



# Neighborhood News

*Real Neighbors, Real Neighborhood*

1st Quarter 2006

2006 Calendar of  
Events

## Please attend our next:

**Annual Dumpster Day**  
**Saturday, April 8th**  
Locations in newsletter

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

**Annual Summer Party/Concert**  
**Saturday, June 24th**

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

**WS Wine Walk**  
**Saturday, August 26th**

**General Meeting**  
**October 12th**  
7pm—Wilson Library

**Neighborhood Holiday Party**  
**December 17th**

## President's Message

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As 2005 quickly fades away and 2006 is in high gear, I want to give an update to all of the Washington Square residents on what has been happening in the neighborhood. The best news so far this year is that home prices continue to increase making your home a sound and valuable investment. If you are a new homeowner, welcome to the Square! We have new and exciting things happening in Washington Square. Our new street signs are ready for installation. We are working with the city on an installation plan and soon you will notice the signs posted throughout the neighborhood.

We also have embarked on a new project to replace the temporary green plastic trash cans you see on various street corners with beautiful solid cement trash cans. They are much more pleasing to the eye and they will be a great addition to the neighborhood. If all goes well with fundraising, they will be installed by summer. More information about the new trash cans will be included in your annual membership letter due to go out in February.

If you have driven down Washington Street past the college lately, you may have noticed all of the demolition happening on College Avenue. It is part of the Santa Ana College expansion project. Several Washington Square residents sent letters to the school and their Planning Department was very accommodating to us. We were concerned about noise, traffic, and safety. The school revised their plans to minimize any negative impacts on our neighborhood. We thank Santa Ana College for working with us.

Lastly, we are working with the staff members from the city's Public works Department and the Police Department to deal with traffic issues and chronic speeders in the neighborhood. The residential speed limit is 25 MPH and we have many families and children who walk our neighborhood streets throughout the day. If we all do our part to drive safely, we can be proactive in avoiding accidents and mishaps. Let's insure that Washington Square stays safe and remains a great place to live.



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

All the Best in 2006!  
Lynnette Verino

## New Street Signs for The Square



The streets of Washington Square will soon be adorned with new, custom street signs on every interior street as well as the exterior streets surrounding our square.

The board has worked hard for several years to meet this long term goal. Through fundraising efforts and membership contributions, the board was able to fund and purchase the signs which have been produced and ready for installation.

Currently discussions are taking place with the city to aid the neighborhood with the installation cost. The goal is to have the signs installed by this Spring. If you would like to see their new look go to [washington-square.org](http://washington-square.org) where they are proudly being showcased.

Our thanks to all the members that have continually supported the association through their memberships. Without you, this project could not have happened.



*WE NEED YOU!*

Become involved with the neighborhood association! There is so much to do and so much fun to have doing it! We currently have two openings for block representatives for Freeman and Washington streets. If you would like to help out and meet new neighbors, give us a call. Together WE make this neighborhood great! Call 953-0962 or 835-0473.



To keep current with what's happening in Santa Ana, visit the City's website at [www.ci.santa-ana.ca.us](http://www.ci.santa-ana.ca.us)

- Community Calendar
- Links (Neighborhood Associations)

## Membership Drive

The Association is just about ready to launch this year's membership drive! Your membership letter will soon be sent to you in the mail outlining all the exciting things happening this year in Washington Square. Please take a moment to read the letter and send in your membership donation. We currently have a 60% 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  
\$20.00 Household  
\$25.00 Patron  
\$50.00 Sponsor

Please send your membership to WSNNA 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.

Dumpster Locations:  
Saturday, April 8th ~7 am

1602 Louise St.  
1423 Lowell  
1120 Olive St.  
1321 Towner  
Westwood TBD

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

## 1601 Freeman Receives The First Quarter 2006 Alan Anderson Neighborhood Pride Award



Congratulations to John Armstrong and Jeff Fuentes, the homeowners at 1601 Freeman for their beautiful work on renovating their two story Washington Square home. The board recognizes their contribution to the community

through their improvement efforts and is proud to honor them with this year's first ever "Alan Anderson" Neighborhood Pride Award. Alan was a long time resident of Washington Square, an avid gardener, active member of the Santa Ana Historic Preservation Society, and fabulous neighbor and friend who passed away two years ago. In his honor, the board voted to amend our Pride Award to include his name in his memory. Each quarter the board chooses a home as this award's recipient that has gone through a major renovation process and improvement that betters the neighborhood. Thank you John and Jeff for all you have done to give your home such charming curb appeal.

## Funds Needed for Trash Can Project

Washington Square is the only Santa Ana neighborhood aggressively attacking the trash problem on its streets. Not only are temporary bins placed throughout the neighborhood, Sylvia and David Clark of 16th street are out on a frequent basis picking up trash that is being thrown in the neighborhood.

But it can't stop here. The board has approved a project that will replace the plastic bins with new cement canisters that will display the Washington Square logo and sponsorship advertising on each side.

