



# Neighborhood News

*Real Neighbors, Real Neighborhood*

1st Quarter 2005

## 2005 Calendar of Events

### Please attend our next:

**Annual Dumpster Day**  
**March 12th**  
Locations in newsletter

**General Meeting**  
**April 14th**  
7pm—Wilson Library

**WS Wine Walk**  
**April 30th**

**Annual Summer Party**  
**June 25th**

**General Meeting**  
**July 14th**  
7pm—Wilson Library

**Fall Concert**  
**October 1st**

**General Meeting**  
**October 13th**  
7pm—Wilson Library

**Neighborhood Holiday Party**  
**December 18th**

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

## President's Message

As we move quickly in 2005, I would like to reflect on the accomplishments for Washington Square in 2004. The summer party, fall home tour and garden tour and the annual Christmas party were well attended by many residents and were very successful events. The Home and Garden event in particular was the most successful it has ever been. Close to 800 people visited 7 of our beautiful homes and we received many accolades and positive feedback from those who attended and/or participated. I want to thank the committee and all of those who helped contribute to this memorable event. Proceeds from the tour as well as proceeds from our membership drive will be used to fund our newsletter, other annual events and our vintage sign project currently underway.

The board is proud to be a part of this long awaited project. We will be replacing the street signs with new, updated vintage looking signs that will give the neighborhood a distinguished, new look.

We have many events scheduled for this year including our annual dumpster day in March, a wine walk in April, our annual summer party and fall concert. We welcome volunteers for any these events and encourage feedback or suggestions for new events or projects. Information as well as updates can be found on our website at [www.washington-square.org](http://www.washington-square.org). I want to wish you and your families a safe and prosperous 2005 and I look forward to seeing you at the next neighborhood event.

Sincerely,  
Lynnette Verino  
WSNA President

## *1417 Olive Recognized for Pride Award*



*Congratulations to Ricardo and Alicia Alvarado who live at 1417 N. Olive. They are our first quarter recipient of our "Pride of Excellence" award for the great job they are doing on their home. The WSNA board takes great pride in voting each quarter on a home that makes us proud to live in the square. If you know of someone whose made considerable home improvements and would like to nominate them for next quarter's award, please send your information to WSNA P.O. Box 4435 Santa Ana, CA 92701*

## Looking for a Good Deed? CENTERLINE AT A HALT



Have you noticed a couple walking the neighborhood and picking up trash as they go? They are our neighbors David and Sylvia Clark who live on 16th Street.

Sylvia has a passion for clean neighborhoods and has been working with Wilson School and the Neighborhood Association to be part of the solution. WSNA has purchased and placed trash cans along Washington, 15th and 10th streets to encourage school children, and others who walk through our neighborhood, to use them rather than throwing their trash on the street and in neighbor's yards. The trash cans are well-used and often full. Although they are frequently emptied by neighbors, they have not solved the entire trash problem.

In the spirit of keeping the neighborhood streets clean, the Clarks have purchased a Grip 'N Grab tool that makes picking up even the smallest piece of trash an easy, painless task. Another neighbor, Richard McHugh, also picks up trash in the neighborhood as well as on Bristol and Flower streets, however, they cannot do this on their own.

The Clark's are proposing we divide each street in Washington Square into sections and want residents to "Adopt-A-Street". In doing that we are asking those volunteering to police their area a least twice a week. You can call Sylvia at 836-5257 to sign up. The first five people to call Sylvia will receive a Grip 'N Grab donated by the Neighborhood Association.

"It really is fun and challenging" say the Clarks. "You get exercise, keep up with what is going on and have a chance to meet and chat with your neighbors." The Clarks recommend that two people go out together. They have found it easier for one person to "grab" while the other holds the trash bag. Let's work together to make our neighborhood a showplace! Thank you for your support.

The members of the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board of Directors have voted to put its light-rail project, a 9.3 mile starter segment from the Depot of Santa Ana to John Wayne Airport, on hold.

