

25th Anniversary Commemorative Issue

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Neighborhood News

Real Neighbors, Real Neighborhood

Summer 2010

2010

Calendar of Events

Thursday July 15th
General Meeting and 25th
Anniversary Celebration

Saturday Night August 7th
Summer Party / Movie Night

Saturday Night August 21st,
♪ Concert in the Park ♪

Saturday/Sunday
September 4th & 5th
Citywide Garage Sale Weekend

Thursday October 14th
General Meeting

Saturday October 16th
Fall Neighborhood Clean Up

Saturday/Sunday December 4th & 5th
Citywide Garage Sale Weekend

Sunday December 12
WSNA Christmas Party

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

Santa Ana, California



Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful,
committed citizens can change the world.

Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

Margaret Mead

Coming up!

**FREE Movie Night
August 7**

♪
**Neighborhood
Concert in the Park
August 21**

WSNA turns 25-years-old in 2010.

To celebrate this accomplishment, the neighborhood quarterly meeting normally held at Wilson School, will be replaced by an Anniversary Party and short meeting at 7 pm on July 15th in the backyard area of Lynn Henning's home at 1321 North Towner. Complete information on Page 12.

Washington Square invites you to

Be neighborly

We celebrate 25 years!!!



Washington Square Neighborhood Association celebrates its twenty-fifth anniversary at the quarterly meeting at 7 pm, July 15th, 2010 to be held in the backyard of Lynn Henning's home at 1321 North Towner. Lynn has graciously allowed us to take over her large back yard for the meeting and celebration. A light dinner and beverages will be served.

A quarter of a century ago, the association was formed as a result of opposition to a then proposed sports stadium complex at the corner of Flower Street and Civic Center Drive. Major concern at the time was based primarily on the lack of information about the project readily available to residents surrounding the proposed site. Early neighborhood activists were concerned about the loss of quality of life due to the project's size, uncontrolled traffic and parking intrusion.

Sara Broadbent, Debra Welty, Susie van der Roest, and Kathy Rosenow recruited others and quickly formed the alliance of concerned residents now known as Washington Square Neighborhood Association. Its function was to disseminate information to the neighborhood about the proposed building project while lobbying City Hall for the preservation of the neighborhood.

WSNA shares the designation of being one of the oldest neighborhood associations in the city of Santa Ana with Historic French Park Neighborhood Association and Wilshire Square Neighborhood Association. Members of WSNA have actively helped other neighborhoods in the formation of their own associations by offering advice on association structure, neighborhood meetings and achieving 501(c)(3) status. It is safe to say that over the years, WSNA evolved into one of the most respected, active and best organized neighborhood associations in Santa Ana.

Concert in Morrison Park

Plan now to attend on August 21.

Once again you are called to get your party on and this time, by gosh, we mean it.

Washington Square's annual Fall Concert will be combined with the 10th Annual Concert in the Park held at nearby Morrison Park. Why? Mostly because of the costs involved. The city of Santa Ana has started charging organizations like WSNA for the services we used to access for free, rentals and bands are costly. All that combined, and our "fundraiser" is projected to be a "fundloser" for WSNA.

The good news is that we can still have some neighborhood fun. This year's Concert will feature the best entertainment and dance band ever, Santa Ana's favorite: The Answer! Seriously, these guys know how to crank out the tunes and put on a show. Their website is www.theanswertoclassicrock.com for more info about them.

The concert location will be Morrison Park, 2801 North Westwood. You will receive a flier prior to the event or check out our website at www.washington-square.org.

howdy neighbor!

As neighbors depart Washington Square and new families arrive, we want to reach out and welcome our new residents.

We are known for our sense of neighborhood so please offer your new neighbors a smile, a handshake and you may make a new friend.

If you are new to Washington Square, please introduce yourself to your new neighbors. You'll find this is a safe and 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



Honoring Past Presidents

From *Lynnette Verino*

2010 President
Washington Square Neighborhood Association

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|-------------|------------------|
| • 1985-1987 | Sara Broadbent |
| • 1988-1989 | Tom Lutz |
| • 1990 | George Keeler |
| • 1991-1992 | Mike Sasso |
| • 1993-1994 | Lorri Tudor |
| • 1995-1996 | Diana Valencia |
| • 1997 | Ed Tudor |
| • 1998-1999 | Tim Rush |
| • 1999-2000 | Bill Campbell |
| • 2000 | Brooke Stewart |
| • 2001-2002 | Oscar Garza |
| • 2003-2004 | Lynette Gallegos |
| • 2005-2007 | Lynnette Verino |
| • 2008-2009 | Nancy Lutz |
| • 2010 | Lynnette Verino |

We thank you for your dedication and all the untold hours you have devoted to the neighborhood we now live in and enjoy.

