

Winchester San Tomas

THE EDEN EXAMINER

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Next Meeting: *Amber Drive Primary Plus School, Tuesday, April 8th, 7:00 p.m.*

Guest Speaker: Councilmember Linda LeZotte
Budget Issues and Community Projects



President's Message Armin Quiring



Our guest speaker for the April General Meeting is Councilmember Linda LeZotte. Ms. LeZotte will be speaking with us about the budget issues and the status of community projects which may be affected by those budget issues. A question and answer session will follow her presentation.

Each of us has our own thoughts and opinions about war and the current war raging in Iraq. As our troops fight the war over in Iraq, I hope each of us will appreciate those men and women who are serving our country, as well as all those who have fought in earlier wars to achieve and preserve our Freedoms. We should also keep in mind those Freedoms we enjoy and perhaps take for granted, and understand that there are costs to maintaining that Freedom. Freedom is not Free - it is under attack everyday, even in our own country, and we must all stay vigilant to preserve our way of life and defend our Constitution.

For Your Safety

Following are some suggested guidelines to help each of you maintain your safety and security, as well as that of your neighbors and your neighborhood:

- Keep your doors locked.
- Utilize a viewer or peep-hole to see who is at the door. Place curtains / shears / blinds over windows in doors.
- Don't open your door to someone you do not know. Either don't answer or talk to them through the locked door.

- Don't hire unknown folks for jobs. Instead, utilize personal recommendations or a source such as the ENA Service Directory.
- Buyer Beware is the best advice: If you don't know the solicitor or their work, beware!
- Ask for their Contractor's License Number. Verify it with the State Contractors' Board. Make sure it actually belongs to them.
- If someone attempts to get into your house against your wishes, immediately dial 911. Get as much information about them without placing yourself in harm's way.
- Tell solicitors something like "I only use folks I know or licensed contractors."
- Discourage solicitors with a "No Soliciting" sign.
- Never tell anyone you are home alone.
- Teach your children not to open the door to strangers.
- Let your neighbors know about any suspicious activity or persons in your area.
- Watch out for liability claims and injuries while jobs are being done on your property - does the hired individual carry their own Worker's Compensation Insurance? What is your insurance situation?

Al Hagmann & Armin Quiring

Emergency Preparedness – April 26

A reminder that on Saturday, April 26th, we will conduct our annual earthquake preparedness exercise. We will assemble promptly at 8:30am in the Primary Plus School parking lot for a briefing, set-up, and assignments. All volunteers are welcome to participate in this community effort.

Al Hagmann



Working toward a safe, clean, friendly neighborhood

Poisoning Prevention Tips

Accidental Poisoning is a very real danger and a concern of every parent. However, it is not uncommon for adults to be unintentionally poisoned every year as well. Following is a list of suggestions to help keep your household safe and assist in avoiding an accidental poisoning.

- Keep potential poisons in their original container.
- Do not store food, household, & chemical products together. Keep them separated.
- Store questionable or dangerous items in a secure, preferably lockable, location out of children's reach.
- Read the directions or caution labels carefully before using any household or chemical product.
- Do not sniff containers to determine contents.
- Discard old or outdated products properly.
- Do not mix products together.
- When using products indoors, open windows and use fans for ventilation.
- When spraying, direct the nozzle away from yourself and other people.
- Use protective clothing to help avoid skin contact when spraying pesticides or other chemicals.
- If an accidental exposure to these products occurs, contact your local poison control center for instructions immediately. Keep the name of the product handy, along with the ingredients list.

* Poisons come in several forms. Solid poisons include laundry soap, dishwasher detergent, granular or powder pesticides & fertilizers, and some plants. Liquid poisons include laundry soap, lotions, polishes, lighter fluid, and many others. Poisonous sprays can include insecticides, fertilizers, spray paints, and aerosol cleaning products. Invisible poisons such as carbon monoxide gas or radon are common by-products from heaters, furnaces, vehicles, and older stoves or ovens. Medications are another source of accidental poisonings, especially among children and the elderly.

Call the California Poison Control System 1-800-876-4766 (<http://www.calpoison.org>) or the American Association of Poison Control Centers 1-800-222-1222 (nationwide) for poisoning emergencies. For disposal of household hazardous waste, call (408) 299-7300.

