

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



WASHINGTON SQUARE
neighborhood association

Washington Square, "A Neighborhood with Pride"



Neighborhood General Meeting at Wilson School

On Thursday, APRIL 5, 1990 Washington Square Neighborhood Association (WSNA) will hold its second general meeting of 1990 for all residents of the neighborhood at Wilson School.

Santa Ana Police Department Area Commander **Lt. Bill Tegeler** will be the **guest speaker** and will be discussing **Law Enforcement and Working with the Neighborhoods in Santa Ana.**

The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM in room 5. Free baby sitting will be provided and refreshments will be served.

Let's all take pride in our neighborhood and our city. Support **your** neighborhood association by getting involved.

We hope to see all of you at the April meeting.

A Letter To WSNA From Mayor Dan Young

The Washington Square Neighborhood Association is playing a vital and historic role in the revitalization of Santa Ana. Everywhere I go in Orange County people remark about the new image and excitement building in Santa Ana and it all started in

your neighborhood! Back in the early 1980's the City's neighborhoods were losing ground to deterioration and transiency. Single family homes had become overcrowded rentals with the resulting crime and declining property values. It seemed like every standard was being broken to allow unseemly uses on commercial boulevards.

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Letter from the President

Spring is here and neighborhood association activities are in full swing. In the spirit of "taking pride in our neighborhood", this weekend we are having our annual spring clean-up.

Eight large dumpsters have been placed throughout the neighborhood for your convenience. If you need help, give us a call (See Board of Director's listing for your representative's phone number). I encourage each and every one of us to take pride in our neighborhood and be neighborly. This is a good time to help out your neighbors who may need an extra hand. Remember, we all benefit from keeping our neighborhood and city beautiful.

Luckily, this year our spring clean-up immediately precedes this year's "Keep America Beautiful" campaign, and judging of the nicest yard in the neighborhood. I look forward to featuring our neighborhood winner in our next newsletter.

Upcoming events in Washington Square are: The Neighborhood General Meeting on Thursday April 5 at Wilson School and the Neighborhood Garage Sale on July 14th.

I look forward to seeing you on April 5th at the Neighborhood General Meeting. We need your input and your support.

George Keeler
President



Rancho Santiago Swap Meet

On March 14th the Rancho Santiago College board of trustees met to review a study that was supposed to define the specific effects the school's Sunday swap meets have on Washington Square.

The city has banned open-air swap meets, but the college has argued its operation was on state property and did not have to abide by the city's ordinance. The swap meet operates every Sunday and has approximately 200 + vendors.

Representatives from the neighborhood were present at the meeting to voice their concern regarding the location of the swap meet and the impact which both vehicular and foot traffic have on the neighborhood. The Board members deferred the matter until April 18th in order to obtain additional information.

If you wish to express

your views on this matter before the April 18th hearing, please write to:

The Board of Trustees, Rancho Santiago College, 17th at Bristol, Santa Ana, CA 92706. Please send a copy of your response to: Frank Rhemrev, Deputy City Attorney, P.O. Box 1988, Santa Ana, CA. 92702. You should also be present at the next hearing on April 18th, which will be held at the Rancho Santiago College Board Room in the Administration Building at 4:00 p.m.

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wards intruding into neighborhoods.

The ultimate neighborhood insult was a swap meet, starting small in the back of Eddie West Stadium, mushrooming to a size that was destroying the single family neighborhood to the north. Finally, the neighbors were fed up and got organized.

They battled a high rise office proposal, a downtown sports arena and won. Then came the ultimate victory — The closure of the swap meet at Eddie West Stadium.

F r e s h from the victories, the neighbors decided to form an association called "Washington Square" to plan the revitalization of the neighborhood. They met often, formulated a comprehensive plan, convinced the City to get involved and today we see the incredible results. Washington Square is dominated once again by home ownership, pride is restored, values are on the steady rise, streets, trees, sidewalks are repaired. Your neighborhood, because of your Neighborhood Association, has created the stability and investment, both public and private, that make it a great place to live once again.

