



Neighborhood News

Winter 2003 ❄️❄️❄️❄️

2003 Calendar of Events

Please attend our next:

Dumpster Day
March 8th - look for locations in this newsletter

General Meeting
April 10th - 7pm
Wilson Elementary

Wine Walk
May 17th 7-9pm
N. Towner St.

Summer Party
TBD

General Meeting
July 10th - 7pm
Wilson Elementary

Fall Concert
TBD

General Meeting
November 9th - 7pm
Wilson Elementary

Neighborhood Holiday Celebration
TBD

Our general meetings are fun and informative! We sponsor a pizza dinner, a visit from our neighborhood watch sergeant and a guest speaker at every meeting. Don't miss out on the happenings in our neighborhood. Attend and be informed!

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Association is excited about this year and has just launched this year's membership drive! Your membership letter will soon be sent to you in the mail letting you know of exciting things happening this year in Washington Square and big plans for our neighborhood. Please take a moment to read the letter and send in your membership donation. We currently have a 50% membership and would like to surpass this number and have EVERY NEIGHBOR on our active member list! The association works very hard to keep our

neighborhood clean, visible with the city and fun for the residents. Contributions are at the following level:
 \$5.00 Senior
 \$10.00 Household
 \$25.00 Patron
 \$50.00 Sponsor
 Please send your membership to WSNA P.O. Box 4435, Santa Ana 92701. Be sure to include your name and address so we can give you proper recognition. Together we keep the spirit of Washington Square alive. Thanks for your support.

First Quarter Spirit of Washington Square Recipient

Our hats off to Joseph and Jennifer Requejo who live at 1501 N. Towner. They are our first quarter recipient of our Spirit of Excellence Award for 2003.



This award was established by the WSNA Board to recognize those neighbors who have recently renovated and /or landscaped their property to maximize their curb appeal. We, as a neighborhood, appreciate their efforts in improving their property for as you know what our neighbors do (and don't do) affects all our property values. Joseph and Jennifer, your yard looks great and we all value you and your beautiful home. Congratulations.

UNLOCKING THE PAST



Do you like History?

The Santa Ana Public Library is offering a free 1 – 2 hour class on how to research the history of our homes and our neighborhood.

The Santa Ana History Room would like to offer a workshop, "Unlocking the Past: Keys to developing a house history". During the workshop, History Room staff will show how to use the interesting resources available at the library, answer questions and provide time to get started on the research. They will also pass out a brochure to take home with suggestions for further research.

Did you know that the homes along Flower near 15th once belonged to the Ross Family? Do you know what year your home was built? Did you know that a rancher once owned a home in Washington Square? Did you know that a home here in Washington Square was one of the original homes in Santa Ana? Did you know that we have homes here that have had an impact on the architectural design of homes built in the 20's and 30's?

If you are interested in the history of our neighborhood and the history of your home and would like to join us on a Saturday afternoon at the Library to learn more, please call Jon Wilson at (714) 550-0599. Class size is limited to 20 people so call and reserve your place now. If you signed up at the WSNA meeting in January, there is no need to call, as a place has already been reserved for you.



Keeping the Peace (and quiet) In Washington Square

Did you know that the City of Santa Ana has a noise ordinance? In order to control unnecessary, excessive and annoying sounds, the City Council adopted an ordinance in 1978 to prohibit specified noises in residential areas. Noises that exceed 55 decibels from 7:00 am to 10:00 pm, or 50 decibels from 10:00 pm to 7:00 am, are subject to time limits ranging from zero to thirty minutes depending on the decibel level. Noises at these levels are detrimental to the public health, welfare and safety, and residents are encouraged to be considerate of their neighbors when playing music or operating noisy equipment. Additionally, the Santa Ana Municipal Code prohibits loud and raucous noise from sound making or amplifying devices. This ordinance is in force at all times of day or night and at any public or private location within the City. If you have a question about the limits, or would like to make a complaint about noise, please call the Santa Ana Police Department at 834-4211.

And neighbors, be courteous with your dogs barking too. We all deserve a good nights sleep!

Baker Gets Swept Off Its Street

Attention all Baker Street Residents North of Washington. Your street will now be getting swept on every other Tuesday beginning January 14th. (The second and fourth Tuesday of every month.) This will take place before 7am due to the teachers arriving at Wilson Elementary. Please remember to move your cars before 6:30 am on these Tuesdays or park in your driveway the night before.

It has been a long time since North Baker has had their street swept on a regular basis and we are glad to see this service implemented for our residents. This service is sponsored by the School District and any questions should be directed towards them. Thank you

SQUARE MEALS

Recipes courtesy of Washington Square Residents

Fabulous American Apple Pie

1 - 9" Pie Shell

Filling

6 cups sliced Golden Delicious Apples

1/2 c. Sugar

3 T. Flour

1 t. Cinnamon

1/8 t. Salt

Topping

1 c. Brown Sugar

1/2 c. Flour

1/2 c. Oatmeal

1/2 c. Butter

Mix filling and fill pie shell. Mix topping and sprinkle on top of apples.

