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2007 Calendar of Events

Please note the following dates:

Garage Sale Weekend
December 1st & 2nd

Christmas Party
Sunday, December 9th
1110 W. Washington Ave.

General Meeting
January 10th, 7pm
Wilson School



Don't miss our general meetings! They are fun and informative and we serve a pizza dinner! Be there and be informed...

Neighborhood News

Real Neighbors, Real Neighborhood

December 2007

President's Message

As we close this year there is a lot to reflect on in Washington Square. We implemented the trash cans due in part to many local sponsors and contributions from residents. They have made a tremendous impact in keeping the neighborhood clean. They are also very appealing to the eye. We also held two successful clean up efforts where we removed graffiti and cleaned up signs and sidewalks. It is important during these times that we maintain the neighborhood to preserve the best home values. Our goal for 2008 is to showcase the neighborhood and market it to prospective new homeowners. We have so many attributes that we should be promoting. Washington Square is deemed a historic neighborhood with beautiful custom homes built by recognized architects from the mid century, such as Roy Russell. We have great access to freeways and downtown. The city is working on a revitalization plan to redevelop and revitalize the area from the train station to downtown. This is of great value to WS considering our proximity to downtown and we intend to let people know about our neighborhood. In addition to setting and achieving goals, the association holds annual events and participates in city wide events and stays on top of what's happening in the community. WSNA is looking for volunteers who are interested in participating in these endeavors. We are holding board elections at our January general meeting and encourage people to attend. Bring your talents and skills and help the board by volunteering for one of our many events we host throughout the year or be a block representative for your street. A few hours of your time each month will assist WS in preserving the neighborhood. Don't forget also to attend our last annual event, our Christmas party on Sunday December 9th. Santa Claus will travel to the square to share cookies and pictures with all of the kids. We hope to see you there and wish you and your families the safest and happiest Holiday Season.

Sincerely,
Lynnette Verino

Calling For Volunteers

With so many houses for sale and lease/rent in our neighborhood, it is certain that many of us will be getting new neighbors shortly. Some of us become uneasy at the prospect of new neighbors. Will the new neighbors be nice? Will they be considerate? Will they keep their home up? We all hope for respectful, conscientious and friendly neighbors. So, it is wise to tell our friends and family about what a great neighborhood we live in. We know that our neighborhood is beautiful, organized, and generally a great place to live. Our perceptions are based on our experience.

Ideally, we hope for potential homeowners that will appreciate the beauty and charm of this neighborhood. To elaborate further, we would like potential buyers that are conscientious and cognizant of the fact that this is a historic neighborhood and appreciate all it has to offer. So we have decided to initiate a PR campaign. We are asking for help with this. We are asking for volunteers, preferably anyone with PR experience or contacts with a local publication. Please contact any board member. The numbers are on the back of this newsletter. We look forward to working on this together. If change is inevitable, we might as well be proactive about it. Let's preserve our neighborhood in a hands on and positive way.

-Laura Tobias Garcia

Elections Coming Up For Board Members

The Washington Square Neighborhood Association is looking for energetic and enthusiastic people to serve as board members. If you have been thinking about getting involved, now is the time to act. Or, if you know of a resident or homeowner who is interested, bring them to the general meeting on January 10, 2007 at 7pm at Wilson Elementary school. We will hold nominations and elections for the 2008-2009 board members. We are also looking for block representatives for the following streets; Freeman (3 sections from Civic Center to 17th street), Westwood (south of Washington) and Washington Avenue.

-Lynnette Verino

Parking On The Street

Most of us have very long drive ways on which several cars fit just fine. We also have garages that seem to be full of lots of stuff with the exception of our car. Yes, there is a bit of work involved when moving a car so that another can get out. Let's all put in that extra effort. It is apparent that many residents are parking on the street. Some are taking to parking their cars in front of their neighbor's home. Although street parking is public, let's have some consideration for our neighbors. Please park your cars in your driveway or in your garage. Leave the space in front of your neighbor's home for their guests. Your neighbor will appreciate your effort and consideration. An added bonus; the street in general looks great without the clutter of cars on the street. Thanks.



