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2021 NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPENINGS

EVENTS

Movie Night 8/12

Oktoberfest TBD

Holiday Party TBD

GENERAL MEETINGS

7/15 at 1111 N. Towner, 10/14

GARAGE SALE WEEKENDS
9/4, 12/4



2021 City of Santa Ana Most Beautiful Yard 1307 Lowell Street

Jeff and Isabel Farrier

By Bobi Keenan

The House of Seven Gates

Jeff and Isabel 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 yard large enough to have a beautiful garden. They found the perfect place in 2004, and, together, brought their vision, imagination, and skills to transform this 1941 house, inside and out, into a unique and beautiful home.

Jeff is great at carpentry and general construction. Isabel has a knowledge of period design and furnishing, and a natural talent for decorating and gardening. They have a great fondness for classic decorative style and antique ironwork and love the elements of formal gardens... espalier and topiary, combinations of evergreen shrubbery and flowering plants, as well as a love for many varieties of succulents.

Climbing roses encircle the parkway tree and signpost. The front yard is framed by a white picket fence. Between the gate and the front door, is a traditional front lawn and a small gathering space, with tightly planted boxwood trimmed low and large pots with climbing roses. The Farriers have paid attention to detail, mixing, and matching different materials and styles, using mainly vintage materials found at estate sales, garage sales, Historical Society sales and sometimes left on curbs. Notice the window box, with its strip of molding at the top and embellishments of vintage iron work. Check out the topiary trees in classical pots that welcome you to the front entry. Look carefully and you will see pieces of vintage ironwork amid the flowers growing at the base. It makes for a beautiful and inviting entrance to their home.

Every year the
City of Santa Ana
gives this award
to one home
in each
neighborhood.

Although the award is for the front yard, they could easily have won it for the back! The Farriers created intimate

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Washington Square (and Santa Ana) *UPDATES*

General Meeting, Thursday, July 15, 7:00PM ~ 9PM

LOCATION:

Martin and Susan van der Roest
BACKYARD at 1111 N. Towner Street

Masks are required for unvaccinated attendees. Thank you for respecting our neighbors' health.

If the City has planted a tree on your parkway, please follow these guidelines to protect and nurture it. Thanks!

SANTA ANA
Public Works
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Division

TREE CARE



A new tree has recently been planted in the parkway. Please assist us in maintaining the health and enhancing the growth of the tree by following the listed maintenance hints.

The City Tree Section of the Public Works Agency will trim City trees when necessary. They will inspect and treat each tree as needed.

Should you need further information or assistance, please call the Public Works Agency at (714) 647-3337.

TREE MAINTENANCE HINTS

1. Allow the well or earthen dike to remain around the young tree for at least three months. Do not pile directly around the trunk of the tree.
2. Water thoroughly once a week for the next six to eight months, or utilize a tree watering device.

After that, water once every two weeks.
3. Water two times a week during warm months (July through September).
4. **DO NOT USE A "WEED EATER" OR LAWNMOWER AROUND THE BASE OF THE TREE.**
5. Keep vines, such as ivy, from growing on the tree.
6. Caution others not to damage trees.
7. Watch for damaging insects.
8. Do not spray any kind of chemical or fertilizer around the base of the tree. Do not dump oil, gasoline, or other hazardous substances into the tree wells.

Bristol Street Widening

Construction of Phase 3a, Washington to Civic Center is tentatively scheduled to begin sometime late this year or early next year. Southern California Edison will be undergrounding the overhead power lines within the expansion segment, after which the wall will be constructed, and then the street construction will begin.

For those neighbors residing on the west side of Louise, the contractors have been instructed to cease nighttime activity.

Washington Square Neighborhood Association *MISSION STATEMENT*

The Washington Square Neighborhood Association is an organization working to foster a sense of community by promoting public awareness, developing an appreciation of the historical significance of our homes, bridging the cultural, generational, and economic diversity of our residents and bringing about communication between the community, local businesses and city officials.



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. Washington Square is an officially recognized neighborhood by the city of Santa Ana, California. The volunteer Newsletter Committee is looking for neighbors who want to contribute! If you have suggestions or story ideas, or know InDesign and want to help with layout, you can email us at newsletter@washington-square.org

A Word from Susan van der Roest WSNA PRESIDENT



Dear Neighbors,

This is such a great place to live. Generosity and action are alive in Washington Square!