Bake in pre-heated oven at 375 degrees with foil around edges of crust for 25 minutes, remove foil and bake another 25-30 minutes or until apples are done.

Remove from oven and sprinkle top with: 1/2 cup Pecan Pieces and 1/2 c. Caramel Ice Cream Topping. Cool and serve.

Trader Joes Comes to Town

For all you who have ran to Trader Joes for that \$1.99 Charles Shaw wine know why we are so excited to have a Trader's in the neighborhood. And for those of you who don't know about Charles Shaw...well, now you do. Located at 3329 S. Bristol, this brand new beautiful store brings new meaning to the word organic and original grocery shopping. With its farm-like interior and expanded aisles (unlike most Trader Joes), the atmosphere is inviting and the prices pleasing. Make sure you visit the newest edition to our city and don't forget to pick up their pecan pie. It's to die for!

(714) 424-9304

In The Garden with Carolyn



Proper Rose Pruning ensures biggest and best flowers.

Proper pruning not only keeps roses shapely, it can encourage bigger and better blooms. Before you begin to prune you should learn what kind of rose you have and how and when it should be pruned.

There are many broad categories of roses. Some include ground cover, miniature, shrub, bush, tree and climbers. Climbing roses, for example can be ramblers, pillars, hybrid teas, or old fashion antiques. If you are not sure what type of rose you have, bring a sample to your local garden store.

Most roses here in Orange County can be pruned before new growth begins in spring. Mid to late January is the best time. Don't neglect to check your pruning tools before you begin.

Remove dead and diseased or crossing branches. Cut back to healthy white wood.

Cut back the old growth. Remove canes that are 3-4 years old. These will be gray, brown or black and will produce

few, if any flowers. Then cut back one year old (green wood) and two year old (greenish-brown wood) canes. Cut them down at least 2/3 their heights, at an angle, just above a bud.

Check for suckers. These will be canes growing below the bud union, from the rootstock. If any are found, dig down and tear- don't cut them from the stem or root.

Seal all cuts with pruning tar and spray the stems and soil around them with a rose care product to help control diseases. Mulch with 2-3 inches of bumper crop and feed them regularly with a good rose care food.

Trim roses year-round, cutting them well below the fading flowers.

Water your roses as the weather dictates. The top two inches should become dry between waterings.

Washington Square Real Estate Recap

By: Lynette Gallegos



Homes that are currently for Sale:

915 N. Lowell	3 Bedroom, 1 Bath	1092 Sq ft	\$299,000
1111 Washington	3 Bedroom, 1 Bath	1338 Sq ft	\$319,000
913 N. Freeman	3 Bedroom, 1.5 Bath	1194 Sq ft	\$332,900
1408 Lowell	2 Bedroom, 1 Bath	1223 Sq ft	\$324,900
1609 N. Rosewood	3 Bedroom, 1.75 Bath	1600 Sq ft	\$369,900
1318 Westwood	3 Bedroom, 1.75 Bath	Unknown	\$370,000
1412 N. Louise	3 Bedroom, 1 Bath	1850 Sq ft	\$385,000

Homes currently Pending Sale:

1311 N. Towner	2 Bedroom, 1 Bath	1350 Sq ft	\$310,000
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Homes that have recently Sold:

904 N. Olive	3 Bedroom, 2 Baths	1465 Sq ft	\$364,900
924 N. Olive	4 Bedroom, 1 Bath	1640 Sq ft	\$375,000
1403 N. Towner	4 Bedroom, 1.5 Baths	2000 Sq ft	\$389,000

Show your neighbors you care about where you live and the neighborhood you live in. Be sure and mow your lawn regularly, plant grass seed and water when necessary, keep your paint trim updated and in good condition, bring your trash cans out after 4 pm on Sunday and back in again on Monday before 5 pm, keep your cars parked in your driveway or garage and not in front of your neighbor's house, pick up your pet's "droppings" when you take them for a walk or see they have left a present in your neighbor's yard, and make sure to wave when you see your neighbor...you never know when you'll need them.

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.

Newsletter Editor:
Lynette Gallegos

Have an article you would like to see published? Please submit two weeks prior to publication date. All articles submitted are subject to final approval by the newsletter committee. For information and deadline dates please write to WSNA P.O. Box 4435, Santa Ana, CA 92701



Lynette Gallegos
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*Your Washington Square
Real Estate Resource*



Become involved with the neighborhood Association! There is so much to do and so much fun to have doing it! If you are interested and would like to help out and meet new neighbors, give us a call. Together WE make this neighborhood great!