To keep current with what's happening in Santa Ana,
visit the City's website at www.ci.santa-ana.ca.us

- [Community Calendar](#)
- [Links \(Neighborhood Associations\)](#)

Don't Miss The X-mas Party!

**December 9, 2007, 2-4pm
1110 W. Washington**

Improve Your Home's Curb Appeal 10 Easy Steps

By Don Vandervort, HomeTips.com

When driving down a residential street, have you ever noticed how some houses just seem to have it all together—from paint, to plantings, to proper proportions? That quality, often called curb appeal, can be somewhat elusive. From a real estate perspective, curb appeal makes a home more valuable and easier to sell. For a homeowner, it inspires pride.

What about your own home? When you look at it objectively, does it immediately elicit a strong first impression? If not, what is it lacking? The following are 10 steps that are guaranteed to perk up your home's curb appeal.

Clean up. This is the least expensive yet most significant thing to do to improve the look of a home. Simply picking up the front yard, putting away unused items such as lawn furniture or other random items, and cleaning up the driveway can make a world of difference.

Prune and plant. Cleaning up your landscaping is another easy step. Prune your trees and shrubs to enhance their beauty. Then do some extra planting. Use trees to create majesty and focal points. Tall shrubs can frame and accent features of your home and yard, and conceal garbage cans, etc. Low plants and ground cover tie everything together. Bright flowers will certainly liven up a yard.

Wash the siding. If you can work safely from the ground, this is a job you can do yourself. Otherwise, call a handyman or a washing service. Be sure to protect the brick walls, patios and plants with plastic sheeting. Sweep off dirt, working from the eaves to the base. Hose off the walls, again working from the top down. If necessary, scrub them with a stiff-bristle brush attached to a long handle, using a mixture of water and non-phosphate detergent. If you decide to use a pressure washer, be careful to keep the nozzle moving; holding it in one place may remove the paint.

Paint. If cleaning doesn't liven the appearance, then paint. Although it is an expense, it will give lots of bang for the buck. Your house will be transformed. If painting the siding is beyond your budget, consider painting just the trim.

Green-up your lawn. Because a lawn often carpets much of the front yard, its condition is critical to how a house looks from the street. Regular mowing, raking, edging, weeding, and watering. If necessary, fertilize, de-thatch, or aerate it to get it looking great.

Create visual interest. Front-yard gardens, fences, arbors, water features (to scale of course) are just a few elements that can add style, character, and visual interest to your front yard.

Punch up the path. The walkway that leads to your front door can do more than provide safe passage—it can set the tone for your home's style, from casual to stately.

Focus on details. Small things can make a big difference. Your mailbox, house numbers, front light, and potted plants on the porch all present a relatively inexpensive opportunity to project style and excellence. Above all, be sure your front door is in great shape. If it isn't, either refinish or replace it.

Light the way. Outdoor lighting is very effective at highlighting your home and yard's features after daylight hours. The yard should have a functional path and front porch lighting as well as accent lighting to help create dramatic effects. Home improvement centers carry a variety of low voltage lighting kits that are made for DIY installs.

Garage your cars. Many of us turn our garages into storage rooms and park our cars in the driveway where they clutter the view of the house. If this is the case with your household, maybe it's time to pare down the paraphernalia to make room for the cars.

Welcome To Washington Square!



As old neighbors leave our neighborhood, new ones come in and continue the pride of homeownership in the square. Please welcome our latest residents and if you live near one, be sure and stop by and give a warm welcome as their new neighbor.

1105 N. Baker

For code enforcement issues, call Joe Rodriguez at 714-667-2734.

Washington Square Arts Report prepared by Jean Poppa GALLERIES AND MUSEUMS

The Bowers Museum of Cultural Art www.bowers.org

2002 N. Main St., Santa Ana, CA 92706 (714) 567-3600 FREE ADMISSION for Santa Ana residents 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of month; Beginning in November, the Bowers Museum in Santa Ana will allow Santa Ana residents to visit the museum on the 1st Sunday and 3rd Tuesday of every month between 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. free of charge. Santa Ana residents will need to show a Driver's License or any picture I.D. with any correspondence that has their name and Santa Ana address on it.

