



# Neighborhood News

*Real Neighbors, Real Neighborhood*

June 2007

## 2007 Calendar of Events

### Please note the following dates:

**Summer Party**  
**Saturday, June 23rd**

**Installation of New Cement Trash Cans, June 23rd**

**Neighborhood Clean Up**  
**Saturday, September 15th**

**Fall Concert**  
**Saturday, September 29th**

I first want to express my excitement at the results of our annual Wine Walk. This was the biggest revenue generating event in the history of our wine walks. Special thanks to the Lowell Street residents who hosted , Carol and Sam Puzzo, the OC Wine Club, and Tom and Nancy Lutz for putting on a great event.

This is an exciting time for Washington Square. We are celebrating the arrival of the new cement trash containers this month and we hope that everyone can come out for the ribbon cutting ceremony on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Look for the flyer for more details. The ceremony will be on the same day as the summer party to make it an easy and convenient way to showcase the new trash cans.

This project has been a long time coming. We started it more than two years ago with the green temporary cans and the effect of having these in the neighborhood is evident. We can all be proud now that Washington Square is the first Santa Ana neighborhood to have trash containers. We strive to be litter free and everyone pitching in will get it there. The 11 new containers will be placed throughout the neighborhood, primarily on Washington and 15<sup>th</sup> Streets.

Many thanks to the sponsors (neighbors as well as businesses) and the committee who spent countless hours working on soliciting sponsorships and selecting the style and color of the containers. This was a big job and the committee made it happen. In an additional effort to keep the neighborhood clean, we had a neighborhood cleanup day on March 31, 2007. Several people came out to help including one family from the Willard neighborhood whose daughter attends Wilson school. We removed a lot of graffiti from signs, cement and electrical boxes.

We will host the second cleanup for the year on Saturday September 15, 2007. We were only able to clean three streets in March, but if everyone pitches in and helps, we can clean every street in WS. Look out for more details in the next newsletter. This event will happen just before the Fall Concert and it would be great to have the neighborhood in tip top condition when we host the concert. I look forward to a beautiful summer in Washington Square and hope to see all of you at the summer party.

Sincerely,  
Lynnette Verino



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

## Hard Work Pays Off For Young WSNA Resident

Joseph Requejo, the talented son of Joe and Jennifer Requejo, was selected to participate in the A Better Chance (ABC) Program while attending Mendez Fundamental Intermediate. The ABC Program identifies minority students in the top 10% of their class who are interested in studying at some of the nation's top college prep schools. One of the draws of the program is that successful completion almost assures a scholarship and admission to a top university. Some of Joseph's predecessors are currently attending Stanford, Cornell, and USC. The application process is a lengthy one that includes testing, interviewing, and of course visiting the campuses.

Joseph was admitted to several schools and awarded a partial scholarship. He chose The Williston Northhampton School in Easthampton, Massachusetts. Easthampton is a small town in western Massachusetts that is two hours from Boston and three from New York. The school is a coeducation prep school that serves the needs of 400 high school students. Students from 23 countries and 26 US states attend Williston, where class sizes are 9-14 students per class. The school is open to both day students and boarding students.

Joseph will board at Williston, and is looking forward to participating in a rich academic, social, athletic and community life. He is also looking forward to experiencing the seasons in New England. The school's calendar allows for many visits home during the school year so Joseph will be racking up the frequent flyer miles. There are also events that parents Joe and Jennifer plan on attending in the fall and spring. Apart from being a hard working and dedicated student, Joseph enjoys playing the violin, trumpet, and electric guitar. He can be seen zipping around our neighborhood on a skateboard. We are proud of him and wish him the best.

## Cleaning Up The Square

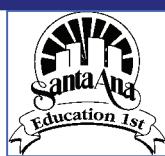


**Scrubbing the Sidewalk:** Residents Lynnette Verino, Javier Garcia, Jean Poppa, cleaned graffiti off the sidewalks.

Lately there has been a resurgence of graffiti in our city. Lamentably, Washington Square has not been exempt from this blight. Instead of complaining, WSNA residents decided to act. On the morning of Saturday, March 31st, several neighbors met at the home of Tom and Nancy Lutz. Armed with brooms, graffiti remover, (who knew there was such a product), and paint, they started on Washington Avenue.

