

Washington Square News

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October 2015



2015 Neighborhood Calendar

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Quarterly Meeting 10/8
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Message from Wendy Boelter

President, Washington Square Neighborhood Association



Fall is here and the kids are back in school. As residents of Washington Square, (WS), we know to be extra careful when driving in the Square during the peak hours of kids coming and going from school. With all the parked cars on Washington from non-WS residents, the risk of an accident has greatly increased forcing the WSNA Board to take action.

The Board is currently working with the City to return Washington Street to a street where residents can park and put their trash containers in front of their homes and lessen the litter created by non-residents who park in WS. One avenue to achieve this is by establishing permit parking. The residents living on Washington between Towner and Westwood are pursuing this. The residents on 15th between Towner and Westwood are exploring the permit parking option. Also, please take a look at the new red curbs at Towner/Washington and Westwood/15th. These red curbs make the intersections much safer for drivers and pedestrians. We will keep you updated as we find solutions to making WS safer for all of us.

Susan van der Roest, WSNA board member and committee chair for the traffic/parking issues, has been working with the residents of Baker Street for solutions to resolve the parking/drop-off/pick-up congestion at the end of Baker St. near Heroes Elementary School. The NO drop off/pick up on Baker St. agreement between the Santa Ana Unified School District and WSNA is currently not enforced.

Our next two events coming up in October are the Neighborhood Clean-up scheduled for Saturday, October 10th at 9am, and our highly anticipated Oktoberfest scheduled for Saturday, October 17th! Mehr Bier, Bitte! For more information and to make your reservations you can go to our WS website at www.washington-square.org. If you'd like to volunteer for Oktoberfest or any of our other neighborhood events please contact our volunteer chair, Diane Morter at 714-814-4326. Hope to see you at our October 8th General Meeting!

The McKee Family Alan Anderson Award Winners

by Karen Blue Wevers



Is there a mystery surrounding 1119 Lowell Street? Jeff and Kim McKee don't know if this is true, but they were told that, across the street from them, on the corner of Washington and Lowell, is a dwelling that was one of the original homes in the neighborhood. It has been said that two homes were built, side-by-side, for their two children and the McKee family now lives in one of them. Jeff and Kim's 1935 home is a ranch-style home painted tan, white, and gray, next door to the yellow house with the red door, thought to be the first of the two homes built for these long ago siblings.

The McKees are life long residents of Santa Ana and are the fourth generation to reside in this city. Jeff and Kim first lived in Park Santiago, then moved to a condo in Irvine to help out a family member. But, when it was time to again purchase a home four years ago, Washington Square was the neighborhood that fit their budget, and, more importantly, was that they found a house that they fell in love with. Jeff and Kim have worked hard to make the home their own. First was the choice of the classic and elegant outdoor paint which brought out the natural beauty of their home. Second was the landscaping. Jeff had befriended Ric Mora in the neighborhood, and the two worked together to re-landscape the yard to fit in with the classic look.

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Washington Square is Fun!

Neighborhood General Meeting Thursday, Oct 8th

October 8th, 2015 7:00PM Wilson School

WSNA General Meetings just keep getting more interesting and informative. Join us Thursday for updates from the City on our concrete streets, a presentation from Discovery Science Center, Bowers Museum and more. Light refreshments will be provided compliments of The Robbins Nest, 207 W. Second #B Santa Ana.

Neighborhood Clean Up

Saturday October 10th 9:00AM to 12 Noon Meet at the Lutz's 1118 N. Freeman

Here's your chance to give a little back to your neighborhood. Once or twice a year we get together on a Saturday morning and do little clean up projects. We'll be installing Neighborhood Watch signs, cleaning and painting the backs of traffic signs and cleaning and installing new graphics on our cement trash cans plus tending to our entry monuments and picking up litter. Join us for a couple of hours and make a difference.

