

Washington Square News



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January 2016

2016 Neighborhood Calendar

EVENTS

Dumpster Day	3/12
Progressive Dinner	4/9
CleanUp	4/16
Wine Walk	5/21
Concert in the Park	9/10
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2016 GENERAL MEETINGS

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Message from Wendy Boelter

President, Washington Square Neighborhood Association

Happy New Year Washington Square residents!

Looking back at 2015, we as a neighborhood, have so much to be proud of. WSNA celebrated its 30th anniversary. Tony Michalski received the Most Beautiful Yard Award, for his home on Louise Street. It's really amazing! Great job Tony! Jeff and Kim McKee were the recipients of the Alan Anderson Award for the amazing landscape makeover and exterior painting they did to their home on Lowell Street. Congratulations to the McKee's!

The entry enhancements on Washington at Bristol and Flower turned out great! The concrete monuments and the planted flowers are a great enhancement to enjoy as we come and go throughout the day. Another "enhancement" on Washington and huge accomplishment was the clean up of all the cars that were parked up and down each side of the street. With the help of the residents, we got the city to paint red curbs and then install, 'permit parking only', signs that got rid of non-WS residents that had been parking on Washington overnight. It took some time but we did it!

One issue that was on my, "to do as president", list was to reinstate the Neighborhood Watch Program. Longtime WS resident and current board member, Susan van der Roest spearheaded the project. It was no easy task but we figured it out. One of the requirements for a neighborhood to join the Neighborhood Watch Program is to recruit 10 volunteer Block Captains. Thank you to the volunteers who signed up! Speaking of Susan van de Roest, she was the recipient of the Neighborhood Hero Award for Washington Square. Thank you Susan for everything you do for our neighborhood!

We had a handful of, "Good Neighbor Award", recipients in 2015. Watching out for your neighbors is very important to the overall well being of Washington Square. I am very proud of the growing number of residents that are "watching out" for one another.

To wrap up 2015, I want to thank residents Jay and Ivy Poggi, Randy and Tracy Simons and all of the volunteer residents that helped assemble the beautiful luminaries for Christmas Eve. The neighborhood was glowing. It was awesome.

I am looking forward to 2016 in Washington Square. The events listed to the left are some of the things that make it special to live here. To the volunteers that step up and help with the events, participate in the neighborhood clean up, write articles for the quarterly newsletters, and that sign up to be block reps, thank you for everything you do! Cheers!

Jessica Chávez & Manuel Espitia, AA Award Winners

by Karen Blue Wevers



A neighborhood close to work and family. A larger lot with a garage in the back. A fixer-upper with vintage details and built-in storage. A place to call home with interesting architecture and nice neighbors. This is the character of Washington Square that drew Jessica Chávez and Manuel Espitia to make their home here. It is their pride of ownership in their new home that caused them to be selected as this quarter's Alan Anderson Award winners. Congratulations to: Jessica Chavez, and Manuel Espitia, owner of Golden Shovel Landscape and Maintenance business, for their hard work in making improvements to their home at 1420 N. Olive.

Two years ago, in August of 2014, Jessica and Manuel took ownership of their home and began to make improvements. Manuel, owner of his own landscape and maintenance business, wasted no time in getting started on transforming a house that they described as in "bad shape". The house, built in the 1930's, hadn't been updated since the 1960's. They replaced the overgrown trees and shrubs and cleaned up the tired and discolored concrete. Jessica picked out the flowers and Manuel prides himself in the beautiful spiral fir trees that frame the bay window at the front of the house. Passersby now see an attractive tan and white home with a white picket fence to one side, bordered by red and white flowers with low shrubs behind. A black door with a vintage, brass door knocker adds to the charm of this traditional older home.

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Washington Square is Fun!

and a little work
now and then

Neighborhood General Meeting Thursday, January 14th Recap

At the recent meeting Dr. Ligia Hallstrom accepted the WSNA Good Neighbor Award on behalf of Wilson School (see article pg 3) Dr. Hallstrom let the neighborhood in on her vision for the school. There will be a community open house sometime soon so we can see her progress firsthand.

The Alan Anderson award was presented to Jessica Chávez & Manuel Espitia

As required by the WSNA bylaws, an election was held for a slate of board members who then elected the 2016 officers.