They swept the street and removed the offending marks and scribbles from sign posts, stop signs, power poles, electrical boxes and walls. Then it was on to Baker, near the school. They completed their efforts on 15th street. Some residents noticed the crew working and spontaneously joined in. A non-WSNA family whose daughter attends Wilson and resides on the east side of Flower was inspired to help as well.

The event was so successful that the board has decided to plan another event for Saturday, September 15th. Flyers will go out early, so save the date. We hope to see more participants at the clean up. We all live here. Let's make a difference. Let's continue to be the trendsetters of the Santa Ana neighborhoods.



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 \(Neighborhood Associations\)](#)

**Save the Date  
August 11th, 2007  
Concert in the Park at  
Morrison Park**

## Sylvia Clark Honored



### Support from WSNA Board:

Jean Poppa, left, Sylvia Clark, center, Lynnette Verino, right

The Neighborhood Hero Award was established by the Communication Linkage Forum (Com-Link). It honors those individuals who have demonstrated steadfast commitment to improving the quality of life in their neighborhoods. On May 10, 2007, our neighbor Sylvia Clark became a recipient of this distinguished award. No doubt you have seen her and husband David out picking up trash on any given late afternoon.

Sylvia and David take frequent walks in the evening. It was on these walks that she noticed more and more trash thrown carelessly on our streets. Sylvia realized that picking up trash was not sufficient. Something needed to be done. Largely through her efforts, the neighborhood trash can project was born. She donated much of her time, chairing the committee, meeting with vendors, and soliciting many corporate sponsors.

The permanent cement trash cans will soon be installed. We are fortunate to have such an energetic and gracious neighbor in our midst. It is worth noting that our neighborhood is the first in the city to undertake such an ambitious project. Bravo Sylvia!

## 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.

1522 N. Rosewood  
924 N. Olive

## New Exercise Science Locker Room Complex Opens at SAC

For many years, the exercise science division at Santa Ana College (SAC) has anxiously waited for a new facility. In May 2007, the facility was completed and SAC and the community celebrated the grand opening of the new Exercise Science Locker Room Complex.

This unique 22,000 square-foot building replaces the college's age-old former locker rooms and will serve some 5,100 students annually in more than 170 courses. The new complex includes men's and women's locker rooms, team classrooms and conference rooms, equipment storage and distribution areas, and faculty offices. At a total cost of \$15.4 million, exercise science facility renovations also include a remodeled training room, transformation of a portion of the gym into a strength training lab, and the construction of a weightlifting pavilion.

"For the student-athletes in Santa Ana College's 21 intercollegiate teams and the more than 5,000 students who enroll annually in exercise science and health education classes, this complex is important to their conditioning and success," said Erlinda J. Martinez, Ed.D., Santa Ana College president. "Physical education plays an important role in maintaining a balanced life for our students, faculty, staff and community members who will use this facility. We hope physical fitness remains a lifelong priority for them all."

SAC offers associate's degrees in exercise science as well as certificates in coaching, fitness, officiating and sports medicine. Other quality facilities that support the exercise science programs, include two gyms, an aerobics room, a wrestling and self-defense room, a swimming pool, an all-purpose track, soccer field, and baseball/softball fields.

"The exercise science division at Santa Ana College has anxiously awaited the new locker room complex for many years. It is a modern, state-of-the-art facility that will compete with any facility at any community college in our conference," said Avie Bridges, interim dean of physical education, health and athletics at Santa Ana College. "Our instructors, students and community members deserve the very best and take pride in the new locker rooms, classrooms and offices."

Funds from Measure E, which voters like you approved in November 2002 providing \$337 million for renovation and new construction at both Santa Ana College and Santiago Canyon College, was used to construct the women's locker rooms. The men's locker room facility was constructed using state funds.

## Where to Dump Hazardous Waste

Approximately two weeks ago, Tom Lutz, who has the task of emptying the temporary trash cans throughout the neighborhood, had the unfortunate experience of feeling something drippy, heavy and wet when he pulled out a bag at Towner and 15<sup>th</sup>. The drippy, heavy wet stuff turned out to be motor oil. Yes, motor oil. Someone had the audacity to dispose of this hazardous material in the neighborhood trash cans. Tom has previously found grass clippings in the trash cans as well.