Oktoberfest

4th Annual Oktoberfest October 17, 2015 5-9PM 1407 N. Towner (Herr & Frau Nava)

Join your beer-loving neighbors at this fun event that's become a community favorite. Music, games, fabulous raffle prizes, yummy food and of course suds. Cost: \$20 per adult fester in advance or \$25 at the door if there is space available. Reserve with your credit card online at washington-square.org or send or bring your check to: WSNA c/o Laura Garcia, 1012 N. Towner, Santa Ana, CA 92703

Holiday Party

Sunday December 13th, 1-3PM Hey, the Christmas decorations are already out at Costco so it's not too early to plan for our Holiday Party. Bring the kids for pictures with Santa & help decorate the WSNA tree. Enjoy refreshments, cookies, music and our neighbors while Santa pictures are taken. Free to Washington Square residents. Pictures with Santa will be from his arrival about 1:15 pm until he heads back to the North Pole at approximately 2:30 pm.

Movie Night Recap

August 22nd 2015 Big Hero 6 delights kids and adults alike

More than 80 of your neighbors gathered under the stars on a warm Saturday evening in the 16th Street cul-de-sac to watch Hiro and Baymax fight off evil in San Fransokyo. Thanks to Sam Puzzo and Carol Frank for grilling up hot dogs and Nancy Lutz and Jean Poppa for manning the popcorn machine. Next year's movie is going to be Shaun the Sheep, The Movie.

Bristol Street Widening Update

On September 3rd the City held a meeting at Heroes school to update the community on the status of Bristol Street widening. Phase IIIA from Civic Center to Washington is underway with ongoing property acquisition and design. The streets on the West side of Bristol will be converted to cul-de-sacs when construction begins in March of 2017 and is expected to last 12 months. Phase IIIB from Washington to 17th is also in property acquisition mode as evidenced by the houses being torn down. No timetable for starting construction was given.

Parking Permits

For our streets with permit parking, the 2015 permits expire on October 31st. Beginning on October 1st the City will mail those with current permits renewal information. The cost is \$62.79 for each permit with a maximum of three per household. Guest permits are free if you live on a permitted street and choose not to purchase a sticker. While stickers & permits are mailed when you renew, you have to pick up guest permits in person at the Public Works Agency counter if you don't pay for a sticker. Bring proof of residence. Call 714 547-5623 with questions



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McKees continued

Both Jeff and Kim work in Santa Ana. Jeff is a full time missionary working for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes as the Director of Camps and Urban Ministry. Kim works at Calvary Chapel as a preschool teacher. Their two girls, Amanda and Jenna, 10 and 12, complete their family. Jeff admits that Kim does most of the work in the yard. She finds it relaxing and soothing as she transitions from her hectic days with pre-schoolers. She enjoys maintaining their flowers, watering, weeding, and trimming.

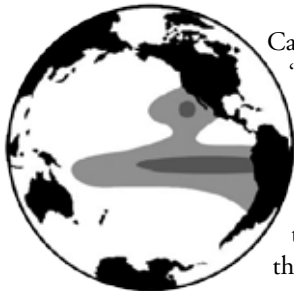
The whole McKee family enjoys the community feel on Lowell Street where their girls enjoy many outdoor activities, like riding scooters and skateboards, as well as jumping on their trampoline. Jeff states, "Everyone knows their neighbors in Washington Square. We are a different type of community because we connect

with our neighbors." The McKees look forward to celebrating year round traditions in Washington Square. Next on the list is enjoying Halloween in the Square. The family starts out at church, which ends at 7:00pm, then it is on to In and Out drive-through before joining the other Trick or Treaters in the neighborhood. What could be better?

The Alan Anderson Neighborhood Pride Award is presented by WSNA to residents who take pride in maintaining and improving their homes. The certificate and yard sign will be presented to the McKees at the General Meeting October 8th.

Here Comes El Niño

by Keren Clark



Californians are all well aware that there is a weather pattern, usually promising rain for our dry state, known as "El Niño". What many of us don't know is where the term comes from. This warm surface countercurrent flowing down the coasts of Ecuador and Peru around Christmas time was discovered in 1975 by local fishermen and christened "El Niño", a reference to the Christ child, in honor of the season during which it occurs. And according to weather experts, the conditions are ripe for the arrival of a potentially record-breaking El Niño this winter. Forecasters warn that the current El Niño building in the Eastern Pacific, AKA "Bruce Lee" after the martial arts star, has the potential to be more powerful than any in the past 65 years and likely to surpass the last "Godzilla" El Niño of 1997-1998.