Wendy Boelter -- President
Javier Garcia -- Vice President
Karen Blue Wevers -- Vice President
Laura Garcia -- Secretary
Monica Drevon -- Treasurer

Board Members
Bobi Keenan
Nancy Lutz
Susan van der Roest
Jean Poppa
Diane Morter
David Jirik
Keren Clark



Board members and officers at the General Meeting. L to R
Laura Garcia, David Jirik, Bobi Keenan, Wendy Boelter,
Jean Poppa, Nancy Lutz, Karen Blue Wevers

Dumpster Day

Saturday March 12th 8:00AM to 12 Noon

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 website. Locations: 1310 N. Louise, 1122 N. Freeman, 1118 W. Washington, 1423 N. Lowell, 914 N. Westwood

Progressive Dinner

5th Annual Progressive Dinner Saturday, April 9th, 7-10PM

Do you love to cook or bake? Are you a foodie? Join us for the Progressive Dinner coming up April 9th. This potluck event is super fun. Make that delish dish you learned to make at Hipcooks. Or your own favorite tried and true recipe. Appetizers are served at the first house, main course at the second and desserts at the third. Love to entertain? Consider volunteering your home. Event details soon to follow. There is no charge for this event, but it's capacity limited so as not to overwhelm the hosts. Expect a flyer with sign up information in late March. Everyone is welcome, let's see some new residents attend.

Proposed new homes at Olive & Lowell above 15th Street UPDATE

The City has received a request just recently to accept this project into the development review process. City staff will be meeting with the project owner's team soon to review the package and accept it if it's complete and meets city guidelines. The request is to retain the residence at 1501 N. Lowell Street and subdivide remaining property into 6 lots to accommodate a single-family residence on each lot. Since Staff has not seen the plans, they are not sure if the product is traditional housing or manufactured factory built. WSNA will follow up with building and planning after they have seen the plans and get an update on the project. Important updates before the April newsletter will be published on Facebook and the WSNA website.

Bristol & Washington project UPDATE

This project is the construction of three separate buildings on about 7 of the old house lots which will be for the optometrist, dental, and acupuncturist offices. City staff is to meet soon with the Bristol Coalition team to discuss a revised project for the Bristol/Washington site. WSNA was presented a preliminary set of plans last year which were very nice and your board members were very much in support of the project with minor requests. Now since they are submitting revised plans, we will want to see just what these will look like and offer suggestions. As above, updates will be electronic before the next newsletter.



The Washington Square Neighborhood Newsletter is published quarterly by the Washington Square Neighborhood Association. WSNA is a non-profit mutual benefit community association established in 1985. WSNA is an officially recognized neighborhood by the city of Santa Ana, California. 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

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Alan Anderson Award continued



Often with older homes, interesting information, rumor, and speculation greet the new homeowners. These owners were no exception, as they were told that there was an ornate wooden design hidden under the old and worn carpet in the living room. Alas, that was not the case, but, there was a beautiful hardwood floor nevertheless.

With a new home comes the opportunity to establish new traditions. What has become a yearly tradition for this couple, headed up by Manuel, is his Christmas light display. He has added elements each year with the future desire of putting together a synchronized light show.

I think we can all agree that Jessica and Manuel are a great addition to our Washington Square family and worthy recipients of the Alan Anderson Award. Congratulations to you both!

Wilson's New Principal & Our New Neighbor

This past September, Wilson Elementary School received a new principal; three months later, Washington Square got a new neighbor: Ligia Hallstrom!

Dr. Ligia Hallstrom has been in education for 26 years. She has held different positions both at the school and district level. Prior to her appointment as the Principal of Wilson Elementary School, Dr. Hallstrom was a high school and middle school principal in the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District. She held the position of Coordinator for English Learners (EL) and Academic Via Individual Determination (AVID) programs. Dr. Hallstrom holds a Bachelors of Arts in Psychology, a Masters Degree in Counseling and School Administration, and a Doctorate in Leadership and Policy which she earned from Pepperdine University.

Dr. Hallstrom's leadership accomplishments earned her the recognition of Middle School Principal of the Year from the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA). This recognition highlighted her strong leadership in the transformation of an underperforming middle school in need of rejuvenation. As Principal of Wilson Elementary School, Dr. Hallstrom's hope is to open doors of opportunity for our Wilson Scholars so that their future is unshakable and promising. Her work these past five months at Wilson is setting the stage for every student to have a future of many opportunities and choices.

After arriving at the school, it did not take Ligia long to fall in love with the neighborhood. With the help of WSNA's own intrepid real estate specialist, Sarah Covarrubias, Ligia moved in before Christmas, just in time to bring in a new year in a wonderful new neighborhood. Ligia looks forward to meeting all her new neighbors! Please welcome Ligia to Washington Square!