CITY CONTACT INFORMATION

Who To Call For:

Construction Engineering (On-going Street Construction)	565-4044
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

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.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PERFORMING HEARTS

600 N. Main 714-542-7253
church@fpcsa.org www.fpcsa.org
Worship 10:00 AM

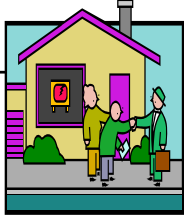
Dumpster Day Locations: Saturday, March 8th 7am sharp

- 1421 N. Olive
- 1315 N. Towner
- 1012 S. Towner
- 1310 N. Louise
- 1015 S. Lowell

Please be prepared to show property ID of residency and keep your items to dump at a courteous amount. We appreciate your cooperation.

Newsletter Tip:

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."



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 neighbors and if you live near one, be sure and stop by and give a warm welcome as their new neighbor.

Kerry & Cecilia Gorman and baby Jaden - 1403 N. Towner

Bryan Johnson - 924 N. Olive

One City, One Book

In an effort to bring our community together through literature, the Santa Ana Public Library along with cooperating neighborhood associations are participating in the reading of John Steinbeck's "The Pearl". Washington Square has purchased several copies of this short novel and have passed in around in the neighborhood. If you would like to read this novel (a real quick read) and participate in a campaign to see what association reads the book the most, please call 953-0962 and leave your name and address. We'll be sure and pass a copy on to you.

Free Mondays at Discovery Science Museum

On the first Monday of every month, Santa Ana residents with a valid ID are admitted FREE to Discovery Science Center. What a fun way to educate your children and yourself to all the wonders of science. Check out www.discoverycube.org for center hours and upcoming events.



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

- *Community Calendar*
- *Links (Neighborhood Associations)*

Add Value To Your Home Without Spending A lot.



Home improvements don't have to be costly. There are many easy improvements you can make to your home without spending a lot of money.

Attention to basics can still offer you a good return on your investment. One of the most important things when selling your home is showing that your home has been carefully maintained. This alone could help you get the price you want. Your kitchen and appliances should be sparkling clean and in working order. Bathrooms also need to be spotless, re-grout where necessary. Replace plumbing or lighting fixtures that look worn or are outdated. Clean up your garage and strap your water heater to the new codes. GFCI (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters) should be installed in kitchen and bathroom electrical outlets or any electrical outlet that is near water, and should all be working properly. Most buyers will find cracked glass or leaking seals in dual pan windows unacceptable, so replace if necessary.

The most cost-effective and profitable improvement you can make is paint. Paint the interior walls a neutral color and the ceilings white to make rooms appear bigger. Replace the carpet and/or flooring if needed. Shabby floors can kill a sale. An attractive yard will also boost the value of any property. Clean the deck or patio and decorate with potted plants and flowers. Manicure your yard and if you have automatic sprinklers make sure they are in working condition. Cosmetic changes do not have to be expensive. If everything in your home is working properly and looks like it has been well cared for, your home will be appealing to prospective buyers.

Now that's A Bright Idea!

White Vinegar - used originally for pickling, you can use this household agent for cleaning salt-stained leather and suede shoes. Make a solution of equal parts of white vinegar and water. Dab it onto a cotton rag, rub gently over the entire shoe, then let dry. You can now step through slush without fear of ruining your favorite boots.

Wire Hanger - used widely for hanging clothes, this handy item can now be used to remove static cling. Run the long side of a wire hanger over your skirt, and between your skirt and panty hose or slip.

Oil - Not only for frying...you can use it for removing adhesive from glass. Apply cooking oil to the sticker using a paper towel or a soft cloth, rub firmly, then rinse with warm, soapy water. (If the adhesive is stubborn, use a dab of toothpaste along with the oil.)

Greeting Cards - Cut out hearts, flowers, or any other whimsical illustration from the card's cover and use as gift tags. Make sure there is no writing on the opposite side. Store with your ribbons and paper.

Wanted: Neighborhood Babysitters

If you know of a teenager who is looking for extra spending money, tell them to advertise their services in our newsletter. There are plenty of families in the square who could use good, qualified babysitters. Call 953-0962 with your name, number and address and we'll add you to our list to be published in the next edition of *Neighborhood News*.

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Area 1	Louise North of Washington Randy & Tracy Simons	558-4871
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Area 12	Freeman South of Washington Janie Chambers	550-0818
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Area 17	Washington/Bomo Koral Virginia Crisostomo	550-6348

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
Windows/Doors Refinish or New	Dillon Stieler	953-1714
Plumbing	Mike Hanson	953-4232
General Contractor	Tom Lutz	835-6130
Concrete Contractor	Jason Escoto	541-4959
Creative Memories Consultant	Susie Alexander	835-1975
Landscape Garden Design	Gracie Blanco	541-1117
Hardwood Floor Refinishing	Elizabeth Maldonado	835-7780
Lawn Installation/Design Sprinklers	Manuel Gomez	543-6397
Handyman	Ken Clark	809-6884
Notary Public	Therese Thomas	318-1455

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www.washington-square.org