According to Mike Halpert, deputy director of the Climate Prediction Centre for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) this El Niño "could be among the strongest El Niños in the historical record." NOAA reports indicate that there is currently a greater than 90% chance that this year's El Niño will continue through the Northern Hemisphere this winter and an approximate 85% chance that it will continue into the early spring of 2016.

A powerful El Niño will have a global impact. Governments around the world are monitoring the growing El Niño indicators with concern. The effects of another "Godzilla" El Niño could include drought conditions in Australia and Southeast Asia as well as warmer overall world-wide temperatures, exacerbating the already steady rise in global warming. The 1997-98 El Niño took an estimated 23,000 lives and caused \$45 billion in damage world-wide. While a strong El Niño could be a boon to drought-stricken California, it could also have serious side effects in the state, such as massive landslides and flooding. During the last "Godzilla" El Niño, devastating storms generated by it killed 17 people in California and caused \$550 million in damage. For those of us in Washington Square, mudslides aren't likely to be a problem. However, flooding is a possibility. A glance at a flood plain map of the area shows that many parts of Santa Ana are in flood plains and Washington Square, while not right in the middle of one, is not far off.

So, what can you do to prepare? The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) suggests the following 5 things you can do now:

- Check your property. Clear drains, rain gutters and downspouts of debris;
- Get flood insurance. If you already have it, check your policy to make sure you have enough coverage;
- Make copies of all your important documents and make sure the originals are stored safely some where outside of your home (like a safe deposit box);
- Take photos of your possessions (furniture, collectibles, electronics) and store the pictures along with your important documents outside of your home;
- Make an itemized list of clothes, books and small appliances and other possessions, and start saving receipts when you purchase items so you'll have proof of their original cost.

And, as always here in The Square, we can look out for each other and lend a hand to our neighbors should the need arise.

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(barking dogs,etc)	245-8792
Code Enforcement	667-2780
Graffiti Hotline	877-786-7824
Obstructing Trees & Bushes	647-3380
Permit Parking-Francisco Orellana	647-5614
Potholes (Public Works)	647-3380
School Traffic Concerns	647-5612
Street Cleaning	647-3380
Street Lights (Edison)	800-655-4555
Street Lights (City)	647-3380
Traffic Engineering	647-5673
Traffic Signals	647-5611
Trash Pick Up (Waste Management)	558-7761
Tree Trimming	647-3380
Water Bill	647-5454

all numbers (714) unless indicated otherwise

If you have an iPhone or iPad, you'll want to download the free "My Santa Ana" app from the iTunes Store. 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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Courtney Conlogue is #1 by Nancy Lutz

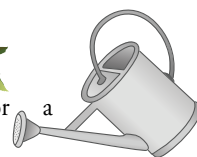
Richard and Tracey Conlogue have lived in Washington Square for over 25 years and have served as WSNA board members and block reps for South Towner. They have three children, one of which is currently ranked #1 in the World Surf League (WSL) Women's Championship Tour from Santa Ana! Courtney is 23 years old and brings a unique blend of ability, drive and athleticism to the elite WSL Women's Championship Tour, attributes that make her a legitimate world title contender in the most exciting era in pro surfing history. While known for marathon surf sessions and a training regime that could rival a professional athlete, Courtney is much more than just strength and endurance which pays testament to her deep ocean knowledge and finesse under pressure.

Born into a passionate surfing family, Courtney learned to surf on a family vacation in Mexico, where her father pushed her into a few waves on a bodyboard at the tender age of four. At five, Courtney had found her feet on a surfboard, quickly rising to the top of the National Scholastic Surfing Association (NSSA), winning almost every event she entered to seal her title as a national amateur champion. In 2006, Courtney shot onto the world stage, stepping up to the challenge of some of the biggest and heaviest surf ever seen in ASP Women's World Title competition and riding waves in excess of 15 feet at Honolua Bay, Maui (Hawaii) as a 14-year-old wildcard. Courtney set out on a global campaign to qualify for the ASP World Tour, juggling exams and school commitments with ASP Qualifying events, finishing the year ranked World No. 3 and qualifying for the elite 2011 ASP Women's World Championship Tour. Her accomplishments since then are too numerous to mention in this article.