We want to remind everyone that the trash cans are intended for passers-by to dump their McDonald's bags, or whatever else they might otherwise leave scattered on our streets. They are not to be used as supplement receptacles for residents. Dumping motor oil or any other hazardous material in our neighborhood trash cans is illegal. It is punishable by a stiff \$25,000 fine. We are especially concerned because we don't want our soon to be installed permanent trash cans ruined. Nor do we want 2 years of fundraising, and hundreds of hours of time donated by the committee to be marred by a careless individual's abuse.

If you see anyone dumping hazardous waste in the neighborhood trash cans, please call Waste Management at (714) 558-7761. Hazardous waste includes tires, auto parts, motor oil, anti-freeze/coolant, paint, pesticides, concrete, construction debris, fluorescent lights, batteries, cell phones, and toxic materials. These materials can be disposed of at any one of the following locations:

**Anaheim Center (714)834-6752  
1071 N. Blue Gum  
Anaheim**

**Huntington Beach Center (714)834-6752  
17121 Nicholas Ave.  
Huntington Beach**

**Irvine Center, (714)834-6752  
6411 Oak Canyon Rd.  
Irvine**

Call first to check the hours of operation and confirm they can take the materials you wish to dispose of.

There are a few Santa Ana service stations that will accept waste motor oil only:

**Auto Zone Parts 1101 S. Bristol (714)241-0335  
Pep Boys 120 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street (714)547-7477 (They will also accept used tires for a charge of \$1.50 per tire)  
Kragen #728 1400 W. Edinger (714)754-1432**



## What Is The Village Green Development?

A developer by the name of SunCal (yes, the very SunCal who is battling Disney to put low income housing within the Anaheim Resort District) has proposed a development to replace two apartment complexes on Bristol, between Rite-Aid and the Freeway. The Apartment complex closest to the freeway (City Gardens) is not included in this development and will remain. The development encompasses approximately eighteen acres and currently has 245 apartment units. The developer has proposed demolishing the apartments and replacing them with 380 housing units of mixed use. This is approximately 110 units over code. The types of housing units will be duplexes, triplexes, condominiums, townhomes and work-live lofts along the frontage of Bristol. Units will have one to five bedrooms. The development will include a small green space with a swimming pool. Current plans call for approximately half of the parking that is required by code. Plans described above have been submitted to the City but the Planning Department told the developer to go back and rework the plans. The scope of the plans requires an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). An EIR scoping meeting was held on May 3rd and residents had an opportunity to express their concerns. In general, the attitude of the nearby residents is that this project is too dense and doesn't complement the single family homes surrounding it.

Some of the major concerns follow:

- The latest artist renderings of the project look very much like apartment complexes. There is a fear that the developer will revert to renting if he is not able to sell the units. The City must make developer agreements necessary to ensure these units are only owner occupied in perpetuity.
- The city's current code calls for 1568 parking spaces for this size development. Yet the developer has planned for only 795. Adjoining neighborhoods should not be required absorb the overflow.
- There will not be enough recreation space for residents of the development. Currently, Fisher and Morrison Parks are overcrowded on weekends.
- Bristol street is already congested. An additional 40% more vehicle traffic will be created by the in and out traffic of the development. This will be further compounded by proposed businesses along the frontage.

Residents who would like to keep up to date on the latest status of the project or want to ask questions can send an email to:

[NeighborToNeighbor@yahoo.com](mailto:NeighborToNeighbor@yahoo.com)

# Arts & Culture Report

Be sure to check the various websites for additional exhibits and shows.

## GALLERIES AND MUSEUMS

### The Bowers Museum of Cultural Art

[www.bowers.org](http://www.bowers.org)

2002 N. Main St., Santa Ana, CA 92706 (714) 567-3600

### FREE ADMISSION for Santa Ana residents 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of month

Museum hours: Tues-Sun: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

#### Features: Thru December 2007 British Museum

Mummies: Death & Afterlife in Ancient Egypt

First Californians and CA Legacies; Vision of the Sharman

#### In the New North Wing:

Now thru 8/19/07 - Treasures from Shanghai: 5000 years of Chinese Art & Culture including

Artifacts from the "Neolithic time (circa 3000 B.C.) To Qing Dynasty (1644-1911 A.D.)

