



## 2018 Neighborhood Calendar

### EVENTS

Dumpster Day	3/10
Progressive Dinner	3/24
Spring Cleanup	4/14
Wine Walk	5/19
Chili Cook-Off	7/14
Movie Night	8/18
Oktoberfest	10/13
Holiday Party	12/9

### GENERAL MEETINGS

Winter Meeting	1/11
Spring Meeting	4/12
Summer Meeting	7/12
Fall Meeting	10/11

### GARAGE SALE WEEKENDS

Mar 3 & 4 June 2 & 3  
Sept 1 & 2 Dec 1 & 2

## Winter in The Square -- WSNA President Dave Dethloff



Happy New Year Neighbors,

2017 was one heck of a year. A record hurricane season. A record fire season that's still not over! As I am writing this the Santa Ana's have kicked up again! Arghhh!! Let's hope 2018 brings us a year of healing & more compassion for each other.

We have a lot of great events scheduled for this year & are hoping even more of you will come out

& participate with us! We try to have something for everyone & if you have an idea for one, please let your board know and we will do our best to make it happen. Maybe a Washington Square sponsored Sunday brunch?

We always need volunteers for our events & hopefully this will be the year when some of you who have been thinking about it will step up to join us! It's always rewarding and much appreciated. The day after Oktoberfest, I was amazed at how fast everything got put away. In less than an hour & a half it was all done and we were ready for breakfast at Pop's!!

Bristol Street widening is taking place & causing quite the back-up. I try to avoid it completely by using Flower Street to get to the freeway or South Santa Ana. Be patient...it will all be done soon!

That's it for now, see you in the Square!! P.S. Where's our rain?

## José and Bertha Ochoa Win Alan Anderson Award

*by Bobi Keenan*



The Winter 2018 Alan Anderson Award goes to Bertha and José Ochoa, owners of 832 Westwood Avenue.

Bertha and José moved to Santa Ana from Mexico City in 1988 and found a good place to live and raise a family. After renting for a few years, their dream of owning their own home came true when they bought their home in Washington Square in 1990.

When they first moved in, there was a lot of work to do. Many things had been neglected; there were leaks and aging plumbing and

electrical wiring that needed repair and replacement. Most of the house was carpeted, which was bad for Bertha's allergies, so they removed it all and installed wood floors throughout. Over the years, they have done a lot of renovations, remodeling the kitchen and bathrooms and replacing all the windows. They added decorative stone to the front of the house to create eye-appeal and an updated look.

The yards, front and back, are colorful and meticulously cared for. Most of the planting in the front was added and there is an eclectic mix of colors and textures with plantings that bloom throughout the year. In the back yard, they have created a beautiful gathering space, an "outdoor room", by replacing the original concrete patio with one that is earth colored and textured like stone.



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# Washington Square is Fun!

and a little work  
now and then

## Neighborhood General Meeting Thursday, January 11th, 7PM Wilson School

Join us for the January meeting where we'll have updates on neighborhood issues and events. Samantha Soto from the Orange County Fire Authority will speak on fire safety. Mary-Joy Coburn, Public Affairs Director for the Vector Control of Orange County will update us on the new mosquito in town. Richard Espinachio, the new manager of the DTSA Farmers Market will brief us on the changes in store when the market reopens this February. He'll bring along some treats too! Again, this January, we'll have elections for board members as is required by our charter. The board members will then elect the 2018 slate of officers. Come join us for conversation and camaraderie and don't forget we'll have pizza and door prizes!



## 8th Annual Progressive Dinner March 24th

The Washington Square Progressive Dinner is a unique and enjoyable culinary event. This annual potluck dinner is hosted by three residents who volunteer their homes. The dinner experience starts with appetizers and salads at the first home. We then make our way to the 2nd home where entrees are served. Desserts are served at the 3rd home. This is your opportunity to enjoy the finest culinary offerings prepared by you and your neighbors. This adult-only event is extremely popular and limited to 50 people. Email [javier@washington-square.org](mailto:javier@washington-square.org) if you're interested in hosting or attending. Sign up is via email. We look forward to seeing you for dinner.

## Sand Bags

We're not sure yet how wet a winter we'll have in Washington Square. Again this year, the City is offering free sand bags at the Corporate Yard, 215 South Center Street. Just go to the guard shack between 7AM & 7PM weekdays and 8AM & 6PM weekends. You'll be directed off to the left where the pallets of filled sandbags are stored. In times of high demand, you may have to fill your own at their self-service station.