Summary by Armin Quiring

ENA Supports National Night Out – Aug 5

National Night Out is designed to strengthen neighborhood spirit. Neighborhoods throughout the nation are being invited to join forces August 5th with thousands of communities nationwide for the 20th Annual National Night Out.

Between 6-10pm, residents in neighborhoods across the nation are being asked to turn on their outside lights and spend an evening outside with neighbors. Many neighborhoods will be hosting a variety of special events such as street parties and cookouts.

ENA participates in the National Night Out by encouraging neighborhood block parties. ENA would like as many streets as possible to have a street cookout to help neighbors meet each other. Runnymede Drive has sponsored National Night Out for the last two years, and Amherst Lane & Greentree Way had street cookouts for one year. It's a great way to meet your neighbors.

We are looking for one person from each street to help organize their street. ENA will help each street coordinate their activity. Contact ENA's National Night Out Chairperson, Armin Quiring, at (408) 404-7404.

Richard Kabanek

2003 Calendar of Events

Jan	14	GM: San Jose International Airport
Feb	11	GM: Alternatives to Chemicals & Pesticides
Mar	11	GM: PG&E with Lynhaven N.A.
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 th Annual Dumpster Day
Oct	14	General Meeting
Oct	18	ENA 6 th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Day
Nov	11	General Meeting – ENA Elections
Dec	21	ENA 4 th Annual "Festival of Lights" (Luminaria)

Time Springs Forward – DST – April 6

Just a reminder that it's that time of year again – to set our clocks forward at 2am on the first Sunday of April which this year is Sunday, April 6th.



This is a good time to:

- clean and test smoke detectors
- replace batteries in smoke detectors & flashlights

Service Recommendations Wanted

Have you ever wished you could try out a service before you sign up to have them do work for you? That is the objective of the ENA Service Directory. We're in the process of updating the directory and need your help. If you have had a good experience with a service provider and would like to pass on that experience to help your neighbors, please let us know by sending the following information:

- *Type of service provided*
- *Business name*
- *Business address (street address & city)*
- *Business phone number*
- *Business contact name*
- *Referred by (your name)*
- *Your phone number (in case we have questions)*
- *Any comments you have on the service*

To one of these locations:

1. Mail to ENA, P.O. Box 9383, San Jose, CA 95157
2. Phone ENA's hotline: (408) 404-7404
3. Email: email@EdenNeighborhoodAssociation.org

Randee Chin

USS Hornet Museum Update

Since there was insufficient response to this museum tour, the association will not make any further tour plans at this time. For those who did respond, the ship is open every day from 10am-5pm, except Tuesdays which is from 10am-3pm. Ample parking is provided.

Additional information can be found at:
<http://www.uss-hornet.org>

Al Hagmann

Neighborhood Garage Sale - May 17

The annual neighborhood garage sale will be on Saturday, May 17th, starting at 8am. We want as many people to participate as possible. You do not have to be a member of the association to join the sale, although it is encouraged. If you do not have many items, maybe you could share your space with a neighbor. Afterwards, may we suggest you consider donating unsold items, items you might later take to the dumpster. The goal is to recycle unneeded items.

To participate in the Garage Sale:

1. Phone ENA hotline at (408) 404-7404.
2. Say: "Garage Sale".
3. Provide your address. Please speak slowly & clearly.
4. Provide your address a second time.
5. Provide your phone number, in case we need to call you.

Optional: You do not have to list items. However, if you have a number of specialty items, such as baby items, you may wish to mention them.

Deadline to appear in Newsletter: April 30, 2003



We will include a map of participating locations in the ENA May Newsletter. This will make it possible for readers to see where the homes are and to tell family & friends. Deadline for submissions to be included in the ENA Newsletter is April 30, so plan early & call soon.

Also locations will be available on the neighborhood website. Advertisements will be placed in the San Jose Mercury News and the PennySaver with the ENA website URL listed. You can't go wrong! If you are going to have a sale, do one on May 17. People see the advertisements - come into the neighborhood - some wait for it each year.

