



Neighborhood News

Real Neighbors, Real Neighborhood

Winter 2008

2009 Calendar of Events

General Meeting

Thurs., January 15th,
7pm, Wilson School

Dumpster Day

Sat., March 14th

General Meeting

April 16th, 7pm

Spring Clean Up

Sat., April 18th, 8-11am

Wine Walk

Sat., May 16th

General Meeting

Thur., July 9th, 7pm

Summer Movie Night

Sat., July 11th

Fall Clean Up

Sat., October 10th

General Meeting

Thur., October 15th, 7pm

Fall Concert

Sat., October 24th

Holiday Party

Sat., December 13th

For more info go to
www.washington-square.org

Message from the President, Nancy Lutz:

Kudos to the many homes now sporting a new coat of exterior paint. It is wonderful to see how that effort changes the look of our biggest investment, our homes. If you are interested in having your home painted, check with the homeowners who have already undertaken the task to request advice or a referral.

At the beginning of the year I undertook an effort to encourage more neighbors to volunteer with our special events, and I must say you have stepped up. Thank you!! From the Wine Walk, Summer Party, Fall Concert, Christmas party, the two neighborhood clean-ups and our dumpster day, many new faces have appeared to lend a hand. I am gratified that you all were willing to share your time in support of these events. Neighbors met new friends and we ultimately accomplished our goals in a shorter period of time! I encourage you to keep up this volunteer spirit and pledge to keep things easy and fun.

Wanted: Block Reps.

At our January general meeting we will elect block representatives for the 18 designated areas who distribute our newsletters and flyers. We need two reps for Westwood--one south of Washington and one north of Washington. The current rep gets lots of exercise as she does not only her neighborhood, but all of Westwood as well. I have spoken to some of you who wish to become more involved--this is your chance. Does your New Year's resolution include getting more exercise? This would be the perfect way to kick-start that resolution

General Meeting Program for January 15th.

The general meeting will feature Thom Coughran and Mary Gonzales from the City of Santa Ana who will give us the heads up about upcoming water conservation regulations and recycling issues in Washington Square, respectively.

Join us on January 15th, 7 p.m. at Wilson Elementary for pizza and the above program. Your neighbors will be happy to see you and the pizzas are great.

Sincerely,

Nancy Lutz

President

Washington Square Neighborhood Association
Santa Ana, California

Washington Square invites you to

Be neighborly

2008 Holiday Party

From the moment Santa arrived on the fire truck and ending when the firefighters drove Santa away, the Eighth Annual 2008 Washington Square holiday party was the best ever. It was a beautiful afternoon and rain-weary families came out by the scores to indulge in the goodies and get some face time with Santa. Washington Square's own professional event producer and photographer, David Jirik of Heliotrope Studios, set up music, lighting, and brought computers and printers for professional quality digital photos. The result was that the Santa pictures were the best we've done so far. All in all, we rate the event a ten-plus.

A big thank you to our gracious host family, Juan and Anna Vasquez. We would like to thank them for their hospitality and indulgent good humor as we invaded their front yard for yet another year. Also to our neighbor Claudia Alvarez, Mayor pro tem, was there to party with her friends and constituents.

If you haven't gotten out to this event in the past, you are encouraged to attend next year. Neighbors bring delicious baked goodies to share and it's a great way to spend an hour or so enjoying the holiday spirit with neighbors on a beautiful afternoon.

Go to www.washington-square.org for the complete photo album with all the Santa and friends photos.



Above: Hosts, family and friends.
Right: Angelica with her Santa.



Santa and his "elves" pose in front of the "sleigh".

howdy neighbor!

As neighbors depart in Washington Square, and new families arrive, please reach out and welcome our new residents. We are known for our sense of neighborhood and by offering a smile, a handshake and you may make a new friend.

If you happen to live near a family that has recently moved-in, please make the effort to stop by and extend a friendly welcome from all of us. Or if you are new to Washington Square, please feel free to introduce yourself to your new neighbors. You'll probably find this is a friendly place to call home.