## Dumpster Day Saturday, March 10th

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. We will have 7 dumpsters again this year! If you want to host one in front of your home, come to the January general meeting and raise your hand when we ask for dumpster hosts. As in past years, there will be an eWaste container for your unwanted electronics, batteries & TVs. Look for a flier with more information mailed with the WSNA membership letter in late February and on the WSNA website, Facebook and Nextdoor.

## 2018 Membership

And speaking of the WSNA membership letter (above) it's never too early to get your membership contribution in for 2018. You can either send a check to PO Box 4435, Santa Ana, CA 92702 or use your credit card on [Washington-Square.org](http://Washington-Square.org) to make a donation. Remember, WSNA is a 501 (c)(3) organization and your contribution is tax-deductible. Membership amounts are just \$15 for Seniors, \$20 Households, \$50 Patron, \$75 Sponsor, \$100 VIP Sponsor, \$200 PoohBah Sponsor and \$500 Grand PoohBah Sponsor. Thank you to everyone who contributed generously in 2017, especially our PoohBah Sponsors!

## Holiday Party

Santa visited Washington Square on December 10th, 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. Those who didn't get a picture printed at the party can still pick them up from the Lutz's 1118 N. Freeman.



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## Washington Square's Mark Robinson

by Sarah Covarrubias



“Eat, Sleep, Fly” is his motto and the website (EatSleepFly.com) for Mark Robinson’s company, Revolution Aviation.

Mark and his wife Anna moved to 1005 N. Towner in September 2016. Living in the Wrigley Heights area of Long Beach, they were looking for a home within 8 (linear) miles of their office in Newport Beach. They stumbled upon Washington Square, where the homes have character and the streets are quiet.

Mark was born and lived in Cameroon, central Africa, until he was eight. His parents were missionaries. The family eventually went back to the UK and settled in the Oxford. He went on to be successful in the UK banking and foreign currency exchange industry but found the job somewhat uninspiring. Looking for a challenge, he decided to become a pilot. Around that same time he became friends with an American woman who offered him an opportunity to come to the US, where he took up helicopter flying.

Oddly enough, the hit television series “The OC” began airing in the UK in 2004, about the same time that Mark was making some life changing decisions.

So, given the choice where in the US he wanted to be, he just couldn’t resist beautiful scenery, people and lifestyle of Orange County. Not to mention that the OC is the 12th busiest airport for private aviation in the States.

Mark is best known in Washington Square as a helicopter pilot who gives tours over our coastline. Granted, he started his career flying (and continues to fly) whirlybirds, but Revolution Aviation is a flight school and its main thrust is to train people to become pilots—private, commercial airplane and helicopter—and to assist them to find employment in that field. He, along with a silent partner, started the business 5 years ago and currently employs 15 people.

In 2009, after a long day at the airport, Mark popped into a local watering hole and met Anna. Anna is a native “Orange Countian”. Being smart and savvy, she took his phone number. Over the next three weeks, Mark continued to frequent the same bar hoping to catch a glimpse of Anna. As for Anna, she just couldn’t shake that handsome Brit from her thoughts. She called him, they married 2 years later, and the rest is history. Anna has her degree in aviation and assists Mark at the business.

Why EatSleepFly? The motto is definitely unique. When you speak to Mark, you realize that he is passionate about flying--all kinds. He feels that we all eat, we all sleep, and we all should learn to fly. It is truly a way to see the world from a different perspective. Whether you’re interested in learning to fly, becoming a working pilot, or would love to see Orange County from the sky, give Mark or Revolution Aviation a call.

Mark and Anna enjoy traveling all over the world and they plan to go to Peru in the near future. Currently, they share their home with their friendly, furry family--Burrito, Olive and Baguette--but remarked on several occasions that Washington Square would be a great place to raise children. That is definitely true. We are thankful that Mark found love, business and home in the OC and look forward to his continued success in the skies.




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### 2017 Holiday Lights Around Washington Square



## 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

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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

## Beloved Citrus Trees

by Lubna Debbini

Whether you believe Orange County was named for the abundant orange orchards or not, there is no denying our county, and our neighborhood have plenty of citrus trees. Whether you have oranges, mandarins, grapefruits, limes, or lemons, taking care of your citrus tree will guarantee a delicious crop year after year.



