

WASHINGTON SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Real Neighbors. Real Neighborhood.

Fall 2011



2011/12 Calendar

Thursday November 11th
WSNA Board Meeting 7PM

Thursday December 1st
WSNA Board Meeting 7PM

Sunday December 11th
Holiday Party

Thursday January 12th
Quarterly Neighborhood Meeting
and Pizza Party

For more info go to
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Message from the president, Javier Garcia



Dear WSNA Neighbors,

Fall is in the air and the recent rains and heat are indicative how the weather can quickly change in October. The days are getting shorter and the aroma of wood burning fireplaces is noticeable during my evening runs.

As I enter the neighborhood from Freeman on my way home, I notice the Sycamore trees have begun to lose their leaves and the Liquidambar trees are beginning to change color. Who says the change in seasons is nonexistent in Southern California?

Our WSNA Fall concert on September 24th was another successful, fun event attended by many families and their friends. Some came from as far as San Diego. This year, many of the prizes were donated by local restaurant and businesses including Chapter One, Café Chiarini, The Olde Ship, Rubio's Fish Tacos, Downtown Inc., Juan Pollo, and Laura Garcia of Seven Gables Real Estate. We also had a donation from our generous resident, Lynnette Verino. The band, BPMAXX, did an awesome job covering favorites such as Tom Petty and Heartbreakers, Journey, Van Morrison, and, of course, much more.

I want to thank the fall concert committee and all the volunteers for their help in making this event a success. This is my first year serving as President and I learned a thing or two on the massive effort it takes to coordinate an event of this type. We all did our part to make this happen. It was hard yet gratifying work and I was glad to do it. Your dedication to your neighborhood makes it a great place to live and is truly appreciated. I'd also like to thank the fine folks on Lowell Street for their help and hospitality.

Our next event will be the annual holiday party on December 11th. If you've never made it out or are new to the neighborhood, I encourage you to attend. It's a great way to meet your neighbors. I've been a resident for 19 years and I continue to make new, wonderful friends. Please contact me or any of the board members if you would like to volunteer in helping with these or other events.

Sincerely,

Javier Garcia
2011 President

Washington Square Neighborhood Association

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Early Holiday Greetings from your neighborhood association volunteers who suggest you start 2012 off with a commitment to your neighborhood. Attend the first quarterly neighborhood meeting of the year, get pizza and get involved.

Washington Square invites you to

Be neighborly

Graffiti

Graffiti is a serious problem and graffiti is everybody's problem. More than just an eyesore, it is a costly property crime and the presence of graffiti in a neighborhood serves to lower property values and leads to an increase in other crimes.

If you see someone in the act of placing graffiti, call 911 immediately! This is a crime in progress and officers must be dispatched. Stopping a graffiti vandal is never worth jeopardizing your safety, always call police.

The email address to use to report graffiti. Unfortunately, the previous telephone number has been disabled and we are now to report via email. Please use 1-877-786-7824 to report graffiti. If you want a police report on the incident, call Santa Ana police dispatch and ask for an officer callout.



Water Wisdom

This issue of your newsletter is devoted to offering you ways to use water more thoughtfully and carefully. Water is a resource and let's face it, water is expensive; and it is scarce.

Californians are known for being savvy about conservation issues and you are probably doing a pretty good job of keeping your water use down but a tune-up never hurts and there are so many ways to save water it's dizzying. We can save in the bathroom, kitchen, laundry and there's tons of suggestions for landscaping design and maintenance so we hope you learn a little something and are able to save some money on your water bill. When you save money, California uses less water so everybody wins. A big thank you to Javier Garcia, MWD Engineer and Water Use Expert, who provided



Hollywood comes to Santa Ana

Heads up! A movie will be shot on Nov. 8th and 9th and then again on the 18th at the Santa Ana Stadium. The first two days shoot during daylight but the 18th is scheduled to film overnight--4:30 PM thru 6:30 AM and the lights will be on. There will be minimal noise and no intrusion into the neighborhood. The name of the movie is.....are you ready? The Attack of the Fifty Foot Cheerleader. starring Treat Williams.

They will be needing extras in the movie so this might be our big show biz break. You can call Fred Munk at Emerald City Pictures at 310 820-6733 #3 to volunteer.