The Washington Square Neighborhood Newsletter is published quarterly by the Washington Square Neighborhood Association. WSNA is a non-profit mutual benefit community association established in 1984. WSNA is an officially recognized neighborhood by the city of Santa Ana, California. Currently the volunteer Newsletter Committee is chaired by Jean-Louise Jirik who gets a lot of help from you. If you have suggestions or story ideas, you can email her at jljirik@heliotrope-studios.com

Business Spotlight: Photography by Ricardo

Ricardo Barrera is a lucky man. First, he lives in Washington Square with his wife and family, second he lives his passion. Ricardo is a professional photographer and his company is Photography by Ricardo. You can find it on the internet at www.photographybyricardo.net where an extensive and impressive collection of samples are available. Ricardo specializes in happy customers and does that by artfully creating photos to remember.

Styling a timeless portrait is an art in itself, as is knowing the right location, planning for the best light, arrangement of subjects and the endless combinations of wardrobe and make-up choices. For weddings and quincinieras, the list of require-

ments is even longer and Ricardo specializes as much in the planning of the shots as in the execution of them.

Weddings, quincineras, family portraits, baby pictures, you name it, he's done it. He started as a hobbyist in his teen years and became so skilled at his photography "hobby" that he eventually quit his day job. He's been a professional photographer for 13 years and he now owns and operates Photography by Ricardo.

Photography by Ricardo has a studio location in Santa Ana on 17th Street at 1105 W. 17th. Ricardo can be reached by phone at 714-836-4041.



Want your business profiled next issue? Call 714-543-9079.

It's free.



Joel Clark, Author, publishes his first travel book: “A User’s (Useless) Guide to the Pacific Crest Trail”

Joel Clark, Washington Square resident and son of proud parents David and Sylvia Clark, also of WS, has written a book about his adventure on the 2,658 mile Pacific Crest Trail.

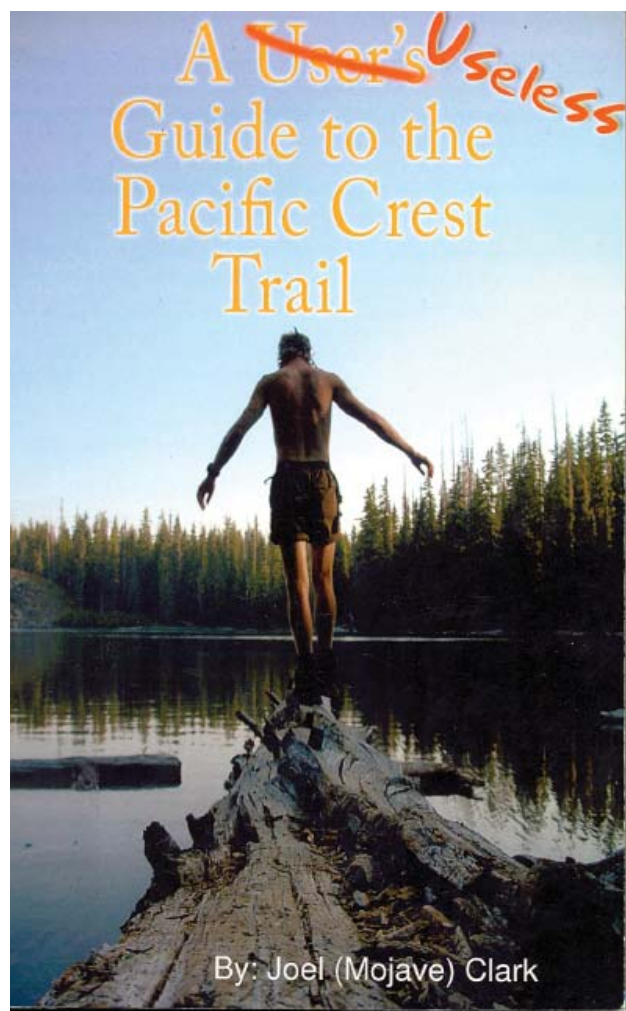
In 2006 Joel quit his full-time job of nine years, sold his car, moved out of his apartment and took the monumental first step on his hike of the 2,658 mile Pacific Crest Trail, one of the longest continuous trails in the world spanning the deserts and mountains of California, Oregon and Washington.