#### The Bowers Kidseum [www.bowers.org/kidseum/kidseum.asp](http://www.bowers.org/kidseum/kidseum.asp)

**Features:** Activities at Bowers Museum:

Preschool Discoveries 3-5 yrs

Activity Tours

Other Youth programs such as Scouts

Tues. & Wed. 10:30-12, \$12/child (\$6 additional sibling), \$5 adult.;

Sat. & Sun. 11-3:30, (free w/ Bowers admission) Art Lab, Face Painting & Storytellers @1:30 p.m.

Information for Summer Art Camp available on website

### Centennial Heritage Museum

[www.centennialmuseum.org](http://www.centennialmuseum.org)

3101 W. Harvard St., Santa Ana, CA 92704 (714) 850-9452

**Features:** Kellogg House Tours: Wed.-Fri. 1-5 p.m. and Sun. 11 a.m.-3 p.m., \$5; Seniors/Children \$4.00

6/9/07 Victorian Tea Society Membership

9/29/07 Titanic - Voyage to Oblivion

**The 1st Friday of each month, 7:30-9:30 p.m. O.C.**

**Astronomers' Club FREE**

**Delhi Center [www.delhicenter.com](http://www.delhicenter.com)**

**505 E. Central Ave., Santa Ana, CA 92707 (714) 481-9600**

**Features:** Manuel Esqueda Museum Shop

Classes offered in Health; Education, Cultural Arts; Recreation; Economic Development

**Taco Bell Discovery Science Center & 3D Laser Theater [www.discoverycube.org](http://www.discoverycube.org)**

2500 N. Main St., Santa Ana, CA 92705 (714) 542-2823 - 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. daily

**FREE ADMISSION for Santa Ana residents 1st**

**Monday of month, Parking \$3**

\$12.95 Adults, \$9.95 for Seniors (55+) & Kids 3 to 17

**Features:** "Dinoquest" ( 40 interactive dinosaur exhibits);

Boeing Delta III Rocket with 25K thrust engine; Underwater Themed Kidstation for 0-5 yrs. Try the 100 Hands-On Science Exhibits,

2/07 - 9/07 - Sesame Street presents: The Body 5/25/07 - 9/9/07 - "The Science of Pirates" exhibition - hands on activities

Website has available their "year-long" calendar

### CA State Fullerton's Grand Central Art Center

[www.grandcentralartcenter.com](http://www.grandcentralartcenter.com)

125 N. Broadway, Santa Ana, CA 92701 (714) 567-7233

**Features: Student Films**

[www.ratpoweredfilms.com](http://www.ratpoweredfilms.com)

### Santa Ana Artist Village

**Features:** First Saturday's --Entertainment & Open Galleries

**Dr. Willela Howe-Waffle House & Medical Museum [www.santaanahistory.com](http://www.santaanahistory.com)**

**Offices:** Santa Ana Historic Preservation Society & Orange Co. Historical Society

120 W. Civic Center Dr., Santa Ana, CA 92701 (714) 547-9645

**Features:** \$5 Tour Howe-Waffle House and Medical Museum

Open House: 6/3/07; 8/4/07 - Noon to 4:00 p.m.

### The Old Orange County Courthouse

[www.ocparks.com/oldcourthouse](http://www.ocparks.com/oldcourthouse)

211 W. Santa Ana Blvd, Santa Ana, CA 92701 (714) 973-6605 (Built in 1901)

**FREE Tours Tuesdays at 2 p.m.**

**Features:** O. C. History Center & Archives & Pacific Coast Archaeological Society Library

### Orange County Center for Contemporary Art

[www.occca.org](http://www.occca.org)

117 N. Sycamore St., Santa Ana, CA 92701 (714) 667-1517

Gallery Hours: Thurs & Sun: Noon-5:00 p.m. Fri & Sat: Noon - 9:00 p.m. Mon-Weds. By Apt.

**No Entrance Fee**

**Features: 1st Friday Films FREE**

5/31/07 - 6/1/07 - "La Linea" or "Border Rumors"

6/2/07 - 6/28/07 - "The Great Wall of Chinga"

## Donde Se Pueden Tirar Materiales Toxicos?



Han pasado aproximadamente dos semanas que el Sr. Tom Lutz, el mismo que saca la basura de los botes temporales, sintio algo pesado que goteaba cuando saco la bolsa del bote en la calle 15 y Towner. Resulto ser aceite de coche. A alguien se le ocurrio a alguien que podian tirar este material toxico en los botes. Anteriormente, el Sr. Lutz a encontrado zacate cortado y otros materiales del hogar. Pronto se instalaran los botes de basura permanentes. Un grupo de voluntarios en nuestra vecindad ha luchado por dos anos para comprar estos botes y no queremos que se ruinen.

