



Washington Square NEWS

Real Neighbors. Real Neighborhood. July 2025

Neighborhood Hero by Tony Michalski

Every year, the city of Santa Ana comes together to celebrate well deserved residents who go above and beyond. This year, the city is proud to recognize Valerie Boulter as the Annual Neighborhood Hero—a perfect title for someone who embodies the true spirit of neighborliness.

For nearly eight years, Valerie has been a prominent resident in the Washington Square neighborhood, always lending a helping hand and making the neighborhood a better place. From supporting neighborhood activities to helping individual neighbors on a regular basis, her kindness and generosity have become well-known to many.

Valerie's dedication to our community shines through in countless ways. She has served on the neighborhood board as co-treasurer for multiple years, ensuring sound financial stewardship for neighborhood initiatives. She also volunteers her time to serve on various neighborhood committees, including holiday decorating contests that bring cheer and joy to residents each year.



Always willing to open up their beautiful home and yard, Valerie and her partner, Bob Bolton, regularly host Washington Square neighborhood events, from lively Chili Cook Offs to Progressive Dinner and more. Gatherings at their home are a cornerstone of the neighborhood's vibrant social scene.

Valerie's love and talent for cooking and baking are another gift to the community. At nearly every event, you can count on Valerie's homemade dishes, baked goods, cakes, cookies, and other treats, bringing warmth and delicious flavors that everyone looks forward to. You've probably indulged in a slice of one of her beautiful and tasty cakes or enjoyed some of her festively decorated cookies at one of our neighborhood gatherings.

Beyond her hospitality, Valerie is an advocate for issues and concerns that affect Washington Square. She doesn't hesitate to speak up and take action—hosting and participating in meetings with the mayor and city staff to ensure the neighborhood's voice is heard.

As someone who has had the pleasure of observing Valerie in action, I've seen firsthand how she is constantly supporting and serving her neighbors. Whether she's blowing leaves and cleaning a neighbor's yard on street sweeping day, lending a hand with a project, or letting a neighbor borrow a tool, Valerie's kindness is felt daily. She also devotes herself to her own home, working tirelessly to make it one of the jewels of the Washington Square neighborhood—an inspiring example of pride and care that uplifts everyone around her.

As the community gathers to recognize and celebrate neighborhood heroes on June 26 at the Bowers Museum, there's no doubt that Santa Ana is a better place because of people like Valerie Boulter. She is being recognized as this year's Neighborhood Hero for her ongoing support and commitment to Washington Square, kindness, and open heart for everyone.

Join us for the next WSNA General Meeting

Heroes Elementary, July 10 - 7:00PM

Beautifying Washington Square!

Your WSNA Dues At Work by Tom Lutz

You may have noticed our street signs are getting a new coat of black paint this last month.

Around 10 years ago the WSNA Board along with volunteers started to paint out the backs of "Stop Signs" and "No Parking" signs, as well as the poles, throughout the "Square."

We noticed when the backs of signs and poles were painted black they seem to disappear from view (reducing sign-blight) when driving down the street as well it discourages graffiti tagging since it doesn't show up on the black surface.

Over the past years new signs have been added or replaced throughout the "Square" or the paint just wore out. A major problem is when people tape their "Garage Sale" and/or "Lost Dog/Cat" signs to the pole the paint gets pulled off when the signs are removed. We'd like to discourage this process from happening.

We periodically touch them up but with the recent "Permit Parking" signs installed on different streets in the "Square" the board voted to spend to have them all repainted and freshened up.

There are over 300 signs in the neighborhood so this process is a tedious one in that the signs and ground surface has to be masked off to prevent over-spray and the job is done only on Tuesdays, the day of street sweeping so there's no parked cars to worry about getting over-spray.

Thanks to Dave Dethloff who had initiated and organized the process.



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.

WSNA Summer GENERAL MEETING

Where: Heroes School, Multi-Purpose Room

When: Thursday, July 10, 2025

Time: 7pm - 9pm

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



Celebrating Independence

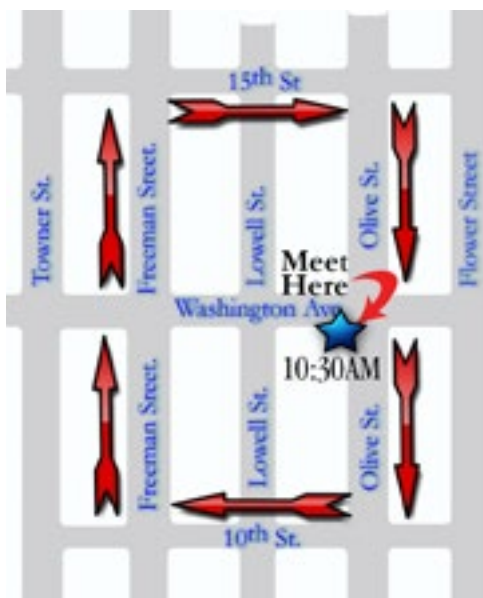
Neighborhood 4th of July Fun! by Gabby Martinez