Recognizing the value of his trail journal after his return to civilization, Joel penned “A User’s (Useless) Guide to the Pacific Crest Trail” which chronicles a firsthand, day-by-day experience of hiking the entire length of the trail including the wonders of the land from Mexico to Canada, sprinkled with some helpful techniques of hiking long distances.

Throughout the five-month journey, Joel (aka Mojave) journaled regularly, detailing the heavy snow pack in the Sierras, excruciating foot pain, occasional conflicts with his obsessive-compulsive trail partner, his Bigfoot experience and other strange and often humorous stories.

The 212 page book may be purchased online at www.lulu.com. Enter his name or the name of the book in the search box on the home page or use this link: <http://www.lulu.com/content/2010559>. The paperback will set you back \$14, but the earth-friendly download is only \$7.50.

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Laura's Neighborhood Real Estate Recap

by Laura Tobias Garcia

Properties currently for sale:

1505 N. Baker	3 bed, 2 bath	1741 sq. ft.	\$475,000**
907 N. Towner	4 bed, 1 bath	1320 sq. ft.	\$214,900**
1522 N. Rosewood	3 bed, 1 bath	1060 sq. ft.	\$249,000**
912 N. Freeman	5 bed, 3 bath	2300 sq. ft.	\$284,900*
1302 N. Olive	2 bed, 2 bath	1050 sq. ft.	\$449,000*
1011 N. Towner	3 bed, 2 bath	1640 sq. ft.	\$319,900*
1104 N. Freeman	3 bed, 2 bath	1853 sq. ft.	\$350,000**
1002 N. Freeman	4 bed, 2 bath	1875 sq. ft.	\$350,000**
1509 N. Rosewood	4 bed, 1 bath	1387 sq. ft.	\$399,000**
1108 N. Towner	3 bed, 1 bath	1910 sq. ft.	\$449,900*
912 N. Olive	4 bed, 2 bath	2388 sq. ft.	\$469,000
1501 N. Freeman	3 bed, 2 bath	2000 sq. ft.	\$535,000
1509 N. Baker	3 bed, 2 bath	1088 sq. ft.	\$280,000**
819 N. Towner	2 bed, 1 bath	1130 sq. ft.	\$276,000

homes
for
sale

Properties currently in escrow

1606 N. Louise	3 bed, 1 bath	1325 sq. ft.	\$299,000*
1604 N. Towner	3 bed, 2 bath	1493 sq. ft.	\$375,250*

homes in escrow

Properties sold:

1142 Bomo Koral	4 bed, 3 bath	1449 sq. ft.	\$300,000*
820 N. Olive	2 bed, 1 bath	1600 sq. ft.	\$600,000
1417 N. Towner	2 bed, 2 bath	1101 sq. ft.	\$277,000*
1502 N. Olive	2 bed, 1 bath	1550 sq. ft.	\$325,000
1435 N. Louise	3 bed, 1 bath	1418 sq. ft.	\$350,000*
1139 Bomo Koral	4 bed, 3 bath	1477 sq. ft.	\$325,000*
1411 N. Lowell	2 bed, 1 bath	1336 sq. ft.	\$364,000*
1102 N. 16th	3 bed, 2 bath	1303 sq. ft.	\$380,000*
1016 N. Towner	4 bed, 2 bath	2236 sq. ft.	\$410,000*
1616 N. Freeman	4 bed, 2 bath	1693 sq. ft.	\$380,000
1017 N. Westwood	4 bed, 3 bath	2190 sq. ft.	\$435,000*
1417 N. Towner	2 bed, 2 bath	1404 sq. ft.	\$460,000
1212 N. Louise	4 bed, 3 bath	2664 sq. ft.	\$479,000
1116 N. Baker	7 bed, 4 bath	4080 sq. ft.	\$575,000*
1115 N. Towner	5 bed, 2 bath	2232 sq. ft.	\$425,000

homes
SOLD!