Queremos recordarles a todos que estos botes son para los peatones que pasan con comida que terminan en el camino. Se ve muy desagradable la basura tirada por las calles. No son para uso personal de los residents. Tambien quisieramos recordarles que es un delito tirar materiales considerados toxicos en cualquier bote de basura, incluyendo los botes personales. El delito lleva una multa de \$25,000.

Si usted ve alguien tirar materiales prohibidos, favor de reportarlo a Waste Management al (714) 558-7761. Materiales considerados toxicos incluyen, aceite de carro, llantas, partes de carro, telefonos celular, antifreeze, pintura, concreto, pilas, computadoras, y veneno de insecto. Estos materiales se pueden tirar en los siguientes lugares:

**Anaheim Center (714)834-6752**

**1071 N. Blue Gum**

**Anaheim**

**Huntington Beach Center (714)834-6752**

**17121 Nicholas Ave.**

**Huntington Beach**

**Irvine Center, (714)834-6752**

**6411 Oak Canyon Rd.**

**Irvine**

Deben llamar para veificar horario y lo que pueden recibir. Algunos locales en Santa Ana aceptan solamente aceite de carro.

**Auto Zone Parts 1101 S. Bristol (714)241-0335**

**Pep Boys 120 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street (714)547-7477 (Tambien aceptan llantas. La tarifa es \$1.50 cada llanta.)**

**Kragen #728 1400 W. Edinger (714)754-1432**

## Limpiando La Vecindad



**Trabajando:** Residentes Lynnette Verino, Javier Garcia, Jean Poppe, limpiaron graffiti.

Se ha visto mas y mas graffiti en la ciudad. Lamentablemente, nuestra vecindad no se a escapado. En ves de quejarse, residentes de WSNA decidieron tomar accion. Se reunieron en la manana de Marzo 31 en la casa de Tom y Nancy Lutz. Salieron con escobas, pintura, y un producto que limpia el graffiti. Empezaron por la avenida Washington. Despues siguieron por la calle Baker, cerca de la escuela y terminaron en la calle 15.

Barrieron las calles y quitaron las marcas ofensivas de los postes, banquetas y paredes. Algunos residentes los vieron trabajando y decidieron ayudar. Tambien llego una familia que vive cerca de la Willard. Su hija asiste la escuela Wilson.

El evento fue exitoso y la mesa directiva ha planeado otra limpieza para el 15 de Septiembre. Bolantes le anunciaran, favor de guardar la fecha. Esperamos que ayuden mas residentes. Todos vivimos aqui. Hagamos un esfuerzo para que se note la diferencia.



Apoyen el mercado  
al aire!  
Los Meircoles de 3-  
7pm  
En la esquina de la  
3ra y Bush

Hay varios puestos de frutas y verdu-  
ras frescas, pan y mucho mas!

## Bienvenidos a Washington Square!



Algunos vecinos se han mudado.  
Pero han llegado otros en su lugar.  
Que siga el orgullo de ser dueños  
de su propia casa para que nuestra  
vecindad siga siendo una de las  
mas bellas de la ciudad. Si usted es vecino de  
uno de los siguientes que acaban de llegar, fa-  
vor de darles la bienvenida.

1522 N. Rosewood  
924 N. Olive

## Aprenda Ingles Gratis

La Camara de Comercio de Santa Ana y El  
Distrito de Collegiatura de la Comunidad de  
Rancho Santiago anunciaron la campana  
“Saber Para Subir” Quieren ayudar a los  
residentes del condado aprender Ingles.

Segun un estudio hecho por la camara, 66%  
de los residentes en la ciudad no hablan Ing-  
gles. El mismo estudio concluyo que 75%  
de los negocios en el condado de Orange  
indicaron que no les darian empleo a las  
personas que no hablen Ingles. Realmente,  
el idioma del comercio mundial es el Ingles.

