



Washington Square NEWS

Real Neighbors. Real Neighborhood. April 2025

The Alan Anderson Award

The Noriega family has figured out the answer to the oft asked question “Is there a way to lower my water bill and stop wasting time watering those brown spots?” At their lovely home at 1521 Louise St., you can see the answer is “Yes!” After 28 years in their home and raising four active children, Jesus and Lorena decided it was time to refresh their front yard, turning it into a water-efficient, cozy space for family gatherings.



Last summer, they envisioned a space where they could enjoy their mornings with a cup of coffee and unwind in the afternoons after a long day of work. They said goodbye to the grass, added some hardscaping and artificial turf, gave the porch a makeover, and even installed a low fence. Now, their charming little bistro set is the perfect spot for relaxing, and they’re already dreaming up more improvements for the future!



A little about the Noriega family. Both Jesus and Lorena are from Mexico. They met shortly after they each immigrated to Santa Ana in the late ‘80s, and by 1991, they were married. In 1996, they moved into their current home when their oldest son, Jesse, was nearly three years old, Melissa was almost two, and baby Cesar was just nine days old. Their youngest, Jazlin, was born in 2000. With such a lively young family, Lorena



stayed home to care for the children while Jesus worked as a roofer—a profession he still loves to this day.



The Noriega children went to local schools—Wilson, Santiago, Mendez, and Segerstrom. Jazlin is working and studies at SAC. Melissa, a social worker, recently got married and moved to New York. Both Cesar and Jesse work alongside their dad at the family roofing business, Ocean Roofing (714-448-3202), right here in Santa Ana.

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Join us for the next WSNA General Meeting

Heroes Elementary, April 10 - 7:00PM

The Alan Anderson Award (continued)

Over the years, the Noriegas have made a few thoughtful upgrades to their home. When they remodeled their kitchen and living room, they knocked down a few walls to create a more open, welcoming space for gatherings. Their backyard is a great spot for BBQs and entertaining, and while they did hire a contractor for the front yard, Jesus, Lorena, and their sons handled much of the work in the backyard themselves. It's truly a family effort!



And let's not forget about Jesus's mother, who lives with them in her own private space and undoubtedly appreciates all the additions and improvements both inside and out.

Next time you're walking or driving through the neighborhood, be sure to stop by 1521 Louise St.

If you see the Noriegas out enjoying their beautiful yard, stop and say "Hi!"

Affecting YOU!

A new state law, passed January 1, 2025

Parking is prohibited within 20 feet of marked or unmarked pedestrian crosswalks.

This greatly improves safety by increasing visibility at intersections, thus eliminating blind spots for all crossings used by pedestrians and bicyclists.

It is expected to significantly reduce accidents and save lives. The law went into effect March 1.

Are there any exceptions? NO!
Even if the curb isn't painted? NO!
Even if I have a Washington Square parking permit? NO!
Even if... NO!

Motorists who violate this law, may be ticketed and face a \$65 fine, plus a \$12.50 state-mandated administrative fee, totaling \$77.50.

BE MINDFUL and BE ALERT!



WSNA Spring GENERAL MEETING
Where: Heroes School, Multi-Purpose Room
When: Thursday, April 10, 2025
Time: 7pm - 9pm

A Word from our President

September 1990 was the moment that changed everything for Randy and me as we chanced upon an Open House in Washington Square. Little did we know that we were about to embark on an incredible journey in the most amazing neighborhood ever! We had always dreamed of living in a historical neighborhood, and Louise Street, with its breathtaking canopy of sycamore trees, was the epitome of warmth and welcome.

I proudly graduated from Santa Ana High School and have always cherished the City of Santa Ana, feeling truly blessed to return after raising our children in Anaheim and deciding to downsize to a cozier home as empty nesters.

Randy and I began a journey of community involvement with Randy serving on the Housing and Planning Commission in Santa Ana, and I volunteering to serve as the Louise Street Block Representative.

We've been involved in planning and participating in the Washington Square Garden Tour as well as the Bristol Street Widening Project when it first started in the nineties.