NEIGHBORS CAUGHT IN THE ACT OF DOING GOOD:

1. Laura says "Yes." WSNA can use her hose and water to water the WS east side entry garden.
2. Susie and Mike pick up trash regularly all over our neighborhood AND they hosted our WS Neighborhood Clean Up Day at Peggy and Ted's house.
3. Marcelo, Steve, Tom and many other neighbors ran to assist Doggie Kilo after he was gravely injured.
4. More neighbors attended our last General Meeting on Zoom than ever before. Even more than when we'd met in person!
5. Don was sick and Diane, George, Edith, Alton, Sam, Carol, Karen, Ben and Diane (again) brought meals.
6. Many neighbors hired Sebastian. Now he has enough money to go to summer Camp.
7. Brian patiently and repeatedly pursued permit parking for his block. Look for the new street signs on 15th St. soon.

WSNA MAKES HEADWAY ON THE 2021 GOALS!

1. We asked for speed bumps and fresh paint, so.... The City's Traffic Engineering Department has begun traffic studies on Washington Avenue, Louise Street and Freeman Street, and we have recently gotten fresh paint on curbs and street signage.
2. We asked for more trees on our streets, so The City just planted some new parkway infill trees in Washington Square. More trees are in the works. (See care instructions on previous page.)

These goals and kindnesses can only be accomplished because of the dedication and work of volunteers in the neighborhood. WS Board Members and Officers and YOU are the volunteers that can make good things happen! Thank you for the opportunity to serve you. I look forward to meeting each of you. Please reach out with any questions, suggestions, ideas, or concerns.

Your neighbor,

Susan van der Roest

12th Annual FREE Movie NIGHT!



At last, a WSNA "normal" event returns to the neighborhood calendar. The feature this year is the hilarious 2016 animated film, "The Secret Life of Pets". There will be free popcorn, candy and drinks, plus fresh-grilled hot dogs for a buck. We'll have chairs, but you're welcome to bring your own. Nights can get chilly, so check the weather and bring sweaters and blankets. Everyone is welcome, it's a fun movie for kids and adults (and pets!)! Masks are optional and encouraged. Please respect the health and wishes of your neighbors.

Where: Cul-de-sac on 16th Street west of Towner

When: Saturday August 21st 7:30-8:15 pm --Get hot dogs, snacks, popcorn

Movie Starts: Approx 8:15 pm--Movie starts (87 minutes)

"Pets on the run, make for silly, family fun". In a Manhattan apartment building, Max's life as a favorite pet is turned upside-down, when his owner brings home sloppy mongrel Duke. They must put their quarrels aside when they learn that adorable white bunny Snowball is building an army of lost pets determined to wreak revenge.

Featured *NEIGHBOR*

Joan Muckenthaler: In MEMORIUM

August 13, 1933 to January 5, 2021.

She was seen driving to Mass daily at Our Lady of Pilar, and the rumor around Washington Square was that she was a nun. Joan Muckenthaler was not, but her nephew jokingly said that she always dressed like one. He always remembers her with a collared blouse and a blue or white sweater, "all she needed was to wear a cross." He says she was kind, thoughtful, smart, and funny.

Joan was born in 1933 to Albert and Marie (Rudolph) Muckenthaler. Marie was a 2nd generation Santa Ana resident; Albert was originally from Kansas. They lived on 6th Street near French Park and had another daughter, Barbara, when

Joan was 3. A devout Catholic Family, they attended St. Joseph Church for many years.

In 1955, Albert and Marie purchased their home at 1404 N. Lowell. They and their girls loved their new neighborhood.

Her sister Barbara married Chuck Rice in 1957. They lived in Anaheim where they had 3 children, but they came back to Washington Square in 1966, buying the house at 1011 N. Towner and had a 4th child. Now Joan had her 4 beloved nieces and nephews close by for 22 years and she doted on them with joy. They loved her dearly in return.

In 1988, Joan's parents sold the Lowell Street house to Joan, when they and her sister's family moved to Mount Shasta. Joan lived the rest of her life in that

home.

Joan became a sort of surrogate mother to her nieces and nephews when their parents died suddenly; Chuck in 1990 and Barbara in 1991. They tried to get together often with Joan, always encouraging her to come to Mt. Shasta to visit them, but she preferred to stay home.

