



2012 WSNA Calendar

Thursday July 12
Quarterly Neighborhood Meeting
at the Community Room of
the Santa Ana Police Department

Saturday August 18
Family Movie Night
"Chicken Run"

Saturday August 25
Concert in the Park
WSNA Dessert Booth

Saturday September 22
Fall Family Concert

Thursday October 11
Quarterly Neighborhood Meeting

New
Saturday October 13
Oktoberfest
Beer Tasting Event

Saturday December 9
Holiday Santa Party

Message from Javier Garcia

President, Washington Square Neighborhood Association



Whatever happened to the lazy days of summer? Isn't there a song about them? I want to know where they went because the people in my life and in my neighborhood are running around more than ever. It seems there's nothing lazy about summers anymore.

Speaking of running around YOU have a lot to plan for and it's all good.

First, there's the first ever **neighborhood quarterly meeting at the police department with a tour** by Police Commissioner/City Manager Paul Walters. This is your chance to get up close and personal with law enforcement, the CSI lab, detective hideouts, shooting range, secret donut lounge and more. You even have an opportunity to go on a ridealong with a working officer. And, as usual, there will be pizza. See you on July 12th. More information on Page 8.

In August our **Fifth Annual Movie Night** happens on the 18th. The movie is the award winning classic "Chicken Run" which will appeal to the kid in all of us. See page 4 for more information.

The very next week is the **Concert in the Park** on the 25th. If you haven't been, it's perfect for families and friends. The band, The Answer, puts on quite a show--not to mention everyone's favorite--the t-shirt gun! This is a combined neighborhood event and Washington Square does a booth selling scrumptious all-homemade desserts, coffee and water.

September 22nd is the next date to remember. It's **Washington Square's own Fall Concert**. We are finalizing the band and staging arrangements now and can't wait to tell you the news. It should be posted on the website by early August so keep checking.

We are a few months out from our first **Oktoberfest** which is currently in the planning stages. If you want to be involved with the event, contact Event Chairman Diane Morter at 714.814.4326. The committee is starting to meet and welcomes more members to plan and execute this exciting event. The more the merrier--literally--so be sure to put **October 13** on your calendar. No one knows exactly how it will work yet, but we know if it happens in Washington Square, it will be fun! Anyone know an accordion player?

Javier Garcia
Javier Garcia
2012 President

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Washington Square's

neighborly news

Shorter Newsletter

The summer WSNA newsletter is shorter than our normal twelve pages with only eight pages this issue. I get a lot of positive feedback and wonderful suggestions from neighbors so I want you to know this is not a permanent change. We will be back to our twelve pages next issue. so please keep those suggestions flowing! We want to include the issues and information that are important to all of us and without your input, we're only guessing. Please email me at newsletter@washington-square.org. Bring it on! It is truly my honor to produce your newsletter and it is a group effort. I really appreciate your suggestions and input.

Sincerely, Jean-Louise Jirik, Newsletter Committee Chair

Oktoberfest is coming!

Oktoberfest
October 13, 2012

Finally! An opportunity to get your Lederhosen and knee socks out of mothballs, pull out that accordion, dust off your fanciest beer stein and --this is the good one-- sharpen your beer tasting skills with your neighbors at WSNA's first Oktoberfest.

Hold on to your mugs because this should be some kind of fun! There will be a silent auction, bratwurst sandwiches, live music, giveaways, hilarious neighbors and, oh yes, beer! The beers will be set up as a tasting so you'll have an opportunity to sample a wide assortment of international and craft beers. Plus there will be giveaways provided by the breweries so bring your raffle cash because there's going to be plenty to win.

The Oktoberfest tent will be open from 5-9 pm with something happening every hour. Like the Wine Walk, attendance is limited and they expect a sold out crowd so be sure to get your reservations in early when it opens up.

Wine Walk Recap

For the eleventh year, Washington Square neighbors and friends came together to celebrate the noble grape. The variety of offerings were outstanding so wine walkers were able to educate and refine their palates. Sam Puzzo, our neighborhood Wine Authority who procures and organizes the wines, said "we poured more wine than in any year previous." We also made more money for WSNA! Yay!

