

Winchester San Tomas

# THE EDEN EXAMINER

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**Next Meeting:** *Amber Drive Primary Plus School, Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.*  
Topic: Veterans Recognition and ENA Elections



**President's Message  
Armin Quiring**



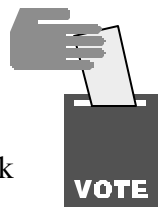
With Fall in the air and Thanksgiving soon approaching, this is a good time for us to run through the outstanding items on the list of all the things for which we are thankful. Obviously friends, family, health, and our livelihood are on that list, and we should certainly not overlook the liberties and freedom we enjoy by living in the most free country on this earth. Our freedom is not free, and it can be easy to take that freedom for granted. But life was not so nice when Thanksgiving came into being - our forefathers made a rough trip to this land seeking freedom. Yes, those essential freedoms have been made into the law of the land, but that doesn't ensure they will always be there. Freedom needs to be protected and fought for every day of our lives. I certainly am thankful for our freedom, for those who pay the costs to maintain that freedom, and for the chance to live in this country. And I will fight for freedom.

I would like to extend my personal thanks to all of ENA's volunteers for all of your hard work and assistance during my 2 years as your President! We saw each other through a lot of events and issues. We kept forging onward, and most importantly, we worked hard to make our neighborhood safer, cleaner, and friendlier. This is your neighborhood - and your contributions mean a lot to me. Thank you all so very much!

There is another day of thanks this month - Veterans Day. Veterans Day is a day set aside to thank and honor all who have served honorably in the military - in times of war and peace. Actually, Veterans Day is largely intended to thank the living veterans for their service, to acknowledge that their contributions to our national security and our freedoms are appreciated, and to underscore the fact that all those who served - not only those who died - have sacrificed and done their duty for this country. This year, our November General Meeting falls on Veterans Day - ENA invites you to join us in honoring our resident veterans and hearing their stories. I refer you to Mario's article for details.

November also features ENA's Officer Elections for 2004 - a much simpler method than your average political arena! This year's nominees are:

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| President      | Betty Kabanek   |
| Vice-President | Trisha Boltz    |
| Treasurer      | Mona Hall       |
| Secretary      | Richard Kabanek |



Voting will occur during our November General Meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Please join us in electing our officers for 2004. Our thanks go to Peter Taylor for his leadership of ENA's Garage Sale Committee these past years. Peter has retired and passed the torch to our new Garage Sale Chairperson Trisha Boltz.

This is our last newsletter of 2003 - and we extend our wishes from our families to yours for a joyous and healthy holiday season and all the best in the new year.

**Features of the Month**

- ENA Elections (page 1)
- Veterans Recognition (page 2)
- New West Side Library (page 2)

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



## A Salute to ENA's Veterans

It seems appropriate that ENA's General meeting is being held on Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>. ENA takes pride in honoring its Veterans on this eventful day. There are many veterans living in this neighborhood. We would like to thank you for your service to our country, in times of war and peace. Please come to this meeting and hear about GI Benefits still available to you. Every resident is proud of you. Please join us. ENA would like to recognize you. There will be cake and coffee served. If you have a story to tell, please leave a message on the ENA Hotline at (408) 404-7404 to let us know, and plan on attending this meeting.

- Mario Vazquez

## Volunteer Appreciation

This is your Eden Neighborhood Association - you make this association what it is, and ENA is here to help your neighborhood. ENA does not tell you what to think or what you have to do. Your ENA 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. Each one of you is an important part of the Eden Neighborhood Association, and we truly appreciate your assistance. And this year we celebrated our 10th anniversary - a decade of growth - all due to our volunteers! Here's looking forward to the next decade!

- Armin Quiring

## SJWC Dump Site Update

San Jose Water Company plans to drop their proposed project for the dump site at Williams Road and San Tomas Expressway. They have decided to pursue San Jose City permission for another location for this project. This other property is in an industrial area away from residential neighborhoods and will provide a more appropriate site for the project.

- Extracted from a message from Councilmember Linda LeZotte



## New West Side Library

After almost two years of searching along Winchester Blvd for a suitable location for the new West Side Library, the San Jose Public Library has purchased a site on Bascom Ave halfway between Hamilton Ave and Moorpark Ave. This location will service residents between Stevens Creek Blvd and Hamilton Ave, Meridian Ave and San Tomas Expressway. The new branch will be approximately 22,000 square feet which is more than three times the size of the current Rose Garden Branch and ten percent larger than the new West Valley Branch.