Courtney's trajectory toward achieving her career goals, guided and mentored by her Mom and coach Tracey, are not the only thing that makes her impressive. Using her positive image and fan following to support good causes, Courtney's philanthropy is just as important in how she defines herself as a sports person and role model. Whether championing the underdog through positive messages, or inspiring the next generation to achieve their own dreams, as Courtney goes about her journey towards her ultimate goal of becoming California's first Women's World Champion in over three decades, fans all over the world go with her. When not surfing she's in her little studio area of their garage painting or sketching, going to the gym, playing golf, hiking, playing with her camera or gardening. We are so proud of Courtney's accomplishments as the #1 women's champion from Washington Square in (can you believe it) Santa Ana, CA! Go girl!

Our Garden; Our Labor of Love

I grew up with fruit trees all around me. Fragrant fresh mint was always outside the kitchen door ready to be snapped up for a salad or tea. From colorful blossoms, to sweet fruits and nourishing vegetables, each season delivered a new feast for the eyes, mouth, and soul.



As I contemplated buying a house, I had few requirements about its size and configuration, but I knew it must have a garden. Prior to moving to Washington Square in 2009, I lived in various apartments for twenty five years. Although I tried to nurture various plants, I killed even the most hearty (rosemary). I'm happy to report my brown thumb is evolving into a greener one. I have several fruit trees and a vegetable garden that are interspersed between California native plants.

I still have much to learn, and that is why I'm starting this column. I hope it will open a conversation between the experienced and the novice gardeners among us. We can share stories and tips on growing a sanctuary while being water wise and chemical free where possible.

As I prepared to write this article, I thought of the many ways we use our backyard space. To some, it's a playground for the kids; to others, it's an organic farm; sometimes it's a space to entertain family and friends; and others times we might think of it simply as a respite from the work day - a place to enjoy a glass of wine while watching birds and butterflies flutter about. In most cases, it's a multi-use space; and in each case, we hope to make the most of our space.

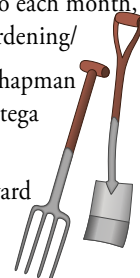
Fall is upon us so enjoy persimmons, avocados, and various citrus fruit harvests. Don't forget to admire the changing colors and add fallen

leaves to your compost pile. It's time to cut back native perennials, and divide bearded iris plants. For more on what to do each month, check out the OC Master Gardener's Month to Month Gardening guide: http://uccemg.com/Month_to_Month_Gardening/

If you're looking for organic fertilizers, pest advice, and a variety of edible plants, visit OC Farm Supply at 1826 W Chapman in Orange. For a wonderful selection of California native plants (not just desert succulents), take a trip down to Ortega Highway and visit the Tree of Life Nursery.

In future columns, we'll address more specific topics such as proper tree pruning, native habitat, and more. I look forward to your ideas, thoughts, and feedback.

by Lubna Debbini



Sarah's Neighborhood News

homes for sale:

	beds	baths	Sq.Ft.	list/sold price	DOM*	Sale Type
910 N. FLOWER	3	2	1434	499,000	50	Flip
827 N. BRISTOL commercial	2	5	1198	398,000	55	Standard
1617 N. BAKER duplex				589,000	44	Standard
1121 W. 15TH	3	2	1909	649,000	2	Standard

homes in escrow:

1010 N. BAKER	4	1	2628	489,000	190	Short Sale
913 N. FREEMAN	3	1	1194	399,000	146	Short Sale
1115 W. 16th	5	1	1910	555,800	18	Standard
1045 W. CIVIC CENTER	3	1	1299	359,900	17	Standard

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1124 N. OLIVE	3	1	1396	490,000	84	Flip
1104 N. FLOWER	3	1	1448	389,900	48	Short Sale
1507 N. LOUISE	3	2	1404	572,500	28	Standard
1431 N. LOUISE	4	2	1965	599,000	107	Standare
1109 N. BAKER	4	2	2099	559,000	51	Probate
1302 N. OLIVE	2	1	1300	499,000	77	Standard

per MLS and the County Recorder for the period 6-29 to 9-20, 2015 * = days on market