Museum hours: Tues-Sun: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Features: Thru December 2007 British Museum Mummies: Death & Afterlife in Ancient Egypt First Californians and CA Legacies; Vision of the Sharman Upcoming: Terra Cotta Warriors-Gaurdsman of the First Emperor-opening May 2008

The Bowers Kidseum www.bowers.org/kidseum

Features: Activities at Bowers Museum: Preschool Discoveries 3-5 yrs Activity Tours, Other Youth programs such as Scouts Tues. & Wed. 10:30-12, \$12/child (\$6 additional sibling), \$5 adult.; Sat. & Sun. 11-3:30, (free w/ Bowers admission) Art Lab, Face Painting & Storytellers @1:30 p.m. Information for Summer Art Camp available on website

Centennial Heritage Museum www.centennialmuseum.org

3101 W. Harvard St, Santa Ana, CA 92704 (714) 850-9452

Features: Kellogg House Tours: Wed.-Fri. 1-5 p.m. and Sun. 11 a.m.-3 p.m., \$5; Seniors/Children \$4 12/8/07 - Hollyberry Tea - Two seatings - 11:30 a.m and 2:30 p.m. - \$27 per person; 3/15/07 - St. Patrick's Tea; 5/10/08 - Mother's Day Tea

Delhi Center www.delhicenter.com

505 E. Central Ave., Santa Ana, CA 92707 (714) 481-9600 Features: Manuel Esqueda Museum Shop Classes offered in Health; Education, Cultural Arts; Recreation; Economic Development

Taco Bell Discovery Science Center & 3D Laser Theater www.discoverycube.org

2500 N. Main St., Santa Ana, CA 92705 (714) 542-2823 - 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. daily

FREE ADMISSION for Santa Ana residents 1st

Monday of month, Parking \$3

\$12.95 Adults, \$9.95 for Seniors (55+) & Kids 3 to 17

Features: "Dinoquest" (40 interactive dinosaur exhibits);

Boeing Delta III Rocket with 25K thrust engine
Underwater Themed Kidstation for 0-5 yrs. Try the 100 Hands-On Science Exhibits, Oct. 12 - Nov. 14, 2007

Mummies - Get Wrapped Up in Science

Nov 19 - January 6, 2008 - Gingerbread Exhibition -

The Science of Gingerbread

Website has available their "year-long" calendar

CA State Fullerton's Grand Central Art Center www.grandcentralartcenter.com

125 N. Broadway, Santa Ana, CA 92701 (714) 567-7233 Features: Student Films www.ratpoweredfilms.com

Navidad Flamenca - 8th Annual Christmas Recital -
Claudia De La Cruz Flamenco Institute

Friday, December 14 - 7pm; Sat., Dec. 15 - 7pm;
Sun. Dec. 16-2 pm. Visit website for more info.

Santa Ana Artist Village

www.aplaceforart.org/

Features: First Saturday's --Entertainment & Open Galleries

Dr. Willela Howe-Waffle House & Medical Museum www.SantaAnaHistory.org

211 W. Santa Ana Blvd, Santa Ana, CA 92701 (714) 973-6605 (Built in 1901) FREE Tours Tuesdays at 2 p.m. Features: O. C. History Center & Archives & Pacific Coast Archaeological Society Library

Orange County Center for Contemporary Art

www.occca.org

117 N. Sycamore St., Santa Ana, CA 92701 (714) 667-

-1517; Gallery Hours: Thurs & Sun: Noon-5:00 p.m. Fri & Sat: Noon - 9:00 p.m. Mon-Weds. By Apt. No Entrance Fee; Opening Reception 12/1 6:30 to 10pm.

