



## 2017 Neighborhood Calendar

### EVENTS

Dumpster Day	3/11
Progressive Dinner	4/8
Spring Cleanup	4/15
Wine Walk	5/20
Chili Cookoff	7/22
Movie Night	8/12
Concert in the Park	TBD
Oktoberfest	10/14
Holiday Party	12/10

### GENERAL MEETINGS

Winter Meeting	1/12
Spring Meeting	4/13
Summer Meeting	7-13
Fall Meeting	10/12

### GARAGE SALE WEEKENDS

March 4&5, June 3&4  
Sept. 2&3, Dec. 2&3

## Here's to a Great 2017 in our Neighborhood!



## Jeff & Isabel Farrier, 1307 N. Lowell - The House of Seven Gates by Bobi Keenan

Built in 1941, the house and the yard looked pretty much the same in 2004 when Jeff and Isabel Farrier brought their vision, imagination and skills to this property. They have transformed it, inside and out, into a unique, beautiful place to live and to share with friends, family and neighbors.

They were drawn to Washington Square because they both appreciate the look and craftsmanship of homes built prior to the Mid-20th-Century and they wanted a lot big enough to have a beautiful garden.

Jeff's "day job" is as a software designer for the mortgage industry, but he has great carpentry and general construction skills. Isabel worked for a time in an antique store when they lived in Colorado, where she added knowledge of period design and furnishings to her natural talent for decorating and gardening.



Together they planned the renovation of their home and yard, using mainly repurposed vintage materials they found at estate sales, garage sales, Historical Society sales and sometimes left out on a curb. They did all the design & almost all the work themselves.

They want everything to be beautiful, so they pay a lot of attention to detail. This is evident when you pull up in front of the house. The parkway is a series of planters within concrete, so it looks very pretty, but you can step out of your car onto a solid surface to get to the front gate. Climbing, often blooming roses encircle the parkway tree and a sign post. They keep these well trimmed. The front yard is framed with a narrow picket fence. Between the gate and the door, you walk past the traditional "front lawn",

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# Washington Square is Fun!

and a little work  
now and then

## Neighborhood General Meeting Thursday, January 12th, 7PM Wilson School

It's the first meeting of the year that means it is time again for WSNA elections in accordance with our Bylaws. As a reminder, here's how it goes. The election shall be a quorum of members (you!) who elect the seven members to the Board of Directors. Qualification to be a Board member is paid member of the Association, provide email/contact information, attend monthly meetings (first Wednesday of the month), participate in Association events. The term is one year. Once the Board is elected by the membership, the Board then elects its officers, i.e. President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

If you want to get involved this would be the time to "throw in your hat." We welcome new faces and volunteers to help on various committees and events. Many friendships have been made working together for the neighborhood.

Block reps will be confirmed as well. They pass out newsletters and event flyers to your doorstep throughout the year. We are grateful for their help as that is our way to keep you informed on the goings on in the neighborhood and surroundings. We once again have a full compliment of block reps and we thank them for stepping up to help.

Also at the January meeting our new City Council members, Juan Villegas and Jose Solorio will introduce themselves to the neighborhood. Come join us for conversation and comraderie and don't forget we'll have pizza!

## Bristol Widening Update

Property aquisition on our section of the Bristol Widening project is almost complete and most of the structures have been bulldozed. Construction should begin mid-2017. McDonald's is relocating their building to the parking lot to the north and construction will begin August 1st. They'll remain open for the first few weeks then close for approximately 2 to 3 months until the new restaurant is complete (pictured in rendering).



## WSNA Holiday Party



Santa visited Washington Square on December 11th, arriving stylishly in a classic Mustang. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the party or brought goodies to share. A tip of Santa's cap to Juan and Anna Vasquez who hosted the party yet again in their front yard on Washington.

## Dumpster Day Saturday, March 11th

The dump comes to you! Get your trimming and spring cleaning done well before Saturday because the dumpsters often arrive early and fill up before noon. As in past years there will also be an eWaste container for your unwanted electronics, batteries & TVs. Look for a flier with more information with the WSNA membership letter in late February and on the WSNA website.



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## Washington Square Treasures - Verna Corum

by Sarah Covarrubias



In 1921 a spunky baby girl was born to Benjamin and Ruth Mae Richards. She was their 5th daughter, and they named her Verna. I had the wonderful opportunity to sit down with Miss Verna and chat about her wonderful life and how much she has loved living here in Santa Ana.