With the absence of federal funding from Measure M this year, OCTA has now decided to explore other options. The board voted to develop a process for further study of rapid transit options selected by the board, including discussions with the Citizens Oversight Committee on using Measure M transit funds for a bus rapid transit system (BRT). The board has also authorized exploration of changing the current light-rail transit project to another transportation mode, including consideration of a BRT project beginning on the Bristol Street portion of the current proposed light-rail project. OCTA staff will return to the Board of Directors in June with recommended future steps.

### Dumpster Locations: Saturday, March 12 ~ 7am

923 N. Olive  
1602 N. Louise  
1606 N. Rosewood  
920 N. Towner  
1524 N. Baker

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





# 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. Freeman	1116 Louise St.	913 N. Freeman
903 N. Towner	914 Westwood	1424 N. Lowell
1307 N. Lowell	1005 N. Westwood	905 N. Freeman
1139 Bomo Koral	1501 N. Baker	1407 N. Westwood
1424 N. Louise	1401 N. Louise	1155 N. Freeman
1010 N. Baker	821 N. Louise	1323 N. Louise
1122 N. Freeman	1416 N. Louise	

## In The Garden with Carolyn



### Winter Garden Hints -

Dormant pruning - Before new growth emerges, prune deciduous fruit and ornamental trees, grape and wisteria vines, and woody, summer-blooming shrubs.

Wait to prune spring-flowering shrubs such as azaleas and camellias until after they bloom. Don't prune hibiscus or other subtropical; its still too cold to encourage new growth.

Fertilize - Feed groundcovers, shrubs, perennials, trees, and other permanent plants with a slow-release fertilizer such as bone meal, cottonseed meal, or well rotted manure to provide gradual nutrition throughout the season.

Or scatter a granular complete fertilizer. Also feed cool-season lawns such as tall fescue. This is also a good time to fertilize avocado and citrus trees.

Pest and weed control - To prevent weed seeds from germinating, apply a corn gluten-based product like Concern Weed Prevention Plus to flower beds and mixed borders; it won't harm existing plants. Also apply it to warm-season turf grass like Bermuda and St. Augustine to prevent the emergence of crabgrass and other annual weeds.

To manage ants on citrus, wrap the lower trunk with a strip of cloth and cover the cloth with plastic wrap, then apply a sticky pest barrier such as Tree Tanglefoot Pest Barrier. Renew the plastic and the coating every few weeks.

# Washington Square Real Estate Recap

By: Lynette Gallegos



*Properties currently for sale:*

907 N. Towner	4 bedroom, 1 bath	1320 sq ft	\$575,000
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*Properties pending sale:*

821 N. Olive	3 bedroom, 2 bath	1716 sq ft	\$539,900
812 N. Baker	3 bedroom, 2 bath	1369 sq ft	\$559,000
1024 N. Baker	3 bedroom, 1 bath	1500 sq ft	\$572,000
1512 N. Freeman	3 bedroom, 2 bath	1800 sq ft	\$579,000

*Properties Recently Sold:*

827 N. Freeman	2 bedroom, 1 bath	1168 sq ft	\$450,000
1116 N. Louise	3 bedroom, 2 bath	1639 sq ft	\$485,000
913 N. Freeman	3 bedroom, 1 bath	1194 sq ft	\$475,500
1417 N. Towner	2 bedroom, 2 bath	1404 sq ft	\$475,000
903 N. Towner	2 bedroom, 1 bath	1100 sq ft	\$475,999
905 N. Freeman	3 bedroom, 2 bath	1489 sq ft	\$550,000
1130 Bomo Koral	4 bedroom, 3 bath	1477 sq ft	\$552,000
1407 N. Westwood	4 bedroom, 2 bath	1639 sq ft	\$554,900
1424 N. Louise	4 bedroom, 2 bath	1864 sq ft	\$567,000
1114 N. Freeman	3 bedroom, 2 bath	1368 sq ft	\$580,000
1122 N. Freeman	4 bedroom, 2 bath	2117 sq ft	\$615,000

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.