On December 21st, 2015 Wilson Elementary School teachers, administrators, staff, parents, students and volunteers descended upon the streets of Washington Square, with the intention of beautifying the surrounding neighborhood. This outreach opportunity was born of a sense of gratitude towards, and ownership of, the community at large.

Dr. Hallstrom, believes that hope is developed and character is fostered by taking responsibility and being involved, thus each member of the

Wilson Elementary community works daily on improvement, taking ownership of self and surroundings. Many helping hands, lots of smiles and laughter contributed to this symbolic gesture demonstrating that Wilson Elementary is an active part of our amazing neighborhood. "Everyone at Wilson Elementary is proud to be a part of the Washington Square community and we are honored to serve it!" Dr. Hallstrom commented.

by Ben Wevers



L to R Dr. Hallstrom, Truman "Papa" Hallstrom, Wendy Boelter



Participants in the Wilson neighborhood outreach December 2015

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	647-5619
Traffic Signals	647-5620
Trash Pick Up (Waste Management)	558-7761
Tree Trimming	647-3380
Water Bill	647-5454

all numbers (714) unless indicated otherwise

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McDonald's Update

A committee of WSNA residents were invited to meet last November 5th with City officials regarding the rebuilding of the McDonald's restaurant on Bristol. Due to the Bristol Street widening, the existing building must be torn down. A new, more modern McDonald's will be built on the parking lot site just north of the existing building. The WSNA committee which consisted of Ray Poppa, January Smith, Susan van der Roest, Jennifer Cervantes, and Tom Lutz met with City Building and Planning staff members, as well the McDonald's owner and architect.



Preliminary plans were submitted by McDonalds for review and City staff made the following requests: They want to see a minimum of 106 ft. for stacking of autos for the drive-thru windows. Their plan showed only 80 ft. The added length will help assure McDonald's doesn't have the problem In 'N Out has with traffic backing out on to Bristol St. They would like to have 5% of the parking dedicated for bicycle parking. And since the site is located across from the Santa Ana College, the City would like to have a dedicated outdoor dining area. There was some reconfiguring of the exit of the drive-thru for safety reasons. Most other items were minor and would be addressed.

Your neighborhood committee had a list of concerns of which many were addressed by the City but some main concerns were:

- Operating hours. McDonalds is requesting 5 AM to 11 PM. Possibly later on weekends.
- Parking lot lighting wouldn't infringe on the neighbor's backyards.
- Trash bins would be covered and away from people's backyards for odor control.
- Smoke filters on the frying vent fans to curtail grease odors from affecting neighbors.
- Drive-thru speakers and volume concerns.
- The "sound wall" to be consistent with the proposed 9-10 ft. wall the city agreed to install along the backs of the property being acquired.
- Idling cars in the drive-thru with gas fumes, as well as delivery trucks, in the early morning as to noise and diesel fumes.
- Beef up landscape trees along the back of the property for noise and aesthetics for the neighbors.

The next step is for McDonalds to address the issues discussed at the meeting and resubmit the plans for review. Our committee asked to be present at that meeting which has not been set at the time of this report.

Our Garden; Our Labor of Love

Winter Gardening These months, if you're like me, you stay out of the garden. Days are short, it's cold outside, trees have dropped their leaves, and it's all together uninviting. But if you dig deep and invest a few hours in the garden now, your labor will be rewarded for months to come.

Our stone fruits are dormant, so this is the perfect time to prune them. Remember, stone fruit can be aggressively pruned as it needs a lot of sun light right through the center and in between the branches. If roses are your plant of choice, winter is the choice time to prune and fertilize them. For a great class on rose trimming, check out the OC Master Gardeners' workshop at The Heritage House in Santa Ana on January 23rd. There's also a rose pruning demonstration at Irvine Ranch Historic Park on January 30th. Check out www.uccemg.com for details.

California native and drought tolerant plants are dormant so this is the perfect time to cut them back. Sprinkle wild flower and poppy seeds and let the El Niño rains surprise you with a burst of color come spring.

If your citrus fruits are overflowing with bounty, here are some ideas on how to make the most of your harvest:

* Squeeze lemon juice and freeze it in your ice cube trays. Once frozen, you can store the ice cubes in freezer-safe bags and use them for months.

* Make orange marmalade. For added depth, infuse it with anise star. Alternatively, chop up the oranges and rind, steep a bag of earl gray tea in the mixture for at least 1/2 hour, then remove the tea bag and cook the marmalade. It will have a wonderful bergamot infusion that will have your guests raving.