Born in Oklahoma, she moved to Duenweg, Missouri when she was 2 years old. And there she stayed until she moved to California. Verna says she knew there was more to see in the world than Duenweg, and she was determined to move from Missouri. She met and married her husband Bill Corum in 1941. Bill eventually joined the US Navy and just so happened to be stationed in San Diego, CA. On one of her visits to see him, she set her fancies on moving out to warm, sunny Southern California.

By the end of the WWII, daughter Jane was born, and Verna was teaching in Duenweg for \$1800/year. She hadn't yet completed her BA degree, when she came on vacation to visit Bill's sister, who lived

here in Washington Square on Baker Street. While vacationing here, and unbeknownst to Bill, Verna decided to pay a visit to the Santa Ana Superintendent of schools asking him for a job as a teacher. At the time there was a shortage of teachers here in Santa Ana. When she got back to MO, they sent her a telegram offering her a job for \$3300/year teaching at Wilson Elementary. Miss Verna convinced her husband to rent their home in MO, and move out to Santa Ana. He, too, was able to gain employment, working in

construction. Bill, Verna and Jane Corum moved

to 1528 N. Baker in the fall of 1952. After renting for a couple of years, they purchased a home on 9th and Pacific near SAC but eventually moved to 1116 N. Westwood in 1959, where she has been ever since.

Verna taught 3rd and 5th grades at Wilson then taught English, History and Driver's Ed at Willard Junior High. While teaching, raising a lovely daughter and being a devoted wife, Verna found time to finish up her BA degree and Masters Degree in Education at Chapman College. She eventually became an Assistant Principal for the Anaheim School District. She recalls with a smile when she was in 3rd grade that one of her classmates liked to say, "Ole Verna Richards thinks she's so smart..." Well, he sure got that right!

Verna loves being involved in the community and was a member of the

Ebell Club, the First Baptist Church, the First Christian Church, where her daughter Jane was married, and currently New Song Church on 17th Street.

Washington Square has been her home for the last 58 years, and she absolutely loves living here. She keeps her home immaculate and displays many family photos and keepsakes. She has three wonderful caregivers, who enable her to get out and about. When I met her for this interview, it was hard to imagine that she is nearly a centenarian. Miss Verna is just so elegant yet still speaks with a sense of wonder and mischief, qualities she has undoubtedly had since she was just a child in MO. She enjoys reminiscing about all the friendships she has cultivated over the many years. She still keeps in touch with old friends, such as Margaret Lang, who was also a long time resident of Washington Square.

Verna's beloved husband and best friend Bill passed away in 2006. But she is not alone—she sees and/or communicates with her daughter daily, and sees her grandchildren Liz and Tom, of whom she is very proud, often. She is truly one of our Washington Square Treasures and it was an honor to get to know her.



## City Contact Information

Police Services West End Office	647-5062
Police - non emergency	834-4211
Police admin. business	245-8665
Police and Fire Emergency	911
Animal services (lost pets, barking)	245-8792
Code Enforcement	667-2780
Graffiti Hotline	877-786-7824
Obstructing Trees & Bushes	647-3380
Permit Parking-Frank Orellana	647-5614
Permit Parking Complaints	245-8225
Potholes (Public Works)	647-3380
SAUSD School Police	558-5535
School Traffic Concerns	647-5619
Street Cleaning	647-3380
Street Lights (Edison)	800-655-4555
Street Lights (City)	647-3380
Traffic Engineering	647-5619
Traffic Signals	647-5620
Trash Pick Up (Waste Management)	558-7761
Tree Trimming	647-3380
Vector Control (County)	971-2421
Water Bill	647-5454
Wilson School	564-8100

all numbers (714) unless indicated otherwise

A more complete listing can be found on the WSNA website.

If you have a smartphone or a tablet, you'll want to download the free "My Santa Ana" app from the Apple App Store or Google Play. With it you can report graffiti, street light problems, potholes, tree issues, water wasting, etc as well as get phone #'s

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# Our Garden: Our Labor of Love

by Lubna Debbini

## Food sourcing

One of the hottest food trends in restaurants from Southern California to South Africa is locally sourced, seasonal, and organic fresh produce. It seems we are willing to pay premium prices for food that meet these criteria. But guess what, you can have your own seasonal organic bounty and it doesn't get any more locally sourced than your own front or back yard. You don't need special equipment or a huge amount of space. Just grab a flower pot, fill it with some organic garden soil, throw in some seeds, add water, and watch it grow.

