

Winchester San Tomas

THE EDEN EXAMINER

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Next Meeting: *Amber Drive Primary Plus School, Tuesday, September 9th, 7:00 p.m.*

Guest Speaker: Kriss Costa of Santa Clara County Vector Control

Topic: Mosquito Bourne Illnesses & Related



**President's Message
Armin Quiring**



Many of us have been touched in numerous ways these past two years by the events of September 11, 2001 and those that have followed. Freedom is not Free - and the price of freedom is occasionally high. It is easy to take our freedom for granted, and we sometimes pay a high price for living openly and freely. We are the essence of freedom in this world, and we shall continue to be exactly that. We truly are blessed to live in America.

Standing together, remaining strong, continuing to help our fellow man and the President of our United States, and defending our Constitution and our Bill of Rights will ensure that our freedom never ends. America should - and will - always stand proud! God Bless America. We should all be proud to be Americans. I'll Fight for Freedom - and I hope each of you will too.

Kriss Costa with Santa Clara County's Vector Control will be our guest speaker at the September General Meeting. Ms. Costa will be speaking with us about Mosquito Bourne Illnesses such as the West Nile Virus, as well as discussing what can be done about those pesky roaches that have been seen in the neighborhood.

**Remember What Your ENA
Does and Does Not Do**

Your Eden Neighborhood Association is dedicated in working towards a safe, clean, and friendly neighborhood. We strive to encourage good neighbor to neighbor communication, a neighborly approach to events and issues, and to maintain a neighborhood watch for our residents' safety and security. ENA does not do any code enforcement, write warning letters, file complaints, report violations of any sort, or tell residents what they have to do. Neighborhood Associations are different than Homeowners Associations. For some time now, ENA has tried to provide information to our residents, identify sources for answering concerns, and provide phone numbers for contact persons. Your ENA strictly maintains your privacy - we do not share the addresses, phone numbers, or email addresses of our members. In addition, ENA does not do endorsements of any products or businesses. Occasionally, it has become necessary for residents to remind fellow residents about certain issues in order to retain as pleasant, safe, clean, and friendly a neighborhood as possible - some such reminders can be found in this month's Eden Examiner.

- Armin Quiring

ENA Photo Albums Request

We are still 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 Reminder



**Saturday, September 13th
7am - 11am**



Non-Members	\$25
Members	free

* See back page for details

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

Please Drive Safely

It has been recently noted that there have been several close calls that could easily have led to critical, if not fatal, injuries in the neighborhood. Please remember that the speed limit is 25 mph for most of the neighborhood. And whenever it is not safe to drive at the speed limit, slower is better. Please be on the lookout for children playing, pedestrians crossing streets, folks getting into their vehicles, neighbors backing out of their driveways, etc. Help us keep our neighborhood safe.

- several concerned neighbors

ENA's National Night Out 2003

On Tuesday August 5th, your Eden Neighborhood Association participated in the nation's 20th Annual National Night Out. Eight neighborhood sites took part on Tuesday, and another event was held on Saturday. The events were a big hit this year with approximately 240 folks attending, and ranged from barbecues to potlucks to dessert events. All of the hosts and organizers were given custom t-shirts for their work and commitment to improving ENA's Neighborhood Spirit. We are looking forward to increasing these numbers next year! A big "Thank You Again" to our hosts and organizers for a successful event. Your Eden Neighborhood Association is continuing our work towards a safe, clean, and friendly neighborhood, and all of us play an important role in that process.

- Armin Quiring



Thank You – Helping a Neighbor

On the behalf of Kay Kanagaki, thanks to the wonderful neighbor who helped him recently when he collapsed on his front lawn. He did not know who you were, but he was grateful for your assistance! It is neighbors like these who truly make our neighborhood a great place to live – neighbors looking out for neighbors. Thank you!

Master Composter Training Available

The Home Composting Education Program for Santa Clara County is accepting applications for training to become a Master Composter Volunteer. In return for free instruction, materials, and a Master's Certificate in the Art & Science of Composting, graduates do public outreach events and workshops throughout Santa Clara County.

The Class of 2004 runs every Wednesday evening from 6:30 – 9pm at the County Service Center in San Jose, January 7 - March 10, 2004. There is also a series of weekend field trips to local composting facilities.

"This is a unique opportunity for people who are interested in gardening, recycling, and the environment to make a difference" says Program Manager Ken Kelly (and President of the Boynton Community Association). Many participants, and those they have taught, have dramatically reduced the trash they leave out for weekly pickup, and rarely have any yard waste to be picked up. One of last year's graduates uses her Master Composter training to teach her neighbors about composting.