* Barter with neighbors or drop off your excess fruit at food banks or churches. (Contact The Harvest Club at 714.564.9525 to have their volunteers come pick your fruit for donation).



Remember, the best thing for your garden is you in it! *by Lubna Debbini*

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Sarah's Neighborhood News

homes for sale:

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910 N. FLOWER	3	2	1434	499,000	174	Flip
827 N. BRISTOL commercial	2	5	1198	398,000	170	Standard
1617 N. BAKER duplex	*	*	*	589,000	177	Standard
820 N. FLOWER	2	1	885	380,000	58	Standard

homes in escrow:

913 N. FREEMAN	3	1	1194	399,000	146	Short Sale
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welcome to our new neighbors at:

1124 N. OLIVE	3	1	1299	370,000	54	Standard
1104 N. FLOWER	5	3	1910	565,000	18	Standard
1507 N. LOUISE	3	2	1184	445,000	30	Standard
1010 N. BAKER	4	1	2628	452,000	107	Standard
1011 N. WESTWOOD	2	2	1272	502,500	40	Standard
1436 N. LOUISE	4	3	1900	591,000	48	Standard

per MLS and the County Recorder for the period 9-21-2015 to 1-13-2016 * = days on market

Happy New Year Everyone,

Hard to believe that another 365 days have passed, and we are now in 2016. Perhaps 2015 was such an upward growth year for Orange County that it just sped by us so quickly (or maybe I'm just getting old). Recapping some interesting OC highlights for the Year, in order to predict housing trends for 2016:

- 41,000 new jobs in OC during 2015
- Restaurants have definitely rebounded adding 600 new restaurants since 2008
- Rents increased 14% in the last 5 years
- New home building is at its highest levels in 15 years with 10,644 permits pulled for new housing in 2015
- 6.9% increase in housing units sold in 2015 over 2014 with a dollar volume increase of 10.7%
- Housing inventory was at 7500 units at the end of 2014 vs 4500 units at the end of 2015
- Mortgage interest rates continue to hover around 4%

That said, it appears that housing market will probably continue to be strong, and with the lack of properties on the market and more people able to afford purchasing a home, prices will most likely continue to increase.

We have a handful of wonderful new neighbors in Washington Square in the last three months. One new family, who moved in on Louise is the Heney & Balarezo family. Brian & Danielle have two beautiful daughters Evelyn and Nora, who go to a local school. They live in their home along with Danielle's parents Mauricio & Amelia. Brian and Danielle pastor a growing church here in Santa Ana called The Sound. They are thrilled to be part of this neighborhood and to make new friends. Welcome!

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any of your real estate questions.

Cheers!

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Hello Washington Square!!

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

Happy new year Washington Square it's Sophie here again for another edition of Kids Korner! Whoop, whoop! So many exciting events are coming up this year plus some very special dates to remember. First off, Valentine's day is right around the corner. Be sure to check out Pinterest for some creative and inexpensive gift ideas.

Another one of my favorites is to fill a small candy bag with m&ms and a small plastic shovel and add a tag that reads, "I dig you!" Totally cute! Another one of my favorites is a little card with a game of tic-tac-toe and a box of tic-tacs. Coming up 3rd on my list is to give out a microwave popcorn bag with a label that says "You make my heart pop!"

In other news, how's everyone coping with this chilly winter? It's the perfect time to curl up in front of the fireplace and open up a good book. The newest edition of the Whimpy Kid series is out and let me tell you Oldschool is definitely well worth

the read. Another classic is Flowers in the Attic by V.C. Andrews, and finally, another one of my favs is Violet Bing and The Grand House by Jennifer Paros.

As you guys know, other than books my other favorite pastime is to check out funny videos on YouTube or catch up with all the antics on Bratayley! Yes, if you guys are not familiar definitely check out this series on YouTube. It was super sad after Caleb, Haley's brother passed away unexpectedly, but the family is recuperating and coping with their loss.

Ok guys, that's my winter summary for now. Hope to share more ideas, projects, and books next time as well as updating you on events us young kids can get involved in such as dumpster day and neighborhood clean-up day.

Have an awesome Valentine's Day and we will catch up soon!

-Sophie Drevon ☆



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- * Communion the first Sunday of the month
- * Sunday School /Nursery for children and youth

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!

Whazzup?

in Downtown Santa Ana

What's going on in Downtown Santa Ana?