This project was launched in 2005 when the board was discussing the large amount of trash and debris accumulating around the neighborhood. Much of it linked to the fast food restaurants adjacent to the square and to the children walking to and from Wilson School. Wanting to take an aggressive approach, board members came up with the idea of placing plastic trash bins strategically throughout the neighborhood as a pilot project. The bins proved to reduce the amount of trash thrown on the ground and a committee was formed to draw up a formal proposal to the

## 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.

- 1115 Olive
- 1408 Lowell
- 1104 Baker
- 1001 Westwood
- 1439 Louise
- 1420 Louise
- 912 Towner
- 1010 Towner

city for approval to install permanent, cement bins. In this proposal, Washington Square Neighborhood Association agreed to pay for the new round cement cans and the city has since agreed to lay the cement slabs needed to hold the new cans in place. Waste Management has agreed to empty the cans on a regular basis which have, to this point, been emptied by Washington Square residents.

The board has obtained estimates for 13 new containers. The cost is \$1000 for each which includes graffiti coating, logo and installation. To start the funding project, the board will be asking members to double their membership this year. Local businesses will also be solicited to sponsor a bin that will include a business name plate and/or picture embedded into the side of the cement bin. Also, these businesses will be invited to participate in the ribbon cutting event and be advertised on the neighborhood's website and at annual events. If you are interested in a sponsorship or know of a local business the board can contact, please call Jon Wilson at 550-0599. You can also preview the cement trash bin at [www.washington-square.org](http://www.washington-square.org) Thank you for your interest in this project!



# Washington Square Real Estate Recap

By: Lynette Gallegos



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:*

827 N. Freeman	2 bedroom, 1 ba	1194 Sq ft.	\$629,900
1319 N. Louise	3 bedroom, 2 ba	1695 Sq ft	\$635,000
904 Lowell St.	2 bedroom, 1 ba	1088 Sq ft	\$639,000
1111 N. Olive	2 bedroom, 1 ba	1088 Sq ft	\$641,000
814 N. Towner	3 bedroom, 1 ba	1324 Sq ft	\$649,900
1514 Rosewood	3 bedroom, 2 ba	1511 Sq ft	\$659,000
1005 N. Towner	3 bedroom, 2 ba	1640 Sq ft	\$675,000
1011 N. Towner	3 bedroom, 2 ba	1640 Sq ft	\$678,000
1302 N. Freeman	3 bedroom, 2 ba	1684 Sq ft	\$689,900
920 N. Olive St.	3 bedroom, 2 ba	1519 Sq ft	\$720,000

*Properties Pending Sale:*

914 Westwood	2 bedroom, 2 ba	1349 Sq ft	\$639,500
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*Properties Recently Sold:*

1115 N. Olive	2 bedroom, 1ba	1200 Sq ft	\$569,900
1408 Lowell	2 bedroom, 1 ba	1222 Sq ft	\$599,900
1104 N. Baker	3 bedroom, 2 ba	1561 Sq ft	\$620,000
1001 Westwood	3 bedroom, 2 ba	1600 Sq ft	\$637,500
1439 N. Louise	4 bedroom, 2 ba	1542 Sq ft	\$645,000
1420 N. Louise	3 bedroom, 2 ba	1549 Sq ft	\$645,900
912 N. Towner	4 bedroom, 2 ba	1662 Sq ft	\$685,000
1010 N. Towner	3 bedroom, 2 ba	1980 Sq ft	\$698,000

**Lynette Gallegos**  
**(714) 745-7837**  
*Your Washington Square*  
*Real Estate Resource*




**" 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.

## GARAGE CONVERSIONS & CARTS ARE ILLEGAL

Renting out or occupying your garage as living quarters is not only illegal but also brings home values down for your neighbors and the neighborhood as a whole. Several homes in Washington Square have converted garages and the board is taking serious steps to stop this type of living. City code enforcement is being notified as these properties are identified to correct and bring the garages back to their original intended use. As well as illegal garage conversions, there has been an increase of shopping carts left on the streets in Washington Square. Taking a shopping cart from a retail store is a misdemeanor petty theft offense and carries a fine up to \$1000 (PC488). We have a shopping cart retrieval program paid for with tax payer dollars, but it is the responsibility of neighbors to call and report any abandoned carts. The shopping cart retrieval phone number is 1-800-252-4613. The association is making every effort to catch the culprits and talk to them about leaving the cart in our neighborhood. These carts are very unattractive in the neighborhood and we are working hard to keep a positive appearance throughout our streets.

# 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:

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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Bush

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## Washington Square 2006 Board of Directors

President	Lynnette Verino	835-0473
Vice President	Jon Wilson	550-0599
Secretary	Lynette Gallegos	953-0962
Treasurer	Jean-Louise Jirik	543-9079
Membership Co-Chair	Jim Pantone	835-1223
Membership Co-Chair	Laura Garcia	836-8128
Hospitality Chair		
Website coordinator	David Jirik	543-9079
Comm-Link Rep	Jean Poppa	836-6430
Email Coordinator	Ivana Unger	972-8503

### Block Representatives

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 Kelly Manson	571-0704
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 Javier Garcia	836-8128
Area 11	Freeman North of Washington Open	
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. 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.

Key's & Locksmith	Ivan Rivera	953-6720
Windows/Doors Refinish or New	Dillon Stieler	953-1714
General Contractor	Tom Lutz	835-6130
Lawn Installation/Design Sprinklers	Manuel Gomez	543-6397
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

**Check us out on the web!**  
**[www.washington-square.org](http://www.washington-square.org)**