Three years ago, a simple Facebook post sparked something special in Washington Square. I asked if anyone wanted to ride bikes with their young ones around the neighborhood for the 4th of July.

What I didn't expect was the beautiful turnout of families, neighbors, kids on scooters and bikes, all coming together in the spirit of community and celebration. Since then, our little neighborhood parade has grown into a sweet tradition, and it's time to gussy up your wheels and do it again!



This 4th of July, we invite YOU and your family and friends to join us for the Washington Square Neighborhood Parade! Whether you've joined us before or this would be your first time, we'd love for you to come be a part of it.



What to Expect This Year

- A special appearance from the fire truck (always a hit with the kids!) *11am if no emergency arises.*
- Fun activities for the little ones
- A festive Photo Booth to capture the memories

Bring your decorated bikes, wagons, scooters, strollers, and smiles as we make our joyful loop through the neighborhood together.

Mark your calendars, grab your red, white, and blue, and come be part of a growing Washington Square tradition.

Let's make this year the biggest and best parade yet!

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Support your Neighborhood

Become a Member by Tony Michalski

We invite you to support our wonderful Washington Square neighborhood by becoming a member of the Washington Square Neighborhood Association and paying voluntary membership dues. Your support makes a real difference!

Membership dues directly benefit our community and improve the quality of life in our neighborhood by:

Addressing important issues that impact residents and our shared spaces

- Traffic control and parking concerns
- Bristol Street Widening Project
- Non-resident activities that affect the neighborhood
- Tree health, maintenance, and safety

Enhancing neighborhood beautification efforts that keep Washington Square welcoming and vibrant

- Dumpster Day
- Neighborhood clean-up projects
- Seasonal displays on entry monuments
- Maintenance and upkeep of neighborhood trash cans and street signs/poles
- Installation and maintenance of dog waste stations around the neighborhood

Building a community in Washington Square and increasing communication/awareness so neighbors stay informed and connected

- Social activities and events such as progressive dinners, movie nights, 4th of July parade, etc.
- Newsletter, Facebook page, and text messaging service
- Quarterly General Meetings

Empowering the Neighborhood Association to lead, organize, and accomplish all of the above

Together, we can keep Washington Square a place we're proud to call home.

Join us and be part of the positive change!

www.washington-square.org
or use this QR code.



A Word from our President

This time of year is so beautiful in California, especially in Washington Square!

The leaves that fell in the Fall are replaced with fresh, new greens! The colorful flowers are stunning and it is so much fun to see all of the improvements that neighbors are currently working on to make Washington Square even nicer.

For me, it's very difficult to explain to people that don't live in Santa Ana that there are many different and very special communities sprinkled throughout the city. We are lucky to really like our neighbors. They are not only neighbors but our friends whom we know we can rely on, no matter what.

Recently, I was talking to someone that was attending a surprise birthday party here in Washington Square and she was really quite amazed that we knew most of our neighbors and that we really enjoy spending time with them. She said, "we have lived in our house for several years and if you were to line them up in front of me, I wouldn't be able to point them out." "They just drive into their garage, close the door, and we never see or get to know them." Isn't it nice we don't have to live like that, don't you think?



But what really is disappointing to me is that our WSNA Membership is still really low.

To join, it is as little as \$15 for Seniors and \$20 for everyone else (unless of course you feel inclined to pay more). Plus, it is tax deductible! This membership money pays for many events, trashcans, dog waste stations, the upkeep and painting of all 300+ sign poles dispersed around the neighborhood.

PLEASE, if you haven't already done so, consider joining today. Online payment can be made at www.washington-square.org

I was curious to see what the average HOA is nationwide. In researching, I found that the average monthly HOA is \$259 a month, so \$15 or \$20 a year is not even comparable.

Be sure to mark your Calendars for these upcoming events:

July 4th – Fourth of July Parade

July 10th – General Meeting

July 19th – Washington Square's 40th Anniversary Neighborhood Celebration

August 9th – Movie Night

September 13th – Chili Cook-Off

We have several new homeowners that have recently moved into Washington Square. I am looking forward to meeting them and hearing their stories on how they were lucky enough to get to join our community.