Peter H. Taylor

Toddler & Infant Playgroup Started

A few mothers in our neighborhood have started a local playgroup for toddlers and infants. The purpose of the playgroup is to allow the neighborhood children to play with others their own age, create a support group for local parents, and provide a fun way for both children and parents to make new friends. Anyone interested, please call Mona Hall at (408) 977-4185.

Mona Hall

What is an ENA Member? What does it give you?

Members are those who are proud to live in this neighborhood, happy to have neighbors concerned about the safety of others, and want to live in a clean and friendly environment. They are proud to give some of their time to support the communications (ENA Examiner publishing and delivery), give time to train and participate in Emergency Preparedness, train in CPR, and are available when needed. Some are leaders and serve as officers and committee chairpersons. Every month you get a newsletter. It is printed to keep residents abreast of activities concerning our neighborhood. The printing is paid for from Membership Dues. Everybody in this neighborhood gets one free, hand delivered by some 38 volunteers. On Saturday, April 26th, you will see teams canvassing homes in this neighborhood, practicing their Emergency Preparedness training, making sure everybody is safe in a simulated disaster. They will have CB radios communicating with a Central Command Post that will be in radio communication with the City of San Jose Office of Emergency Services. On May 17th, ENA is having the Neighborhood Garage Sale where everybody can participate at their own home. Maps will be drawn and locations posted. On June 28th, it's Party Time! Everybody in our neighborhood is invited to a Free Family Summer Picnic. Again, several ENA members will make this a memorable and exciting afternoon with games, food, entertainment, and a lot of friendship. Another event that is becoming popular is National Night Out on August 5th. Several blocks will have Block Parties so that neighbors can meet and get together. Come September, it's time to clean out our backyards. The 8th Annual ENA Dumpster Day will see some 5 or 6 40-ton dumpsters being loaded on Amber Drive in front of the Primary Plus School. Some item restrictions apply. Since this event is expensive, only ENA members can participate without additional costs. If you are elderly or disabled and cannot bring things over, just call the ENA hotline and volunteers will come to your home and pick up your items. Several other volunteers will help you dump. You will be asked to help if you have time. For all the wonderful volunteers throughout the year, a Pizza Party is set for October 18th to THANK them. ENA closes out the year with a "Festival of Lights" (Luminaria). ENA will give out over 4,000 candles and material to set lights in front of neighborhood homes. Thanks to all those ENA members who pay their annual dues of \$15.00, an amount that has not changed since it was set in November 1993. Do you live within ENA's boundaries? If you get our Newsletter, then you do. ENA has a budget of \$8,393. This amount is from membership dues and additional donations only. Won't you join us?

- Mario Vazquez



April 2003 Membership Report



63% HAVE RENEWED, HAVE YOU? ENA has had 262 members renew out of last year's 471. If your name has not appeared in the past Newsletters since November 2002, then you have not renewed. If you do not remember, feel free to give Mario Vazquez, ENA Membership Chairperson, a call at (408) 482-5731 or (408) 248-2918 and he will let you know what your membership status is. For membership applications, please call Mario. Be proud of your ENA. Join today and support it.

Don't forget you get the monthly newsletter, free Family Summer Picnic, Neighborhood Garage Sale, Dumpster Day, and Festival of Lights (Luminaria).

ENA welcomes new members Laura Lee Pixton, Lois Watson, Billy & Trisha Boltz, Animesh & Runa Chatterjee, and Richard & Marnie Francisco. Members renewing since March 2003 are:

Nasar Awad & Dana Al-Asseh
Melba & Barbara Baker
Andrew & Jacqueline Blaise
Antonia Cascanti
Michael Chow
Steve & Darlene Chung
David & Ramona Coffelt
Sorin & Mariam Damian
Kayshav & Narmada Dattatri

James & Dianna Giambruno
Jack & Sarah Guercio
Ed & Vivian Heinlein
Bhaskar & Asha Kalale
Walt & Jane Kwant
Elvera Landis
Alan & Kathy Lim
Ron & Sue Marmol

Lynn & Linda Melville
Eduardo & Orietta Nakamoto
Toni Ostrom
Ed & Denise Plonka
John & Bev Schirle
Joe & Ann Marie Trione
Steven Wolff
James & Renee Wynia