This time of year is great for growing lettuce of all types as well as kale and chard. Grow what you already enjoy eating. It's still not too late to start root vegetables like carrots, beets, and radishes. Don't forget to use the leaves of your root veggies in salads.

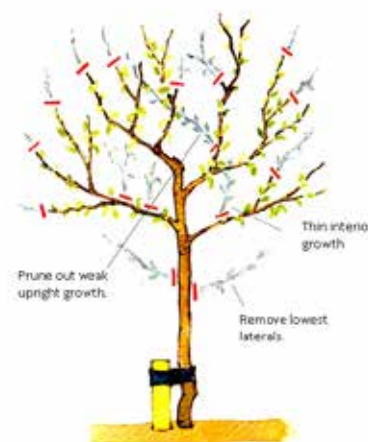
Now that winter is upon us, it's time to prune your stone fruit trees such as peaches, apricots, plums, and nectarines. Be aggressive in clearing excess branches leaving your main scaffolding with a few upward pointing branches. Stone fruit need a lot of sunshine so you don't want crowded branches. I use to lament cutting off branches thinking I'd be sacrificing the quantity of fruit. In reality, you ensure better quality fruit with fewer pieces on the branches competing for resources. The other reason to prune is to keep branches at a harvestable height. There's no point in growing fruit you can't reach.

Here's a free pruning guide from Oregon State University:



<https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/sites/catalog/files/project/pdf/pnw400.pdf>

Enjoy the avocado and citrus harvest.



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# Sarah's Neighborhood News

## homes for sale:

	beds	baths	Sq.Ft.	list/sold Price	DOM*	Sale Type
822 N. FLOWER	4	2	1332	\$449,000.00	125	Standard
1123 N. FREEMAN	4	2	1837	\$625,000.00	138	Standard

## homes in escrow:

1615 N. FREEMAN	3	1.5	1760	\$599,900.00	98	Standard
1119 N. LOWELL	3	1	1456	\$579,000.00	19	Standard
1012 N. WESTWOOD	3	2	1874	\$556,888.00	94	Standard
824 N. LOUISE	4	2	1623	\$514,999.00	81	Standard

## welcome to our new neighbors at:

1016 N. FLOWER	3	1	1235	\$418,000.00	9	Standard
1418 N. BAKER Duplex	-	-	-	\$680,000.00	36	Standard
1515 N. ROSEWOOD	3	2	1387	\$575,900.00	48	Standard
1515 N. TOWNER	3	2	1729	\$615,000.00	45	Standard
1601 N. FREEMAN	3	2	2243	\$700,000.00	39	Standard

per MLS and the County Recorder for the period 9-23-2016 to 12-19-2016 \* = days on market

## HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL!

I recently took a seminar on Probates and Trusts and how they relate to a home sale. A "probate" is when someone dies with or without a will. In these cases the court will need to be petitioned to open a "probate" in order to sell the property. This is not only costly, time consuming, but in most cases taxes (be it capital gains or increased property taxes) are involved. A good way to avoid these inconveniences is for your home & assets to be in a "living trust."

When a homeowner passes away, and his/her house is held in a living trust, the person named as "successor trustee" is able to step into the deceased persons " shoes" and sell the home without asking the permission of the court. She/he can make all the decisions as if it the original trustee were selling it himself/herself. No big attorney fees, no court control, no delays, no public disclosures are involved. If it is decided to keep the family home (as in a child wanting to keep it and reside there), the property taxes will remain the same.

Another benefit of having your property in a living trust is that on January 1, 2017 a new Medi-Cal Recovery law goes into effect. If a home (principal residence) is in a living trust and the owner, 55 or older, receiving Medi-Cal benefits, passes away, Medi-Cal cannot seek to recover costs from the sale of that property. However, if the property is sold as a probate, Medi-cal can seek to recover its costs.

I am not an attorney but wanted to offer you a simplified overview of the benefits of a living trust, as it relates to your (or a loved one's) home. As a Realtor of 30 years, I have seen several cases where the probate court is involved. The hassles, costs and the time it takes for the properties to go through the probate courts can be heart-breaking for a family that just wants to grieve their loss.

