

Winchester San Tomas

THE EDEN EXAMINER

Payne Williams



August 2003 Web page: <http://www.EdenNeighborhoodAssociation.org> Hotline: (408) 404-7404
Email: email@EdenNeighborhoodAssociation.org Address: P.O. Box 9383, San Jose, CA 95157

Next Meeting: *Amber Drive Primary Plus School, Tuesday, August 12th, 7:00 p.m.*
Guest Speaker: Tamara Davis, SJPD Crime Prevention Specialist
Topic: SJPD's Homeland Security Plan Update & How We Can Help



President's Message
Armin Quiring



Having your home broken into is not only unpleasant, but also unnerving. The San Jose Police Department recently provided some tips to make our homes look occupied. Houses where someone appears to be home tend not to be burglarized. Some of these suggestions include using timers for lighting, leaving a TV or radio on, having motion sensitive outdoor lighting, making sure mail and newspapers are picked up diligently, and leaving a vehicle in your driveway. Of course, you may wish to keep your vehicle inside the garage to avoid anyone tampering with it.

A reminder for those wishing to call 911 from their cell phones in San Jose - you can call San Jose Emergency directly at (408) 277-8911 for a faster and clearer connection.

Our guest speaker for our August General Meeting will be Tamara Davis, Crime Prevention Specialist with the San Jose Police Department. Ms. Davis will be updating us on the SJPD Homeland Security Plan and educating us on how we can prepare and ensure our Homeland Security here at home.

2003 Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Aug 05 National Night Out**
- Aug 12 GM: SJPD - Homeland Security**
- Sep 09 General Meeting
- Sep 13 ENA 8th Annual Dumpster Day
- Oct 14 General Meeting
- Oct 18 ENA 6th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Day
- Nov 11 General Meeting - ENA Elections
- Dec 21 ENA 4th Annual "Festival of Lights" (Luminaria)

ENA Family Summer Picnic Success!

For those of you who could not attend the neighborhood picnic on June 28th, you missed a great picnic & celebration of our 10th year as the ENA.

The Banjo Band got everyone in the spirit of the day, and the children were entertained with face painting, the Astro Jumper, and the parade.

Our Summer Picnic is another time we can all get together for fun and fellowship. It was a great way to start the summer and it was all free to our residents!

Many thanks to all for helping with the picnic. In particular, Rose Myers for shopping and cleanup, Lee Myers for designing a flyer and cleanup, Peter & Isobel Taylor for setup and cleanup, Beverly Johnson, Beverly Fisher, and Elaine Uruski for setup, Susan Ford for face painting, Roseann Smith for the parade, all the Lipari family for cooking and cleaning the equipment in 90+ degree heat, Betsy Hardin for great Bingo calling, Betty Kabanek for advice, Carl Shoemaker for procuring the wonderful Banjo Band, Mona Hall for providing children's entertainment, Mario Vazquez and Armin Quiring for announcements, Ivy Quiring for door prizes, and especially my husband Tom, daughter Liz, and son-in-law Richard.

It would not have been possible without them all.



- Elaine Marron

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

Improving Your Comfort and Wise Energy Usage

You've put a lot of time, money, and even love into the home you own. But taking care of your home involves more than just a new paint job. Here in the Eden area, many of our homes were built before energy efficiency standards were created. That means the roofs, windows, doors, and unseen seams in our homes may leak energy, resulting in higher gas and electric bills. And our older homes are also more likely to harbor a harmful build-up of carbon monoxide or radon which can be life threatening.

New high-tech equipment and a modern diagnostic approach can help homeowners identify and fix these problems. The new California Home Performance Program, which has been endorsed by Council Member Linda LeZotte, allows trained diagnosticians to explore every nook and cranny in your home. By conducting an audit of your home, the diagnostician can provide you with a detailed report pinpointing the exact causes of the problems in your home, how to fix them, and make the needed retrofit. To schedule an audit, call 1-888-352-2722. There may be costs associated with this service. The program will show you how to achieve direct utility bill savings, long-term home value protection, and the peace of mind knowing that you and your family live in a healthy, comfortable, energy efficient home. The California Home Performance Program is an approved Energy Star Program and is sponsored by the California Public Utilities Commission.

PG&E's Smarter Energy Line is another source of information and guidance, and may be reached by visiting <http://www.pge.com/foryourhome> or by calling 1-800-933-9555.