Here's hoping you all have an enjoyable summer

In the Know

Washington Square Texting Program By Michael Chu

Want to receive texts about
Washington Square and
Upcoming Events?

WSNA started a text program to update neighbors about neighborhood news and events.

You can opt in when you join the Washington Square Neighborhood Association or you can also sign up by emailing

opt-in@washington-square.org

Please provide your name, address and cell phone number.

You do NOT need to be a paid member of the WSNA to receive texts and you can opt out at any time!



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Talented Washington Square

A Writer in our Midst By Pat Lenahan

Julie Seyler has lived in Washington Square since 2003. I met her a little over 8 years ago when I responded to her post about a new book club, Literature and Libations, to be held at Chapter One in downtown Santa Ana. I joined immediately and the group continues to grow at the Red Room at Chapter One.

Julie worked as a corporate event planner for 22 years and retired in early 2023. That is when her writing began in earnest. She has a back room in her home that she calls “the writer’s room” and it is filled with photographs of food. Generally, Julie says she writes from 10-6 every day, including weekends.

She started writing in 2021, but she didn’t touch her writing in 2022. However, she has been going full force since then.

Julie has worked with various editors, proofreaders and designers in putting together a profound look at a woman’s thirty-year history of dating and relationships: the good, the bad, and the “others”.

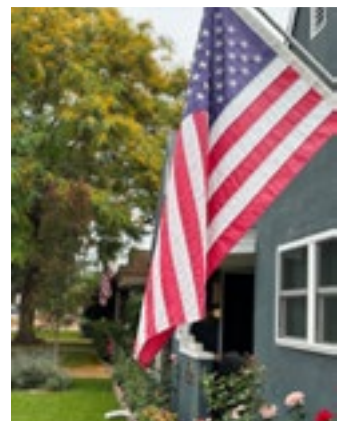
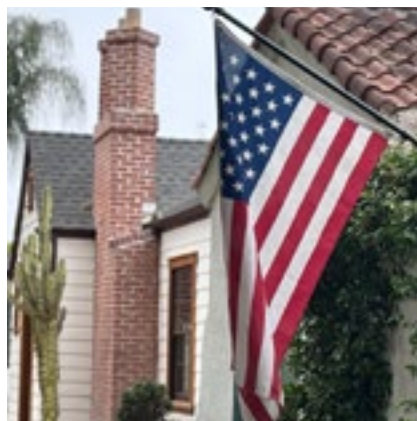
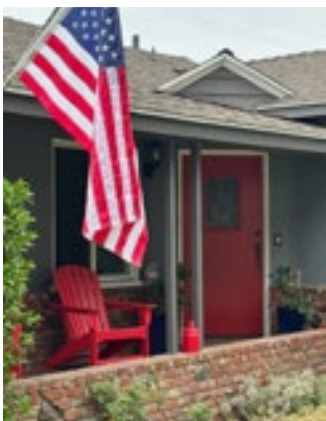
Julie describes the book as more about her life’s journey, rather than about the people who came and went in her life.

The Gluten for Punishment stories are all well-written and relatable to most of us. However, what sets this book apart is Julie’s coping measures which result in her wonderful, wonderful dessert recipes. She also has a blog, Two Bit Tarts, which pairs stories with recipes.

Julie hopes her book, “Gluten for Punishment: Just Desserts for the Heartbroken, Love Sick and Jilted” inspires readers not only to reflect on their own personal journeys, but also to find solace in the healing power of creativity, whether it be through writing, cooking, or any other expression of the soul. She often shares that while her book delves into the complexities of love and heartbreak, the accompanying desserts symbolize the sweet moments of resilience that carry us through life’s challenges.

As she moves forward, Julie plans to expand her blog, “Two Bit Tarts” into a multimedia platform where she can connect with a larger audience. She envisions pairing her stories and recipes with engaging video content, interactive discussions, or invited guest contributions from fellow writers and culinary enthusiasts.

It’s clear that Julie’s passion for storytelling and her zest for life, infuse every word she writes and every dessert she creates, making her work not just a collection of tales but a celebration of life’s bittersweet events.



Most Beautiful Yard Award

The Serna's on Lowell by Sarah Covarrubias

I hope you've had the pleasure of passing by the cheerful two-story home at 1407 N. Lowell with its bright colors, vibrant yard, and welcoming vibe. It's safe to say that if a house could have a personality, this one would be "happy." That warmth radiates from both the home and the wonderful people who live there, Miguel "Mike" and Sara Serna and their family.