The addition of live music, the first year ever, thanks to the 10th Street Jazz Band, really added to the event. Traditional jazz flowed as smoothly as the wine from the four-piece band. We owe a huge debt of thanks for Yasmin Wevers' efforts at putting their appearance together. She volunteered her time and talent--and that girl rips the drums!

The incredible hosts of the three houses on Towner prepared for the onslaught as Walkers arrived with their food at House One. After checking in, getting name-tagged, and a glass, it was ON. The whites and some bubbly were the first varieties available as the evening started in the huge backyard of Brandie and Carlos Nava's home. After choosing a beverage, it was off to sample the sumptuous delights on the appetizer pot luck to enjoy the start of a festive evening.

From there the Walkers moseyed across the street to the Hawkins', then en masse, crossed over again to invade the Sharpe's, being mindful of their pet tortoise. A thoughtful committee member (Nancy Lutz) installed a clever sign and barrier so the tortoise's sleeping area so he wouldn't be disturbed. The turtle survived the melee and wine walkers finished off the evening back at the Nava's where the dessert buffet was opened and enjoyed while the 10th Street Jazz Band played their hearts out to an adoring crowd.

Thanks to the combined efforts of all the volunteers, this was the most successful Wine Walk ever!



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 1985.

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

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Neighborhood Spotlight: Alan Anderson Award goes to...

Cory Nelson and Elizabeth Enloe

911 North Olive Street



Morgan, Mom Elizabeth and Maxton pose proudly with their new yard sign.



A playful touch is this pottery of Mr. Silly Frogface placed along the driveway.

aim is to keep the feel of the original home and they have succeeded beautifully.

Working in the yard has become a family affair since the boys arrived and fortunately, Morgan and Maxton are on board with it. In fact, they insisted on this year's new flower plantings so their parents obliged. The boys supervised the planting of new flowers and succulents and did some of the digging and heavy lifting themselves. Morgan and Max have an affinity for dirt and heartily enjoy their time in the garden and watching things grow, moving the rocks around, and hiding. Of course, not all the dirt stays on the ground so afterwards, Mom and Dad have their hands full with the baths and laundry.

A big neighborhood thank you to Cory, Elizabeth, Morgan and Max for keeping Washington Square beautiful.



Balanced Perfection. Restoration efforts have yielded a welcoming front entrance befitting the 1925 home.



Max and Morgan pointing out their favorite plants in the garden.



There is no doubting the curb appeal of the Nelson-Enloe's fastidiously maintained home.

The 2012 Movie Night 8/18

Becoming a summer tradition ... This is the third year.

Make sure your calendars are marked for August 18th, the Saturday slated for this year's WSNA Movie Night. Admission is free of course.

The movie selected is **Chicken Run**. The five star Chicken Run is a comedy escape drama with a touch of passion set on a sinister chicken farm in 1950's England.

Because we have to wait until it's dark outside, the **starting time is 8 p.m.** Some moms and dads let the kids wear their warm jammies since it will be a late night. Feel free to bring a tarp and bedrolls and join the slumber party area.

Movie night is held in the 16th Street cul de sac at Towner. (After searching other neighborhood locations, this was found to be the darkest which will allow the projected movie to show up well on the screen.)

As usual there will be fresh popped popcorn and bottled water. Residents are encouraged to contribute a plate of cookies or other treat or you can bring your own family snacks or picnic.

You will be receiving a flyer with all the information and it will be posted on the website. We hope you can attend.

More about chicken Run:

Aardman Animations, the British clay-animation studio that created a cult sensation (and won three Academy awards) with its short subjects featuring Wallace and Gromit, presents its first feature film.