But what you may not realize is that your Association started a movement. Your leadership and your victories have inspired seventeen new neighborhood associations to form. They have learned from

you and have drawn up their own neighborhood plans and are now seeing the fruits of their labor.

City Hall is a different place because of Washington Square. Our city budget, once chaotic and without clear goals now has as its primary focus: neighborhood revitalization. We adopted a five year neighborhood investment program spending \$100 million to respond to the growing movement and their demands for repaired streets, restoring parks, and quality

"City Hall is a different place because of Washington Square..."

m a i n t e n a n c e and services. We have also seen a change in the City's politics as well. Now candidates must demonstrate their commitments to the neighborhood movement and its goals to obtain grass roots support. The School District and the City have entered into an unprecedented era of cooperation which can be seen in new schools, better morale, and a growing confidence in our educational system.

In short, Washington Square turned this City around from a disastrous course of deterioration to a City with great hope and vision for a positive future. For that, every resident owes your neighborhood and its leaders a great debt of gratitude.

As we enter the 90's we must be ever vigilant. There will be a natural tendency to rest on our own victories

which could only lead to return to disaster. Some people say we have done enough. Well, to them we must say we have only just begun to restore Santa Ana to the best address in Orange County.

Thank you Washington Square! Keep up the good work!

Dan Young
Mayor

Spring Clean Up

On the weekend of March 30th WSNA is sponsoring its 2nd Annual Spring Clean-Up. Eight large dumpsters are placed throughout Washington Square.

As always, this event provides a convenience to the neighborhood and we hope you take advantage of the dumpsters. Wheelbarrows, wagons and trash carriers are all in service as unwanted items are being disposed.

This is one way your Neighborhood Association works for you. If you have not yet paid your dues of \$10 for 1990, yet take advantage of the dumpsters, we hope you will put your check in the mail TODAY.

If you miss the WSNA Spring Clean-Up the City of Santa Ana will be sponsoring another clean up on April 21st.

Special thanks to Lori Tudor who chaired this project, to Tom Lutz and Craig Stevens who volunteered their trucks and time to help the elderly haul their unwanted items to the dumpsters and to Tim Rush for making the banners.



New Residents in Washington Square

This issue's neighborhood profile focuses on an interesting couple new to Washington Square. Shelley Ervin and Steve Royse move onto North Lowell Street about a year ago.

Shelley is a native Californian who was born in L.A. and has since lived in various parts of Orange County such as Balboa Peninsula and Newport Beach. She has studied at USC and UCI and describes herself as an entrepreneur. She was formerly a journalist, has owned her own business and is now a creative director in advertising. That is, she comes up with concepts for ad campaigns. Some of her work includes South Coast Plaza and Crystal Court. She is also active in politics. She was one of the founding board members and vice chair of the Democratic Associates for Orange County. She also served on the Joe Kennedy Jr. Advisory Board in L.A. She and her husband feel it's important to be involved and are active members of the Josephson

Institute for the Advancement of Ethics in Marina Del Rey and lend support and time to a variety of "issues" groups.

Steve is also from California, being born in the Glendale/Pasadena area and coming to Orange, County as a teenager. He lived in Costa Mesa, went to OCC and later to Cal Polytech in San Luis Obispo where he studied architecture and fine arts. His studies were interrupted when he joined the Naval Reserves and later was sent to Viet Nam for two years, where he worked in the Special Forces on combat salvage operations. His military experiences sparked his political activism, his desire to travel, and his interest in Eastern religions. He later finished his education and moved to Laguna Beach where he focused on his art career doing drawings, painting and sculptural bas reliefs. He was a ten year exhibitor at the Festival of Arts and has exhibited in many juried shows in places such as the Laguna and Newport Harbor Art Museums. He was the resident architect for the Pageant of The Masters as well. About twelve years ago he redirected his efforts into the area of architecture and began to work for the architectural firm where he now is director for design. The majority of his work is in the area of leisure resorts. It allows him to travel and has taken him to Hawaii,

Japan, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and various places in the continental U.S., just to mention a few. He has also been involved in local projects such as the Redevelopment District of Costa Mesa and the El Torito Grill concept.