Fall Concert Recap

Once again it is proven that Washington Square neighbors, friends and families know how to have fun! We are the best at organizing and enjoying our neighborhood functions. Ouch! My hand hurts from all the backslapping.

Seriously, but not too seriously, the Fall Concert was a great success and made some cash back for the neighborhood coffers.

Seriously, and extremely seriously this time, if you couldn't go, you really need to plan for next year to join the fun. We don't want to miss you again.

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 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

Neighborhood Spotlight: Alan Anderson Award Recipient



Mary Jane Blackwell and Katie Lopes

824 North Baker Street

The Alan Anderson Award is presented 3-4 times per year to honor neighbors who exemplify Alan's love, pride and care for his home and neighborhood because those efforts contribute to our sense of community and positivity.

Congratulations to Washington Square's mother-daughter team of Mary Jane Blackwell and Katie Lopes who live there with their family members.

Almost 40 years ago, when Mary Jane's peers were buying new cars and the hottest fashions, she started looking for a house to invest in. Even though her friends poopoo'd the idea at the time, she fell in love with, then bought an old rambling house which she's been enjoying ever since.



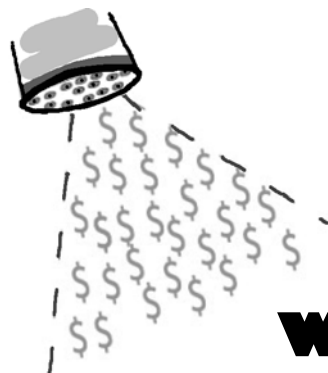
"All my friends thought I was crazy" she quips, "but it was one of the best decisions of my life." But Mary Jane is courageous by nature--she applied and was hired as the first female letter carrier in Newport Beach, paving the way

for all the hundreds of women mail carriers who have come after her.

There have been many changes to the property over the years as she was raising her daughter, Katie, in the home. Mary Jane's father, a builder, helped her along the way with the many thoughtful restoration projects, improvements and occasional repairs, of what is now the front house built in 1904. They preserved the original tripartate windows and front door, plus many other features of the home while still keeping it livable.

Below are photos of the tripartate windows (L) and, although not visible from the street, on the right is a photo of their brilliant wrap-around lap pool which features a fountain, slide, water-fall and shallow kiddie area.





Take the home water use survey

There's lots of great ways to save water and even the smallest things add up to big savings.

So check off the good things you've got going already and the others may inspire you to do more.



Look for more surveys throughout the newsletter.

- ☐ **1. Our toilet doesn't leak.**
To make sure, put a few drops of food coloring in your toilet tank. If the coloring begins to appear in the bowl without flushing, you have a wasteful leak that should be repaired at once.
- ☐ **2. We don't use our toilet as a wastebasket.**
Flushing a used facial tissue down the toilet wastes about 2 gallons of water.
- ☐ **3. We have a toilet that uses only 1.6 gal. or less.**
All toilets sold after 1992 are required to use no more than 1.6 gallons per flush. New high efficiency toilets operate very well with even less water. If you have an older toilet, you may save from 2 to 4 gallons per flush by replacing it with a new model and be eligible for an incentive rebate or reward. Check www.bewaterwise.com for info.
- ☐ **4. We take quick showers.**
Limit your showers to the time it takes to soap up, wash down, and rinse off—3 to 5 minutes.
- ☐ **5. The adults turn off the water while shaving.**
Fill the sink with a few inches of water in which to rinse your razor instead of using running water.
- ☐ **6. Our bathroom faucets and pipes do not leak.**
- ☐ **7. We have installed water saving shower heads.**
Run your shower into a bucket for 30 seconds. If more than 1 1/2 gallons (6 quarts) of water are in the bucket, you need a flow restrictor.
- ☐ **8. We take baths with shallow water.**
A partially filled tub uses less water than all but the shortest showers.
- ☐ **9. We turn off the water while brushing our teeth.**
Before brushing, wet your brush and fill a glass of water for rinsing your mouth.