MUSIC & DANCE

Offices: Santa Ana Historic Preservation Society & Orange Co. Historical Society
120 W. Civic Center Dr., Santa Ana, CA 92701 (714) 547-9645
Features: \$5 Tour Howe-Waffle House and Medical Museum Open House: 12/8/07 Special Day - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
2/2/08; 4/5/08

The Old Orange County Courthouse
www.ocparks.com/oldcourthouse
211 W. Santa Ana Blvd, Santa Ana, CA 92701 (714) 973-6605 (Built in 1901)
FREE Tours Tuesdays at 2 p.m.
Features: O. C. History Center & Archives & Pacific Coast Archaeological Society Library

Opera Pacific www.operapacific.org
600 W. Warner Ave., Santa Ana, CA 92707 (800) 346-7372 Features: 2007-2008 Season:
"Magic Flute" 1/23/07; 1/27/07; 1/31/07; 2/2/08
"Susannah" 5/14/08; 5/18/08; 5/22/08; 5/24/08

Pacific Chorale www.pacificchorale.org
3621 S. Harbor Blvd., Ste. 220, Santa Ana, CA 92704 (714) 662-2345 Features: 2007-2008 40th Archive Performances beginning September 15th in various locations.
12/22/07 - 8:00 p.m. "Tis the Season"
12/23/07 - 4:00 p.m. "Tis the Season
2/19/08 - 8:00 p.m. "Shenandoah"
2/20/08 - 8:00 p.m. "Shenandoah"
3/29/08 - 8:00 p.m. "American Treasurers"
5/17/08 - 8:00 p.m. "Revelations, Revolutions"

Pacific Symphony Youth Orchestra www.psyo.org
3631 S. Harbor Blvd, #100, Santa Ana, CA 92704 (714) 755-5799
Features:

THEATER
Broadway on Tour Children's Theater
www.broadwayontour.org
Ebell Theater, 625 French St., Santa Ana, CA 92701 (714) 542-6939

Main Street Players www.mspshows.com
First Presbyterian Church, 600 N. Main St., Santa Ana, CA 92701 (714) 547-1872; Tickets \$8 - \$15
Features: A Christmas Carol, Dec 8-17, 2007

Rude Guerrilla Theater Co.
www.rudeguerrilla.org
200 N. Broadway, Santa Ana, CA 92701 (714) 547-4688
Features: Clownzilla: A Holiday Extravaganza, Nov 16 thru Dec 15
Warning: Adult Themes

The Orange Co. Performing Arts Pavilion & Ambrosia Restaurant www.ocpavilion.com
801 N. Main St, Santa Ana, CA 92701 (714) 550-0880
Features: Musical Tributes at 8 p.m.: Nov. 3, 2007 - Steely Dan Revue by Pretzel Logic
Nov. 17, 2007 - ONE - a tribute to U2
Nov. 30, 2007 - Hotel California - a salute to the Eagles
Dec. 8, 2007 - The Nutcracker
Jan. 12, 2008 - Peter Branson
Feb. 23, 2008 - Southbound - A Tribute to The Allman Bros Band
March 29, 2008 - Hartfel Ballet

Friday Night Jazz - Every Friday at 8:00 pm at the Vault

Be sure to check the various websites for additional exhibits and shows.

Washington Square Real Estate Recap

By: Laura Tobias Garcia



Properties currently for sale:

1002 N. Flower	3 bed, 1.5 bath	1700 sq. ft.	\$479,900
1618 N. Freeman	3 bed, 2 bath	1715 sq. ft.	\$515,000
1606 N. Rosewood	2 bed, 1 bath	1178 sq. ft.	\$419,000
1142 Bomo Koral	4 bed, 3 bath	1449 sq. ft.	\$429,999
1116 N. Olive	2 bed, 2 bath	1050 sq. ft.	\$449,000
1001 N. Lowell	2 bed, 2 bath	1441 sq. ft.	\$479,000
1604 N. Towner	3 bed, 1.75 bath	1493 sq. ft.	\$498,000
1127 N. Lowell	3 bed, 2 bath	1225 sq. ft.	\$499,000
1615 N. Freeman	3 bed, 1.5 bath	1763 sq. ft.	\$499,000
1426 N. Olive	2 bed, 1 bath	1527 sq. ft.	\$499,900
1104 N. Flower	3 bed, 1 bath	1448 sq. ft.	\$500,000
1315 N. Bristol	3 bed, 1 bath	1265 sq. ft.	\$519,000
1316 N. Louise	3 bed, 1 bath	1358 sq. ft.	\$519,900
1326 N. Louise	3 bed, 1 bath	1385 sq. ft.	\$539,000
1512 N. Freeman	3 bed, 2 bath	1792 sq. ft.	\$550,000
1101 W. Washington	3 bed, 1.5 bath	1550 sq. ft.	\$578,000
1102 W. 16th	3 bed, 2 bath	1303 sq. ft.	\$595,000
1001 N. Westwood	3 bed, 2 bath	1600 sq. ft.	\$600,000
1417 N. Towner	2 bed, 2 bath	1404 sq. ft.	\$615,000
1104 N. Lowell	3 bed, 2 bath	1550 sq. ft.	\$649,000
1501 N. Freeman	3 bed, 2 bath	2000 sq. ft.	\$649,500
905 N. Westwood	2 bed, 2 bath	1336 sq. ft.	\$689,000
1017 N. Westwood	4 bed, 2.25 bath	2190 sq. ft.	\$690,000
1130 N. Lowell	3 bed, 2 bath	1752 sq. ft.	\$750,000

Properties in escrow & sold:

827 N. Freeman	2 bed, 1 bath	1200 sq. ft.	\$464,000
1515 N. Rosewood	3 bed, 1.5 bath	1387 sq. ft.	\$529,000
1326 N. Westwood	3 bed, 1 bath	1303 sq. ft.	\$490,000
1111 N. Westwood	3 bed 1 bath	1774 sq. ft.	\$495,000
1105 N. Baker	3 bed, 2 bath	1642 sq. ft.	\$530,000



Laura Tobias Garcia

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Many of us know someone who is on the fence about buying. They are paralyzed with fear that they will buy only to watch the value decline. I find that this is largely due to slanted reporting from newspapers. They seem to be having many a field day on the delicious current state of real estate. Yes, they seem to be loving it. Stories appear weekly on the subject. There is analysis about how many foreclosures there are now versus a year ago, etc. Yes, it is true that many people (who should never have been deemed credit worthy) have lost their homes. Have you noticed that there isn't much published about the opportunities available? I would like the consumer to consider that negative stories are published with the intent to sell papers. Just as violence on the 5pm news sells. We had an experience at our office that confirms this. A reporter from The Register spoke to several of us (agents) at Seven Gables Santa Ana. He was looking for a negative story. When we pointed out the positive, he actually replied, "that doesn't sell." The following is what the media seems to be neglecting to report. Interest rates are lower now than they were a year ago. Historically, California real estate has been a good investment. The rate of return in the last 36 years has been about 9.76%. So my advice to those who are waiting. Do the homework. The math doesn't lie. If you must wait, do so because you made an informed decision. Don't let the media's negative coverage cause you to miss an opportunity. Also, remember that no one can time the market. We never know we hit the bottom of the market until we passed it.

The Washington Square Neighborhood Newsletter is published quarterly by the association. A non-profit mutual benefit community association was established in 1984. WSNA is an officially recognized neighborhood by the city of Santa Ana.

" D I D Y O U K N O W ? "

- It is illegal to dispose of hazardous waste in personal or public trash cans and it is punishable by a \$25,000 fine.
- Trash barrels are not to be put out on Sunday before 4:00 PM and must be taken in by 12:00 midnight on Monday evening. Storing your trash barrels must not be visible from the street.
- Garage/Yard Sales are only allowed on the first weekend of March, June, September, and December, Saturday and Sunday only. Items must not be put out before 7:00 AM and taken in by 4:00 PM. No new merchandise is allowed to be sold. If there is rain on the first weekend the second weekend will be allowed.
- Cars are not to be parked on the lawn. Inoperable vehicles are not allowed on the street or in the driveways and cars can not remain in the street for more than 72 hours without being moved. Inoperable vehicles are vehicles that are either damaged, flat tires, and do not run.
- Front yard fences require a building permit and can not be over 30" high. Contact the building department 667-2700 for more information. The permits are free. Maintain your wood fences by keeping them painted and in good repair.