Laura Tobias Garcia

Building lasting client relationships



Clip and save:

2009 Neighborhood Event Calendar

Wed. **January 7** WSNA Board Meeting 7pm
 Thurs. **January 15** WSNA General Meeting 7pm
 Wed. **February 4** WSNA Board Meeting 7pm
 Wed. **March 4** WSNA Board Meeting 7pm
 Sat. **March 14** Dumpster Day
 Wed. **April 1** WSNA Board Meeting 7pm
 Thurs. **April 16** WSNA General Meeting 7pm
 Sat. **April 18** Spring Clean Up
 Wed. **May 6th** WSNA Board Meeting 7pm
 Sat. **May 16** WSNA Wine Walk
 Wed. **June 3** WSNA Board Meeting 7pm
 Wed. **July 1** WSNA Board Meeting 7pm
 Thurs. **July 9** WSNA General Meeting 7pm
 Sat. **July 11** Summer Movie Night
 Wed. **August 5** WSNA Board Meeting 7pm
 Wed. **September 2**, WSNA Board Meeting 7pm
 Wed. **October 7** WSNA Board Meeting 7pm
 Sat. **October 10** Fall Clean Up
 Thurs. **October 15** WSNA General Meeting 7pm
 Sat. **October 24** WSNA Fall Concert
 Wed. **November 4** WSNA Board Meeting 7pm
 Wed. **December 2** WSNA Board Meeting 7pm
 Sun. **December 13** WSNA Holiday Party 2pm



Looking for a Place to...

Meet new friends, sing in a choir, or perhaps you are simply looking for a place to call your own, or a group with whom to nurture your soul, or the souls of your family.

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SAC Offers Online Application and Registration

A good education couldn't be more convenient. Registration for the Spring 2009 term ends February 6 and class schedules are posted online at www.sac.edu/schedules. If you haven't registered yet, the process is simple. You can begin online and if a good education isn't enough of a reason, here's a few more good reasons to attend SAC:

Low enrollment fee

Large selection of academic and vocational programs

State-of-the-art technology

Small classes for individual attention

Outstanding student services

High transfer rate to universities

Friendly professors and staff committed to your success

Flexible class schedules

Professional job training

Opportunities in leadership & extracurricular activities

It's across the street!



If you use the internet, don't forget our website www.washington-square.org. If you're hungry for the haps in the hood, or just plain bored, the site is updated regularly and it's available 24/7 to quench your curiosity and quell your questions.



Did you know?

Free admission is offered to Santa Ana residents on designated days of the month to various museums and the Zoo. A California Driver's License, California Identification Card, or utility bill with picture ID are required as proof of residency.

So there's no excuse not to visit these great attractions: **The Bowers Museum, Centennial Heritage Museum, Discovery Science Center, and Santa Ana Zoo at Prentice Park.**



City Contact Information



Code Enforcement	667-2780
Police Services	647-5062
Police—non emergency	834-4211
Construction Engineering	565-4044
(Ongoing 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 Cart 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
Water Bill	647-5454
Water Engineering	647-3320

For code enforcement issues, call Joe Rodriguez, Washington Square's dedicated Code Enforcement Officer, at 714-667-2734.

Joe is a consummate professional and has a track record of response to us. He brings a depth of knowledge and valuable years of experience in the field right here in Santa Ana, and he will do his best to solve your problem. In addition he is an expert on lawns and lawncare. He knows everything (honest) and you can call him anytime for some reliably on-the-mark advice.



DID YOU KNOW?

- **It is illegal to dispose of hazardous waste** in personal or public trash cans and it is punishable by a \$25,000 fine. This includes motor oil, housepaint and other toxic substances.
- **Trash containers** are not to be put out on Sunday before 4:00 PM and must be taken in by 12:00 midnight Monday evening. Trash containers must be stored so they are not 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.
- **Cars** are never 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. The permits are free. Contact the building department 667-2700 for more information. Maintain your wood fences by keeping them painted and in good repair.