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Laura's Neighborhood News

by Laura Tobias Garcia

homes for sale

	Beds	Baths	Square Feet	List/Sold Price	DOM	Status	Sale Type
1306 N. Flower	3	3	1,393	264,900	61	Active	REO
1011 N. Lowell	2	2	951	327,000	111	Active	Standard/Flip
1017 N. Westwood	4	3	2,190	479,900	13	Active	Standard

in escrow/pending

1308 N. Louise	2	2	1,475	299,000	164	Back up	Short
1505 N. Baker	3	2	1,741	299,900	623	Back up	Short
1302 N. Baker	3	2	1,358	310,000	51	Back up	Short
1416 N. Olive	3	2	1,382	359,900	7	Back up	Standard
1025 N. Westwood	3	2	1,336	375,000	210	Back up	Short
1321 N. Towner	3	2	1,759	395,000	122	Back up	Short
906 N. Westwood	3	1	1,800	345,000	365+	Pending	Short

homes sold

924 N. Baker	2	2	1,033	300,000	20	Closed	REO
1408 N. Olive	5	3	1,763	390,000	49	Closed	Standard/Flip
1023 N. Freeman	3	1	1,785	280,000	40	Closed	Short
823 N. Towner	5	2	1,561	305,000	5	Closed	REO
812 N. Louise	3	1	1,300	300,000	32	Closed	Standard/Flip
1421 N. Towner	3	2	1,921	380,000	48	Closed	Standard/Flip

I'm hoping you can help me and perhaps in the process, help yourselves if you are thinking about selling. I have recently met a lovely young couple. They are native Californians and graduates of U.C. Davis. Victoria finished post grad studies at USC in the Interactive Media Program. She now works for a Carbine Studios, a video game publisher located in Aliso Viejo. John, is in his third year of Pharmacy school at USC and currently works at a Rite Aid.

They lived in south O. C. for some time. So, when it was time to buy a home, they were both certain that they didn't want to buy in south O.C. John and Victoria have a real appreciation for custom, vintage homes and the character and charm they provide. Like most people these days, they found Washington Square through the web. They are currently renting in Santa Ana and are expecting their first child, due in December. Their lease ends in January 2012.

So, if you are planning to sell your home, even if it might be a short sale, call me. My partner and I have had great success in getting short sales approved. The bonus is that this couple will love your home as much as you did.



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A concern that's Doggin' on us...

Could there be a Security Breach at YOUR house?

It seems like there have been a lot of lost and/or found dogs of late in Washington Square.

For all of us who are dog owners, or owned by dogs, it might be time to walk the perimeter and check the security of your fencing to make sure your little Fido doesn't do a remake of Steve McQueen's "The Great Escape."

Based on the pictures of recent escapees, it appears most of the lost dogs are the smaller variety who can squeeze through those little exit opportunities that we humans overlook. So please take a close look around the yard and check out your fences, doors and gates to make sure they are secure and lock properly.

Santa Ana has a leash law that no longer permits dogs to run at large. Owners can be cited by police or animal control officers and could be liable for a fine of \$100 for the first offense, up to \$1000 plus imprisonment for up to 6 months for multiple offenses.

Exact wording of the law is: "No dog shall be allowed to walk the public streets without being restrained by means

of a leash capable of restraining at least four times the weight of such dog."

Dog licenses are required by the city by city ordinance. All dogs must be dogs licensed which will help in getting Fido and Fifi back home to you if they take off on the lam0000. Check with the city's dog licensing department (714-647-5257) for more information. We have provided cost info below.

Please be a good neighbor and remember to remove all of your lost or found signs from the neighborhood when your dog returns home.

This also pertains to garage sale signs at the end of the garage sale weekends so as to keep your Washington Square looking good and trash free.

Thank you to article authors and contributors, Tom Lutz of WSNA and Mike McCoy of the Santa Ana Police Dept.



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Also, before your holiday calendar gets full, make plans now to join us for our annual Candlelight Christmas Eve Service. It will be followed by our Posada, a potluck dinner. It is always a delightful time of celebration.

Saturday, December 4 @ 7 p.m.

Santa Ana Annual Dog License Fee Schedule

Valid through June 2012. Subject to change after end of fiscal year.

LICENSE FEE

REGULAR (unaltered)	EACH DOG \$100.00
PUPPY(between 4-6 mos.)	EACH DOG \$24.00
SPAYED/NEUTERED*	EACH DOG \$24.00
SENIOR CITIZEN**	FIRST DOG \$12.00
REPLACEMENT TAG	EACH DOG \$2.50
LATE FEE***	EACH DOG \$41.00

A Rabies Vaccination Certificate issued from a licensed veterinarian showing vaccination that will be valid for the entire licensing period is required.