Interestingly, Shelley and Steve used to date in their twenties, but then didn't see each other for about thirteen years. Shelley happened to send Steve a Christmas card, they got together, and eventually ended up marrying.

When it came to purchasing a home, they were looking for a stable, quiet area accessible to their work, with a city environment and real neighborhoods. They finally chose Washington Square because it was such a neighborhood with houses of different architectural styles. In addition, the neighborhood seemed to have a sense of itself. Shelley and Steve both had a positive first impression of the area when driving through looking for a place to rent. This impression became even better from subsequent visits and inquiries about the area. The particular home they bought appealed to them for many reasons, among them its layout, its good natural light, its excellent structural condition, the big Chinese elm in the front, and the copy of our WSNA newsletter sitting in the house as it was being shown. They are presently restoring the house to its original forties look.

Steve and Shelley believe it is important, and a responsi-

bility to be involved in one's community. They volunteered to be on WSNA's board of directors for 1990. They are committed to keeping the neighborhood a place where people love to live. We are fortunate to have new neighbors such as these and welcome them to our neighborhood.

Wilson School Parking & Congestion Update

A committee has been formed and is meeting to come up with possible solutions for the parking and hazardous unloading and loading of students on Baker Street. Once practical solutions are found, a meeting with the SA School District, Principal of Wilson School, and Public Works officials will be requested to make the presentation. This committee is well aware of both the safety and traffic issues which need to be addressed. If you are interested in working with the committee, please contact Craig Stevens evenings at 953-0595.

Graffiti Removal

Steve Valencia has been inquiring about removing the eyesore graffiti we see around the neighborhood. He found that Frasee Paint would donate paint for him to cover it or he can call the graffiti member for the city and they can come out to do it. Steve said the city now has added

more workers to do the job and they can usually cover it the day you call or by the next day. Call Steve if you see any graffiti at 835-7304.

Wilshire Square Historic Home Tour

Our good friends and neighbors of Wilshire Square will be hosting their second annual Historic Home Tour on June 2nd and 3rd. Approximately ten homes built between 1925 and 1948 will be open for viewing.

Architectural styles will include English Tudor, Mediterranean, Renaissance Revival and California Bungalow. Many feature include moulded ceilings, elaborate fireplaces, hardwood floors, curved archways, rich wood built-ins and Murphy beds.

We understand ticket prices are being finalized and will include admission to the Home Tour, a program and refreshments. Proceeds from

the tour go towards their neighborhood preservation projects. Wilshire Square is located between Main and Flower Streets, and McFadden and Edinger Streets, and is approximately the same size as our Washington Square.

Washington Square neighbors that are interested in attending may write to:
Wilshire Square Historic Home Tour, 1134 S. Van Ness, Santa Ana, CA. 92707.

Newsletter Deadline

WSNA's next newsletter will be distributed on the weekend of June 30, 1990. Deadline for upcoming articles and ads will be June 15, 1990. Articles and ads should be submitted to Mike Sasso, Newsletter Editor, at our P.O. Box. Remember, classified ads are free to paid members of WSNA. Business ads start at \$25.00 for a business-size ad.

The Math Corner

by Vivian Kusiak

1. How many 4 cent stamps are in a dozen?
2. Add 1 line to make a true equation: $411 = 5$
3. Add 2 signs to make a true equation: $35 = 18$
4. Use each of the digits 1 through 7 once only. Make an addition problem with the sum of 100.

"The Math Corner" will be a regular article in the WSNA Newsletter. This article will feature math problems dealing with various procedures of problem solving. My hope is for the family to solve the problems together., Have Fun!

Answers are on page 7.

Policing Strategy of the Future

Law enforcement professionals from across the nation are becoming increasingly aware that traditional policing methods are no longer effective in coping with the crime and disorder which plague our communities. For years, police have directed their efforts toward a rapid response to crime after they have occurred, enforcing a variety of laws, taking reports, and then moving on to the next incident. This so called "incident driven" approach deals with problems on an isolated basis with little regard for the underlying factors which caused the incident to occur. There is a growing recognition that these "incident driven" policing methods do not have a substantial impact on many of the problems that citizens want police to help solve.