Things To Do:

1st Saturday Art Walk-Artist Village and East End districts

The first Saturday Artwalk in the Artist Village launched in 1995 and since then has lead the way for many other cities in Orange County to follow by starting their own Artwalks. In September, the monthly Artwalk expanded 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 Artwalk 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. Left of the Dial record shop on French Street plays host to several bands during the Artwalk and always have a packed house. Some retailers have exhibits going on or small mixer parties with a house DJ. 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. The First Saturday Art Walk is from 7:00pm - 10:00pm. Admission is FREE.



La Loteria and 2 for 1 Tacos Tuesday nights at Kutsi Cocina-

It seems like every restaurant advertises Taco Tuesday, Trivia Tuesday, and even Tequila Tuesday. I came up with an idea and pitched it to the owner of Kutsi Cocina that would make their Taco Tuesday unique. Every Tuesday at Kutsi, not only is it 2 for 1 tacos- chicken, steak, fish, carnitas, and shrimp tacos but from 7-9pm, you can play La Loteria! It's fun, it's free to play, and you can win food and drink prizes. Every Tuesday Kutsi also has \$5 house margaritas or \$4 draft beers. They open at 5pm. Find them here: 201 N. Broadway, Santa Ana 92701

4th Street Market, Sunday Brunch Sessions-

Sunday mornings can be rough if you were out late the night before, one of the kids was up sick in the middle of the night, or you are still recovering from a long work week. If you would like to wake up a bit later on Sunday morning and like to do brunch and enjoy live music, grab some egg-topped grub from any of the awesome food stands inside the 4th Street Market, swing by Portola Coffee, and then find a place to sit outside on the patio for the Orange County Music League Sunday Brunch Series, every Sunday from 11:30am-4:30pm, featuring live tunes from local talent! It's free! 4th Street Market is open at 7am on Sundays. Find them here: 201 East 4th Street, Santa Ana 92701

Blackmarket Bakery, 211 N. Broadway, Santa Ana, 92701



Many of us have been waiting patiently for this delicious place to open. If you're a patron of Blackmarket Bakery's Irvine or Costa Mesa locations, then you know how difficult the waiting for the DTSA location to open was. Torture! They finally opened! Award winning Chef Rachel Klemek is known for staying true by using baking fundamentals – butter, flour, sugar and eggs (all blackmarket goods during WWII). She focuses on giving guests a culinary experience that is based on natural ingredients, complex textures, and global flavors.

Blackmarket specializes in its made-from-scratch artisanal breads and now-famous "eggywiches," as well as delectable desserts, including the Total Eclipse Mousse Cake, Cookie Monster Bread Pudding, and her famed Black Widow Tart. Blackmarket signature cookies include Walnut Mudslides, Peanut Butter Sandwich Cookies, and the Classic Two Tone. Blackmarket Bakery, Santa Ana will offer breakfast, lunch and dinner daily, as well as a Happy Hour offered Monday through Friday from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

For more information, check out their website- blackmarketbakery.com

Did you know: It only costs \$5 to have Uber pick you up from Washington Square and drop you off on Broadway and 2nd Street in the Artist Village? Anytime day or night. Think about it next time you want to head to DTSA for dinner and/or the DTSA Artwalk.



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COOKING WITH CAROL

Beer Soup

The weather people are predicting a wet winter for us this year, hopefully. A warm bowl of soup on a cold wet day is a good thing. Most homemade soups can take a long time to make, however, this one is quick and one of our favorites. Try this with a young and fruity wine. Serves 4 to 6.

- 5 T unsalted Butter
- 1 cup onion, minced
- 1/2 cup celery, minced
- 1/2 cup carrot, minced
- 5 T all-purpose flour
- 1 t paprika
- 1 t dry mustard
- 1 cup beer (such as lager)
- 3 cups chicken broth
- 1 T Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 t Tabasco
- 1 cup whole milk
- 1 lb sharp Cheddar, grated
- 4 oz cream cheese, cubed
- 2 chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley



Sauté onion, celery, and carrot in butter in a large pot over medium- low heat for 10 minutes until tender. Add flour, paprika, and dry mustard into the vegetable mixture. Increase heat to medium and cook 1-2 minutes, stirring often. Add beer and simmer until thickened. Add broth, Worcestershire, and Tabasco, stirring constantly. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to medium, and simmer 5 minutes. Whisk in milk and both cheeses, stirring constantly until smooth. Do not boil or the soup may curdle. Stir in parsley.