* To receive a discount rate for a spayed or neutered dog, you must enclose a copy of the sterility certificate or a signed statement of sterility from a licensed veterinarian.

** To receive the senior citizen discount rate, you must be 65 years of age or older (proof of age is required). One discount per household. Animal must be spayed/neutered.

*** Your dog license and rabies vaccination should be obtained within (15) fifteen days after your dog reaches the age of (4) four months or after moving into the City of Santa Ana. Otherwise a LATE FEE will be assessed.

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If you need additional information, call: (714) 647-5257

Smarty Plants--every bit as beautiful, not nearly as thirsty

Washington Square is a neighborhood that's known for our beautiful gardens and well kept front yards. Flowers bring a landscape to life so you might want to think about these native and California friendly plants. They thrive here because they're perfectly suited to our mild winters and warm, dry summers. The bonus is they require only moderate watering plus some are irresistible to hummingbirds.



Baby Blue Eyes

Nemophila hydrophyllaceae

With a charming name and abundant flowering and delicate ferny leaves.

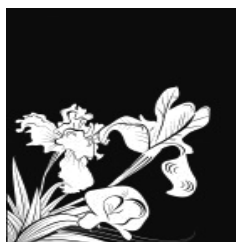
Blossoms range from white to light blue to a striking blackish purple ringed with white. (Pennie Black variety).



Douglas Iris

Iris douglasiana

Easygoing and easygrowing, this iris is a native to California. Long a garden standby for beautiful spring blooms. There are as many as 300 species with varying water needs, appearance and blooming times.



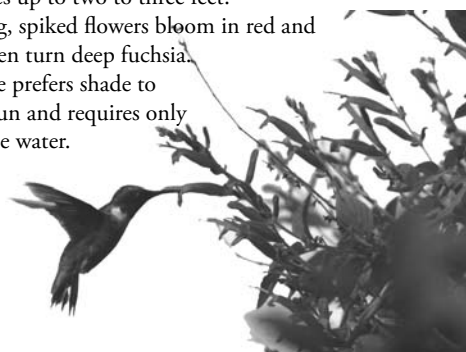
Hummingbird Sage

Salvia spathacea

Everyone loves hummingbirds and this hardy, small clumping sage is a magnet for them because of its light, fruity aroma. It attracts hummingbird and human eyes with its scalloped, textured leaves, and flower stems that rise above the leaves up to two to three feet.

In spring, spiked flowers bloom in red and pink, then turn deep fuchsia.

This sage prefers shade to partial sun and requires only moderate water.



More Home Water Use Survey

Kitchen, Laundry and Outside

Check the items that show how your family uses water wisely.

KITCHEN & LAUNDRY

- ☐ 10. *We use the dishwasher only for full loads.* It uses less water than washing by hand.
- ☐ 11. *We use the washing machine only for full loads of laundry.*
- ☐ 12. *We don't let the faucet run to clean vegetables.* Rinse vegetables in a sink partially filled with water.
- ☐ 13. *We keep a container of drinking water in the refrigerator.*
Running tap water to cool it for drinking wastes water.
- ☐ 14. *When we wash dishes by hand, we don't leave the water running for rinsing.* If you have two sinks, fill one with rinse water. If you have only one sink, put your washed dishes in a dish rack and rinse them quickly with a spray device or pan of water.
- ☐ 15. *Our kitchen and laundry room faucets and pipes do not leak.*

OUTSIDE

- ☐ 16. *We water the lawn only when it needs it.*
Step on your grass. If it springs back when you lift your foot, it doesn't need water.
- ☐ 17. *We water during the cool part of the day.*
Early morning is better than dusk, since it helps prevent the growth of fungus.