It's been a long, sometimes bumpy, road and certainly there's more to come, but thanks to your energy and volunteering spirit, WSNA and the Washington Square neighborhood will continue to thrive.

Making history on the web with *www.Washington-Square.org*

from David Jirik, WSNA Webmaster
www.Washington-Square.org

The internet is a fact of life now, but 25 years ago it was a different story. Today you can visit the website and you'll find upcoming and current news and events in Washington Square, as well as happenings that affect us. In addition, archived newsletters, event photo galleries and a growing collection of our history is all there and available for the clicking.

In fact, the more we improve the website and add to the content, the better the user statistics become. For June 2006 Total Pages were 7491, June 2010: 51350--Nearly seven (7!) times more pages served in the same time period during 2006. Exponential growth like that is the reward for a consistently maintained presence on the web.

Projected to annual figures, WSNA's little neighborhood website receives nearly 40 thousand visits per year and reaches approximately 12,450 visitors per year.

Monthly Statistics for June 2010

Total Visits 3306 Total Pages 53219 Total Hits 75515
Total Unique Sites 1577 Total Unique URLs 3108
Total Unique Referrers 1038

Visits per Day: 110 avg. 162 max
Pages per Day: 1773 avg. 2360 max
Hits per Day: 2517 avg. 4178 max
Files per Day: 2319 avg. 3867 max



Meet the founders of Washington Square Neighborhood Association.

(l to r) Debbie Welty, Susan van der Roest,
Cathy Rosenow.
Not pictured: Sarah Broadbent.

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Jason's Neighborhood

Real Estate Recap

by Jason Isley

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	Bedrooms	Baths	Sq.Ft.	Price
823 N. Freeman	3	2/1	1,270s	270,000 (short sale)
1301 W. 10th	3	2/1	1,424	275,000 (short sale)
1007 N. Freeman	2	2/1	1,257	350,000 (short sale)
1025 N. Westwood	3	2/1	1,336	415,000 (short sale)

in escrow/pending

1011 N Lowell	3	2/1	1,225	225,000 (short sale)
1308 N. Louise	2	2	1,475	399,000 (short sale)
1509 N. Baker	3	2/1	1,088	305,000 (short sale)
906 N. Westwood	3	1	1,800	350,000 (short sale)

Note nothing in Washington Square has closed escrow since 1/1/2010

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The lender will determine the total mortgage amount they can approve for you. Then using current interest rates, plus the amount of money you have saved up for a down payment, they will figure out how much house you can afford and eliminates the guesswork. You won't waste time looking at houses not in your budget. Or you may be pleasantly surprised- with today's low interest rates and your good credit score. Perhaps you can afford a higher priced home than you thought.

2. It will give you an advantage if you're competing to buy

Say four people put in a contract for a house. Which one will the seller accept? If three people make their offers, "Subject to the loan approval" and your contract says the loan is Pre -Approved and it's subject to only the appraisal you will more than likely get your contract accepted by the seller.

3. If you need to clean credit, it's best that you find out immediately.

No one wants to hear bad news- but if your FICO credit score is low, it's better to know before you get excited about a house you can't afford.

For more information, call me.

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A neighborhood with a history of success

by Lynnette Verino

Washington Square residents and volunteers have been effective in many of their efforts on behalf of our neighborhood. We have created lasting and positive change with huge projects like the Litter Mitigation Program (trashcans) to small things like getting out a one-page flier. I think now is a good time to recognize WSNA's accomplishments that have accumulated over the last 25 years.

- **Recognition by the city of Santa Ana** that Washington Square is a neighborhood worthy of preservation
- **Recognized by the city of Santa Ana** as host neighborhood for the Arbor Day celebration.
- **Litter Mitigation Program**--successful fundraising, design, installation of strategically placed concrete trash cans to collect pedestrian trash
- **Street Sign Upgrade and Replacement** --Successful fundraising, design, installation of all neighborhood street signs to uniform blue-based design approved and installed by city of Santa Ana.
- **Painted Signpost Program**--Many signposts have been painted black thereby neatening the look of the streets.
- **Newsletters and Notification Flyers**--Consistent communication with neighborhood via a newsletter published and delivered to homes regularly. Individual flyers are delivered to homes prior to events or important information.
- **Website**--recognized as a premier neighborhood website, www.Washington-Square.org, is now a keystone of WSNA's communication efforts.
- **Relocation of swap meets**--from Eddie West Stadium and Rancho Santiago College to areas best suited to handle the high volume of pedestrian and vehicular traffic
- **Traffic mitigation**--The institution of neighborhood traffic mitigation which has become a working model for other neighborhoods and the city of Santa Ana
- **Community building events**: Neighborhood events foster personal relationships, comradery and provide entertainment, as well as occasionally provide opportunity for fundraising. WSNA's volunteers have organized many events such as Fall Concert, Wine Walk, Home and Garden Tour, Summer Party, Easter Egg Hunt, Holiday Party.