Citrus trees like to grow in a thick canopy. Think of the classic shape of an umbrella and that's what you're aiming for. The trunk of your tree needs to be shielded from the sun. Make sure you don't have

branches that touch the ground. These drooping branches act as bridges for snails and other pests.

Your citrus trees like well draining soil. Water them once a month with a slow and consistent stream for about an hour and feed your trees with compost or fertilizer every other month or so. Yellow leaves with green veins indicate an iron deficiency which can be easily remedied by applying Ironite around the drip line. You may need to do this several times if the soil is greatly depleted.

If your leaves are curled, yellowing, or have a white mildew or sooty looking buildup, you may have an aphid, whitefly, or a citrus leafminer infestation. A well established tree may not suffer much from these pests, however they can weaken and stunt the growth of younger trees. Trees that are not fed or watered properly are more vulnerable to such pests. Treat the affected areas frequently with a neem oil spray. The neem oil is less toxic than chemical pesticides.

It may take a couple years to bring ailing trees back to health, but it won't take much work and your efforts will be rewarded for years.

Remember: The best thing for your garden is you in it.



### Did you know?

Santa Ana Municipal Code Section 41-607e prohibits parking of vehicles and trailers in front yard areas other than a driveway. Code Enforcement will issue citations to offenders in order to improve Santa Ana neighborhoods.

This and all the regulations we have to heed are listed on the Municipal Code website: [https://library.municode.com/ca/santa\\_ana/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances](https://library.municode.com/ca/santa_ana/codes/code_of_ordinances)



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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!

# Sarah's Neighborhood News

homes for sale:	beds	baths	Sq.Ft.	list/sold Price	DOM*	Sale Type
919 N. Westwood	3	2	1679	\$649,000.	50	Standard
homes in escrow:						
907 N. Lowell	2	1	922	\$549,900.	50	Standard
1147 W. 10th	3	2	1513	\$650,000.	10	Standard
1027 N. Olive	3	2	1824	\$499,000.	2	Standard
1124 N. Olive	3	1	1396	\$589,000.	155	Standard
1104 N. Baker	3	1.5	1561	\$595,000.	132	Standard
welcome to our new neighbors at:						
1308 N. Baker	2	1	1601	\$605,000.	58	Standard
914 N. Westwood	2	2	1349	\$605,000.	5	Standard
1303 N. Olive	2	2	1436	\$565,000.	0	Standard
1119 N. Lowell	3	1	1456	\$610,000.	10	Standard
1107 N. Towner	3	2	1538	\$635,000.	13	Standard
920 N. Louise	2	2	1729	\$720,000.	98	Standard
per MLS and the County Recorder for the period 9-26-2017 to 12-17-2017 * = days on market						

## LOOKING FORWARD TO A PROSPEROUS 2018 FOR ALL!

2017 closed with a bang for Washington Square: The average sales price for 2017 was \$603,000 vs. \$527,000 in 2016—by no means are these averages calculated using a strict scientific method, but surely this gives a pretty good picture of what direction home prices went over the last year. The price per square foot went from \$362 in 2016 to \$393 in 2017. Interest rates have remained fairly stable in the high 3% to low 4%.

For those of you thinking of selling in 2018 here are a few things to keep in mind:

1. Timing—Spring is typically the best time to sell, but there are advantages for selling later in the year.
2. Property taxes and Capital Gains taxes—Are you over 55, and do you plan to stay in OC or move to another CA county? Will you have to pay capital gains taxes if you've had your house for many years?
3. Preparation to sell—what shape is your house currently in, and what should you do before putting it on the market?

Don't hesitate to call, email or text me for answers to your real estate questions.

We've had quite a few longtime residents move this year. Harvey and Donna Buckridge just sold their home at 1107 N. Towner. They lived and raised their 2 daughters there for 53 years. They will be purchasing a new "next generation" home with their daughter Donell in Norco, where they will have their own separate apartment attached to the main house. They are excited, and Donell is thrilled to have Mom and Dad close by.

The Cooper Family—Nat, Briana and adorable baby girl, Jubilee—are the new residents. They discovered Washington Square several months ago, and fell in love with the Towner house the moment they walked in. Thank you to the neighbors that have already made them feel welcome.



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# COOKING WITH CAROL

## Art Pesto Lasagna

Some people say that meatloaf is comfort food. They never ate my mother's meatloaf. Not good!!! My comfort food is anything Italian. This recipe does need some time to put together but I have come up with some short cuts to make it faster. I like to use Barilla lasagna no boil noodles because they are not as thick as the standard lasagna noodle. Serve with some great bread and you have a wonderful meal. It also freezes well. Serves 6.