In an effort to provide the citizens of Santa Ana with the highest quality police services possible, Chief Paul Walters instructed his staff to evaluate current methods for delivering police services and to recommend structure and process changes aimed at maximizing police effectiveness and citizen confidence in local policing through the implementation of a "problem-solving" policing strategy.

Problem-solving as a departmental philosophy for policing, represents a significant evolutionary step in helping law enforcement look beyond

the symptoms, to the causation of crime. Rather than approaching calls for service as separate, individual events to be processed by traditional methods, problem-oriented policing emphasizes analyzing groups of incidents and deriving solutions that draw upon a wide variety of public and private resources to address the underlying cause. Problem-solving is designed to:

- Increase police effectiveness not simply efficiency;
- Use analytical techniques (data) to make informed police decisions;
- Listen to the public and work closely with the private sector and community to address community concerns; and
- Recognize officers' knowledge and commitment and allow them the discretion to exercise these in their daily work.

Three major components are necessary in order to implement a problem-solving strategy: decentralization, a strong community base, and the empowerment of employees. The department is currently looking at ways in which to empower employees throughout the department to eliminate those hindrances which are prohibiting personnel from maximizing their effectiveness. Decentralization will be accomplished by the realignment of areas based upon neighborhood communi-

ties rather than geographic boundaries and the reassignment of officers under the Area Commanders instead of their current assignment to the Watch Commander. In this manner, officers and members of the community will become familiar with each other and share in the responsibility for problems in their area. Finally, the Santa Ana Police Department is committed to building upon its strong relationship with the community. Research has demonstrated the effectiveness of community based organizations such as the Washington Square Neighborhood Association in identifying and resolving those issues of concern to members of the community.

This approach was recently responsible for the diminishing of a problem in your area. During 1989, an increase in activities including fights, disturbances, and property crimes were identified by both your



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neighborhood and the Police Department.

Under traditional incident driven policing strategies, officers would have continued to respond to single incidents reported by citizens and deal with each on an individual basis without regard for their causation and therefore not provide long-term solutions to the problem. Using a problem-solving approach, the cause of the problem was identified as the dance patrons of a nearby restaurant/bar who remained in the area after the restaurant closed for business.

With the support of your neighborhood association, a meeting was conducted in late November between members of the Police Department and management from the business. As a result of this meeting, business representatives voluntarily agreed to immediately cease dancing at the restaurant which has greatly contributed to resolving the problems experienced by members of your association.

This example graphically illustrates the potential of the police and community based organizations working together to resolve neighborhood problems.

As the Area A Commander, I look forward to your support and a close working relationship between the Washington Square Neighborhood Association and the police department in addressing neighborhood concerns.

Lieutenant Bill Tegeler
SAPD

Washington Square Real Estate Report

Real estate activity is still a little slow compared to the two previous years.

There have been four sales in Washington Square since the last report in the January issue of the "WSNA Newsletter", and they are as follows:

3 bedroom, 1 bath, 1500 block of Baker \$160,000

2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1100 block of Washington \$185,000

2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1400 block of Lowell \$195,000

3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath, 1100 block of Westwood \$200,000

At the present time there are 16 homes for sale in Washington Square ranging in price from \$178,000 for a 2 bedroom, 1 bath home on Towner to a \$224,900 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath home also on Towner.

All of the above sales and current listings are from December 7, 1989 through March 20, 1990 as reported to the East Orange County Board of Realtors Multiple Listing Service.

Dion Baker

Keep America Beautiful

By now all residents in Washington Square should have received a letter from Mayor Dan Young with regards to the annual "10 Most Beautiful Front Yards Contest" as sponsored by the Santa Ana Keep America Beautiful Committee. I do hope everyone

will make a special effort to "spruce up" the front areas of our homes for the judging, which will be on April 7th. I will be a judge for one of the other neighborhood associations and am looking forward to seeing what our neighbors in other areas are accomplishing.

The entire month of April has been designated as "Keep America Beautiful Month" so we should make a special effort to keep our property free from debris, weeds, etc. A nice gesture would be to help a senior citizen neighbor with their yard work. Please take the time to make a difference.