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--author unknown

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2010 Neighborhood Event Calendar

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- Thursday July 15th** General Meeting
- Wednesday August 4th** -- WSNA Board Meeting 7PM
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With over 15 years of financial advisory experience, John joined Wedbush Securities in 2008 as an independent Financial Consultant.

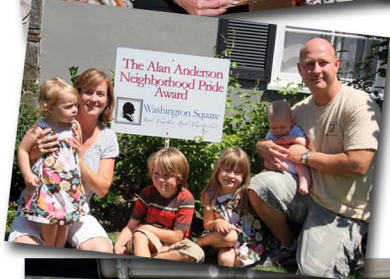
John graduated from California State University, Fullerton in with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics. In his spare time, John enjoys surfing and karate training. He is an active member of the Santa Ana Kiwanis Club and The Surfrider Foundation. John and his wife Monica have a 4 year old daughter, Sophia.

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Neighborhood Events

-Past and Present-

A neighborhood known for its parties, Washington Square Neighborhood Association has organized many and various events over the years. following is a list of events that have been successfully staged by the volunteers of Washington Square. On the previous page you have a collage of photos assembled at those events over the years. Here's the list:

Summer Party
 Holiday Party
 Holiday Home Decorating Contest
 Wine Walk
 Christmas Caroling
 Fall Fundraiser Concert
 Santa Visits
 Theatre Nights
 Wine Club
 Vendor Referral Network Event
 Easter Egg Hunt
 Spring Cleanup
 Senior Citizen
 Ice Cream Social
 Trash Can Kickoff Press Event
 Garden Club
 Board Inaguration Dinners
 Holiday Crafter's Boutique
 Fall Concert
 Home and Garden Tour
 Movie Night
 Quarterly Meetings
 Bicycle Decorating Contest and Parade
 Home Tour Owner Thank You Dinner
 Home Tour Volulnteer Wrap Paarties

Recipe Corner

Easy Cheezy Potato Casserole

From Ivana Unger, WSNA Newsletter, Spring 1996

6 medium potatoes, boiled and peeled
 4 T butter (1/4 c)
 1 can cream of chicken soup
 1 point sour cream
 1/3c chopped green onion
 1 1/2 c shredded cheddar cheese

Grate potatoes, set aside. Melt butter and mix with soup and remainder of ingredients in a 2 1/2 qt. casserole. Add potatoes and stir to coat.
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2011 Home and Garden Tour past and future

Event update from Lynnette and Jean-Louise, Co-Chairs

Just for fun, we thought we'd share with you the committees and activities that were assembled for the WSNA 1995 Home and Garden Tour from the thank yous appearing in the January 1996 WSNA Newsletter:

1995 Committees:

Home Selection	Lunches/Dinner Preparations	Ticket Sales
Garden Selection	Cookie Chair	Beverages
Tour Booklet	Photography	Ad Sales
Vintage Cars	Celebrate Santa Ana Coordinator	Docent Coordinator

Want more information or to volunteer for our 2011 event? Text or call Lynnette Verino at 714-835-0473.

Reminder: *The 2011 Washington Square Home tour is coming Fall 2011.*

Events & Parties

Big thank yous to WSNA Resident Volunteers, and Organizers who have made them happen

One thing Washington Square is known for is parties. Lots and lots of parties. This is a neighborhood that likes to celebrate and knows how to do it. We have a robust history of great gatherings over the last 25 years. Some, like the Summer Party (this year a Movie Night), have stood the test of time to become annually recurring events. Others served the purpose in the moment and left behind fond memories.

It quite literally takes a village, in this case to make a village party, there have been dozens and dozens of neighbors who stepped up and have been contributors in over the years. Time, resources, services have all been generously donated--from making delicious homemade cookies to serving as chairperson for the event, we thank and salute you. You are way too numerous to name here, but please be assured, the parties and events would not have been the same without YOU!

Newsletter

Big thank yous to WSNA Newsletter Editors, Photographers and Contributors over the years

As Margaret Mead said, "a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world" and we can name some names. The names of the following persons were gleaned from researching a large pile, about 18 years worth, of past newsletters and are in no particular order. Some of the residents cited have moved on, and some are still around in the neighborhood. Regardless of where you may be now, and we hope you are included. And thank you.

WSNA Babysitter Referral List

Previously we listed only names and phone numbers but we have a new policy and will include more information so parents have confidence calling the names listed here. If you want to offer your services, please send your info to newsletter@washington-square.org.