1/8 cup unsalted butter	1 container of fresh Trader Joe's Pesto Olive oil
1 shallot, peeled and minced	1-tablespoon Salt
1/8-cup all-purpose flour	1 box of Barilla lasagna no boil noodles
1-cup milk	1 1/2cups grated Pecorino Romano cheese
1/2 cup heavy (double) cream	1/2 cup Pine Nuts
Ground white pepper	Fresh basil sprigs
6 qts water	

Preheat an oven to 375F. Coat the inside of a 9-by-13-inch baking dish with olive oil. In a large pot, over high heat, bring the water to a boil. Add 1 tablespoon salt and the lasagna noodles and cook until al dente, about 12 Minutes. Drain, rinse in cool water and drain again. Immediately toss with the remaining 1 tablespoon olive oil.

In a medium saucepan over medium- low heat, melt the butter and add the shallots and sauté until they are soft, about 5 minutes. Add the flour and cook, stirring frequently, for 3 minutes. Do not let it brown. Using a whisk, slowly mix in the milk and cream. Reduce the heat to medium-low and simmer, stirring frequently, until the sauce thickens, about 6 minutes. Remove from the heat and add salt and pepper to taste.

In a medium bowl, combine the pesto , 1 cup of Pecorino Romano cheese and the white sauce. Stir to mix well. Spread 1/4cup into the baking dish. Cover with 3 lasagna noodles, touching but not overlapping. Make 6 layers of the white pesto sauce and noodles, ending with the white pesto sauce Top with the Pecorino Romano cheese and pine nuts. Bake until the top is just beginning to brown, 12-15 minutes. To serve, cool for 10 minutes and divide among individual warmed plates. Garnish with a basil sprig. Serve warm.

*Bon Appetite, Carol Frank*

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## Trombone Christmas



Monday evening, December 18th marked the first Trombone Christmas concert held on Rosewood Street at the home of Bianca and Michael Briones. Michael is an assistant professor of music at Santa Ana College and brought a group of musical



(L to R) Michael Briones, David Ferneau, Charles Lily, Ramsay Hampton, Greg Flores

friends to play Christmas songs for the neighborhood.

We hope its the beginning of a new holiday tradition in Washington Square.



## in Downtown Santa Ana

What's going on in DTSA? -- By Ruben Salazar

Hello neighbors, I hope everybody had a great Holiday Season and a Happy New Year. There are many great things in store for Downtown Santa Ana in 2018. I hope you will make your way to one of the many businesses or events and support our DTSA Family.

### The Pizza Press

**117 W. 4th St. (corner Sycamore) (714) 760-4425 Mo-Th, Su 11AM-11PM, Fr Sa 11AM-1AM**

There is a new neighbor in town, The Pizza Press & owner Mimi Mar. The Pizza Press is a unique concept dedicated to elevating the 'build your own pizza' model to a new level by creating an immersive environment inspired by 1920s Americana newspaper culture combining great food, craft beer, ambiance, and service. Guests are encouraged to create their own custom pizza or select one of the signature pizzas named after major American newspapers such as The Times, The Tribune, The Chronicle. They are baked or "published" in under four minutes. Santa Ana has long been in need of a pizza pub & The Pizza Press is a genuine, unique pizza experience that you should definitely sink your teeth into when you come into DTSA.



### La Rinconada

**300 W. 5th Street (714) 647-1517 Mo closed, Tu 10AM-11PM We 10AM-9PM Th 10AM-11PM Fr/Sa/Su 10AM-12AM**

Owners, José Trujillo & Raul Sanchez are doing something out of the box by creating a menu that showcases a culinary tour of Mexico. Dishes from different regions of Mexico give patrons a special dining experience that leaves their taste buds satisfied. La Rinconada is very passionate about the art community of DTSA & hosts a variety of events monthly. For the struggling artists & patrons on a budget the restaurant offers the cheapest prices on drinks in town. That is a huge win for musicians playing there who are trying to draw fans to their shows. Also there is no cover charge for most of the events. I highly recommend if you are in downtown, stop by & have a drink and some food from their amazing menu.