La meta es que 50,000 residentes de Santa  
Ana aprendan Ingles para el año 2017. La  
esperanza es que la situacion economica de  
estos residentes mejore igual que la produc-  
tividad de los negocios en esta ciudad.

Tambien se espera que sabiendo Ingles  
causara mas participacion de estas personas  
en sus vecindades y en el proceso civico.

Para mas informacion y enscribirse en el  
curso de Ingles gratis, llamen al (714) 241-  
5700.

# Washington Square Real Estate Recap

By: Laura Tobias Garcia

## *Properties currently for sale:*

1020 N. Towner	2 bed, 1 bath	1353 sq. ft.	\$499,999
1142 Bomo Koral	4 bed, 3 bath	1449 sq. ft.	\$500,000
1302 N. Olive	2 bed, 1 bath	1300 sq. ft.	\$515,000
1116 N. Olive	2 bed, 2 bath	1050 sq. ft.	\$529,000
1001 N. Lowell	2 bed, 2 bath	1441 sq. ft.	\$539,000
908 N. Freeman	2 bed, 1 bath	1342 sq. ft.	\$549,000
1143 Bomo Koral Cr.	4 bed, 3 bath	1700 sq. ft.	\$549,000
919 N. Towner	3 bed, 2 bath	1198 sq. ft.	\$549,000
1606 N. Rosewood	2 bed, 1 bath	1178 sq. ft.	\$559,000
1515 N. Rosewood	3 bed, 2 bath	1387 sq. ft.	\$579,900
1123 N. Lowell	2 bed, 1 bath	1283 sq. ft.	\$585,000
926 N. Louise	3 bed, 2 bath	1752 sq. ft.	\$599,000
1506 N. Baker	4 bed, 1 bath	1325 sq. ft.	\$599,000
1509 N. Towner	3 bed, 2 bath	1475 sq. ft.	\$624,900
1302 N. Baker	3 bed, 2 bath	1358 sq. ft.	\$625,000
1111 N. Westwood	3 bed, 2.5 bath	1774 sq. ft.	\$638,000
1020 N. Louise	3 bed, 2 bath	1710 sq. ft.	\$599,000-609,000
1509 N. Rosewood	4 bed, 2 bath	1387 sq. ft.	\$649,000
1418 W. Freeman	3 bed, 2 bath	1527 sq. ft.	\$649,900
1417 N. Towner	2 bed, 2 bath	1404 sq. ft.	\$659,000
1501 N. Freeman	3 bed, 2 bath	2000 sq. ft.	\$689,000

## *Properties currently in escrow:*

## *Properties recently sold:*

1522 N. Rosweood	2 bed, 1 bath	1060 sq. ft.	\$619,000
924 N. Olive	3 bed, 1.5 bath	1540 sq. ft.	\$629,000



**Laura Tobias Garcia**

*Building lasting client relationships with honesty, integrity, and consistency.*

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Hablo Español



All markets have their ups and downs. I can recall a few years ago when the stock market was doing phenomenally well, especially in tech stocks. When the market slipped, investors started bailing, causing the market to slip even further. Conventional wisdom is to buy stocks when they are cheap, stomach the down cycles, and hold them. Jumping in while the market is down is ideal. I have friends who work in the financial industry. They tell me it was extremely difficult during that time to convince new investors of this wisdom. It seemed counterintuitive. Nevermind that Warren Buffet made his fortune buying cheap stocks. I see a parallel with the current real estate market. I keep getting asked if I think the market will slip further. The truth is, I don't know. What I can say is this, values have come down significantly. I see the creation of opportunity. Yet I have a strong sense that people are fearful of buying a house only to have it lose value. That fear is valid if they are planning to sell within a few years. But buyers who hold will be doing well. Let's look at the rate of return on an average purchase in 2004. Say a buyer put down 50k on a 500k purchase. In 2007, the average house sold for about 700k. In 3 years, the buyer grossed 250k on a 50k investment. Total appreciation was 40%, or 13.3% per year. This is a conservative calculation for the time. We know appreciation was much higher in some cases. I don't expect to see insane appreciation rates anymore. Nevertheless, prices have come down and rates are still low. I see tremendous opportunity to build wealth. As long as the investor/buyer is in it for the long haul, they will be in fine shape.



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.

## "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.
- Trash barrels 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.

## 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:

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

If you are interesting in advertising babysitting services, call 836-8128 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...

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## 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.

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