Everyone's situation is different so if you have further questions, please contact a knowledgeable trust/probate attorney, who can answer all your legal questions or I would be more than happy to refer you to one.

MAKE IT A GREAT 2017!



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# Talent in the Square: Reuben Salazar

by Wendy Boelter



I met Ruben Salazar roughly four years ago at the Downtown Santa Ana Artwalk. That night, he was center stage; mic in his hand, singing along to some awesome reggae beats from his band. They had the entire 2nd street promenade dancing! It was a great live show!

As a kid, Ruben loved to go for drives with his dad around Santa Ana. "Some of my fondest memories are from riding in the car with my dad and looking at all the beautiful houses in Washington Square and Floral Park. Sometimes I can't believe that I now live in Washington Square! I'm the guy you may have seen walking my Husky around the neighborhood."

I asked Ruben a handful of the basic questions:

W: Where did you grow up?

R: Born & raised in Santa Ana, Bristol/Central.

W: What's the name of your band and does it have a meaning or story behind the name?

R: Cal1fa. It's basically Mexican slang for California.

W: What genre of music would you file Cal1fa under?

R: Reggae!

W: Besides vocals, do you play any instruments?

R: Yes, I play the bass, keyboards, trumpet, guitar, drums, and the harmonica.

W: When you're at home or on the road, what kind of music do you listen to?

R: I like so many different kinds of music. I do like oldies and of course, classic reggae. Bob Marley.

W: Outside of music, do you have any hobbies?

R: I body board at Newport Beach 40th Street. Skateboard. I'm also the curator for the Blue Lot located on 1st Street and Bush. If an artist wants to paint at the Blue Lot, I am the contact for that.

W: Has your sound changed over time?

R: I'm definitely more mature so I think my sound has matured. It's more sophisticated.

W: If you had the opportunity, who would you like to collaborate with? R: The Bob Marley family!



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## Sunday Worship:

### Traditional Service @ 10:00 a.m.

- \*English service held in our main Sanctuary.
- \*Spanish service held in McFarland Hall
- \*Children's Sunday School and Nursery available during service.
- \*Worship includes hymns & praise songs
- \* Communion the first Sunday of the month

Join us this Sunday,  
we would love to see you!

In 2010, the Copper Door opened their doors on Broadway and Ruben was ready to hit the ground running with his band to establish some roots in Downtown. He had a difficult time finding a venue or stage large enough for bands like his.

"I came to Downtown in the hopes of getting involved with my community by creating projects where I could work with the youth. I wanted to extend a helping hand to younger artists no matter what kind of artist they were. A graffiti artist, a painter, or a musician, I wanted to help everyone who was unfamiliar with how to market himself or herself. It's very difficult as an artist to not have the tools or access to the tools needed for self-promotion. A musician can easily feel lost and or stuck in a rut because they might not have the tools they need to make a dent let alone and impact in the music scene. I've been down that road and I know my experience and my never stop attitude can be that helping hand the youth in the community need."

To me, Ruben is the definition of a successful local musician that did not let anything get in his way of achieving his dreams. "It's been three years now and I've put together/collaborated on many music events Downtown. I currently work with Yost Theatre/Diego's bar. I've had the opportunity to play some pretty epic shows in our city. I am very happy with where I'm at and what I have been able to do since I've planted my flag in Downtown Santa Ana."

To find more about Ruben Salazar, upcoming shows, or listen to his music online, Spotify: Badfish, album name, sound-bwoy-killas. Facebook: Cal1fa, Instagram: Cal1famusic.



## in Downtown Santa Ana

What's going on in Downtown Santa Ana?

-- By Wendy Boelter

### DTSA Farmers' Market

The DTSA Farmer's Market is open every Sunday, 10am-2pm located at the 3rd and Bush parking lot in front of the Yost Theater.



### Downtown Santa Ana Art Walk

The DTSA Art Walk in the Artist Village launched in 1999 and since then has inspired many other cities in Orange County to create their own unique art walk. The once a month event covers all of Downtown from The East End at French & 4th Street to The West End at Birch & 4th Street with the Artist Village in the middle at Broadway & 2nd Street.

The DTSA Art Walk is the 1st Saturday of every month, 6:00-10:00pm. Admission is free.