Dion Baker

The Cook's Corner

Chicken Divine

4 boneless chicken breasts.
2 cans cream of chicken soup.
fresh sliced mushrooms.
1 1/4 cup mayonnaise.
1 head fresh broccoli.
1/2 cup milk.
1/4 tsp curry powder
and a little water.

Layer in 9 1/2 x 13 cake pan or casserole dish chunked chicken breasts, sliced mushrooms and cut cooked broccoli. Mix remaining ingredients and pour over chicken, mushrooms and broccoli. Cook in 350 degree oven for 15 minutes, stir and cook another 30 minutes. Serve over white rice or egg noodles.

Diane Valencia

Answers to The Math

- 1) 12; 2) 4+1=5; 3) 3+5=1x8;
- 4) 56+24+13+7=100

Santa Ana 2000 Puts Education 1st

It's a coalition like the city's never seen and it's addressing some of the toughest problems in Santa Ana. It is Santa Ana 2000 and the group is composed of the major institutions in the city: the city government of Santa Ana, Rancho Santiago College, SAUSD, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce.

Representatives of these groups began meeting nearly a year ago to examine ways to combine resources and eliminate duplication of efforts and gaps in service. "It just made sense that we work together rather than operate independently," said Superintendent Rudy Castruita. This city-wide alliance was announced at a press conference January 31 at Santa Ana City Hall. Its major focus areas are child care and recreation, gang and substance abuse, and the work force. "One of the unifying needs perceived as important by every Santa Ana 2000 member is the need for quality education," said Dr. Robert Jensen, Rancho Santiago Community College chancellor. "A thriving community needs literate, capable people. You'll soon be seeing that phrase quite a lot — **Education 1st.**

Executive committee members include Mayor Dan Young, City Manager David Ream, SAUSD Board Member Robert L. Richardson, Rancho Santiago Board

President Vern Evans, Chamber of Commerce President Michael Metzler, Hispanic Chamber President Frank Lopez, Dr. Jensen and Dr. Castruita.

Neighborhood Communication Linkage

The Housing Division of the City of Santa Ana Community Development Agency, in an effort to further the City's goal to strengthen communication city-wide, has developed the "Neighborhood Association Communication Linkage Committee." WSNA's representative, Tom Lutz, would like to report that a

newsletter "Eye on Santa Ana" is being published quarterly through the Committee. The newsletter is full of events throughout the City with information on neighborhood associations and a calendar of upcoming events. For your personal copy, send your name and address to ESA: 1212 S. Parton St. Santa Ana, CA. 92707. Some of the projects that the linkage committee have in progress are a meeting with grocery stores regarding shopping carts taken and dropped in neighborhoods and a proposal to the Planning Department requesting site plans being submitted must pass through the neighborhood association.

PHOTO CONTEST

Do we have any amateur WSNA photographers? Here is your chance to show your talents! A city-wide contest will be taking place to find photos showing the best our city has to offer.

- Two categories—Buildings and Scenery of Santa Ana and the People of Santa Ana
- Two age groups—Adult & Youth (high school and below)
- Prizes will include savings bonds and merchandise. Photos will be exhibited in several locations in the city. Your photo may be made into a Santa Ana postcard.
- No entrance fee. Three entries allowed per person. Santa Ana residents only.
- Judging will be on how well you express either of the two categories as well as your photographic ability.

Entry Deadline —May 31, 1990.

Photos may be dropped off at Main Photo Service 827 S. Main St. or at the Chamber of Commerce offices at 801 W. Civic Center Dr. For more information, entry form and other rules send a 25 cent stamp to: Eye on Santa/Santa Ana Pride Photo Contest, 1212 S. Parton St. Santa Ana, 92707.

HERE'S TO A WSNA WINNER! GOOD LUCK!!

Sponsored by Eye on Santa Ana, The Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce's Santa Ana Proud program and the Santa Ana Art and Cultural Council.



Washington Square Takes on a New Look!