Joan was a graduate of Marywood High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree at Mount St. Mary's University in Los Angeles. She worked briefly at the City of Santa Ana, then for a time at Nutrilite as a chemical engineer before moving on to Ford Aerospace for many years as a data analyst until she "retired."

Although she was no longer working, "retired" does not really describe her post-employment life. She did a lot of volunteer work, knitting caps for cancer patients, making rosaries for different organizations, and working as a graphic designer for a Catholic Radio Station.

She is dearly missed by long term neighbors and friends and loving family. She led an extraordinary, ordinary life.

by Sarah Covarubbias



Whazzup?

in Downtown Santa Ana

What's going on in and around DTSA? -- By Sam Puzzo

Covid-19 Advisory: Business operations may be affected. Due to ongoing precautionary measures, please contact the business directly for updated hours and availability.

My wife noticed the Localish LA show on ABC7 about Downtown Santa Ana. It was not a long feature, but the main emphasis was on Santa Ana as the heart of OC. It presented Santa Ana as an evolving community, a city of hardworking people and a city of dreams. It mentioned the Bowers Museum, the Santa Ana Zoo, and the Discovery Cube, and described Santa Ana as an art driven community with many murals around the downtown. Some favorite



places mentioned were Pop's Café, which I featured in a prior newsletter, as well as Café Cultura at 324 W. 4th Street. Go to this link to see the Localish LA report: bit.ly/2TA1OWa

Many of you already know that the free parking in downtown is now limited to one hour only. With so much of Santa Ana opening for indoor dining, I wish we had the full two hours to eat or drink at a favorite place. If you are interested in returning to indoor dining or wish to continue visiting the many outdoor

locations around downtown, I have found the following restaurant map helpful. It can be located at the website downtown-santaana.com.

Quarterly meetings of the downtown association have resumed at 4th Street Market. I had been attending them for updates on happenings in Santa Ana until Covid restrictions stopped them, and I will start going back. I hope to provide better updates on what is going on DTSA I am including here one of my favorite links which is a dining map to downtown. The link is: bit.ly/3xf6kbx It also can be found under the above downtown site, look under Guide/Restaurants.

I hope you will venture downtown and see what is changing. As always, I welcome any comments on places you have tried or changes you hear of. My wife and I have our favorites and I am sure you do as well.

Please let me know of places in Downtown Santa Ana or close by that you have enjoyed. My email is sampuzzo@gmail.com

Light it UP! by Steve Widdos

Hello neighbors!

Step outside your home around 8pm and notice how dark the houses look on your street. My brother is a retired police officer and has told me many times that every break-in call took place at a home without porch lights, landscape lights, or even inside

lights being on. FBI statistics support this too. They claim neighborhoods with porch

lights and/or landscape lights on decreased crime by 25%-39%. That's huge!

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A simple first step is turn on your porch light with an LED light bulb. LED lights are inexpensive and have little to no impact on your energy bill, and they last for many years. In addition, add a couple of solar powered LED motion



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Residents' *BUSINESSES*

Accounting/Tax Prep.	Alex Schneider	364-5173
Arbonne Consultant	Gloria Chavez	280-5723
Attorney, Business Specialist	Ashley Bolduc	949-852-1800
Audio-Video Production	David Jirik	543-9079
Avon Representative	Maria Guzman	904-1973
Babysitting	Leila Rodriguez	727-8313
Computer Specialist	Randy Simons	423-0810
Consignment Store	Tiffany Miller	317-4591
Copywriting/Proofreading	Michael Mello	948-0677
Decorative Ironwork	Marco Coronado	852-1363
DJ Service	Arnie Ruiz	287-3534
Editor	Maureen Tiritilli	309-2229
Farmers Insurance	Gonzalo Guzman	669-3930
Flooring, Floor Repairs	Tuzos Flooring	720-7793
Graphics & Signage	Kirsten Sketch	721-8795
Hardwood Floors	Chris Manning	949-678-0435
Heating and Cooling	Adam Garcia	263-6443
Holistic Medicine	Renee Ascencio	697-0644
Insurance Agent	Albert Durazo	657-667-0225
Landscape Maintenance	Rick Mora	721-3897
Mortgage Broker NMLS:1931013	Robert Bolton	702-498-9832
Mortgages/Loan officer	Victor Gallardo	697-7564
Notary/Loan Signing Agt.	Sasha Lopez	496-7969
Notary Public Comm#:2333888	Bob Bolton	702-498-9832
Notary Public	Mike Silva	317-3087
Origami Owl Ind. Design	Jennifer Begen	606-0830
Painter	Eric Torres	292-4038
Personal Injury Attorney	Moses Yneges	591-0661
Pet Groomer/Sitter	Aurora Valent	858-2768
Prayer – FREE!	Pastor Ben	949-295-4980
Prof. Photographer	Ricardo Barrera	715-1747
Realtor	Alton Hitchcock, Jr.	775-0779
Realtor	Christina Moreno	425-2311
Realtor	Sarah Covarrubias	928-1303
Rodan & Fields Cons.	Christina Moreno	425-2311
Stella & Dot Rep	Jennifer Rivera	697-6025
Trash Bin Cleaning	Noah	717-1079
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