Lyndsay Taylor 714-675-8100
Lyndsay has completed the Red Cross program and has a child abuse clearance. She is 24 years old and loves children.

Candace Cordova 714-675-8100
Candace is 16 years old and has experience with children.

Beverly Richards, Tracy Simons, Tim Rush, Tom Lutz, Mike Sasso Nancy Lutz, Diana Valencia, Jim Lowman, Nancy Lowman, Lynnette Gallegos, Jason Isley, Laura Garcia, Ivana Unger, Oscar Garza, Bill Campbell, Mike Holtzman, Brook Stewart, Tiffany Unger, Gil Melindez, Lorrie Tudor, Randy Simons, Leonard Ortiz, Allen Matyasovich. Beverly Richards, Terri Vasques, Bob Murietta, Dan Vaughn, Lynnette Verino, Elizabeth Palmer, Charles Gruber, Geoff Migala, Rebecca Ortiz. David Jirik, Jean-Louise Jirik.

Days to remember in Washington Square

Trash Day
Monday

Street Sweeping Day
Tuesday

Garage Sale Day
1st weekend of every quarter
(March, June, Sept., Dec.)

Free Day at Bowers Museum
First Sunday and 3rd Thursday of every month
for residents (need id)

City Contact Information

Code Enforcement	667-2780
Police Services	647-5062
Police—non emergency	834-4211
Construction Engineering (Ongoing Street Construction)	565-4044
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	877-STOP TAG
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

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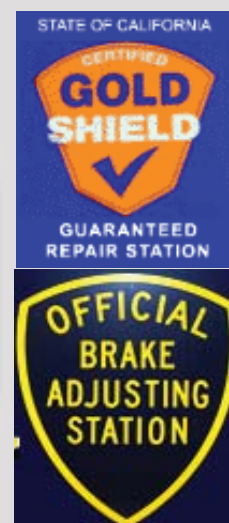
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NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

We welcome new volunteers. As you can see below it is our volunteer residents who make 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 are just as committed to having fun while making it happen! It's never boring.

2010 Board Positions

President	Lynnette Verino	835-0473
Vice-President	Nancy Lutz	836-9110
Secretary	Ivana Unger	972-8503
Treasurer	Oscar Garza	836-7301
Members at large:		
	Jean-Louise Jirik	543-9079
	Jean Poppa	836-6430

Committees and Block Reps:

Membership	Lynnette Verino	835-0473
Website	David Jirik	543-9079
Newsletter	Jean-Louise Jirik	543-9079
Comm-Link	Jean Poppa	836-6430
Hospitality	Tracy Simons	558-4871

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	
Connie Major	547-7404
Area 6 Westwood North of Washington	
Rob&Maco Long	(949) 387-4446
Area 7 Westwood South of Washington	
Wendy Boelter	(949) 375-2485
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 Cwiernty	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	
Connie Major	547-7404
Area 17	
Washington/Bomo Koral	
Virginia Crisostomo	550-7220

WSNA Quarterly General Meeting is 25th Anniversary Party

Thursday, July 15 at 7 pm

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

Open and free to all residents, the quarterly meeting for the Washington Square Neighborhood Association (WSNA) will be an Anniversary Celebration! Because it is summer, the school where meetings are usually held is closed so Lynn Henning has generously volunteered her backyard to host the evening. Her address is 1321 North Towner which is between Washington and 15th Street.

Traditionally pizza is served, along with soft drinks and water, to but for the anniversary party in July, we've upped the game with dessert of cake, sparkling beverages for a toast and upgraded the menu to a selection of fresh sandwiches.

The meeting is free and a great opportunity to celebrate the neighborhood. You'll learn a little WSNA history and meet some of the history-makers themselves.

See you there!



The Washington Square Vendor Network

Accountant	Alex Schneider	667-8114
Keys & Locksmith	Ivan Rivera	953-6720
General Contractor	Tom Lutz	835-6130
Handyman	Ken Clark	809-6884
Electrician	AJN Electric	
	Andrew Nunez	782-4740
Notary Public	Therese Thomas	318-1455
Realtor	Jason Isley	665-7134
Home Loans & Reverse Mortgages	Brandie Nava	200-5831
Preschool	Denise Davey	543-1813
Professional Audio/Video, Event and Technology		
Heliotrope Studios	David Jirik	545-0222
All-natural pet food, dogwalking/sitting	Jean-Louise Jirik	545-0700
State Farm Insurance	Monica Martinez Drevon	966-2679
Wedding Photography	Photography by Ricardo	
	Ricardo Barrera	836-4041
Voice data, TV, CATV	Rudy Ramirez	863-9335
Yard flags	Rebecca Ortiz	835-5720
Decorative Ironwork	Marco Coronado	852-1363
Realtor	Laura Garcia	883-3314

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