Mike and Sara have lived in their home since 1990, raising their two children, Jessica and Michael, right here in Washington Square. It started as a modest two-bedroom, one-bath home, but as their family grew, so did the home that expanded out, and eventually up, into the beautiful five-bedroom, three-bath home it is today.

Both long-time Santa Ana residents, Sara grew up in Washington Square and graduated from Saddleback High, while Mike, a Santa Ana High alum, was raised on the south side of town. Their deep roots and shared love for their home and garden are evident the moment you pass by.

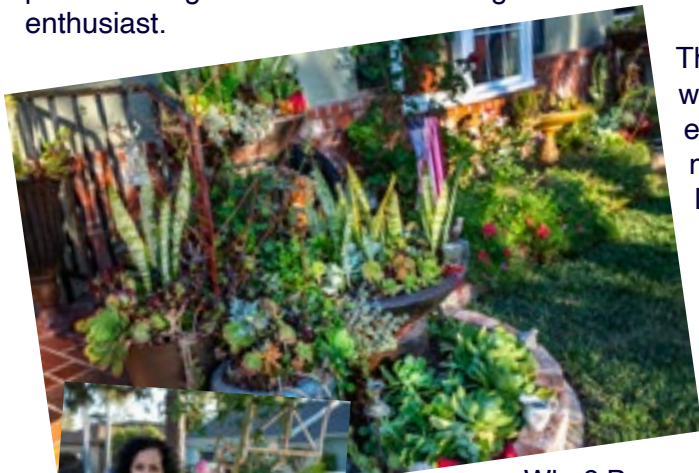
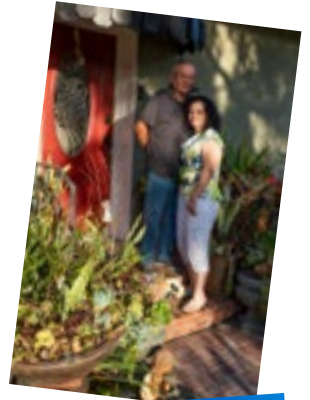
Sara, a seasoned state employee with the Workers' Compensation Board, hopes to retire soon to spend more time traveling and tending to her garden. Mike recently retired from a successful career in automotive sales—perfect timing to become a devoted grandfather and "red rump parakeet" enthusiast.

Their yard is truly a labor of love. Sara, who's always had a passion for flowers, heads out early every Saturday morning to the Golden West Swap Meet to find the best blooms arriving before 7:00 AM to beat the rush. Succulents help fill in during the hot months, and right now her Eden Rose climber is in full, stunning bloom. When asked to name a favorite plant, Sara just smiles.

Why? Because she loves them all.

These days, their home is full of life, shared with their son Michael, daughter Jessica, daughter-in-law Natalie, and two adorable granddaughters, Mia and Emmie.

The next time you're out for a stroll or a jog, slow down when you reach 1407 N. Lowell. Take a moment to admire the garden, wave hello, and maybe even stop to smell the roses.



IT STARTED WITH TREES

Early in the last century what we now call Washington Square was a mélange of orange and walnut trees. As the orchards matured, they began to deteriorate and many trees were destined to succumb to pests and disease and land was sold to developers. The original structures consisted of farmhouses and outbuildings, some of



The Ross-McNeil house

which still remain. In fact, the oldest house in Santa Ana, the Ross-McNeal house, was built in 1879 and still stands on Baker Street

Builders Saw an Opportunity. Beginning in the 1920's, the area below Washington and along Louise Street began to be developed. Our thanks go to Louis Braasch, Emmet C. Rogers and other

builders who had a vision. Instead of the cookie-cutter housing tracts that characterize much of Orange County today, they developed a well-kept neighborhood of custom and semi-custom homes where you see many architectural styles.

By the early 1940's, most of the trees were no longer viable and the the area above Washington was subdivided. Streets were extended to 15th Street. Later on, in the early '50's, streets were pushed through to 17th Street and most of the remaining property was developed. Bomo Koral was the last area of new construction in 1986.



