

Winchester San Tomas

# THE EDEN EXAMINER

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**Next Meeting:** *Amber Drive Primary Plus School, Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.*

Guest Speaker: Les Adelson, Moreland School District Superintendent

Topic: Moreland School District



## President's Message Armin Quiring



The ENA October General Meeting is going to be a special meeting, and is packed with a variety of intriguing items and issues! You are invited to join us for coffee, cookies, updates, a chance to meet more of your neighbors, some surprises, and more. I would like to start the meeting at 7:00pm per the schedule, and encourage attendees to arrive earlier for a chance to meet and socialize with your neighbors and ENA officers. I will be in the school multi-purpose room (meeting room) before 6:30pm for those of you who are available to help set-up as well as socialize.

Dr. Les Adelson, Superintendent of the Moreland School District, will be our guest speaker at the October General Meeting. Some of the issues he will be speaking with us about are the possible redistricting of the Moreland School District and how it will affect us, the merger involving the Discovery School, and test scores at our Moreland Schools, as well as answering your questions. This is a wonderful opportunity to get an update and be involved in our school district. I strongly encourage you to attend.

We will also be hearing a summary of how our neighborhood voted in the October 7th special election. Of course, we may already know the statewide results, but the local preferences should be interesting. ENA is still looking for one of our residents to serve as the Political Chairperson - there is not a lot of work involved - and you would help ENA by coordinating the results of elections, leading a town meeting / debate for your neighbors (such as for local

elections), and serving as a liaison to invite politicians to ENA's events. Please contact me via the hotline (408) 404-7404, directly at (408) 247-2722, or in person at our meetings.

Continuing on the topic of elections, ENA's 2004 Officer Elections will occur at our November General Meeting. Nominations must be made at the October General Meeting in preparation for the elections. Please be sure to have spoken with your nominee prior to nominating him/her at the meeting. Not ready to serve as an officer? How about becoming involved in one of the committees or helping with ENA events? The Eden Neighborhood Association is your association and is here to help your neighborhood. Each of our volunteers plays an important role in the success of ENA - and each of your contributions is greatly appreciated!

October also features ENA's annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, one of the ways ENA thanks our volunteers. I hope all of our volunteers will be able to attend - there are some surprises in store for you!

Planning for our November General Meeting has began and I refer you to Mario's article for specifics. I would like to extend my invitation to all of our resident veterans to join us in planning this special meeting. Our freedom is not free - veterans are owed our gratitude for their service, in times of war and peace.

I wish you all a safe & happy Halloween!



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

## Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Just a reminder to all ENA volunteers that ENA will be hosting our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. We will be holding it at Angelino's Restaurant (at the corner of Winchester Blvd and Williams Road). All volunteers will be invited – you should receive a phone call invitation from your committee chairperson or one of the ENA board members. We expect about 80 to 100 volunteers to attend. Please RSVP to myself (408) 482-5731 or the ENA Hotline (408) 404-7404, if you will be able to attend so we can get a head count for the restaurant.

- Mario Vazquez

## Calling All Veterans - November 11<sup>th</sup>

Our November ENA General Meeting occurs on Veterans Day. ENA is planning a special salute to all veterans who served our nation in the Armed Forces – in times of war and peace, as well as at home and overseas. For this general meeting, ENA is also trying to get a representative from the Veterans Administration Office to come and speak with us about existing GI benefits. Veterans – please let us know if you can attend via the ENA Hotline (408) 404-7404.



- Mario Vazquez

## Upcoming Composting Workshops

For those interested in learning about composting or purchasing compost bins at discount, the following Recycle Plus! Composting Workshops are coming up:

- Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 11am - 1pm at the Moreland Community Center (1850 Fallbrook Ave, near Campbell Ave) [workshop & bin sales]
- Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 10am - 2pm at the Franklin McKinley School District Office (645 Wool Creek Drive, near Senter Road) [workshop]
- Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 11am - 1pm at the Willows Senior Center (2175 Lincoln Ave, near Curtner Ave) [workshop & bin sales]

Please call (408) 918-4640 to pre-register for the workshop or if you have any questions.