Currently, alongside other neighbors, we are overseeing and welcoming the new businesses that are being built on Bristol, specifically Better Buzz Coffee and Raising Cane's



WSNA Membership

My major goals for this year are to increase membership and neighborhood involvement. We have over 700 homes that make up Washington Square. Last year, we had 153 homes (21%) join the Washington Square Neighborhood Association. My hope is to increase WSNA Membership to at least 50%.

A reminder to those who haven't gotten around to sending your membership donation that we are an all-volunteer organization. We are a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, so your membership dues are tax deductible. What do those dollars go for? To name a few, the cost of our neighborhood newsletters (four issues a year), Monument Decorations, General Meetings with Pizza & door prizes, Dumpster Day, Progressive Dinner, Spring Wine Garden, 4th of July Parade, Chili Cook-Off, Movie Night, Oktoberfest, the Holiday Party, and so much more.....!

This year WSNA has implemented a text message program to keep our members updated on the latest activities. When you complete the 2025 Membership Drive form, please provide your email address so that you can receive an email to acknowledge your donation. Your email address will NOT be shared. We also have a Washington Square Neighborhood Association Facebook page that currently has 887 members. You can also find us on Instagram at washingtonsquareneighborhood.

Please come and have some pizza at the General Meeting on April 10. I'm sure you'll enjoy seeing your neighbors, learn a lot, and you might be lucky enough to win a door prize!

Tracy Simons

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Police and Fire (Emergency)	911
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School Traffic Concerns	647-5619
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All numbers (714) unless indicated otherwise

A more complete listing can be found on the WSNA website.

If you have a smartphone or a tablet, you'll want to download the free "My Santa Ana" app from the Apple App Store or Google Play.

With it you can report graffiti, street light problems, potholes, tree issues, water wasting, etc as well as get phone #'s.



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Babysitter Program

We'd love to attend, but...

Calling all Babysitters! Washington Square Needs You!

Do you like kids? Do you like money?
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Yes? Yes? Yes? Then WE NEED YOU!

Sometimes our Washington Square parents want to attend one of the awesome Washington Square neighborhood events for adults. Wine tasting? progressive dinner? Even a general meeting?! Or maybe they'd just like an occasional grown-up time out!

Can we add your name to a babysitter list for residents of Washington Square?

Send your information by email to Lindsay Manning, asulinz@hotmail.com

CPR trained, have references, or training in early childhood development?
Be sure to note that in your email!



Looking for Your Input

The Washington Square Neighborhood Association would like your input regarding neighborhood events and activities.

This information will be used to help shape and develop future events and activities that contribute to making our neighborhood a great place to live.

Your input is important and we want to hear from you!

Please use the QR code to access the survey.



Washington Square Neighborhood Association *MISSION STATEMENT*

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



The Washington Square Neighborhood Newsletter is published quarterly by the Washington Square Neighborhood Association. WSNA is a non-profit mutual benefit community association established in 1985. Washington Square is an officially recognized neighborhood by the city of Santa Ana, California. The volunteer Newsletter Committee is looking for neighbors who want to contribute! If you have suggestions or story ideas, or know InDesign and want to help with layout, you can email us at newsletter@washington-square.org

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Lawn Bowling

Yes, bowling on grass! Really!

Founded in 1938, this unique, fun, easy to learn and inexpensive activity is offered right here in our own Santiago Park at Main and Memory Lane! It's been said there is a certain camaraderie among lawn bowlers not found in any other sport.

Want to know more?



Where are the pins, you might wonder! There are none! Starting with a concentrated crouch, you just try to get your ball closer to a target than your opponents. Easy enough, right?

Ready, set, ROLL!

The Santa Ana Lawn Bowling Club will provide free lessons and equipment, while you are learning.

Who best to be your instructor than our very own Washington Square Resident, Richard Serrato!



Interested? Curious?

Up for checking out some fun, fresh air, and a little competition?

Show up at one of the scheduled bowling times any Saturday at 8:30 OR any Tuesday at 1:30. All you need is flat soled shoes, maybe a sun hat, and a smile!