Nearly 35% of what Santa Clara County residents throw in the garbage or leave at the curb can easily be composted at home. Backyard and worm composting is a major element in every city's efforts to meet state and local waste reduction goals, as well as guidance for our children to be better stewards of Planet Earth.

The class is limited to 36 adults, and sponsored by the cities of Santa Clara County. The application deadline is January 1, 2004. Feel free to call Ken Kelly at the Home Composting Education Program for an application and more information (408) 918-4640, email compost@pln.co.scl.ca.us or look up their website: <http://www.ReduceWaste.org>.

- Ken Kelly



ENA Examiner Article Submissions

Please feel free to submit articles or information of neighborhood interest for publication in the ENA Examiner. You can send the article / information to the newsletter editor, Ivy Quiring, via email ivy_quiring@yahoo.com or the ENA mailbox: ENA Newsletter Editor, P.O. Box 9383, San Jose, CA 95157-0383.

2003 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sep 09	GM: SCC Vector Control
Sep 13	ENA 8 th Annual Dumpster Day
Oct 14	GM: Moreland School Superintendent
Oct 18	ENA 6 th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Day
Nov 11	General Meeting – ENA Elections
Dec 21	ENA 4 th Annual "Festival of Lights"

August 2003 Membership Report



Dumpster Day – September 13th 7-11am

With all the efforts to keep this area a safe, clean, and friendly neighborhood, it concerns me as the Membership Chairperson that some residents still do not believe in supporting the Eden Neighborhood Association. Of the 810 residents that receive a free newsletter, at a cost of ~\$200 each month, nearly half of these residents think ENA is doing a great service to this community and support ENA. Our total of 390 members to date includes 32 new members.

For those who still haven't joined – think about what ENA does for the neighborhood. ENA does the monthly newsletter, free Family Summer Picnic, Neighborhood Garage Sale, Dumpster Day (free to members), Festival of Lights, and much more.

Welcome new members: Sara & Anthony Boyd, and Don & Anne Pauken. Renewing since August 2003 are Shu-Chung Chang & Shu-Hui Wang, Ward & Lilyann Brannon, and Mildred Lawler.

ENA thanks you for your continued support. If you would like to participate in any of our activities and projects or have some input, please call our hotline at (408) 404-7404. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (408) 482-5731.

- Mario Vazquez

Warning!! Only ENA members can dump for free! If you are not a paid-up member by the end of our ENA General Meeting on September 9th, you will not have this privilege. Dumpsters cost ENA over \$2000. Those who are not members can dump only if they bring cash or check for \$25.00. This will include your 2003 Membership and \$10.00 to offset the cost of the dumpsters. Act quickly! An up-to-date membership list will be on hand when you check in. Have your identification with address ready - no outsiders will be allowed to dump! This ENA project is paid for by ENA member dues.

Please, Do Not Overfill! Bins need to be "Water Level" (nothing above the sides) before hauling. Please try to cooperate with those persons who volunteer to help during Dumpster Day. The list of what you cannot dump is on the last page of this newsletter.

No After Hours Dumping! You will be seen!

Volunteers: You don't have to call, just show up on Saturday around 7:00am and we will end up with a clean neighborhood. Thanks to the members and volunteers of ENA. Please call Mario at (408) 482-5731 to volunteer or if you need pick-up assistance.

- Mario Vazquez

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.)

I am renewing my membership

I am a new member

Membership Dues \$ 15.00

Additional Donation _____

Total \$ _____

I would like to help with the following committees:

Beautification

Block Watch/Safety

National Night Out

Dumpster Day

Emergency Preparedness

Garage Sale

Luminaria

Membership

Newsletter Delivery

Political

Social

Traffic

Welcoming

Other _____

General comments & suggestions for meetings or events: _____

Mail to: Eden Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 9383, San Jose, CA 95157

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Saturday, September 13th

7:00am – 11:00am



Non-members \$25.00

Members Free*



*** Last day to become a member & still receive free
Dumpster Day privileges is Tuesday, September 9th**

The following items are **not allowed** in the dumpsters:

- Batteries
- Business Trash
- Chemical Products
- Computers/Monitors
- Concrete
- Dirt
- Fluorescent Tubes
- Equipment with gas or oil in them
- Pool Chemicals
- Televisions
- Tires
- Hazardous materials like pesticides, gas, oil, removers, solvents, paint, ...
- Materials with any hazardous materials on them
- Anything that can go out in regular trash
- Liquid or Industrial Waste

The following items are **allowed** in the dumpsters **under special conditions**:

- Appliances like refrigerators, freezers, stoves, AC units IF CPC is removed
- Paint thinner/remover cans IF RCRA empty, solidified or triple rinsed out
- Mattresses are \$25 each

NO AFTER HOURS DUMPING – You will be watched.
Those failing to comply may be cited and fined.

