

Winchester San Tomas

# THE EDEN EXAMINER

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**Next Meeting:** *Tuesday, March 11, 7:00pm at the Central Church of the Nazarene*

Location Change: *3275 Williams Road, near Eden Avenue*

Guest Speaker: *Teresa Alvarado from PG&E*



**President's Message**  
**Armin Quiring**

Our guest speakers for the March joint meeting with the Lynhaven Neighborhood are Teresa Alvarado, Government Relations Representative with PG&E, and a team including an electrical engineer & a construction/maintenance supervisor. Note: our March meeting will be held at the Church of the Nazarene due to the Science Fair at the school. Mario Vazquez, Richard Fuhrman, and I have met with Ms. Alvarado to discuss the power outages and start the repair process. We will begin our general meeting with a brief history of the repeating outages portions of our neighborhood experienced last December. The main affected circuit involves the area between Eden Ave & Calboro Drive and Walton Way to Amherst Lane, the west side of Runnymede Drive, the east side of Calboro Drive, the school, and the south side of Valley Square Lane. Ms. Alvarado and the team will then speak with us about the causes and resolutions to these events, as well as answering your questions and concerns during the question and answer session following the presentation. Please bring your questions, concerns, and any observed hazards or problems.

In late February, PG&E announced its new Safety Net Program, a set of services to help customers prepare for and deal with extended power outages. The main cornerstone of the program is a new outage hotline for those who have been out of power for more than 48 hours. Those who call the hotline at 1-888-PGE-4PGE (1-888-743-4743) will reach a live, trained customer service representative with whom they can speak. Another feature of the new program is automatic

payments to residential customers who are without power for over 48 hours, ranging from \$25 to \$100 depending on the length of the outage, which are funded by shareholders and not ratepayers. More information can be obtained at [www.pge.com](http://www.pge.com).

Our guest speaker for April will be Councilmember Linda LeZotte, and she will be speaking to us about budget issues and the status of community projects affected by the budget.

We would like to extend our thanks again to Pastor Rushing and family for their generous assistance and the use of the Church of the Nazarene these past years. Our best wishes to the Rushing's as they move forward in leading the church in a new area soon - their contribution to this area will not be forgotten.

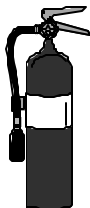
**2003 Calendar of Events**

Jan	14	GM: San Jose International Airport
Feb	11	GM: Alternatives to Chemicals & Pesticides
<b>Mar</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>GM: PG&amp;E with Lynhaven N.A.</b>
Apr	08	GM: Linda LeZotte – Budget & Projects
Apr	26	Emergency Preparedness
May	13	General Meeting
May	17	Neighborhood Garage Sale
Jun	10	General Meeting
Jun	28	ENA's Annual Family Summer Picnic
Aug	05	National Night Out
Aug	12	General Meeting
Sep	09	General Meeting
Sep	13	ENA 8 <sup>th</sup> Annual Dumpster Day
Oct	14	General Meeting
Oct	18	ENA 6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Volunteer Appreciation Day
Nov	11	General Meeting – ENA Elections
Dec	21	ENA 4 <sup>th</sup> Annual "Festival of Lights" (Luminaria)

**Working toward a safe, clean, friendly neighborhood**

## Earthquake Preparedness – 26 April

Our annual earthquake preparedness exercise will be held on Saturday 26, April 2003 between 9-11am. All volunteers are welcome to participate in both the command element and in the field. We will assemble in the Amber Drive Primary Plus School parking lot at 8:30am for assignments and final setup. Be a volunteer for this very important effort for community safety and overall emergency preparedness as it is more appropriately called today.



*Al Haggmann*

### Safety Tips for Every Season

It is never too late to think about being prepared for an emergency (like an earthquake) or disaster. San Jose City as well as several other local agencies provide a variety of websites full of useful information. The San Jose Prepared website can be found at:

<http://www.ci.san-jose.ca.us/oes/sanjoseprepared>

Examples of useful safety tips from the San Jose Prepared site and other sources:

- Confirm your out-of-state contact's phone number.
- Be sure your family, the children's schools and caregivers all have this information written down.
- Decide on a family meeting location.
- Practice getting to the this point at least once each month.
- Check your fire extinguishers for expiration – are they charged?
- Does your entire family know how to use a fire extinguisher?
- Do you have a fire extinguisher in the car? The kitchen? The garage?
- Have you checked your household's flashlights recently? Are the batteries still good?
- Do you check your smoke detectors each month?
- Do you have spare batteries for the smoke detectors and the flashlights?
- Do you have spare medication for those who need it in your family?