Mrs. Tweedy operates a chicken farm, where most of the birds have resigned themselves to a short and uneventful life of producing eggs and ending up as the main course of someone's Sunday dinner. But when Rocky (voice of Mel Gibson), a rooster from America, arrives on the farm, things begin to change. Rocky soon finds romance with a hen named Ginger who longs for a better life and has been trying to find a way out of the farm for some time; together they devise a plan to escape to freedom. However, Rocky and Ginger soon find themselves racing against the clock when Mrs. Tweedy decides it's time to turn the entire flock into chicken pies.

Oktoberfest 411

Oktoberfest is a German tradition--a 16 day celebration. It was founded by King Ludwig in Munich in 1810.

It is a festival of Bavarian culture (arts, agriculture, food, and beer!) and now draws over five million visitors to the 16 day event.

WSNA's first Oktoberfest will be on a much smaller scale. Definitely less than a million. You will have the opportunity to sample many beers from around the world, some costing as much as \$20 per bottle.

Date: October 13

Time: 5-9 pm

Tickets: \$20 per person

Place: To be announced

Beer samples and a Bavarian-type dinner (menu undecided at time of this newsletter) are included in the price of the ticket. Raffle and silent auction tickets available for purchase.

If you want to be in on the planning of Oktoberfest, call Diane Morter at 7714.814.4326 for info or to volunteer.

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Sarah's Neighborhood News

by Sarah Covarrubias

Beds	Baths	Square Feet	List/Sold Price	DOM	Sale Type
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homes for sale

1609 N. Rosewood	3	2	1,470	399,900	26	Standard
1502-1522 N. Flower		3 Homes		2,650,000	285	Investment Opportunity
903 N. Flower		Duplex		279,900	6	Duplex

in escrow/pending

1107 N. Freeman	2	1	1224	365,000	7	Standard
1505 N. Baker	3	2	1,741	299,900	729	Short Sale
1122 N. Freeman	4	2	2,358	299,900	167	Short Sale
1143 Bomo Koral	4	2.5	1,700	330,000	84	Short Sale
920 N. Towner	5	3	3,220	349,900	23	Short Sale
1123 N. Olive	3	1	1,246	379,900	24	Standard

homes sold

1108 N. Towner	3	2.5	1,910	405,000	45	Standard
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It's hard to believe that summer is already here. A time when houses are for sale, people are moving and settling into their new neighborhoods before September right? Well, this year is different...

As you will notice from above, there is (at this time of writing) only 1 house on the market in Washington Square. Of the 6 in escrow, many were in escrow at our last writing 2 months ago (due to the fact they are short sales). So in actuality, we only have had 3 new listings in 2 months.

Lately, it is not uncommon to see multiple offers on nearly every home on the market in Santa Ana. Note that the duplex at 903 n. Olive had 6 offers within the first 3 days on the market. Several buyers made cash offers over asking price.

We are at a record low of 1.7 months of inventory county-wide. So this is an excellent time to sell if you have been waiting.

Update on HAFA (Home Affordable Foreclosure Alternative) short sales: the Feds have extended HAFA short sales until December 13, 2013. Again, HAFA offers qualified sellers \$3000 in relocation assistance, and other perks. State of California is offering assistance as well up to \$5000 (combined with other bank programs).

Questions on short sales, loan modifications or the value of your home in this market...don't hesitate to contact me.



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July 12th

Santa Ana Police Department Tour. What to expect

The Santa Ana Police Administration and Jail Facility were completed on January, 23, 1997. The building was designed for its durability and low maintenance. The police facility is 235,300 square feet and the Jail is 168,400.

The communications center consists of both communications and the telephone reporting unit (TRU). Communications receives approximately 500,000 incoming calls per year, of which 145,000 are received on 911. Approximately 60% of these calls are received from cellular phones. TRU is responsible for handling reports that do not require a field officer to respond in person. It provides valuable resource and referral information to the community. They receive approximately 14,400 non-emergency telephone calls per year. The electronic reporting system (E-reports) was implemented in March 2009, receiving over 530 submitted reports.