### NEW PLACES TO EAT:

**Mix Mix Kitchen Bar**  
300 N. Main Street  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

(714) 836-5158



Award-winning Chef Ross Pangilinan presents Mix Mix, a globally inspired dining concept presenting dishes, which see influence from traditional French and Italian to modern Filipino cuisines. The name Mix Mix is inspired by the chef's children and Filipino culture.

The menu at Mix Mix is meant to be shared with several options for snacks to heartier and more filling courses. The signature Verrine dessert is a modernized twist on the classic Filipino "halo halo" and is a must try. Halo-halo is an icy Filipino dessert "mixed" with many ingredients. The two "Ms" are a nod to his children – Madeleine and Maddex.

For those craving a bit of everything there are three prix-fixe menus available highlighted by the "Chef's Tasting Menu."

In addition to its eclectic menu of global cuisine, Mix Mix offers handcrafted libations from its craft cocktail bar. The beverage program focuses on 'shaken & stirred' cocktails created with house-made bitters, syrups, and infusions, as well as wines and craft beer.

Mix Mix is open for lunch and dinner, Tuesday-Thursday, 5-10pm, Friday-Saturday, 5-11pm, and Sunday brunch, 11am-3pm.



**Osteria Vicario**  
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The dishes consist of 5 to 7 ingredients that highlight the high quality ingredients and clean Italian flavors. Owner & Executive Chef Matt Dhillion cooks with pastas imported from his family's farms in Abruzzo, Italy. The majority of ingredients Chef Dhillion uses in his dishes also come from Italy. The

wines selections hang from iron wine racks anchored into the brick wall. Wine snob or not, you won't be disappointed with any choice you make. If wine is not what you are looking for, there is a full bar menu and bottled beer.

The restaurant is expanding. When the construction is completed, Osteria Vicario will be an authentic Italian Delicatessen, Pasticceria, Restaurant, Neopolitan Pizzeria and an Italian Grocery, with a coffee bar serving espresso and coffee drinks! Exciting times ahead!

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## COOKING WITH CAROL

## Mushroom pâté

You can always find this Mushroom pâté in my refrigerator. It is great to bring to a party or at the end of day when you need something to nibble with that glass of wine or before dinner. I prefer to serve with Triscuits but sliced baguettes will do. Put it in nice bowl or a mold with a few chopped chives on top and you are good to go.

This can be made ahead of time, it travels well and holds for some time in the refrigerator.

4 tablespoon Butter  
1 ½ lb Cremini or Portobello mushroom sliced  
4 cloves garlic, finely minced  
2 tablespoon low-sodium soy sauce  
3 to 4 dashes of your favorite hot sauce  
1/2 teaspoon sugar  
8 ounces cream cheese softened  
1/4 cup chopped fresh chives

Heat a 12-inch sauté pan over high heat until hot, add the butter. When it is melted add mushrooms, and garlic. Sauté until the mushrooms are cooked, about 10 minutes. Remove from the heat and let cool to room temperature.

In a food processor add cream cheese, soy sauce, sugar and hot sauce, pulse until mixed.

Transfer mushroom mixture to food processor, pulse until mushrooms are small pieces. Put in 7 inch tart pan with a removal bottom, press a layer of plastic wrap over the surface, or place the pâté in a small decorative bowl. Refrigerate. To serve, remove the sides of the tart pan and sprinkle the pâté with the chopped chives. Transfer the pâté to a round serving plate.

Serve chilled or at room temperature with crackers or baguette slices.



*Bon Appetite, Carol Frank*

## HOUSEHOLD CLEANING TIPS

by Tom Lutz

✳ **BRIGHTEN STAINLESS STEEL** - sinks, pots, pans etc by using a damp cloth soaked in vinegar. Your stainless steel sinks will shine if you rub them hard with a wad of crumpled newspaper!

✳ **CALCIUM IN KETTLES** - add 1 tablespoon of vinegar to the kettle and half fill with water, turn on but not to boil then let vinegar mixture sit in kettle for a couple of hours. Calcium deposits should be loosened and rinse out with water if not scrub gently with a scourer to loosen remaining calcium

✳ **CLEAN KITCHEN TILE** - Clean first and then apply furniture polish. If you buff the tiles to a shine, grease will not stick to them and they'll be easier to clean in the future.

✳ **CLEAN STAINS** - from laminex kitchen benchtops by rubbing with a thick paste of bicarb soda and water. Leave for 1 hour then wipe off. Also good for stains on white stoves.