- ☐ 18. *We deep soak our lawn.* When you water your lawn, water it long enough for the water to seep down to the roots where it is needed. A light sprinkling, which sits on the surface, will evaporate and be wasted.
- ☐ 19. *We don't water the gutter.* Position your sprinklers so the water lands on your lawn or garden, not on concrete or other paved areas. Also, avoid watering on windy days.
- ☐ 20. *We've made our landscape California Friendly®* with trees and plants naturally suited to our climate.
Many beautiful trees and plants thrive with little water in our semiarid region.
- ☐ 21. *We put a layer of mulch around trees and plants.* Mulch slows the evaporation of moisture.
- ☐ 22. *We use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks.*
- ☐ 23. *We don't let the hose run while washing the car.* Soap down your car from a pail of soapy water. Use a hose only to rinse it off.
- ☐ 24. *The children do not play with the hose and sprinklers.*
- ☐ 25. *We have no leaks in pipes, hoses, faucets, and couplings.*
Leaks outside the house can be extremely wasteful. To check for hidden leaks in your pipes, make sure no water is being used around the house and watch the water meter for 15 minutes. If the meter shows some movement during that time, you definitely have a leak.

Update on SOS Committee activities:

Provided by the citywide Save Our Stadium Committee

The SOS / Willowick Committee, made up of 12 different neighborhoods, finally met with the Mayor regarding the pending move of a professional soccer team to Santa Ana Stadium. The Mayor indicated the Santa Ana Stadium, Eddie West Field (EWF), has been taken off the table but Willowick Golf Course (WGC) is still being considered. He was asked if he'd put that in writing and the committee now has a letter stating EWF is off the table and we understand copies were sent to Santa Ana Unified and Santa Ana College.

The committee was then told it is likely 2-3 years away when Chivas will need the golf course to build a temporary stadium at the site. This concerns the SOS Committee because if Chivas, after a year to two, decides the site is not feasible, Willowick is lost and all for naught. The SOS Committee is pleased that the stadium is no longer considered and claims it as a victory for their efforts. However, the committee members seriously question the proposed golf course location. The concerns are the traffic, noise, pollution, expense, etc. which will directly impact Santa Anita, Riverview West, and nearby neighborhoods so SOS is continuing to advocate the issue.

Two weeks after meeting with the Mayor, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Chivas USA was agendized at the September 19th council meeting regarding the Willowick site. SOS members attended the meeting with other residents and spoke against the proposed WGC location. SOS also believes by the Mayor placing the MOU on the agenda, he acknowledges and considers the SOS committee is serious.

Financial questions remain unanswered like: "With the City flirting with bankruptcy, where does the Mayor think the money will come from to build a multi million dollar complex; and then to finance the extensive expansion of the infrastructure to make such a facility accessible?" Until these questions are resolved, the SOS Committee remains committed to steer a project of this size to a more appropriate site, away from neighborhoods, closer to freeways, and save WGC from demolition for the good of its neighbors.

Go to this website to better understand the concerns of SOS/Willowick: www.neontommy.com/2009/02/carson-sports-complex-riles-ne



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The Bowers Museum --Free admission first Sunday and third Tuesday of every month, www.bowers.org

Heritage Museum --Free admission first Sunday of each month, www.heritagemu-seumoc.org

Discovery Science Center --Free admission first Tuesday of every month, www.discoverycube.org

Santa Ana Zoo at Prentice Park --Free admission third Sunday of the month, max 4 per household, www.santaanazoo.org

Cal State Fullerton Grand Central Art Center in the Artist Village --Always free. www.grandcentralartcenter.com

Washington Square Holiday Party

Here comes Santa Claus,
Here comes Santa Claus
Straight to Washington Square...



Where: 1110 W. Washington

When: Sunday December 11
Time: 1:30-3 pm

What: Santa-Bration!

Dress up the kids for this year's Santa
Picture from Washington Square.

Bring goodies to share

Beverages provided.

Cookies, candy canes and pictures with the
handsomest Santa this side of the North Pole!
Bring the whole fam for Santa's Open House.



*Hungry?
Think Downtown!*

Downtown merchants are reaching out to Washington Square, so it's not a bad idea for us to consider going downtown for a little shopping then a coffee, snack or meal.

To help you, here's a list of nearby downtown restaurants that are open for your enjoyment.