CITY CONTACT INFORMATION

Who To Call For:

- Code Enforcement 667-2780
- Police Services 647-5062
- Police—non emergency 834-4211
- Construction Engineering 565-4044
(On-going Street Construction)
- Design Engineering 647-5640
 - Street Design
 - Sidewalks
 - Flood Ratings 647-5641
- Development Services 647-2791
 - Street Work Permits
 - Private Utility Permits
 - Water Applications
- Graffiti Hotline 647-3380
- Obstructing Trees & Bushes 647-3380
- Potholes 647-3380
- Sanitation (Overgrown Yards) 647-3380
- Shopping Card Removal 800-252-4613
- Street Cleaning 647-3380
- Street Lights (Edison) 800-990-7788
- Street Lights (City) 647-3380
- Traffic Engineering 647-5673
- General Traffic Concerns 647-5673
- Neighborhood Traffic 647-5645
- Permit Parking 647-5612
- School Traffic Concerns 647-5612
- Traffic Signals 647-5611
- Traffic Control Plans 647-5605
- Street Striping 647-5605
- Trash Pick Up & Dumpsters 558-7761
- Tree Trimming 647-3380

Washington Square Babysitters:

Adrianna Elisada	543-4292
Jeff Taylor	836-4624
Susan Cava	571-5762

If you are interesting in advertising babysitting services, call 836-8128 with your name, number and address and we'll add you to our list to be published in the next edition of *Neighborhood News*.



Looking for a Place to...

Sing, play bells, do drama, or how about tutoring kids, or possibly helping women in jail? Maybe you would like to join an investors group, or a social group, books, discussions, Bible Study, plays, eating out etc.? Perhaps you are simply looking for a place to call your own or a group with whom to nurture your soul, or the soul of your family.

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Washington Square

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Block Representatives

Area 1 Louise North of Washington Randy & Tracy Simons	558-4871
Area 2 Louise South of Washington Bobi 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 Kelly Manson	571-0704
Area 6 Westwood North of Washington Sylvia Clark	
Area 7 Westwood South of Washington Sylvia Clark	836-5257
Area 8 16th/Towner North of 15th Gil Melendez	542-3398
Area 9 Towner North of Washington OPEN	
Area 10 Towner South of Washington Javier Garcia	836-8128
Area 11 Freeman North of Washington Open	
Area 12 Freeman South of Washington Debbie Vargas	656-5723
Area 13 Lowell South of Washington Christine Cwiertny	835-9464
Area 14 Lowell North of Washington Jon Wilson	550-0599
Area 15 Olive North of Washington Delmy Savilla	906-4309
Area 16 Olive South of Washington Oldrich & Ivana Unger	972-8503
Area 17 Washington/Bomo Koral Virginia Crisostomo	550-7220
Area 18 Washington St. OPEN	

Washington Square Vendor Referral Network



To help promote business and services provided by Washington Square residents, any owner of a local business or service provider may be included in our network referral list. This list will be published in every newsletter as a way to get Washington Square residents the opportunity of using the services provided by our own neighbors! Take a minute, look at the list and if you need one of these services, be sure and call them first! If you provide a professional service and live in Washington Square, give us a call and we will be sure to add you to our list.

Key's & Locksmith	Ivan Rivera	953-6720
General Contractor	Tom Lutz	835-6130
Handyman	Frank Garcia	313-5765
Stone/brick work	Frankie Mata	478-2304
Notary Public	Therese Thomas	318-1455
Life Coach Organizational Consultant	Rebecca Goldstone	417-0017
Realtor	Laura Tobias Garcia	883-3314
Home Loans	Brandie Nava	200-5831
Preschool	Denise Davey	543-1813
Sylvia's Wigs & Accessories		545-1307

Check us out on the web!
www.washington-square.org