Dear Washington Square Neighbors:

As we head into the last quarter of 2015, and look back on the last 9 months, we have seen about a 10% increase in prices from the 1st four months of the year to the last 4 months. The average price of a typical home in Washington Square during the period of Jan-April was \$480,800. From May through through mid-September the average price rocketed to \$528,700. (What a huge change from the same period in 2009, when the average WS home was in the low \$300s!) There are many factors for this huge increase--a strong jobs market, a lack of good inventory, and low interest rates.

What I have noticed over the last 4 years is that homeowners are less likely to sell their residence unless they have a huge change in circumstances--for example: marriage, a new baby, retirement or change in job circumstance. Although there are a few flip homes on the market, long gone are the sellers who are selling just for the sake of "moving up." This stability is excellent for our wonderful neighborhood.

However, because of the good economy and interest rates still at 3.75-4.25%, there are a lot of new hopeful homeowners coming into the market place, and so, housing prices continue to climb.

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Hello Washington Square!!

I'm back with another issue for Kidz Corner! Let's get started!

Hi! It's Sophie Drevon and I'm back with tips, updates, and more! We all know summer is winding down and it's back to school time. The first day of school can be tough whether you're entering 5th grade, middle school, or even high school. It's hard to leave all the comforts of home behind such as electronics and what not. However, try to stay positive and I'm sure once you see your friends again and get back into the swing of things everything will be ok.

Now on to this weird weather pattern called "El Niño." Have you ever heard of "El Niño?" It means "little boy" in Spanish and it refers to a kind of weather that happens once in a while where warm water currents from South America move North and cause weather changes all over the world. For us it means we might get a wetter Winter which we really need. For now we still can have some hot and muggy weather as Summer fades away. If you want to cool off, one last trip to the beach in an excellent way to say goodbye to Summer! ☆

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Have you started planning your summer trips? Save the date for our annual children's Vacation Bible School held evenings on July 13th through July 17th for children and volunteers. It's always a fun time for all who participate.

We hope you will join us this Sunday!

Here are some last minute tips to help you with back to school:

1. Put a good book in your backpack so you won't get bored.
2. Always carry plenty of pencils with you.
3. Decorate your backpack with stickers, ribbons, and patches.
4. Always carry your supplies!



Finally, Halloween is right around the corner. It's never too early to start thinking about what your costume is going to be this year. Homemade costumes are always more original and creative. A great place to start is YouTube.com, other sites that are also popular are Pinterest and marthastewart.com. I predict that, for good or bad, Donald Trump is going to be a very popular costume this year! As always, have fun, and stay safe!

-Sophie Drevon ☆





in Downtown Santa Ana

What's going on in Downtown Santa Ana?

Things To Do:

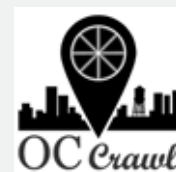
1st Saturday Art Walk in Downtown Santa Ana, 6-10pm. FREE event.

The Art Walk expanded last year to include community district, The East End, located between 3rd and 5th streets and Bush and French streets. The newer East End retail shops are open for the Art Walk with art vendors set up on 4th Street. Catch some great local bands playing live at Plaza Santa Ana at the corner of French and 4th street. The Artists Village's 40-plus galleries throw open their doors during the Art Walk. World touring exhibits make a stop at GCAC and OCCA. Live music, dance performances, art installations, and art vendors fill the promenade every month!



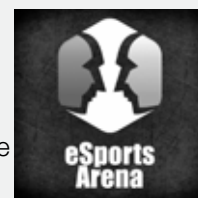
DTSA Pub Crawl/DTSA Wine Crawl by: OC Crawl

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New Services:

LGBT Center on 4th: The LGBT Center OC is proud to announce the opening of the new Brad Bradford LGBT Center on 4th. The new cultural center, located in the heart of downtown Santa Ana, will be a celebration of the culture, art, and lives of the Orange County LGBTQ community. You can expect lively special events, groundbreaking community partnerships, and an adult education program that is out of this world! Orange County has never seen anything like this. Find them here: 305 E. 4th Street, Ste 200, Santa Ana 92701 714-953-5428



Award-Winning Cemetery Tour Looks at Early Orange County Travel

"On the Road In Orange County: Our Transportation History" will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2015. This guided historical tour of Fairhaven Memorial Park and Santa Ana Cemetery features costumed actors portraying historic figures who share stories from Orange County's past. Docents will guide visitors through scenes that showcase the history of transportation in the County.