1931 aerial view of our neighborhood



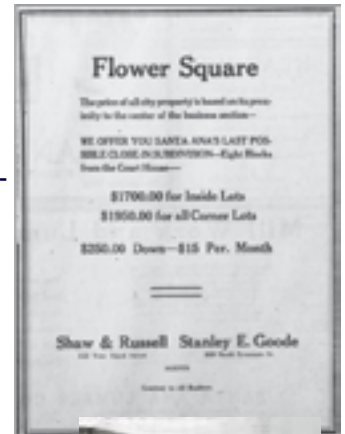
Builders had their own names for their developments in our neighborhood: Flower Square, Freeman Street Subdivision, Sunshine Park and Huntington Square. The City of Santa Ana recognized our area as Washington Square in 1985 thanks to the efforts of the women who founded the Washington Square Neighborhood Association.

FUN FACTS:

Over the years, some very influential people have lived in Washington Square. Pilot, Eddie Martin, who's

license was signed by Orville Wright ran Eddie Martin's Airport near the 55 and Main Street. It

was closed when Main was extended and was replaced by Orange County Airport in it's current location in 1941. Eddie lived on Louise Street until his death in 1990.



Eddie Martin (L)



1947 aerial view shows homes replacing trees

Naval aviator and NASA astronaut Jerry Carr was involved in development and testing of the Lunar Roving Vehicle and would have been the lunar module pilot had Apollo 19 not been cancelled. He commanded the 84 day Skylab 4 mission in 1974. Jerry and his wife Pat Musick lived on Louise Street until 1966. Another Musick, Orange County Sheriff from 1946-1974, James Musick also lived on Louise. The correction facility in Irvine is named for him. Before law enforcement, he was a NFL football player for the Boston Redskins.



Gerald "Jerry" Carr

There have often been challenges to our "Beaver Cleaver" neighborhood. When the 901 Civic Center building was proposed in 1979, displacing 6 homes on Olive and 3 each on Flower and Lowell, the developer tried to push through a 13 story tower. Connie Major and fellow Olive Street neighbors organized, fought it in court and successfully got the height reduced to the four stories you see today.

The Washington Square Neighborhood Association was founded in 1985 40 years ago, the Washington Square Neighborhood Association was formed as a result of opposition to The Peterson Project, a proposed large apartment complex where Heroes School stands today. Sara Broadbent, Debbie Welty, Susan van der Roest, and Kathy Rosenow recruited others and quickly formed the alliance of concerned residents to successfully lobby City Hall for the preservation of the neighborhood. WSNA became one of the first neighborhood associations in Santa Ana and has helped other neighborhoods organize.



Surf music pioneers The Chantays hit it big in 1963 with "Pipeline" and practiced in piano player Rob Marshall's parents Towner Street Garage. Issues Arise

Santa Ana kills downtown site for Westdome

Council to study other possibilities for sports arena

By Jim Nathan



Next was Westdome, a proposed 18,000 seat hockey stadium complex at the corner of Flower Street and Civic Center Drive. Again WSNA worked with City leaders to stop the project that would have had a drastic effect on our quality of life.

Then there were the weekly swap meets at Santa Ana College, Eddie West Stadium and potentially at Wilson School. The Square was plagued with noise, barricaded streets, crowds, blocked driveways and loads of trash. After a two-year court battle open air swap meets were banned in Santa Ana.



FOCUSING ON QUALITY OF LIFE

Current Washington Square residents reap the benefits of past WSNA hard work. For example, the traffic diversion plan executed in 1990, cul de sac'd several streets and installed barriers to through traffic on our streets.



To quote the OC Register of March 14, 1990, "The residents of Washington Square have worked hard to keep their close-knit, homey, community intact."



KEEPING IT CLEAN

Pedestrians passing through Washington Square, especially around Wilson School were causing major litter issues. WSNA raised funds for and installed 13 permanent trash containers and worked with the City to get them emptied weekly. They have worked well in putting trash in its place. So well in fact that the City based a neighborhood cleanliness program on ours when they awarded the ten year waste contract to Republic Services in 2021.



Dumpster Day 2023

SPEAKING OF TRASH

WSNA works with the City and the waste contractor to host Dumpster Day every March, where residents have access to construction size dumpsters to help with spring cleaning.

WSNA adds an e-waste drop-off location yearly to that.

Most years WSNA sponsors a Spring Neighborhood Clean Up where, on a Saturday morning, the crew attacks what needed brightening, trimming, sweeping or cleaning around the Square.



WSNA recognizes owners (and renters) who show their pride in their home by improving and maintaining the “curb appeal” of their property with the Alan Anderson Award, given in March and October each year and assisting the City and Com-Link in with choosing the Most Beautiful Yard yearly.



Old street signs on the way out

WSNA has also worked to help keep our community beautiful, thereby keeping property values up. Our neighborhood street signs, installed in 2006, stand out from others in the city, embellished with the WSNA logo in blue and red. These were designed and paid for by your WSNA dues.