828 Pho-Asian
Antojitos Clemente Authentic Mexican Seafood-Mexican & Latin Cuisine
Azteca Restaurant Taqueria-Mexican & Latin Cuisine
Beijing Express-Chinese
Bistro 400--Bar/Night Club, International, Lounge, Steakhouses, Entertainment Burger King-American
Chapter One: the modern local-Bar/Night Club
Chimichurri-Argentinian
Chinese Cuisine-Asian
County Gardern Caterer-Coffee / Desserts
Daniels Cafe-Coffee / Desserts
Dantes Coffee-Coffee / Desserts
Donut Inn #28-Coffee / Desserts
El Curtido Restaurant-Mexican & Latin Cuisine
El Rancho Restaurant-Mexican & Latin Cuisine
Ensenada Restaurant-Coffee / Desserts
Festival Restaurant & Bar-Bar/Night Club
Fiesta Juice-Juice Bar & Smoothies & Sandwiches
Frutas Acapulco-Delicatessens
Golden Gate Chinese Food-Asian
Gypsy Den-California, meals, Coffee, Desserts,
Jack In The Box-American Fast Food
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Birds of WaSqua--



The Monarch Butterfly

Monarch Butterfly is a bird? Of course not, but a couple of younger W² residents said “butterfly” when I asked them what bird we should talk about this issue. So I took them at their word. And why not? Butterflies are beautiful and fascinating. Plus they occupy the same airspace as our birds so for the first time in the history of the WSNA newsletter, we’re giving them equal time and respect.

The **Monarch Butterfly** is perhaps the best known of all North American butterflies. The wings feature an easily recognizable orange and black pattern, with a wingspan of 3½–4 inches. The upper side of the wings is tawny-orange, the veins and margins are black, and in the border margins are two series of small white spots. The fore wings also have a few orange spots near the tip.

The underside of the Monarch is similar, but the tip of the fore wing and hind wing are yellow-brown instead of tawny-orange and the white spots are larger. Female Monarchs have darker veins on their wings, and the males have a spot called the “androconium” in the center of each hind wing from which pheromones are released. Males are also slightly larger.

Since the 19th century, Monarchs have been found in New Zealand, and in Australia since 1871 where it is called the Wanderer. In Europe it is resident in the Canary Islands, the Azores, and Madeira, and is found as an occasional migrant in Western Europe.

The Monarch is famous for its southward migration and northward return in summer from Canada to Mexico and Baja California and is the only butterfly which does so. Migrations are very long and no one butterfly makes the entire round trip. Females deposit eggs along the way so the migrations span the life of three to four generations of the butterfly. The length of these journeys exceeds the normal lifespan of most monarchs, which is less than two months for butterflies born in early summer.

By the end of October, the population east of the Rocky Mountains migrates to the sanctuaries of the Mariposa Monarca in the pine-oak forests in the Mexican states of Michoacán and México. The Western population (our Monarchs) overwinters in various sites in central coastal and southern California, United States, notably in Pacific Grove and Santa Cruz.

How the species manages to return to the same overwintering spots over a gap of several generations is still a subject of research; the flight patterns appear to be inherited, based on a combination of the position of the sun in the sky and a sun compass that depends upon a circadian clock that is based in their antennae.

Exciting new research has also shown that Monarch butterflies can use the earth’s magnetic field for orientation. The antennae contain cryptochrome, a photoreceptor protein that is sensitive to the violet-blue part of the spectrum. In the presence of violet or blue light it can function as a chemical compass, which tells the animal if it is aligned with the earth’s magnetic field.



Plant Milkweed!

and attract Monarch Butterflies to your garden!

At the moment populations of Monarchs are somewhat endangered due to unusual weather patterns—excessive rains and freezes in overwintering locations.

You can help by planting their beloved plant, milkweed. Monarchs are very attracted to the plant where they lay eggs. The larvae then consume the plant and make their cocoon from which they eventually emerge as a beautiful Monarch Butterfly.

You can expect the larvae to pretty much defoliate the plant, but be assured it will grow back to feed another generation of butterflies.

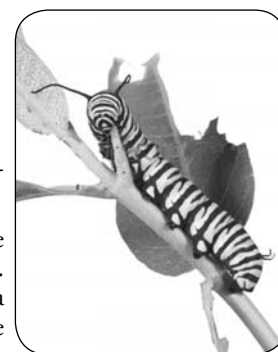
Why do Monarchs love milkweed?

A female monarch lays its eggs on a sprouted milkweed plant. The eggs hatch in four to five days producing tiny yellow, black and white banded larvae (caterpillars). The caterpillars will feed solely on the

milkweed plant and they eat enormous quantities because they are growing fast.