The event is presented by the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society and will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Fairhaven Memorial Park, 1702 Fairhaven Ave., Santa Ana. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$16 for seniors and Members, and \$14 for students and children 10 and over. (Children 9 and under are free.) Reservations are recommended. Discounted advance sale tickets are available online. More information can be obtained on the Society's website at www.SantaAnaHistory.com or by calling (714) 953-1876. You can also email to tour@sahps.org.

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COOKING WITH CAROL

My Name is Carol Frank and I am a second generation resident of Washington Square. I also love to cook for people and share my recipes. I wrote a cooking column for 6 years for the Orange County Wine Society and I am planning to share some of those columns with my neighbors along with some updated info. All the recipes have been tested by me unless stated. I welcome any questions or notes sent to my email address, cookwcarolf@gmail.com.

I love cheesecake but what do you do with a whole cake when there are only two people in the house? I needed to make something without having leftovers staring back at me every time I open the refrigerator. Cheesecake bars fill the bill and they can be frozen! I developed this recipe for a holiday party, however, I think you would enjoy it anytime of the year. Hope you enjoy, and as my idol Julie Child would say, Bon Appetite!

Pumpkin Cheesecake Squares

MAKES 10 bars

CRUST

1 cup all-purpose flour
 ¾ cup packed dark brown sugar
 ½t salt
 ½ cup (1 stick) chilled unsalted butter diced
 1 cup pecan halves (about 4 ounces)
 ¾ cup old-fashioned oats

FILLING

1 8-ounce package cream cheese room temperature
 ¾ cup canned pure, pumpkin
 ½ cup sugar
 1 large egg
 ¼ cup maple syrupy
 1 ½t ground cinnamon
 1t ground ginger
 1/2t allspice

TOPPING

1 cup sour cream
 2 tablespoons sugar
 ¼t vanilla extract



CRUST: Preheat oven to 350°F. Generously butter 9x9x2-inch metal baking pan. In a food processor pulse - flour, brown sugar, salt and butter until it looks like a course meal, add pecans until evenly chopped. Add oats, pulse until mixture is moistened but not clumping. Press 3 ½ cups crumbs into the prepared pan and press until the mixture is firm. Bake crust until golden in the center of oven for about 30 minutes. Remove from oven and cool for 5 minutes, save for later. Transfer the balance of the crumbs to a baking sheet, Bake crumbs until golden, stirring once, about 12 minutes. Cool crumbs.

FILLING: In the same Food processor add all the ingredients until smooth. Spread filling over crust; bake until set, dry in center, about 20 minutes.

TOPPING: Mix all ingredients in a small bowl. Spread evenly over hot filling. Return to oven and bake until topping sets and bubbles at edges, about 5 minutes. Cool completely in pan. Sprinkle remaining crumbs over topping; gently press into topping. Cover; chill until cold about 2 hours. Cut into squares. Can be made 2 days ahead or frozen for several weeks.

HOUSEHOLD TIPS

by Tom Lutz

✱ To make your refrigerator work more efficiently, give it a cleaning once every three months. This is easy enough to do by removing the bottom vent, which on most units, just pulls off to expose the refrigeration grid. You can buy a long handle rat tail type brush from your local hardware store made just for this purpose to reach in and pull away the lint that closes the grid making it harder for it to breathe. If you own a cat or dog you may want to do this once a month.

✱ Squeaky door hinges? Tap up the hinge pin bit and put a drop of 3-In-One oil and tap down on the pin. Plus, this will make your doors swing much easier, especially in our older homes. You can also loosen up your dead bolts by spraying a little WD-40 in the key slot.

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