WSNA has recently completed cleaning and painting the poles and reverse side of all the street signs in the neighborhood. More about that elsewhere in this newsletter.

NON-PROFIT STATUS

In 2007 the Association, spearheaded by Nancy Lutz, was successful in obtaining WSNA's 501(c)(3) status as a non-profit organization. This has many benefits to the neighborhood including your ability to use your donations as a tax deduction.



CONTINUED VIGILANCE

The Association continues a close relationship with the people at the City who can get things done, looking out for our quality of life and neighborhood character. The WSNA board, officers and committee chairs are constantly addressing issues that make the neighborhood stronger and safer and that keep your property values on the rise. Some of those issues are the Bristol widening project, our street trees, traffic, parking and advocating for a neighborhood park. We are your voice and welcome your participation and input. You can contact your block rep, any



Flower St. Clock Tower Dedication 2023

board member or officer or attend our quarterly General Meeting.

It's all about communication. In addition to this quarterly newsletter, WSNA maintains our website, washington-square.org. We host and monitor our neighborhood Facebook group with almost 900 participants.



General Meeting held at Wilson School (now at Heroes)

If your dog has escaped or you have a bumper crop of avocados, that's the place to talk about it. We publish flyers for events and new this year are text updates to get the word out.



If you haven't joined the text program yet, send an email to opt-in@washington-square.org with your name, address and cell number or scan this QR Code.



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JOIN US AT THE WSNA 40TH GALA

2025

PARTY ON

It is not all about heavy-handed political maneuvering. We also believe in having fun, making smiles, creating laughter and getting neighbors together. Over the 40 years we've held a potpourri of events and celebrations. Some continue to this day, some have faded into memory, but we're always open to something new.

We've held Easter Egg Hunts, Arbor Days, Progressive Dinners, Wine Walks, 4th of July Parades, Summer Parties, Fall Concerts, Senior Ice Cream Socials, Pancake Breakfasts, Home Tours, Chili Cook Offs, Movie Nights, Oktoberfests, Halloween and Holiday Decorating Contests and Holiday Parties with Santa. When someone comes up with a great idea or something to celebrate, our members have made it happen!



WHAT COMES NEXT?

WSNA is an all-volunteer organization founded to keep this neighborhood a great place to live. The course of the Association is determined by the ideas and goals of neighbors who step up and join in. Where WSNA lands for the half-century celebration in 2035 is up to you.

Our Gala 40th Celebration will be held Saturday, July 19th at the home of Valerie Boulter and Bob Bolton, 920 N. Louise St 4:00-8:00PM with a short program at 5:30. It's a Summer Party with a purpose, to fête the great character of our Square. There will be music, burgers, dogs, drinks & summer fare, free for everyone. We're kid friendly so no beer or wine will be served, but you're welcome to bring whatever you want to eat or drink. City leaders and past WSNA presidents will be helping us celebrate. Activities & a photo booth await you. More info at the WSNA General Meeting July 10th, Heroes School Multipurpose Room 7PM. Stop by the bound to be fun Gala Celebration, bring your kids, say hello, have a burger, spend a little time with your neighbors and enjoy that well known Washington Square hospitality!



40TH ANNIVERSARY GALA CELEBRATION
SATURDAY, JULY 19TH 4-8PM 920 N. LOUISE

WSNA 16TH ANNUAL
MOVIE NIGHT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9TH
7:30 HOTDOGS & SNACKS
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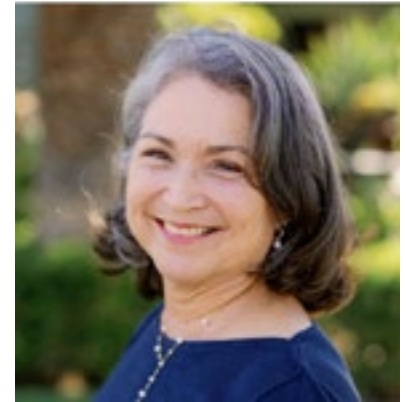
There's a certain magic drifting through the streets of Washington Square—soft as a breeze, warm as sunlight through the trees.

The homes stand proud and beautiful, the grass thick and velvet green, and everywhere, life hums gently with the rhythm of joggers' footsteps, the laughter of children cradled in strollers, the quiet companionship of neighbors walking their beloved pets—dogs, yes, but also cats on leashes, a parrot perched high, even a goose waddling contentedly at someone's side.