Where: 2615 Valencia St N., Santa Ana 92706

Questions? Call Richard at (714) 322-0945

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All phone numbers are 714 area codes unless otherwise indicated.

Dumpster Day



Bulky Item Pickup

WSNA residents may schedule up to four bulky item pickups annually. Each pickup can be up to four items, or four 30-gallon bags of trash, or twenty 30-gallon bags of yard waste.

Acceptable items:

- Furniture
- Appliances
- Electronics
- Trash (four 30-gallon bags)
- Yard Waste (twenty 30-gallon bags)

No Hazardous waste, ie: oil, paint, garden sprays, etc.)

Call Republic Services at 657.467.6220 to schedule a Bulky Item Pickup.

Progressive Dinner



The Bicycle Tree

A nonprofit community bike center and shop

A serendipitous dumpster day visit revealed a great find on 17th Street, The Bicycle Tree. The Gee's hosted a dumpster and along came David on a bike, another neighbor. He saw some old bikes were thrown into the dumpster and he took them to donate to a terrific nonprofit very close to Washington Square.

The Bicycle Tree is a volunteer-powered nonprofit working together to make Orange County a better place to be a bicyclist. They do this by helping bicyclists fix their own bikes, teaching bike repair, maintenance, and other bike-related subjects in their classes, advocating locally for bike-friendly infrastructure, donating bikes to those in need, and hosting a variety of fun activities including group rides and their Wrench & Ride bike education program.

The shop carries a range of quality secondhand bikes and new and used bike parts, as well as accessories and gear. All proceeds fund their programs and work!

Their volunteer mechanics are on site with as much help as anyone needs to fix up a bike. Also, there is a complete set of bike tools for those who prefer to go in and do their own repairs.

Thank you, Bicycle Tree, for all you do to help the bicyclist community!

The Bicycle Tree is located at 702 W. 17th Street. Stop in and visit or go online at thebicycletree.org

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Upcoming Events

April General Meeting

Special Guest Speakers

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Santa Ana Police Department

They will be addressing:

- What is new that is being offered to SA Residents
- New Laws being set up to protect our community
- Homeless
- Crime Statistics
- Cameras being installed
- How to report graffiti & why this is important
- Officer that is assigned to Washington Square

Alberto Durazo
Home Insurance Agent & Expert

- State of the home insurance markets
- Impact of the industry in light of recent fires
- How to improve your home for eligibility and better pricing
- Coverage and available endorsements
- Bundling with car insurance
- Where to get insurance? Captive, independent or direct

WSNA Event Dates

Neighborhood Cleanup	April 12, 2025	Saturday
Spring Wine Festival	May 17, 2025	Saturday
4th of July Parade	July 4, 2025	Thursday
Movie Night	August 9, 2025	Saturday
Chili Cook Off	September 13, 2025	Saturday
Oktoberfest	October 11, 2025	Saturday
Holiday Party	December 14, 2025	Sunday

Board Meetings	May 7, 2025	Wednesday
	June 4, 2025	Wednesday
	July 2, 2025	Wednesday
	August 6, 2025	Wednesday
	September 3, 2025	Wednesday
	October 1, 2025	Wednesday
	November 1, 1954	Wednesday
December 3, 2025	Wednesday	

General Meetings	April 10, 2025	Thursday
	July 10, 2025	Thursday
	October 9, 2025	Thursday
	January 15, 2026	Thursday

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Audio-Video Production	David Jirik	(714) 543-9079
Avon Representative	Maria Guzman	(714) 904-1973
Babysitting	Leila Rodriguez	(714) 727-8313
Computer Specialist	Randy Simons	(714) 423-0810
Decorative Ironwork	Marco Coronado	(714) 852-1363
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Heating and Cooling	Adam Garcia	(714) 263-6443
Insurance Agent	Albert Durazo	(657) 667-0225
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Mortgages/Loan Officer	Victor Gallardo	(714) 697-7564
Natural Healing Center	Renee Ascencio	(714) 697-0644
Notary/Loan Signing Agent	Bob Bolton	(702) 498-9832
Origami Owl Ind. Design	Jennifer Begen	(714) 606-0830
Painter	Eric Torres	(714) 292-4038
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Realtor	Sarah Covarrubias	(714) 928-1303
Realtor	Alton Hitchcock	(714) 775-0779
Realtor/Rodan & Fields	Christina Moreno	(714) 425-2311
Trash Bin Cleaning	Noah	(714) 717-1079
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Window Coverings	Krystal Wallinger	(714) 632-7744
Wine Club/Skin Care	Yolanda Valdivia	(714) 317-4152

Highlighted Names are WSNA Members

Where to Find Stuff....