Bon Appetite

Carol Frank



HOUSEHOLD TIPS

by Tom Lutz

- ✂ Recently we replaced our old stove vent hood and was told to turn on the vent fan 2 to 3 minutes before we started cooking so that the air currents can get established and there would be less chance smoke fumes would escape into the room.
- ✂ Does your fireplace chimney have a spark arrestor? Even if you don't use your fireplace, the spark arrestor will keep out the rain and unwanted pests and birds that might want to take refuge there.
- ✂ Do you have an extension cord running lights, appliances, or other items? Sometimes the older extension cord coatings have a tendency to get hard and brittle and flake off thus exposing bare wiring which could cause a short and start a fire. So check out your cords and replace if needed.
- ✂ Check for overused outlets or damaged electrical plugs and replace them. If you have more plugs than one outlet will serve, use a fused power strip for the added plugins & get a surge suppressor for electronics. Available at hardware and home center stores.
- ✂ The most important thing to do for your dishwasher is clean food off your dishes before starting the dishwasher. Food particles can clog up moving parts and gum up the works and cause bacteria to grow. To remove calcium build-up, run a dishwashing cleaning product once every three to six months. Or just take a ¼ to ½ cup measuring cup and fill it with white vinegar and set it upright on the top shelf along with your regular cycle. I do this and the glasses and stemware come out sparkling.
- ✂ I recently learned that keeping your microwave clean is important. The microwave is going to keep cooking food particles left behind until they become a "rock" and can burn the top and sides of the oven. To clean, use glass cleaner or white vinegar and a sponge.
- ✂ If you place tin foil on the bottom of the oven, for easy clean up make sure the foil is not covering any openings that would block air flow and curtail the proper heating of the oven compartment.

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 Cwiertyny	835-9464
Area 14 Lowell North of Washington	Laurella Stearns	542-0219
Area 15 Olive North of Washington	Annette Arellano	483-0245
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

Shameless promotion...

Shameless? Not so much, just some genuine insight into neighbors, advertisers and a great opportunity to spread the love. Please feel free to suggest neighbors for inclusion in Shameless Promotion! Email your information to newsletter@washington-square.org and put "shameless promotion" in the subject line.

Jennifer Davis-Rivera--Stella & Dot Stylist

I'm your Associate Stylist, Jen, with Stella & Dot. I will come over and get you and your girlfriends styled in our newest collection, while enjoying a bottle of wine. It's so fun! The average hostess award is a \$250 FREE shopping spree, plus shops at half off! Stella & Dot is more than a jewelry company. We have the most amazing travel totes, scarves, engravables, and more! It is a true lifestyle brand. If you love new styles, like I do, I am always looking to help others launch a fun and flexible business. www.stelladot.com/jenniferdavisrivera
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Sadie Posey-baby, pet and house sitting

Hi neighbors! My name is Sadie Posey. Many of you know my mom, Keren Clark. I offer babysitting/pet sitting/house sitting services. I am 18 years old and I love being around kids and animals who both tend to warm up to me quickly. I have always had pets in my house and I've taken on many responsibilities when it comes to taking care of them. I've also been babysitting since I was 14 - sitting multiple kids, as well as just one child at a time. If you are in need of any of these services, please feel free to email me at sadie.posey28@gmail.com for more information including my rates and availability.

Aurora Garcia--Mother Earth Hospital

Aurora is a Vet Tech turned stay-at-home mom. She offers baths, grooming and health consults in her home on Lowell. She can (legally) give vaccinations, is great at spotting health issues, and offers low cost treatment suggestions. Aurora is experienced with most small animals -- dogs, cats, reptiles, birds. Call or text her at 714.858.2768

Social Media--Nextdoor & Facebook

Even if you're a luddite, we recommend joining both Nextdoor Washington Square and the Washington Square Facebook page. Almost 300 of your neighbors have recognized what a communications tool the FB page is. Report suspicious activity, get referrals for tradesmen that your neighbors actually use, sell an unneeded bookcase or post a photo of a glorious sunset from your backyard. You have to join Facebook to get to the WS page but even if you don't use FB for anything else, it's worth it for the wealth of information you can share. Just search for Washington Square Neighborhood Association from within Facebook. Nextdoor offers some of the same opportunities to connect, with big differences. You can see posts from 2350 people in 18 neighborhoods in North Santa Ana or you can restrict your viewing to just the Square. There seems to be more items for sale on ND and it's interesting to see what issues interest other neighborhoods. Go to nextdoor.com and enter your address & email to join. If you want to make it easy with an invite, email webmaster@washington-square.org.



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The Washington Square Vendor Network

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