- Kevin Bayley & Armin Quiring

A Reminder for Pet Owners

When walking your pets, or letting them run, please remember to clean up after them. Several of your neighbors are experiencing an increase in pet waste in their front yards, and none of us appreciate having to clean up after someone else's animal. We realize most pet owners do clean up after their pets and are very appreciative of their thoughtfulness! Thank you for helping keep the neighborhood clean and pleasant.

- Your Neighbor

Neighborhood Advisory Committee

When Mayor Ron Gonzales took office, he promised to support neighborhood improvements. With the support of our city council, he formed the Strong Neighborhoods Initiative (SNI), which is charged with responding to neighborhood concerns. It has been doing that through Neighborhood Advisory Committees (NACs), which are advisory groups for bringing neighborhood concerns and ideas to the city. Every resident is encouraged to join. We are part of the Winchester NAC which includes representation from several neighborhood associations, a business owners' association, churches, renters groups, and other organizations.

The Winchester NAC met for over two years before it settled on a list of the top 14 neighborhood priorities - which were approved by the city council. Some items have already been addressed: removal of a public telephone at F&W Liquors, and funding for the Even Start program (a bilingual program for low income families to improve adult education & literacy, and parent & early childhood education). Others are in process: improvements to Eden Ave & Winchester Blvd. Some are still in the planning stages: finding a location for a West Side Branch Library.

Meetings are open to the public and generally held at 7:00pm on the 3^d Wednesday of the month at the Church of the Nazarene on Williams Road.

- Betty Kabanek

Fire & Safety Concerns

There have been quite a few instances of children and adults firing off model rockets at the Amber Drive School area of late. Unfortunately, this is presenting a significant fire and safety concern as these rockets are landing on neighboring house roofs. The school's area is really too small for these activities, plus information from the San Jose Police and Fire Departments indicates such activities are most likely illegal. However, there is a safe and legal launch location for your model rocket hobbies! Every Sunday from 2 pm to 5 pm, De Anza Parking Lot B is set aside for these activities. Please enjoy your hobby in a safe manner.

- A Concerned Neighbor



Beautification Committee



It has been a few years since our Neighborhood has cut bushes and removed low branches from trees so that they would not interfere with those walking on the sidewalks. Please check your sidewalks and boulevard areas. Thank you!

Does anyone have an hour a week to work in the school flower garden? That's all it takes to maintain a plot of flowers for community enjoyment. A couple of plots receive no attention at present. If you are interested, please call Carl Shoemaker (408) 244-2464.

- Carl Shoemaker

Free Trees Available in September

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. Your street or school site may be eligible for free trees in September. Get together with your neighbors and plan a block planting for the fall. If you are a resident in the Eden Neighborhood and would like to become a part of a group obtaining assistance from OCF, please leave a message on the ENA Hotline (408) 404-7404, and your name will be added to the list.

- Armin Quiring

Yard Waste Piles – Thank You

In an earlier ENA Examiner I wrote that the early placement of the yard waste piles on our streets did not project the image that we want for our neighborhood. The piles also are a safety hazard for pedestrians and drivers. Folks trying to sell their homes on the weekends didn't like the "look" either. Well, Thank You...Thank You. These past months the number of yard waste piles has been drastically reduced. Remember, don't put your piles out until Monday morning at the earliest, and also consider getting a yard cart - it only costs \$.25 per week

- Richard Kabanek

ENA Photo Albums Request

We are looking for the ENA Photo Albums. If you have them, please forward them to ENA President Armin Quiring or Membership Chairperson Mario Vazquez. Thank you!

Dumpster Day – September 13th

One of the privileges of being a paid-up, supporting member is free dumping at our 8th Annual Dumpster Day. This will happen on Saturday, September 13th. You have to be ready early. The first dumpster arrives at 6:00 AM. The last dumpster will be hauled away about 11:00 AM. If you are late, DO NOT DUMP on the School Grounds. You will be seen. You may get a personal call from the men and women in Blue.

Why are only ENA members allowed to dump? Well, the 5 to 6 40-ton dumpsters costs ENA more than \$2000. This is paid from the \$15.00 membership dues. Is it worth it? You Bet! Try going to the dump sometime and see what it costs. If you are not a member and show up, just bring a check made out to ENA for \$25.00. That will pay for your 2003 ENA Membership and offset part of the dumpster cost. You don't have to bring your membership card, there will be an up-to-date roster. Deadline for Free Dumping as a member is the ENA General Meeting on September 9th.

Are you available to help us load the dumpsters or to help pickup items from those in the neighborhood unable to transport them? We need volunteers and trucks.