It feels like the season is waking up around us, but more than that—it feels like community. A place alive with connection, where familiar faces wave hello and new ones are just beginning to find their place among us.

We're overjoyed to welcome 12 new households to Washington Square so far this year, already surpassing last year's total. To each of you, welcome home.

We can't wait to get to know you, and we hope to see you soon at one of our neighborhood



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Address	Bedrooms	Baths	Square Footage	"List/ Sold \$\$\$"	Days on Market	Sale Type
For Sale						
835 Freeman	2	1	1303	\$925,000.00	41	Standard
1425 N. Olive	3	1	1112	\$925,000.00	77	Flip
1501 N. Lowell (land & residence)			58,068	\$6,950,000.00	47	Standard
Under Contract						
1122 Freeman	4	3	2356	\$1,075,000.00	33	Standard
Welcome to our New Neighbors						
1618 N. Rosewood (duplex)	2,1	1,1	1392	\$750,000.00	7	Standard
1028 N. Olive	3	2	1372	\$1,050,000.00	87	Standard
1020 N. Lowell	3	2	1486	\$1,117,000.00	11	Standard
1023 N. Olive	2	1	998	\$898,500.00	0	Standard
925 N. Olive	3	2	1698	\$1,230,000.00	6	Standard
1523 Freeman St	3	2	1573	unknown	0	Private Sale
1321 Freeman	3	2	1360	\$950,000.00	0	Standard

THE ABOVE SOLD STATISTICS ARE FOR THE TIME PERIOD MARCH 4, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 1, 2025
COMPILED FROM INFORMATION FROM THE CALIFORNIA REGIONAL MULTIPLE LISTING SERVICE AND COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE.

Upcoming Events

July General Meeting

Special Guest Speakers

Tresa Oliveri
The OC Street Car Project

Providing an update on the progress and future of the construction and program.



WSNA Event Dates

4th of July Parade	July 4, 2025	Thursday
WSNA 40th Anniversary Party	July 19, 2025	Saturday
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	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	July 10, 2025	Wednesday
	October 9, 2025	Thursday
	January 15, 2026	Thursday
	April 2026	Thursday

First Presbyterian Church
of Santa Ana



Our Mission

Celebrating that which unifies us and that which makes us unique, we are intentionally building an intercultural, intergenerational community of faith in Jesus Christ that cares for, and serves, one another and our city.



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Free Community Services

FREE MENTAL HEALTH APPOINTMENTS!!

Are you stressed because of:
Job?
Finances?
Family?
The NEWS!?

All residents of Santa Ana may now receive up to ten (10) FREE individual or family counseling appointments per year!!!

Call NOW: 714.984.6664

This service is provided by the City of Santa Ana, in conjunction with America On Track and Mosaic Mental Health Group.

Are you DISASTER Ready?

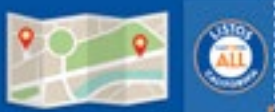
✓ 1.

Get alerts to know what to do.



✓ 2.

Make a plan to protect your people.



✓ 3.

Get to safety with things you need.



✓ 4.

Stay safe at home when you can't leave.

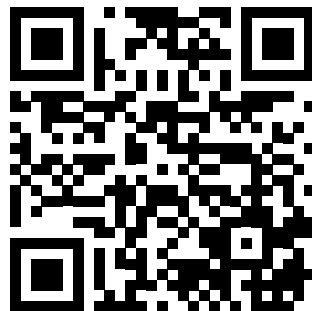


✓ 5.

Help friends and neighbors get ready.



Resources Available Online



LISTOS CALIFORNIA



ListosCalifornia.org

Learn about the Listos California Emergency Preparedness Campaign.

CERT



Ready.gov/CERT

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): a 20-hour classroom-based preparedness training.

LISTOS



CFAListos.org

An 8-hour preparedness program for individuals and families.

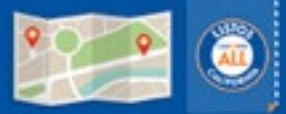
✓ 1.

Ponga alertas para saber qué hacer.



✓ 2.

Haga un plan para proteger a su gente.



✓ 3.

Póngase a salvo con los artículos que necesita.



✓ 4.

Manténgase a salvo en su casa cuando no pueda salir.



✓ 5.

Ayude a sus amigos y vecinos a prepararse.



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YOUR TRUSTED AGENT & NEIGHBOR HERE FOR ALL YOUR REAL ESTATE NEEDS!