### The House of Guru Ram Das

**405 E. 5th Street (714) 547-1324**

Ram Dass Bir Singh has been teaching Kundalini Yoga in downtown Santa Ana for over 30 years. He has inspired generations of students and his home is a beacon of positive light and energy that has been felt throughout the community. Kundalini yoga and meditation help people with anxiety, depression, anger management and so many other struggles individuals have. It has the power to heal in all aspects of life. Yoga is not bodybuilding, gymnastics, calisthenics, or feats of strength. Yoga is not new age but is soon to become the new rage. If you are open minded and looking to enlighten & tap into your spiritual higher consciousness, I suggest you stop by one of his many classes Monday thru Wednesday 7:30pm-9:30pm @thehouseofgururamdass



The DTSA Farmers Market will re-open for 2018 on Sunday, February 4th. 10AM-2PM on the Second Street Promenade. There's a new manager and new vendors and activities. Learn more at the WSNA General Meeting on Thursday, January 11th. Don't forget the DTSA Artwalk on the first Saturday of the month 6PM-10PM (since 1999).

## Christmas Eve Luminarias *by Rebecca Ortiz*

On Christmas Eve, the neighbors on Freeman Street, between Washington and 10th, lined our street and yards with 600 luminarias. This is the second year we have come together to line the street on Christmas Eve. I coordinate the event but everyone on the block helps out.

Each home that chooses to participate paid \$18.00 to help pay for the sand, bag and candles. The majority of the cost is for the 10 hour candle ordered from Amazon. Homes that participate put out 36 or more luminarias and those homes that do not respond have approximately 12 luminarias across the front of the property to make a continuous line.



The day before Christmas Eve, we meet at our home for a soup pot luck and other goodies. Afterwards residents put together their luminarias and transport them home to put out and light on the big night.

We would love it if other streets would like to join us next year. I would be happy to work with individuals that would like to coordinate something on their block. You can contact me at [LRortiz@mac.com](mailto:LRortiz@mac.com). We hope you were lucky enough to see the display on Christmas Eve.







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# TREE TALK

by Susan van der Roest



We've lived in 2 different houses in Washington Square. Our first house did not have many trees. Our second house has magnificent trees! In fact, we always said we bought our house for the 40 foot Fuerte Avocado tree! There were three more 40+ foot trees, too! A Liquidambar. A Mimosa. A Jacaranda. Four huge and healthy and well-shaped beauties! We had shade. We had fall color. We had gorgeous blooms. We had delicious avocados. I thought these trees would continue on just like they had for many decades. I was wrong!

WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE?...Our avocado tree died a slow death. Our Mimosa tree died a sudden death. And the Liquidambar and Jacaranda are showing signs of what local scientist predict will kill them, too! WHAT IS HAPPENING HERE? And throughout Washington Square? And throughout all of Santa Ana and Southern California?

SCIENTISTS SAY ITS....Greg McPherson is a supervisory research forester with the U.S. Forest Service. He and other scientists call this an unprecedented die-off of trees in Southern California. McPherson's survey is the first to quantify and assess the big picture.

His initial estimate is that the shot hole borer beetle alone could kill as many as 27 million trees in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. That's roughly 38% of the 71 million trees in the 4,244 square mile urban region with a population of about 20 million people. And that insect is just one of the imminent threats. Washington Square already has this beetle and other deadly tree diseases.

"Many of the trees we grow evolved in temperate climates and can't tolerate the stress of drought, water restrictions, higher salinity levels in recycled water, wind and new pests that arrive almost daily via global trade and tourism, local transportation systems, nurseries and the movement of infected firewood. The catastrophic loss of our trees," McPherson said, "will have consequences for human health and well-being, property values, air-conditioning savings, carbon storage, the removal of pollutants from the air we breathe, and wildlife habitat."

McPherson said he hopes his report wakes up the state's leaders to the die-off. The next steps, he said, should include monitoring the unprecedented damage the urban forests are suffering, and taking steps to remove dead trees and plant new, probably different ones: "new, diverse trees, well-adapted to the climate of today! Species that may not be currently available in nurseries."

WHAT CAN WE DO? Now is the time to plan for our future. Maybe it's better to say... Now is the time to PLANT FOR OUR FUTURE! I'm researching disease resistant trees to plant in our yard now. Hopefully, by the time our large Liquidambar and Jacaranda die, the trees we plant now will provide the shade, beauty, food, value and good health we cherish and need!

"There will be no miraculous recovery of these urban ecosystems after the beetles are done with them." — Mark Hoddle, director of UC Riverside's Center for Invasive Species."