✳ **CLEAN OVEN** - Clean your oven whilst it is still warm (not hot!) and grease will come off more easily. Also, reduce oven cleaning time by lining the bottom of your oven with aluminium foil cut to size. The foil catches drips and grease and can be easily replaced when dirty.

✳ **CLEANING AN ELECTRIC FRYPAN** - To clean the outside of the pan heat for a few minutes, unplug, then turn pan upside down on newspaper and then spray the base with a commercial brand of oven cleaner (in a well-ventilated area). Rub with steel wool and wipe over with a damp sponge.

✳ **CARPET STAINS** - Try baby wipes, they are miracle workers for anything from motor oil to blood, or shaving cream is a good all-purpose spot remover for carpets. To remove the smell of dog urine from carpet, sprinkle a 500g packet of bicarb soda over the spot. If a very large area use 2 packets and sprinkle thickly over area. Leave for 24 hrs before vacuuming up.

✳ **PET HAIR** - Use a damp rubber glove to pick up pet hair from furniture. The damp rubber works like a magnet! Also you can use a window squeegee to pickup dog and cat hair on your rugs and carpet.

### Your WSNA Block Representatives

Area 1 Louise North of Washington	Randy & Tracy Simons	558-4871
Area 2 Louise South of Washington	Bobbi 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	481-3871
Area 6 Westwood North of Washington	Noe Vasquez	851-6767
Area 7 Westwood South of Washington	Karen Blue Wevers	(949)295-4979
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	Lubna Debbini	386-8249
Area 11 Freeman North of Washington	Margaret Klase	972-8951
Area 12 Freeman South of Washington	Jason & Elise Athas	270-4654
Area 13 Lowell South of Washington	Christine Cwierny	835-9464
Area 14 Lowell North of Washington	Laurella Stearns	542-0219
Area 15 Olive North of Washington	Adriane Givant	264-9200
Area 16 Olive South of Washington	Connie Major	547-7404
Area 17 Bomo Koral	Tom Erwine	543-5802
Area 18 Washington St.	Kurt & Jen Preston	547-4895
Area 19 10th between Westwood and Baker	Cheryl Yarnall	542-7512
Area 20 Flower St. between Wash. and 15th	Deliah Cortez	725-6357
Area 21 Flower St. between 10th and Wash	Maco Long	(949) 387-4446



## TREE TALK Danger Lurking!

by Susan van der Roest



Many children, young and old, were having a great time! It was Washington Square's Annual Christmas Party with Santa.

This year Rudolf was busy so Tom Lutz (from Freeman St.) brought St. Nick to the party. Somewhere in the midst of all the happy activity, Tom took the time to look around. He spotted a very tall palm tree with a deep crack in the trunk! He immediately knew this was an urgent and dangerous situation! Tom took photos and notified Santa Ana Public Works. In less than 24 hours, a crew cut the palm down!

The on going drought and Santa Ana winds can cause stress and fractures in our neighborhood's urban forest. Even this season's rain will not correct the tree stresses and disease that have occurred over the last decade. Let's keep looking at our tree environment with SEEING EYES.

And YES ... All the children, young and old, are safer traveling through Washington Square. Thank you, Tom!

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and a small gathering space against the front of the house, framed by tightly planted boxwood trimmed low and large pots with tall frames supporting climbing plants.

Jeff built fences and gates which they added to the front and back and side yards to separate and delineate the spaces they wanted to create. They wound up with 7 gates in all...thus the name they have given to their place.

Isabel chose plants to create the gardens that surround their home. Together they imagined the designs and layouts providing intimate spaces... outdoor "rooms" that feel cozy and inviting or ones more formal, reminiscent of Victorian gardens.

They added a sunken garden in the backyard, a wonderful



gathering space big enough to entertain several friends. They built a shed to match the house as a cozy, inviting room for conversation or reading, or watching

television or movies. The block wall that runs along the back of the property is completely obscured by climbing plants. Two large bas-relief lions peak through the greenery.

Jeff built 3 potting benches, as beautiful as they are utilitarian, for their constant propagating of plants for the yards. They are placed around the nooks and crannies they created in their back yard, beside and behind the garage. Among other things, Isabel makes succulent wreaths, one of which adorns their front door.

Jeff and Isabel are thrilled to be chosen for the Alan Anderson Award. They want us all to know that. But even more, they want us to know

that the best thing they are happy for is to live in Washington Square.







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