****Unless otherwise noted, all area codes are 714****

Members of WSNA

Where to Find Stuff

Are you missing some information usually included in this newsletter? Check out The Washington Square website at <http://www.washington-square.org>. for these and more:

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- *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*

WASHINGTON SQUARE REAL ESTATE

	Beds	Baths	Sq. Ft.	List/Sold price	DOM*	Sale Type
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HOMES FOR SALE

924 N. Olive	4	1.5	1540	\$789,000.00	0	Standard
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HOMES IN ESCROW

818 N. Lowell	2	1	1007	\$675,000.00	0	Standard
1404 N. Lowell	2	1	1248	\$695,000.00	10	Probate
1053 W. Civic Center	Duplex		1520	\$699,000.00	99	Standard
1055 W. Civic Center	Duplex		1586	\$749,000.00	99	Standard

WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEIGHBORS

919 Freeman	3	1	1114	\$640,000.00	7	Standard
1423 Westwood	4	2	2116	\$715,500.00	5	Invest Owned
1528 N. Baker	3	2	1646	\$730,000.00	40	Standard
1002 N. Olive	3	2	1768	\$800,000.00	5	Probate
1212 Louise	4	3	2664	\$905,000.00	6	Standard

THE ABOVE SOLD STATISTICS ARE FOR THE TIME PERIOD MARCH 28, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021
COMPILED FROM INFORMATION FROM THE CALIFORNIA REGIONAL MULTIPLE LISTING SERVICE AND COUNTY
RECORDER'S OFFICE.

*DAYS ON THE MARKET

Our lives are slowly getting back to normal and realtors across the country are experiencing the same buying frenzy that we in California are experiencing. While prices across the nation are going up dramatically, they are still not as high as in most of California. My best guess is that this upward trend will persist if interest rates remain low.

If you want to sell and cash in some of your equity, where will you go? Your Orange County dollars can still go a long way in TX, AZ, GA or PA. If you are considering moving within CA, you have the advantage of taking your property tax base with you. (Proposition 19, The Orange County Assessor's website.)

If you are thinking about selling your home and purchasing another, then what does today's buying process look like? Have your house in escrow before going house hunting! Most sellers now prefer "non-contingent" buyers—in other words, a seller may not be willing to wait for you to sell your home. On the flip side, many sellers are remaining in their home after they close their sale for 30-60 days in order to house hunt and purchase a house with lots of cash on hand from their sale.

Real estate is a constantly changing industry. But here are two unchanging rules of thumb: 1. discuss the possible tax consequences of selling with a trusted tax advisor, and 2. discuss the mechanics of selling (or buying) with a trusted real estate advisor. Call me for a no obligation brainstorming session or advice!

Have a great summer!



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The Square is Going to the DOGS

Meet Winston!

I first met Winston a few weeks ago when Ivy Montemayor Poggi and Winston greeted me in my driveway. I was charmed by this handsome boy. He is known as a Sheepadoodle, half Old English Sheepdog and half Standard Poodle. At present, Winston weighs about 35 lbs. and reportedly grows 2 inches per day! When he is fully grown, Winston will be a big boy at 20-27 inches high, and 80 pounds.

The Montemayor Poggi family was having dinner in Brea when they met Otani, a certified therapy dog. Ivy and Jay had recently lost Rosy, their two-year-old Spinoni due to leptospirosis. (Please see addendum on this disease). They also lost their sixteen-year-old Corgi/Jack Russell Terrier mix last month. The family was fascinated with Otani, who lived in Idaho. The next thing you know, Ivy was flying to Salt Lake City to meet Winston, Otani's nephew. His breeders had driven him there from Idaho. Winston is extremely attached to Ivy!