WSNA, your non-profit neighborhood association, is CELEBRATING 40 years strong!!

Are you missing some information usually included in this newsletter?

Check out The Washington Square website at www.washington-square.org. for these and more:

- City Contacts
- Photos from prior events
- Residents' Businesses

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WSNA Real Estate Report

NECESSARY? Very! Complicated? Yes! Costly? Oh, yeah!

A note from Sarah Covarrubias

Homeowners' insurance! The bad news for some is that premiums may have gone up or even been cancelled. Why? Likely the increase in fires over the past 10+ years and the subsequent repairs and rebuilds.

In the last year, six of my friends reported that they have had homeowners' insurance cancelled or premiums substantially increased. What could be behind this costly inconvenience? It might be that some of them had filed claims within the last two years. Or, it could just be a sign of the times. Regardless, it's disturbing.

Here is a suggestion. Unless it is an emergency, before filing a claim, consider getting estimates from licensed contractors. Paying out of pocket for the fix might be a better alternative to filing a claim with the possibility of an increased premium. Do the math, and decide what is best for you.

From a real estate perspective, finding affordable insurance could be an issue for a prospective buyer. If there has been a claim on the home within the preceding five years, it could, in some instances, jeopardize a sale.

Insurance agent Alberto Durazo, a Washington Square resident, will be speaking at our April 10th General Meeting to discuss this topic in depth. I highly encourage you to attend if you are able.

See you there!

Recent mortgage rates are around 6.5% for a conventional 30 year fixed rate; 5.875% for an FHA or VA (credit, loan amount and down-payment may affect these rates).



Sarah Covarrubias
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Address	Bedrooms	Baths	Square Footage	"List/Sold \$\$\$"	Days on Market	Sale Type
For Sale						
1425 N. Olive	3	1	1112	\$950,000.00	0	Standard
1028 N. Olive	3	2	1372	\$1,195,000.00	44	Standard
Under Contract						
1618 N. Rosewood (duplex)	2/1	1/1	1392	\$600,000.00	7	Standard
1020 N. Lowell	3	2	1486	\$1,075,000.00	13	Standard
Welcome to our New Neighbors						
1312 N. Baker	2	1	1254	\$878,000.00	106	Standard
1511 Louise	3	1	1204	\$925,000.00	46	Standard
1308 N. Baker	2	1	1601	\$935,000.00	5	Standard
911 N. Lowell	4	2	1447	\$992,500.00	48	Flip
1602 N. Rosewood	3	1	1551	\$1,025,000.00	7	Trust

THE ABOVE SOLD STATISTICS ARE FOR THE TIME PERIOD DECEMBER 19, 2024 THROUGH MARCH 3, 2025.
COMPILED FROM INFORMATION FROM THE CALIFORNIA REGIONAL MULTIPLE LISTING SERVICE AND COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE.

Vegetables in the Square

For 49 years we've been eating something every day from our garden. My husband Pete and I dug up the backyard lawn and planted vegetables in raised beds right after we moved in. The soil was Class "A" agricultural soil created by the Santa Ana River overflows and Mother Nature. It was great for gardening.

To grow vegetables regularly, the soil needs annual replenishing as the nutrients that sustain fertility get depleted. We replenish from our own organic compost system where all our kitchen non-meat food scraps go including fine yard waste like grass clippings and fallen leaves.

Insects and worms love compost.

The thumb-size larvae of the fig beetle are a feast for crows, blue Jays, mockingbirds, racoons and possums. If you don't have room or don't want to build a compost area, you can buy a composting bin at gardening stores or online.