*Ivy Quiring*

## San Jose Tree Ordinance Changes

In early February, the San Jose City Council approved some changes to the existing tree ordinance in order to stop the loss of street trees. The new guidelines won't take effect until July 1st, and pertain to street trees, which are those typically in the park strip - the area between the sidewalk and the curb. In short, the ordinance asks that each home have a street tree, and corner lots have three trees. Exceptions would be made for park strips unable to support a tree due to sewer, water, power, and gas lines, or if they are too narrow. The city will require sellers through their real estate agents to notify buyers if a tree should be planted to meet the guidelines, similar to those disclosures regarding seismic activity or flood zones.

The modified tree ordinance would also relax the guidelines for trimming street trees. In order to prune a street tree, a homeowner must obtain a free permit from the city, whether the homeowners do the work or hire someone else to do it. Under the new rules, if the hired company is registered with the city, the permit would not be needed.

What kind of trees can you plant? You may either call the arborist's office at (408) 277-2762 or a source such as Our City Forest at (408) 998-7337. A permit to plant a tree is required and is free - and can be obtained by calling the Department of Transportation at (408) 277-4945. A city arborist will visit the site and give advice on what types of trees can be planted.

Our City Forest (OCF) is a non-profit group that contracts with the city to provide free or donation-driven trees, as well as training neighborhoods to plant and care for trees. Currently, information suggests that there is a substantial wait before OCF can assist in planting trees on an individual basis, with a shorter wait for groups of homeowners within neighborhoods. If you would like to become part of a group of folks obtaining assistance from OCF, please leave a message on the ENA Hotline (408) 404-7404, and your name will be added to a list.

*Summary by Armin Quiring*



## ENA Directory of Services

One of the services ENA provides is a directory of services recommended by your neighbors. There are a variety of services listed, including auto repair, home maintenance, landscaping, painting, pest control, plumbing, and much much more. These are services that your neighbors have used and are pleased with. Thanks go to Randee Chin and Grace Schirle for their hard work in keeping this up-to-date and available. Feel free to submit more recommendations to the directory by calling the ENA hotline (408) 404-7404 with your name, phone number, the service provider you are recommending, and their phone number.

*Ivy Quiring*

## Interpreters Wanted

The California Medical Association is enlisting interpreters who could help doctors communicate with patients who are not fluent in English. The service is needed mainly between the hours of 9am to 5pm and can be provided by phone. We are a culturally rich neighborhood with abilities in at least 15 to 25 languages. If you can volunteer, a convenient one-day training session will be provided with transportation if needed. You will be meeting interesting people and providing a useful service. Of course, your privacy will be carefully protected. If interested, please call Carl Shoemaker (408) 244-2464.

*Carl Shoemaker*

## Changes in the Works for the Moreland School District

There are significant changes occurring within our Moreland School District, especially relating to finances. For more information, please contact the Superintendent's Office at (408) 874-2900 or the Employees' Union at (408) 230-6983.

## Garbage & Recycling Cart Exchanges

Have you found that your garbage cart, recycling cart or yard trimmings cart is way too big? Or way too small? If you need to make changes to your cart size, call Customer Service at (408) 277-2700.

## Upgraded ENA Bulletin Board!

The eNative Bulletin Board connected to the ENA website is up and running again. Our thanks to volunteer Eric Jacobs of eNative for all his hard work improving the bulletin board and restoring it to working status! We know he has his regular job to perform as well, and his time is greatly appreciated! Our thanks also to webmasters Wayne & Mona Hall for the wonderful job they do with our ENA website!

*Armin Quiring*

## Baseball League Openings in Neighborhood

The West-Side Baseball League for grades K-8 is currently open for enrollment. There are no tryouts, there is a fee of \$60 to cover uniforms and trophies, and games will occur at the Amber Drive School Field on Saturdays from March 15 through June 7. To enroll or for more information, please call the school at (408) 248-2464.