## Your WSNA Block Representatives

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<b>Area 14 Lowell North of Washington</b>	
Laurella Stearns	542-0219
<b>Area 15 Olive North of Washington</b>	
Adriane Givant	264-9200
<b>Area 16 Olive South of Washington</b>	
Connie Major	547-7404
<b>Area 17 Bomo Koral</b>	
Tom Erwine	543-5802
<b>Area 18 Washington St.</b>	
Kurt & Jen Preston	547-4895
<b>Area 19 10th between Westwood and Baker</b>	
Cheryl Yarnall	542-7512
<b>Area 20 Flower St. between Wash. and 15th</b>	
Delilah Mendez	725-6357
<b>Area 21 Flower St. between 10th and Wash</b>	
Maco Long	(949)387-4446
<b>Area 22 Flower St. between Civic Center and 10th</b>	
Jose Palcacios	835-0980

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## Washington Square Resident's Businesses

Accounting/tax prep.	Alex Schneider	364-5173
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Audio-Video Production	David Jirik	545-0222
Avon Representative	Hilda Kaneko	925-2300
Avon Representative	Maria Guzman	904-1973
Babysitting	Emma Cano	351-2105
Business Lawyer	Ashley Bolduc	(949)852-1800
Commercial Real Estate	Mike Di Peppino	318-9684
Computer Specialist	Randy Simons	423-0810
Copywriting/Proofreading	Michael Mello	948-0677
Crocheted Beanies	Lubna Debbini	457-0237
Decorative Ironwork	Marco Coronado	852-1363
DJ Service	Arnie Ruiz	287-3534
DoTERRA Wellness	Kathleen Frailey	(562)889-6520
Electrical Contractor	Andrew Nunez	782-4740
Farmers Insurance	Gonzalo Guzman	669-3930
Financial Planner	Ariel Agrazsanchez	317-5265
Flooring, floor repairs	Tuzos Flooring	720-7793
Graphics & Signage	Kirsten Sketch	721-8795
Handyman	Ken Clark	809-6884
Hardwood floors	Chris Manning	(949)678-0435
Keys & Locksmith	Ivan Rivera	953-6720
Landscape Maintenance	Jeff McKee	721-3897
Math Tutor grades 7-12	Cristina Agrazsanchez	402-7271
Mortgages/Loan officer	Victor Gallardo	697-7564
Native Nursery	Reginald Durant	509-4787
Notary Public	Mike Silva	317-3087
Notary/Loan Signing Agt.	Sasha Lopez	496-7969
Origami Owl Ind.Designer	Jennifer Begen	606-0830
Personal Injury Attorney	Moses Yneges	591-0661
Pet Groomer/Sitter	Aurora Garcia	858-2768
Plumber/Rooter Service	Saul, Action Rooter	751-5173
Prof. Photographer	Ricardo Barrera	715-1747
Realtor	Christina Moreno	425-2311
Realtor	Sarah Covarrubias	928-1303
State Farm Insurance	Brandi Nava	200-5831
Stella & Dot rep	Jennifer Rivera	697-6025
Trombone Instructor	Michael Briones	401-4018
Wedding Planner	Christin Wilson	337-2903
Window Coverings	Richard Wallinger	(949)285-6422
Wine Club/Skin Care	Yolanda Valdivia	317-4152

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A wicker sofa and chairs with lush cushions surround a glass top table. Overhead, what was once a rather ordinary wooden patio cover, now seems like a vaulted ceiling.

José extended it

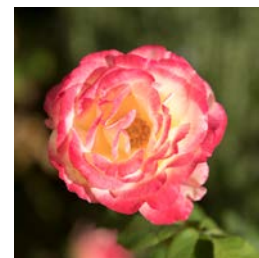
to create more space and replaced the original supporting wooden beams with brick columns. They installed an L-shaped unit with built in grill, stove, sink and counter top in one corner of the "room" that would be the envy of any barbecue enthusiast. There are colorful pots containing a variety of succulent and blooming plants all along the edges.

When they moved in there were just three trees in the back yard and they've taken good care of them. The original and aged avocado tree still yields abundant and delicious fruit...

so do the orange and tangerine trees.

They have filled in with a lawn and many plants along the perimeter of the yard. It's very pleasing to the eye.

Bertha and José love living in Washington Square. "It is peaceful, tranquil and we have wonderful neighbors," they say.



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