You can also buy organic garden soil to replenish your beds.

What to grow, when to grow....

Vegetables can be grown nearly year-round

Washington Square is in Hardiness Planting Zone 9. Our "cool" season, Dec. 1 – March 1 is best for lettuce and other greens, snow peas, and root vegetables like radishes and beets. Seeding should be started around September. As spring arrives, the question becomes "to seed or to seedling?"

Vegetables with larger seeds, like green beans or cucumbers, are easier to start from seed. Otherwise, make your way through the many seedlings in the garden areas available in local stores. In most cases, they will grow fine!

Looking for a bit of color?

Consider plants such as nasturtium, lavender, basil, rosemary, mint, lemongrass and the dwarf varieties of marigolds, chrysanthemum and zinnias which take up less room. They keep unwanted pests away, bring in bees and butterflies, and they are also edible!

How to manage "bad" bugs invading our gardens.

First, use no chemicals harmful to our much-needed bees and other pollinators near and far, essential for a good harvest. Read the "environmental hazards" on the labels or check online to ensure bee-safety before purchasing. How about "good" bugs to help? You can buy praying mantis egg pouches or ladybugs which help with bad bug control. Praying mantis LOVE tomato worms!

Weeds? Pull them up, or if they get ahead of you, use 20% or 30% strength vinegar directly on those bad boys. Vinegar is insect friendly and dissipates from the soil in several days

Final words about the joy of a healthy vegetable garden.

USE YOUR YARD TO EAT AND KEEP IT BEE FRIENDLY!

Bon Appetit!

By Connie & Pete Major
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grubs and earthworms in the compost.



Major's homemade backyard compost system



The Square Has Gone To The Dogs!

Charlie- Livin' the Life!



After a year of a lonely life in a backyard, 24/7, rain or shine, Charlie, a 47-pound Australian Shepherd, ended up with Sharon Portman on Westwood. That was by way of some rescue work by her daughter, who knew her mom can never resist saving a dog.



Arriving with that "play with me" look, the beginning was, well...heck! He was unsocialized, no training, and still a pup at 14 months. Charlie managed to destroy numerous reading glasses, bras, several socks, some books (from book shelves!) magazines, towels, and even his dog bed.



This is my chair.
These are my toys

It took two weeks to get a leash on Charlie. Then on the first walk, if he spotted anyone, with or without a dog, as far away as 50 yards, he would rear up on his hind legs and lunge and bark wildly. Scary!

Sharon needed help with this smart but nearly uncontrollable dog! She took him to a group basic training class at the Zoom Room (how appropriate) in Huntington Beach. About 15 minutes in, somehow, he managed to break away from Sharon's hold, and ran all around the large room playfully barking at all the other dogs and horrifying the owners.



This is my very most favorite toy!

Charlie was expelled from the class. "Oh, the shame!" Next, individualized training, just Sharon, Charlie, and a trainer, added some helpful commands. The real break-through came from the amazing patience and experience of a local trainer, Bob Burrud. Among other things, the wild lunging on a walk stopped!

Sharon spends lots of time with Charlie playing fetch in the back yard. He can snag a ball, squeaky toy, and even a soccer ball 6 feet in the air. Anyone who comes to visit is in awe of the performance.

Charlie now knows several commands. To name a few: "settle down" (Sharon's favorite), come (formal), "comere" (for a kiss!), "find it", "shake", "off", "put it in the chair" (a ball or toy outside), and "No"...usually. "We're still working on some...like 'stop barking' and 'find my phone.'"



Look what I can do!
calmer and a lot more fun!

While playing fetch, he loves to play "put it in the bucket." He drops his ball in a bucket, then noses the bucket over, rolls it around a bit, and then reaches in and reclaims the ball for another toss. Charlie is always by Sharon's side. Around the time he turned three, thankfully, he stopped with the destruction of the early years, and was just a bit

That's when Sharon had a sit-down talk with him. "OK." She said. He cocked his head. "It's you and me, boy...to the end." Tail wag.



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