- Ivy Quiring

## Dumpster Day Success



As usual, there were over 100 members who took advantage of cleaning up their backyards and homes on Dumpster Day - September 13<sup>th</sup>. The cost for this project was \$1,785 - paid for by your \$15 membership dues. Five 40-ton dumpsters were filled to maximum capacity. Many volunteers helped in filling up the dumpsters, picking up debris from those unable to bring them to the dumpsters, and performing other necessary functions to make the project a success. ENA thanks all the volunteers.

Again, there were a few who dumped early (before the dumpsters were open) and some that dumped late (after they were closed for dumping). This is unacceptable, hazardous, and may cost ENA extra money. ENA is doing a great deed and the volunteers' time is limited. Next year, please be considerate.

- Mario Vazquez



## Beautification Committee Update



Thanks go to Susan Knapp for her donation of over 250 white iris bulbs to the ENA / Amber Drive Primary Plus School flower garden. They were planted in the flower bed at the entrance to the school recently.

A sad incident occurred sometime on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> - someone deliberately pulled out half of one planting bed of 100 bulbs and and threw them into the school parking lot. Early Monday morning, a school groundskeeper was kind enough to pick up the bulbs and put them back in the planting bed. I replanted them a short time later. The bulbs appeared to be undamaged.

If anyone would like starter cuttings from our beautiful geraniums, please contact me via the ENA Hotline (408) 404-7404 or directly at (408) 244-2464. They require little care after they have been started.

- Carl Shoemaker

### 2003 Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Oct 14 GM: Moreland School Superintendent
- Oct 18 ENA Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
- Nov 11 General Meeting – Veterans, ENA Elections
- Dec 21 ENA 4<sup>th</sup> Annual "Festival of Lights"

## Computer Virus Warning

For those who use a computer and try to prevent virus attacks on your system, the following is a real and serious threat to your system. The hoax website has been checked and this is not listed, and Microsoft's website does indicate this as a real threat. The latest string of attacks comes as emails disguised to look like they originated from Microsoft. Even the return address may be an actual Microsoft address. The emails are usually titled "Newest Security Pack" and have an attachment. Microsoft never sends patches, updates, or files via email - unless you have specifically requested one! Your best option is to rely on the Windows Update pop-ups, check for critical updates at <http://www.microsoft.com>, or utilize the Windows Update feature on your computer yourself.

- Cynthia Cobb, Lynhaven N.A.

## Telemarketing & Security Alerts

Even if you have signed up for the "Do Not Call List," telemarketers are finding ways to beat the system. Marketing companies are sending out mail asking for something similar to "Vote for your favorite soda drink and receive a complimentary 12 pack." Sounds innocent enough, right? Wrong. At the bottom, in most cases, is small print which reads something like "By completing this form, you agree that sponsors and co-sponsors of this offer may telephone you, even if your name or number are found on a do not call registry or list." In short, read everything carefully before you sign anything.

Additionally, under the regulations associated with the Do Not Call legislation, if you have had any business dealings or inquires with a company, they are allowed to contact you by phone for a period of roughly 6 months after your transaction or inquiry.

If you value your privacy and your time, be cautious of any contact by companies that you did not contact yourself.

On a related note: please be careful that no mail, bills, receipts, and the like bearing your name and address, or any account information, make it into the trash or recycling without you first shredding them. Identity

theft is still an increasing risk and we all need to be extra cautious. The use of a shredder or a great pair of scissors is a quick and wise use of your time!

- Summary by Armin Quiring based on information from your neighbors



## Recycling Options



Many of the items that we used to be able to "dump" (dispose of in our garbage and landfills) are no longer disposable via normal methods (garbage cans, dump sites, land fill sites, etc). Several of you have asked where can we dispose of items such as paint, appliances, toilets, car tires, water heaters, mattresses, and furniture.