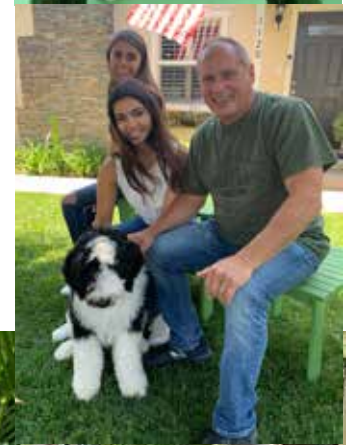
True to his Old English Sheepdog heritage, Winston has a strong herding instinct, including herding the family. Ivy's daughter, Juliana, says that Winston is quite the character. In the morning he will bring a toy for playtime. He can be goofy, and dunk his head in water and blow bubbles, and sometimes when he is bored, he will sleep in the water. When it's time to get brushed, Winston wants to play. Juliana says that he likes to chase sugar snap peas, and when he is finished with the chase, he will eat them. And Winston likes to sleep in the shower!

He is a real sweetheart and will win you over quickly.

P.S.: Last week I had the opportunity to spend some time with Winston and the family. He is a real delight—he was blowing bubbles in his water bowl and begging for more food—even though he had eaten his dinner. Winston is so friendly, and people oriented. He would make a great therapy dog.

Addendum: Leptospirosis is a bacterial infection that has become more and more prevalent in both human and veterinary medicine worldwide. It may be spread through infected urine from both wild and domestic animals. Generally, younger animals and those imported from other countries are more severely affected than older dogs. Leptospirosis in dogs affects many organ systems and varies in severity. Some of the symptoms include bloody stools, mouth lesions, bleeding gums, and jaundice, to name just a few. Please see your veterinarian about risks, preventions, and treatments.

by Pat Lenahan



Neighborhood *CLEANUP* by Mike Maquire

It was an early Saturday morning in late May. The sun was shining, the wind was light. Great, I thought! Better throw the boards in the truck and zip down to Trestles for some tasty waves! Then, I remembered its WSNA neighborhood cleanup day. EVEN BETTER!! The plan was to assemble our troop of green thumbs upon our dear neighbors, Peggy and Ted Loughlin's home at 1103 N Westwood.

We raked, dug, pruned and weeded the abundant flora in Ted's front yard, which brought to mind the salon scene from Edward Scissor Hands. In place of flying locks, there were branches, leaves and weeds flying through the air.

Once completed, Ted reviewed our work and was very pleased. Mission accomplished. Washington Square is a real neighborhood, with real neighbors. A BIG THANKS to Susan VDR, Steve W, John, Jeff, Tom, Nancy, Don, Carlos and Susan F for all of your time and hard work!



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Lights *cont. from pg. 5*

sensor lights near your driveway. If you want to add landscape lighting and budget is a concern, Amazon has some great solar LED lights that cost around \$10.00 instead of the \$30.00 hard wired type.

When we moved to Washington Square last year the first thing I did was add plug-in LED landscape lighting (\$500.00 for the front and \$500.00 for the backyard). If you have an electrical outlet on the front of your house, you're halfway there. I also added 2 solar powered LED motion sensor lights near the driveway (\$40.00, 2 lights). If interested, I would be happy to have a small 10-15-minute talk in front of my house to share some insights about landscape lighting. Please stop by our house at 1116 Westwood Avenue at night to see the impact of the lights. and/or **check out my post on the WSNA Facebook page for links to the products discussed.**

Please, let's pull together and improve a fantastic neighborhood! Light this place up!!

Thank you!

Steve Widdoss
Guest Contributor

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spaces, outdoor rooms, some of which are cozy and inviting, some even formal, such as the sunken garden. The back wall is completely obscured by climbing greenery. Two large lion heads peak through the leaves; water streams from their mouths into antique stone urns, making a very pleasant and soothing sound. Jeff built fences and gates for the front, back, and side yards to delineate the spaces, winding up with 7 gates in all, thus the name The House of Seven Gates. Isabel chose the plants. Year-round, something is always blooming, including the many varieties of succulent.

Their home is always a work-in-progress and a labor of love. They love it and love living in Washington Square.

Congratulations on this well-deserved award, Jeff and Isabel!





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