Suggestions or ideas for our newsletter? You can send them to WSNA, P.O. Box 4435, Santa Ana, CA 92701

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*Your Washington Square  
 Real Estate Resource*




## PROTECTING YOUR VEHICLE FROM POTHOLES

The Auto Club of Southern California is issuing the following recommendations to help protect your vehicle against pothole damage

- Maintain proper air pressure in all tires to provide as much cushion as possible between the pothole and the rim of the tire.
- Watch for potholes by leaving plenty of space between your vehicle and the one in front of you.
- Maintain a safe speed for the weather conditions. If a pothole cannot be avoided, slow down, if possible. Hitting one at high speed increases changes of damage to many components.
- When driving over a series of potholes, reduce vehicle speed and hold the steering wheel firmly.
- Do not brake when directly over a pothole. Applying the brakes causes the vehicle's weight to shift to the front and wheels can increase damage from the impact.
- Beware of water that may be concealing a deep pothole.

# CITY CONTACT INFORMATION



## Who To Call For:

- 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:

Adrianna Elisada	543-4292
Maria Diaz	543-6285
Jeff Taylor	836-4624
Susan Cava	571-5762
Hillary Rush <i>CPR cert.</i>	245-0710

If you are interesting in advertising babysitting services, 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*.

### 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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[www.fpcsa.org](http://www.fpcsa.org)

### Don't Forget to Vote!



On April 5th there will be a special election on Measure A

This is the One Broadway initiative

Whether for or opposed, it is important that the city speak out on what it wants for its citizens.

# Washington Square 2005 Board of Directors

President	Lynette Verino	835-0473
Vice President	Jon Wilson	550-0599
Secretary	Lynette Gallegos	953-0962
Treasurer	Jean-Louise Jirik	543-9079
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Membership Co-Chair	Laura Garcia	836-8128
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Comm-Link Rep	Jean Poppa	
Email Coordinator	Ivana Unger	972-8503
<b>Block Representatives</b>		
Area 1 Louise North of Washington Randy & Tracy Simons		558-4871
Area 2 Louise South of Washington Bobbie Keenan		953-9516
Area 3 Baker North of Washington Laura Ruiz		568-1660
Area 4 Baker South of Washington Joy Haught		
Area 5 Rosewood		
Area 6 Westwood North of Washington Carol Haver		558-0402
Area 7 Westwood South of Washington Sylvia Clark		836-5257
Area 8 16th/Towner North of 15th Gil Melendez		542-3398
Area 9 Towner North of Washington Gregg Gallegos		953-0962
Area 10 Towner South of Washington Javiar Garcia		836-8128
Area 11 Freeman North of Washington Janie Chambers		550-0818
Area 12 Freeman South of Washington Janie Chambers		550-0818
Area 13 Lowell South of Washington Christine Cwiertyny		835-9464
Area 14 Lowell North of Washington Jon Wilson		550-0599
Area 15 Olive North of Washington Delmy Savilla		906-4309
Area 16 Olive South of Washington Oldrich & Ivana Unger		972-8503
Area 17 Washington/Bomo Koral Virginia Crisostomo		550-6348
Area 18 Washington St. Kerry Gorman		550-9859

## 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
General Contractor	Tom Lutz	835-6130
Landscape Garden Design	Gracie Blanco	541-1117
Lawn Installation/Design Sprinklers	Manuel Gomez	543-6397
Handyman	Frank Garcia Frankie Mata	313-5765 478-2304
Notary Public	Therese Thomas	318-1455
Life Coach Organizational Consultant	Rebecca Goldstone	417-0017

**Were On the Web!**  
[www.washington-square.org](http://www.washington-square.org)