10 and over. Reservations recommended: <http://itm.im/sahps>



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COOKING WITH CAROL

Warm Soup for a Cool Fall Day

It is always nice to have a nice bowl of soup on a cold day. Most soup takes a long time however this one is quick and very good. Try this with a young and fruity wine. Serves 4 to 6.

5 T unsalted Butter	3 cups chicken broth
1 cup onion, mince	1 T Worcestershire sauce
1/2 cup celery, minced	1/2 t Tabasco
1/2 cup carrot, minced	1 cup whole milk
5 T all-purpose flour	1 lb sharp Cheddar, grated
1 t paprika 1 t dry mustard	4 oz cream cheese, cubed
1 cup beer (such as lager)	2 chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
	Salt to taste



Saute onion, celery, and carrot in butter in a large pot over medium- low heat for 10 minutes until tender. Add flour, paprika, and dry mustard into vegetable mixture. Increase heat to medium and cook 1-2 minutes, stirring often. Add beer and simmer until thickened. Add broth, Worcestershire, and Tabasco, stirring constantly. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to medium, and simmer 5 minutes. Whisk in milk and both cheeses, stirring constantly until smooth. Do not boil or the soup may curdle. Stir in parsley and season with salt.

Bon Appetite, Carol Frank

FALL HOUSEHOLD TIPS

by Tom Lutz

✂ GET YOUR MIND IN THE GUTTERS

Clean out the buildup of leaves and debris from the year before the rainy season. (Let's hope we have one). Don't forget to clean out the downspouts too. Leaves and gunk can completely clog them up. If you have landscapers, they'll often do this for you for a few extra dollars.

✂ CHANGE YOUR FURNACE FILTERS

For the few times in Fall and Winter when we need heat, a clean filter means a more efficient heating system. They're only a few \$\$ at Home Depot and easy to change. Pay attention to the airflow arrow on the side of the filter.

✂ REVERSE YOUR CEILING FANS For the summer, your fans should have been running counter-clockwise, blowing downward, creating wind-chill. For fall and winter reverse the fans so they turn clockwise and gently draw the air up to the ceiling and force the warm air back down and out towards the walls.

✂ CHIM CHIMNEY CHIM CHIM CHER-EE Have your chimney cleaned. One of the great things about our older homes with real fireplaces is the warm glow of a fire when the temperatures drop. A 1/8" or greater buildup of creosote (a natural byproduct of burning wood) in the chimney can result in a fire that can damage the chimney and spread. Some chimneys are difficult to check for buildup. Wearing a dust mask and goggles, use a poker to scratch the black surface above the damper. If the scratch is nearing 1/8" it's time to have the chimney professionally cleaned. Local companies charge about \$129 for a basic cleaning.

✂ BOO! MUWAHAHA

Halloween is almost here. Those little princesses, pirates and Super Marios will be coming to your Washington Square door in record numbers. If this is your first Halloween in the neighborhood, prepare for an onslaught. We counted over 500 kids trick or treating on Towner Street last year. Make sure they have a clear, well-lit pathway from the sidewalk to your door. If you creep up your yard, keep the decorations and extension cords away from the walkway.

Your WSNA Block Representatives

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DEAD or ALIVE?

by Susan van der Roest



Hi Neighbors!

We definitely have dead trees and alive trees in Washington Square. We even have missing trees! You might have noticed that tree improvements have come to a halt. This is a sad time for the Urban Forest in WS. So what's going on?

The quick answer is Drought.

Our City is still using reduced water every where. That means that the water trucks are not giving newly planted trees a drink as often. The City might be willing to plant a tree if the homeowner agrees to care for it. However, we are seeing some of the newly planted WS trees dying or completely dead. It's easy to see why Tree Work has stopped. Who wants to spend money on materials and labor and gas to support an effort that has a possible failure rate. And that failure will cost the City to fix...again. Thus, that is one reason for the cutback in the



Tree Department's budget to do regular tree work.

There are no easy/free answers. Here is a possible solution to your parkway issues. If a homeowner is willing to pay about \$300, the City will conduct a feasibility study (they check location of water and gas lines, etc) to see if a tree can be safely planted. The \$300 covers most of budget/loss money for the city.

Recently, a neighbor wanted to pay the \$300 but he didn't want the existing variety of trees that are on his block. He asked. Can I have an Alamo Sycamore instead of an Australian Willow or Crepe Myrtle? The answer is "yes"

... if the parkway study supports the planting.

FYI. The city will not remove a healthy tree so another tree can be planted in the same spot.

The City is on a 2-5 year plan to plant infill trees where a tree is missing in the parkway. Hint: You can speed this up by going the \$300 route mentioned above.

To keep your mature trees healthy, arborists recommend deep watering an area a little larger than the canopy of your tree every couple of weeks as we move from fall to winter.

If you have a dead tree, please let me know. 714.319.4457



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