## USS Hornet Museum

It has been several years since ENA participated in a visit to the Aircraft Carrier USS Hornet Museum located in Alameda at the former Naval Air Station. New Exhibits have been added and more of the ship is open to tours. It may be a time for a revisit or a first visit if you missed the last time. If you are interested, please call the ENA hotline (408) 404-7404 and leave your name and phone number. A date has not yet been set.

*Al Hagmann*

## Garbage & Recycling Carts

Just a reminder that garbage, recycling, and yard trimmings carts should only be put out a maximum of 24 hours prior to collection, and moved back out of sight from the street after pickup. Please help us keep our neighborhood safe, clean & friendly!



*based on information provided  
by Richard Kabanek &  
Inspector Darrell Revier*



## March 2003 Membership Report



The support of ENA has been great. As of March 1<sup>st</sup>, ENA has a total membership of 232 members. This total includes 10 new members. Seventy-four members have made additional donations of \$997. Last year we had 417 members and 114 donated \$1581. Our membership is over 50% and our donations are at 63%. ENA thanks you! You can't invest in a better deal. Membership dues have been the same since ENA organized in 1993. Please renew your membership as soon as possible. If you don't know if you have paid for 2003, call Mario at (408) 482-5731 or (408) 248-2918.

Won't you join? It's a bargain for \$15.00. Don't forget you also get the monthly newsletter, free Family Summer Picnic, Neighborhood Garage Sale, Dumpster Day, and Festival of Lights (Luminaria).

A warm welcome to new members Wayne & Emily Xie, Steve Chen, Nancy Jin, and Ann Benixen & family. Members renewing since the last newsletter are:

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|---------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Pete Alexander            | Irene Kane & David Ricci         | Sujata Ramnarayan             |
| David & Carmen Anderson   | Richard Kaufmann                 | Elna Rodgers                  |
| Glenn & Nancy Avila       | Ed & Denise Keane                | Ravindra & Swait Sahasrabudhe |
| Dale Barr                 | Robert & Leanne Kirby            | Keith & Yvette Schemm         |
| Nora Beddo                | James & Diane Kono               | Grace Schirle                 |
| Bill & Nancy Boltz        | Bruce LaPointe & Richard Meehan  | Peter & Cathy Scibetta        |
| Joseph & Sheila Callan    | Johnathon & Jeannie Lee          | Sheri Smith                   |
| Kim Wah & Julie Chun      | Edward & Susan Margherone        | Larry & Rosanne Snapp         |
| Jon & Annette Drew        | Debbie Marquez                   | Peter & Mladenka Sorich       |
| Tom Egan                  | Ron Martin                       | Gary & Peggy Stover           |
| Dave & Liyuza Eisbach     | Craig & Catherine Matsuno        | Lam Thai                      |
| Silvia Felix              | Lew & Alice McChesney            | Alice Todd                    |
| Rajat & Sapna Garg        | Horace & Elena Nevarez           | Betty Waynflete               |
| Dave & Heidi Gilles       | Bob & Teri Ogawa                 | Edwin & Phillis Webb          |
| Michael & Mary Giomi      | Tom & Jane Pardini               | Joe & June Welsh              |
| R. Caroline Hanson        | Jason & Karen Posselt            | Blake & Diann Wiggins         |
| Carl & Marguerite Heintze | Asok Raman & Gayatri Subramaniam | Jim & Marianne Williams       |
| Mary Ann Henderson        |                                  |                               |

### 2003 Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H): \_\_\_\_\_ (W): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Privacy Policy: ENA does not sell or give out the names, phone numbers or email addresses of its members.)*

<input type="checkbox"/> I am renewing my membership	Membership Dues	\$ <u>15.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> I am a new member	Additional Donation	_____
	Total	\$ _____

I would like to help with the following committees:

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|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beautification         | <input type="checkbox"/> Block Watch/Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Directors | <input type="checkbox"/> Dumpster Day |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Preparedness | <input type="checkbox"/> Garage Sale        | <input type="checkbox"/> Luminaria          | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Delivery    | <input type="checkbox"/> Political          | <input type="checkbox"/> Social             | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Welcoming              | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____        |   |                                       |

General Comments & suggestions for meetings: \_\_\_\_\_

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