- **SELLING**
- **BUYING**
- **INVESTING**

This is your professional real estate agent, dedicated to making the selling process easy, smooth, and stress-free while ensuring you get top dollar for your home. But beyond that, I'm also your neighbor, right around the corner and always available to help with whatever you need. Whether it's buying, selling, or simply getting expert advice, my trusted team and I are here to guide you every step of the way. Let's turn your real estate goals into reality—seamlessly and successfully!

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Neighborhood Businesses

Business	Owner	Phone
Accounting/Tax Prep.	Alex Schneider	(714) 364-5173
Attorney, Business Specialist	Ashley Bolduc	(949) 852-1800
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
Editor	Maureen Tiritilli	(714) 309-2229
Farmers Insurance	Gonzalo Guzman	(714) 669-3930
Flooring and Floor Repairs	Tuzos Flooring	(714) 720-7793
Graphics and Signage	Kirsten Sketch	(714) 721-8795
Heating and Cooling	Adam Garcia	(714) 263-6443
Insurance Agent	Albert Durazo	(657) 667-0225
Landscape Maintenance	Rick Mora	(714) 721-3897
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
Personal Injury Attorney	Moses Yneges	(714) 591-0661
Prayer - FREE! * Pastor Ben *	Ben Wevers	(949) 295-4980
Professional Photographer	Ricardo Barrera	(714) 715-1747
Realtor	Christina Hernandez	(626) 221-6870
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
Wedding Planner	Christine Wilson	(714) 337-2903
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

Keeping the Square Clean

Trash Can Program by Tom Lutz

Washington Square was the first neighborhood in the city to have designated public trash cans.

This program was created fifteen years ago in an effort to eliminate the litter created by pedestrians and students, which was normally just tossed on the ground.

Now we are finding some residents are using the trash cans for their own household trash, ie; grass clippings, even hazardous waste.

Large items fill the cans, which makes them unusable for the rest of the week. Recently, a large basket was dumped by the trash can at Towner & 15th. Large items that don't fit in the cans and/or left by the trash cans won't be picked up.

Also at the can at the corner of Washington Ave. and Baker St. someone left a large bag of personal trash filling the entire can making it unusable. Please do not use these cans for that use.

If you notice people dumping large items, you might remind them the cans are not to be used for this purpose.

If you have large items that don't fit in your trash can, homes with curbside trash and recycling are eligible for two free Bulky Item pickups per year.



Bulky Item Pickup

WSNA residents may schedule up to two 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.

Your Valuable 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.



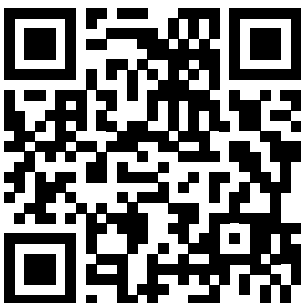
mySantaAna

Resources at Your Fingertips

Easily connect with the City of Santa Ana through the mySantaAna App.

News, Press Releases, City Events, telephone numbers and reporting graffiti and potholes are but a few of the links available. The app is available in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.

Scan this QR Code and download the App to your smartphone, or visit the city website at: www.santa-ana.org/mysantaana-app/



City Contacts

Police Services West End Office	647-5062
Police (non-emergency)	834-4211
Police admin. business	245-8665
Police and Fire (Emergency)	911
Animal services (lost pets, barking)	245-8792
Code Enforcement	667-2780
Graffiti Hotline	877-786-7824
Obstructing Trees & Bushes	647-3380
Permit Parking (Frank Orellana)	647-5614
Permit Parking Complaints	245-8225
Potholes (Public Works)	647-3380
SAUSD School Police	558-5535
School Traffic Concerns	647-5619
Street Cleaning (Public Works)	647-3380
Street Lights (Edison)	800-655-4555
Street Lights (City)	647-3380
Traffic Engineering	647-5619
Traffic Signals	647-5620
Trash Pick Up (Republic Serv.)	657-467-6220
Tree Trimming	647-3380
Vector Control (County)	971-2421
Water Bill	647-5454
Wilson School	564-8100
Heroes School	658-9600

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.





Sarah and Greg

With our combined experience and unwavering commitment to the Washington Square neighborhood, we are your go-to team for buying and selling.

What we find most fulfilling about real estate is helping people discover their dream homes all over OC, but especially in Washington Square. Along with our extensive real estate expertise, we are passionate about preserving the neighborhood's unique character and supporting its vibrant community.

We are proud to serve the Washington Square community for over 25 years now! Thank you for the confidence and trust you have placed in us.

What does "home" mean to you? We'd love to find out!

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