The City of San Jose and numerous other municipal and national organizations provide free or low cost disposal avenues:

- Recycle Plus! Customer Service (408) 277-2700 and website (<http://www.sjrecycles.org>) :
  - Bulky Goods Curbside Collection: appliances, mattresses, water heaters, couches, etc are \$19-\$25 for 3 items, and TV's and computers are \$21-\$25 each
- Santa Clara Household Hazardous Wastes Program (408) 299-7300 and website (<http://www.hhw.org>) :
  - Used motor oil & filters, antifreeze, other motor fluids, fuels, pool chemicals
  - Paint, adhesives, solvents, degreasers, cleaners
  - Pesticides, insecticides, herbicides, fertilizers, fungicides, etc.
  - Asbestos, smoke detectors, batteries
  - Unwanted or outdated medications

Call for more information, disposal locations, any exclusions, if appointments are necessary, and such. Additionally, there are a variety of locations that will recycle or reuse various household items. The County of Santa Clara has funded the Center for Development of Recycling (CDR) to create an information repository of waste management programs. You can call CDR at (408) 924-5453 or (800) 533-8414. Or you can use their recycling search engine:

<http://www.recyclestuff.org/Search1.asp?Cmd=New>

- Ivy Quiring with assistance from Isobel Taylor





## October 2003 Membership Report



The stats are in. We have 413 ENA Supporting Members this year compared to 417 in 2002. This includes 41 new members. Our budget for this year was \$8,393 and we had an income of \$8,127. That was close, but we did not meet our budget. Unfortunately, 67 members did not renew. As you know, ENA has been self supportive since 2000.

Welcome new members: Kim & Linda Frechette, Bruce & Janet Boike, Mark & Connie Nelson, Kevin & Cynthia McKinley, Fairborz (Fred) Khoshettekal, William Ferris, Bill & Jae Landers, and Ajay & Ari Shah.

Renewing since Sept 2003 are:

Gary & Peggy Amstutz

Steve & Lisa Anne Anderson

Santokh & Karen Basi

Karen Chez and Eddie Babcock

Pierre DeLisle and Marina DeZwirek

Julius & Judy Glick

James & Tisa Kniskern

Ira & Laura Leventhal

Jon & Chris Linthacum

Jim & Elaine Schirle

Dour & Teresa Souvignier

Michael & Melody Spradlin

Mark & Connie Tabuchi

To date we have the following members paid up for 2004:

Fernando & Dale Capulong

Alan & Chiou-Hisa George

Paul & Cecilia Gorenuc

Nick & Lois Montesano

Robert Ryder

Jim & Elaine Schirle

Tim & Dianna Tolbert

Jean Tomasello

Thank you all for your support! Inserted in this newsletter is a 2004 Membership Application. Please try to renew as soon as possible. It takes a lot of time to process over 400 members. We appreciate your support!



- *Mario Vazquez*

### Traffic Report

Several people have commented about the new sidewalks along Payne Ave and the textured crosswalks at the Payne Avenue / Eden Avenue intersection. Not only do they look good, they also provide a much safer walkway for pedestrians.

There is a great deal of construction going on along Eden Avenue. Temporary traffic calming devices have been removed to make way for permanent ones. A number of curbs, ramps, gutters and storm drains have already been installed. We also expect additional textured crosswalks at Bluebird Drive, Yuba Avenue, Oxford Lane and Verdant Way. Upon project completion, there will be ornamental pear trees and various shrubs in the planting areas and low growing groundcover in the parkstrips. After the construction is completed, we will ask the city to re-evaluate the traffic conditions on Eden Avenue. The goal hasn't changed: to reduce the speed and number of cars using Eden Avenue while enhancing the appearance of the street.

- *Betty Kabanek*



### Changes at Amber Drive Primary Plus

Did you know that Amber Drive Primary Plus has undergone some big changes this year? The school, located in the middle of your neighborhood, now accepts children from 2 years of age and up, with immediate openings for ages 2 - 5. Primary Plus now features Preschool, Junior Kindergarten, Extended Care, Private Kindergarten to 5th grade, and instruction in Ballet, Tap, & Tumbling. Open hours are from 6:30 am to 6:00 pm. For additional information please call the main office at (408) 248-2464, visit <http://www.adnpp.com>, or come by the office at 3500 Amber Drive. Special offers are being offered to residents of the Eden Neighborhood - speak with the main office for full details!

- *The Amber Drive Primary Plus Staff*