They will grow to 2,700 times their original size in only two weeks, molting five times in the process. At three weeks old the caterpillar will enter the pupa stage and gradually change into an emerald green case ringed with golden dots called a chrysalis. Inside the chrysalis, the caterpillar rebuilds into an adult butterfly which, at five weeks old, climbs out of the chrysalis.

Its bright orange and black wings signal to predators, “Beware!” Why? Monarchs are what they eat! The milkweed’s “milk” or white latex is both acidic and somewhat poisonous to many animals. Since a monarch caterpillar feeds solely on milkweed, it absorbs these substances into its body and stores them throughout its life. Therefore, the monarch tastes awful to many of its would be predators.



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)

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



Joe Rodriguez 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, all 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. You can call him anytime for some reliably on-the-mark advice.



City Contact Information



Police Services	647-5062
Police—non emergency	834-4211
Police and Fire Emergency	911
Animal services(barking dogs,etc)	245-8792
City Hall:	
Code Enforcement	667-2780
Construction Engineering	565-4044
(Ongoing Street Construction)	
Design Engineering	647-5640
Street Design. Sidewalks	
Fire Dept Non-Emergency	542-2315
Flood Ratings	647-5641
Development Services	647-2791
Street & Utility Permits, Water Applications	
Graffiti Hotline	877-786-7824
Obstructing Trees & Bushes	647-3380
Permit Parking	647-5612
Potholes	647-3380
Sanitation (Overgrown Yards)	647-3380
School Traffic Concerns	647-5612
Shopping Cart Removal	667-2780
Street Cleaning	647-3380
Street Lights (Edison)	800-655-4555
Street Lights (City)	647-3380
Street Striping	647-5605
Traffic Engineering	647-5673
General Traffic Concerns	647-5673
Neighborhood Traffic	647-5645
Traffic Signals	647-5611
Traffic Control Plans	647-5605
Trash Pick Up & Dumpsters	558-7761
Tree Trimming	647-3380

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 driveways and cars cannot remain in the street for more than 72 hours without being moved. Inoperable vehicles are vehicles that are damaged, have flat tires, and/or 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 instead of stealing them from stores to transport your purchases. It is costly for the city to pick them up and comes out of our pockets.

Planning a fence? Did you know you need a permit to erect a fence around your property to control height and material requirements. Permits are free.



Washington Square

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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 Javier 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.

2011 Officers

President	Javier Garcia	595-8813
Vice-President	Tom Lutz	836-9110
Secretary	Ivana Unger	972-8503
Treasurer	Oscar Garza	349-6089
Board Members:	Jean-Louise Jirik	543-9079
	Jean Poppa	836-6430
	Lynnette Verino	835-0473
	Nancy Lutz	836-9110
	Javier Garcia	595-8813
Committees Chairs:		
Membership	Laura Garcia	836-8128
Website	David Jirik	543-9079
Newsletter	Jean-Louise Jirik	543-9079
Comm-Link	Jean Poppa	836-6430

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	
Josie Martinez	647-9020
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	
Victor Gomez	386-8249
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	
Vacant	
Area 16 Olive South of Washington	
Connie Major	547-7404
Area 17 Washington/Bomo Koral	
Tom Erwine	543-5802
Area 18 Washington St.	
Patricia Arroyo and Carlos Silva	

Quarterly General Meetings are GREAT!

**Thursday, January 12 at 7 pm
At Wilson School**

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

Like free pizza? You can count on it at your quarterly meeting. They are open and free to all residents. A great way to network with your neighbors, enjoy the pizza and the company.

The board puts a lot of effort into bringing enjoyable, entertaining, timely, and informative programs for your benefit. And did we mention Pizza?

The quarterly meeting for the Washington Square Neighborhood Association (WSNA) is held in the library of Wilson School at 7 p.m.

The next meeting's agenda will include a discussion of the professional soccer issue presented by Save Our Stadium committee members among other topics which are yet to be determined.

Again, there will be pizza and beverages to add to your enjoyment so we hope you to attend, eat and mingle with your neighbors.



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	Andrew Nunez	782-4740
Realtor	Laura Garcia	883-3314
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
Flooring, floor repairs	Tuzos Flooring	720-7793
Piano Instructor	Bethany Campbell	585-1036

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.