If you have not already done so, I suggest a drive (better yet, a walk) through our neighborhood and see the sprucing and fixing up the neighbors are doing on their homes. On 1017 Westwood the homeowners have done a complete facelift with new Anderson windows, new siding, new hardwood floors and many more, plus a room addition. What a project! Looks great! And where did that gray and white two story house come from on the corner of Washington and Olive? Amazing what a paint color change can do. Other freshly painted homes that really pop out are; 1307 and 1408 Olive, 1103 Lowell and 822 Baker. At 918 Freeman a complete new landscaping job is underway with new brick planter beds and walkways. We can hardly wait to see the finished product! What looks like a re-

cently completed landscape job is on 901 Westwood with a variety of palm trees. For a great display of color take a look at 1506 Rosewood and see what Poppies and Ranunculus' are supposed to look like in bloom. New lawns have been planted at 1021 Louise, 1011 and 1015 Towner, 1118 and 1316 Freeman and 1017 Lowell just in time to show off their colors for St. Patricks Day.

Congratulations to all those above who have put in the hard work and the "bucks" to make their homes beautiful and Washington Square a true "*Neighborhood With Pride.*" If you know of a neighbor that should receive recognition for a facelift on their home, please write the WSNA PO box and we will publish it in the July newsletter.

Washington Avenue Update

After two years and three months from its conception of relieving excessive traffic on Washington Avenue, the City Council approved a three month trial of the Washington Avenue Traffic Diverter Plan. The City Council vote was 6 to 1 in favor with the only no vote coming from John Acosta.

The plan will go into effect in approximately one month and a diverter will be placed on Washington and Flower Street that will re-direct the west bound traffic into our neighborhood either north or south. At this time no diverter

will be placed at Bristol Street as had been designed in the original plan. There will be no diversion for eastbound traffic at Flower Street and no effect on traffic leaving the neighborhood. We ask your co-operation and support during this three month trial. Please plan your trips to and from the neighborhood by the closest portal to your home. Thanks to all the neighbors who supported the plan for better traffic management in Washington Square.

Earth Day

APRIL 22, 1990 will mark the 20th anniversary of Earth Day, the historic event that launched the modern environmental movement. Here in Orange County, many concerned groups and organizations have formed the Orange County Earth Day 1990 Coalition to plan activities, events, and programs designed to involve local residents in taking responsibility for their contribution to the problems...and the solutions. Educational materials are being developed, a display is under construction at The City Shopping Mall in Orange, and people are being encouraged to sign the Green Pledge; a promise to act, vote and consume in an environmentally sensitive manner. To get the pledge and a calendar of events, or to become more actively involved, please contact the O.C. Earth Day 1990 Coalition's office: 200 N. Main, Suite M-2, Santa Ana, CA 92701 (714) 547-6282.

Neighborhood Trees

The character of our streets is set by the treescape our yards provide. To what extent are we responsible for the trees, versus the city tree maintenance department? It is a dual effort.

Parkway trees belong to the city. Generally a city tree-maintenance department's responsibility includes the following:

1. Planting (choosing appropriate types of street trees, and actual planting to city specifications);

2. Maintenance of young trees, especially watering to ensure establishment of an adequate root system;

3. Pruning for pedestrian and vehicular traffic, clearance, visibility and safety;

4. Removal of dead, "destructive," or "undesirable" street trees;

5. Street tree pest control; and

6. Responsiveness to neighborhoods and residents regarding requests for street tree service, issuing notices to property owners to trim trees impinging on public thoroughfare or safety, providing community education and technical advice, issuing permits for private actions to street trees.

There are a lot of trees Santa Ana's tree maintenance department is responsible for, roughly 41,000 trees (August 1989). Perhaps because of this, its performance has made

many residents unhappy. Washington Square residents, for example, complain about the over-pruning on various streets, and with the way the department fails to respond to repeated requests for pest control on our street sycamores. Requests for tree care information is not easily obtained. To improve our understanding and influence of this situation, I suggest we invite the City's tree maintenance supervisor to meet with interested Washington Square neighbors.

What can a resident NOT do with street trees? Without a permit from the city, a resident should not plant a tree along the parkway between sidewalk and street. Neither should one prune the crown of street tree in any way, nor remove or in any way damage a street tree. There is a city ordinance to this effect.