Contact Mario Vazquez, Dumpster Day Chairperson at (408) 482-5731 for more information.

- Mario Vazquez

Exotic Pets - Exotic Diseases

If you have a pet, you know that it is important to keep them healthy – for your own health, too. Keep in mind that your pets, though they may not contract the disease, may be a carrier – which can be transmitted to children & adults who come into close contact with them. Many animals from foreign countries are superficially examined or not examined at all when they enter the U.S. Some recent imported diseases are HIV-AIDs, ebola virus, bird flu, SARS, monkeypox, and various new strains of salmonella & influenza.

Parents should think twice before allowing their children to keep wild species as pets. It is difficult for the children who suffer from these rare diseases as well as the doctors who treat them.

- Carl Shoemaker

July 2003 Membership Report

ENA Membership is slowly creeping up to the 400 level. We now have 387 paid up members. The good news is that we have 30 new members this year. Additionally, 122 members think we are doing a great job and have sent in \$1607 in additional donations. The sad news is that of 159 reminder notices sent out, only 76 responded with their renewal and several have yet to renew.

A hearty WELCOME to: Mark & Nancy Fuller, Mary Gardiman, Harlin & Amy Hansen, Barbara & Richard Massa, Daniel Moskowitz & Miriam Wolf, Bill & Patty Nash, David & Caroline Nelson, Janet Kulig & Ric Gilbert, and Martin & Kimberly Sorich. You have just joined a great Neighborhood Association.

Renewing since June 2003 are:

Nathan & Dyan Armstrong	Richard & Susan Hoehnle	John & Jill Peters
Mark & Gail Avila	Robert & Sharon Hoem	Tom & Rona Petroni
Paul & Teresa Ayoob	Stephen & Kristine Howard	Charley & Catherine Reed
Donald & Shelly Bacci	Richard & Sonia Husa	Donald & Denise Ronalter
Sandy Barrett	Andy & Wseichen Hwang	Robert Ryder
Robert & Coni Berliner	Steven & Lynda Ichinaga	Stuart Sailor
Chul & Thu-Nguyet Choi	Raj & Urmil Jindia	Kumaran Sangareddi
Donald & Lynn Clanton	Rame & Carol Khayat	Stephen & Patty Shaffer
Del Comeau	Thomas & Rosanne Kretchun	Virginia Sheehy
Greg & Lorrie Conklin	Jayalakshmi Krishnamoorthy	Bob & Alice Sherman
Ron & Bonnie Cuneo	Kevin & Victoria Lane	Chang & Esther Shon
Hector & Pati Curiel	Thomas & Linda Lighthouse	Ramaswamy Srikant
Gregg & Mindy Donoley	Joseph Liotta	Craig & Laura Stinnett
Obi & Josephine Egwin	Ken & Clara Livak	Ravishankar & Prema Sundaresan
Jeffery & Kristina Ferrier	Phil & Bernadette Luna	Wilson & Susan Taguinod
Robin & Alex Flores	Joseph Maloney	Ray & Liz Tanaka
Celeste Frogner	Clark & Marsha Maloney	Roy & Judith Truitt
Richard & Vangie Fuhrman	Bob & Eileen Matsui	Jim & Kathleen Vela
Matt & Nnette Gallaway	Connie Mignano	Venkat & Sandhya Viswanathan
Jay & Kathy Garcia	Bruce & Carol Moe	Susan & David Wippich
Laurence & Grace Gillis	Gal & Efrat Moyal	Mark & Margaret Womack
Bob & Jill Gong	Chris & Melissa Neumann	Tamara Baker & Peter Kellner
Barbara Grisier	Ned & Kelly Nix	Mary Langen Brunner & Dave Mullen
Richard & Melody Halfenger	Ted & Julie Osier	Betsy Gebhart & David Hardin
Dave & Sandy Hart	Steve Otto	Melinda Lorenson & Jay Littlefield
Patrick & Sandra Hascall	David Parker	

ENA thanks you for your continued support. If you would like to participate in any of our activities and projects or have some input, call our hotline at (408) 404-7404.

- Mario Vazquez

ENA Examiner Newsletter Article Submissions

Just a reminder – please feel free to submit articles or information of neighborhood interest for publication in the ENA Examiner. You can send the article/information via email to ivy_quiring@yahoo.com or send a copy to the ENA mailbox: ENA Newsletter Editor, P.O. Box 9383, San Jose, CA 95157-0383.

- Ivy Quiring