• **Store Shopping Carts** are a blight when left on the street after they are stolen from stores. The solution? If this applies to you, please use your own folding shopping cart (pictured at left) instead of stealing them from stores to transport your purchases. It is expensive for the city to pick them up (\$75 each time) and you can buy your own for around \$10-25 at nearby stores. It's an investment in good neighbor relations.



Washington Square Babysitters

Adrianna Elisada	543-4292
Jeff Taylor	836-4624
Susan Cava	571-5762

If you are interesting in advertising babysitting services, call J-L at 543-9079 with your name, number and address and we'll add you to our list published in the next edition of Neighborhood News.



Washington Square

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NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

We welcome new volunteers. As you can see below there are very few residents active at making this a truly outstanding place to live. Any help you can give is appreciated so please call Nancy and talk about opportunities to serve. We remain committed to WSNA and having fun while making it happen! It's never boring.

2008-2009 Board Positions

President	Nancy Lutz	836-9110
Vice-President	Lynnette Verino	835-0473
Secretary	Ivana Unger	972-8503
Treasurer	Laura T. Garcia	836-8128
Members at large:		
	Jean-Louise Jirik	543-9079
	Jean-Poppa	836-6430

Committees and Block Reps:

Membership	Laura T. Garcia	836-8128
Website	David Jirik	543-9079
Newsletter	Jean-Louise Jirik	543-9079
Comm-Link	Jean Poppa	836-6430
Hospitality	Tracy Simons	552-4871

Block Representatives

Area 1 Louise North of Washington Randy & Tracy Simons	558-4871
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 Kelly Manson	571-0704
Area 6 Westwood North of Washington Sylvia Clark	836-5257
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 Russ Bartlett	564-9080
Area 10 Towner South of Washington Javier Garcia	836-8128
Area 11 Freeman North of Washington Margaret Klase	972-8951
Area 12 Freeman South of Washington Juan & Virginia Bernal	836-7448
Area 13 Lowell South of Washington Christine Cwiertny	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	550-7220
Area 18 Washington St.	OPEN

Warning: Lights down

Now that the holidays are over, it's time to remove decorations, clean up and focus on the joys of Springtime. Holiday lights simply are not engineered to stay outside for extended periods of time and are considered a fire hazard so the City of Santa Ana has some rules. Here are the dates for this year:

Citations for holiday lights still on houses will be issued by the City of Santa Ana after March 1st.

Washington Square has a history of being patrolled, so we urge you to take down decorations and lights to save yourself the hassle and risk of a costly (\$100) citation. Generally the first citation is an Administrative Citation Warning with a seven day grace period to remove the seasonal decorations. If not complied with, the City will next issue a Notice of Violation which carries the \$100 fine.



The Washington Square Vendor Network

Keys & Locksmith	Ivan Rivera	953-6720
General Contractor	Tom Lutz	835-6130
Handyman	Ken Clark	809-6884
Stone/Brick Design & Installations	Frankie Mata	478-2304
Electrician	AJN Electric	
	Andrew Nunez	782-4740
Notary Public	Therese Thomas	318-1455
Realtor	Laura Tobias Garcia	883-3314
Home Loans & Reverse Mortgages	Brandie Nava	200-5831
Preschool	Denise Davey	543-1813
Sylvia's Wigs & Accessories		545-1307
Professional Audio/Video, Event and Technology		
Heliotrope Studios	David Jirik	545-0222
All-natural raw pet food		
CoolPets Raw Gourmet	Jean-Louise Jirik	545-0700
State Farm Insurance	Monica Martinez Drevon	966-2679
Wedding Photography	Photography by Ricardo	
	Ricardo Barrera	836-4041

We promote business and services provided by Washington Square residents and any owner of a local business may be included. This list will be published in every newsletter as a way to inform you of the opportunity to patronize your own neighbors. Please check them out and if you need one of these services, be sure to call them first! If you want your business listed, email or give us a call with your info.