The training section is comprised of several different units. These units include video services; use of force training coordination of field training for lateral officers and new recruits attending police



academies; and four separate volunteer programs. Training is also responsible for coordinating the internal and external training of all police department employees. The training section has the responsibility for numerous ongoing programs such as developing emergency response procedure for natural disasters or civil disturbances. The training unit also has a driving simulator. This advanced technology has now bridged the gap between learning to be a safe driver and learning to drive safely during high-speed pursuits and emergency situations. Each simulator has five large screen monitors that allow a full 225-degree of view.

The jail maintains its daily inmate population at over 475, resulting in the highest revenue for the City's General Fund since the Jail's inception. The jail has developed inmate housing contracts with the U.S. Marshal's office, Immigration and Naturalization Services, Juvenile Probation.



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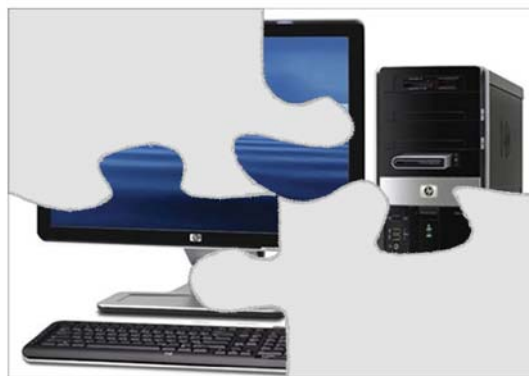
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Randy Simons

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Bobi Keenan won the 2012 Neighborhood Hero Award.

Bobi cares greatly about her community and her involvement in various neighborhood issues exemplifies the true meaning of a neighborhood hero.

One example of this was her active involvement in Save our Stadium Committee (SOS) to prevent the possible move of a professional soccer team to the Santa Ana Stadium adjacent to our neighborhood. She understood the potential threat to the quality of life and dedicated a great deal of her time to protect it. This included writing numerous letters, attending frequent SOS meetings and city council meetings. Bobi does not hesitate to ask pointed questions and her tenacity and dedication was instrumental in a successful resolution to this hot button issue.

Another issue where she took an active role is her push for improving the overall appearance at one of the entry points to our neighborhood. Bobi was tireless in her efforts and raised the issue at frequent neighborhood meetings attended by city staff. Thanks to Bobi and others, the property has been improved significantly but guess who will be the first to call if the property is not maintained?

Bobi frequently attends WSNA General and Board Meetings, and is always willing to lend a hand at our various events throughout the year. Her active involvement is not confined to our neighborhood. She attends city council meetings in support of various causes that affect the quality of life in Santa Ana and she is active in charitable causes. In fact, she recently delivered a carload of monitors, printers, and other recyclables to raise money for a child with a serious illness. A child that she did not even know.

Washington Square is very grateful to have Bobi Keenan as a neighbor. She is most definitely worthy of Neighborhood Hero Award.



Save the Date:

August 25th 6-10 pm

Concert in the Park

August 25th at Morrison Park--that's where the fun is. The Concert in the Park is back and featuring the classic rock band The Answer (www.theanswerrock.com).

Buy a table (seats 8 only \$25) and bring your friends, children, neighbors along with a picnic dinner or potluck to enjoy an evening of rockin' it under the stars. Prizes will be awarded for best decorated theme table "Hooray for Hollywood" along with great raffle prizes.

Desserts & coffee will be available for purchase (provided by our Washington Square bakers!). Location Morrison Park, 2801 Westwood. Music 6-10 p.m. Tables which will seat up to 8, only \$25. An entertainment bargain!

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July Neighborhood Meeting to be at Police Dept building followed by a tour of SAPD.

Thursday, July 12 at 7 pm
SAPD Community Room

up to date info: www.washington-square.org

Do you like Washington Square and pizza? That's what you get at your quarterly meetings which are open and free to all residents. On July 12 you can factor in the Police Dept. as well.

The Summer meeting for the Washington Square Neighborhood Association (WSNA) will be held in the Community Room at the Santa Ana Police Department. The room is immediately to the left of the main door to the building lobby.

So drop by on July 12 for a tour. Chief Paul Walters will also make available ride-along opportunities for those who are interested in spending some time in a patrol car.



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