What are the residents' responsibilities with the street trees? The city tree crews return for pruning every four and one-half years. Watering is done infrequently for new trees. The resident is responsible for the week-by-week care. It does not take much effort to grow a beautiful tree, yet damage is often done from lack of information. Here are a few simple suggestions:

1. Infrequent, deep watering. Let the hose run very slow for several hours. Lawn watering can provide two undesirable extremes: either it is too superficial, fostering

shallow roots which damage surrounding structures or it is too abundant and frequent, waterlogging the soil and drowning out the tree roots.

2. Protection from weed-machines and vandalism. The high-speed lashing of grass trimming devices are notorious for damaging the bark, girdling, and killing trees. We've seen examples of this on Towner and Washington with the young Cape-myrtles. Vandalism includes children breaking off branches, loosening ties and stakes.

3. Pruning of suckers (sprouts from the base of the trunk). The Cape-myrtles on Towner, Washington, and 10th Streets are a type of tree that, if left alone, chooses to become a many-trunked bush. Therefore, to obtain a proper street tree, the trimming off of the suckers will encourage a

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strong main trunk to develop. Again, no pruning of the top of the tree is permitted by the city. There are reasons for this. Residents often do a "witch's broom" type of pruning which in the long run can be damaging to the tree, and the crown must be developed up — the trees are not meant to remain little trees creating low branches which become obstacles to pedestrians and vehicles. Leave the crown pruning to the city.

4. Fertilizing. Ideally, a tree provides its own fertilizer by the mulch that forms at its base by its own fallen leaves. In an urban setting, we do not let things happen this way. Fertilizer may be necessary occasionally. I asked the resident on Towner, who has the sturdiest Crape-myrtle, what he had done to make it so. He replied that he had simply fertilized his lawn periodically.

Residents can influence their street landscaping by neighborhood-planned plantings along front lawns. In dollar terms, trees increase our property values very significantly, and reduce our air conditioning bill when they shade our homes in the summer. The effect of trees on our environment, air quality, and noise abatement is positive in the superlative manner. Also consider the emotional effect on yourself when you drive through a street adorned with a green canopy, versus a street where asphalt and cement predominate. It is well worth the effort to get together with our neigh-

bors to discuss and plan a coordinated planting along the length of our block in our front yards. In this way we can beautify our streets without depending entirely on our city bureaucracy. I volunteer to be a resource person for any block in Washington Square desiring to pursue this very neighborly option.

Virginia Bernal

French Park to Host Fund Raiser Estate Sale

A Neighborhood Estate Sale in French Park is slated for April 28, 1990, 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM, to raise funds for their Neighborhood Association. They indicate between all the participating homes they will have "an item for every use." French Park is located 1 block north of Civic Center Drive between French and Logan Streets. Contact Diane Marsh for more information at 541-2441.

Classified Ads

For Sale: Kitchen table w/2 chairs \$75.00 (714) 542-9455

House Cleaning: reasonable rates, Washington Square resident, call 836-6870

Garage Sale: 6 families, everything from soup to nuts! 1118 Freeman St. 9:00-4:30

FREE: Keeshound/Husky Puppy, call Linda after 7:00 P.M. at 835-5126

For Sale: IBM portable typewriter, correcting, like new. \$300.00 OBO (714) 542-9455

1990 CALENDER OF EVENTS:

Board of Director meetings to be held on the first Thursday of each month. (January the second Thursday). Locations to be determined. Residents are welcome to attend.

General Meeting Dates:
7:00 PM at Wilson Elementary School

JANURAY 11, 1990

APRIL 5, 1990

JULY 5, 1990

OCTOBER 4, 1990

JANUARY 10, 1991

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Upcoming Events

Spring Clean up

MARCH 31 - April 1

Neighborhood Garage Sale:

JULY 14, 1990

Neighborhood Party:

AUGUST 25, 1990

Christmas Decorating Contest and Caroling:

DECEMBER 12, 1990

To have successful activities we need the support of the entire neighborhood. If you can volunteer your time on any of the above mentioned events, please write to: WSNA P.O. Box 4435 Santa Ana, CA 92701 or call (714) 836-7234.

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