There will be several community meeting opportunities to provide input into the design of the new branch. Construction is expected to start in the fall of 2006 and be completed in the spring of 2008. The funding for the new branch will be provided for by voter-approved general obligation bonds.

For more information regarding library bond projects, please visit the website:

[www.newsanjoselibraries.com](http://www.newsanjoselibraries.com)

- Wayne Hall



## Traffic Calming Update

Eden Ave: On schedule to be completed before the end of the year. We can all help out by driving slowly on the street. It is still a construction zone.

Phelps Ave: Still being evaluated for a reduction in the posted speed limit to 25 mph.

- Betty Kabanek

## January 13<sup>th</sup> General Meeting - Potluck

At the January General Meeting, ENA is planning a neighborhood potluck. Let's start the New Year with this great opportunity to meet your neighbors and the new ENA officers. So mark your calendars now. More information will be available in the January newsletter. Anyone interested in helping organize and setup the event, please leave a message on the ENA Hotline at (408) 404-7404.



## Beautification Committee Update



The City of San Jose through its Strong Neighborhoods Initiative has given us 200 daffodil bulbs. We have planted most of them with the help of Edwin Ayong, Dr. John Del Fiugo, and his wife Zee. The remainder will be planted after the first frost. Small sections are available in the garden for anyone who would like to plant and care for them. If anyone is interested, please contact me via the ENA Hotline (408) 404-7404 or directly at (408) 244-2464.

Lastly, we are sorry to see Bob Leverett and his wife Mary leave our community. Bob has efficiently removed graffiti and helped us in many other activities over the years. Graffiti is now rare due to his diligence. He has been honored with a Certificate of Appreciation by the ENA Board. We will miss him.

- Carl Shoemaker

## Community Pride Day – Nov 15<sup>th</sup>

The City of San Jose's Winchester Community Pride Day will be held on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am – 1pm at the Rosemary Elementary School on Eden Ave and Hamilton Ave. Events will include: free BBQ, Astro Jump, child fingerprinting, face painting, tree planting, litter pick-up, clean up dumpsters, and much more. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact Xochitl Montes at (408) 554-6391.

## ENA's 4th Annual Festival of Lights

Your Eden Neighborhood will be holding its 4<sup>th</sup> annual Festival of Lights on Sunday December 21<sup>st</sup>, starting at 6pm (dark). Our plans at this time are to have kits available for pick-up in the Amber Drive School parking lot on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> 9am – 12 noon. We hope you can join us in this fun tradition! Are you available to help arrange or distribute light kits? ENA would greatly appreciate your assistance - please leave a message on the ENA Hotline (408) 404-7404. The kits will be available while supplies last, and are open to all residents of our neighborhood. A demonstration can be seen at the November General Meeting.



- Leslie Posada

## Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

ENA's annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner was held on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> of this year. That evening is one of the ways that your ENA expresses gratitude for all of our volunteers' time and work. Thank you all for your contributions this year - your fellow volunteers gave you and each other a round of applause for everyone's hard work this past year.

This year we had a variety of awards to present: Distinguished Service, Outstanding Volunteer of the Year, Neighborhood Support, Community Outreach, and more. ENA's motto is "Working towards a Safe, Clean, and Friendly Neighborhood." Awards were also presented to individuals for their efforts to better our neighborhood in each of the following three categories: Safe, Clean, and Friendly. Special recognition goes to the Outstanding Volunteer of the Year – our very own President, Armin Quiring. He has gone the extra mile in his various efforts for the neighborhood and ENA – from proactively maintaining safety and cleanliness in the neighborhood, to handling all sorts of issues throughout the neighborhood, to advocating friendly interactions between neighbors. He does not do these actions because he is our President. He does them because he is a neighbor. His actions and words set an example for us all to follow.

## Please Drive Safely

Just a reminder that school is in session and that the sun sets much earlier given the return to standard time and the change in season. There continue to be 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

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Nov 11 GM – Veterans, ENA Elections

Dec 21 ENA 4<sup>th</sup> Annual "Festival of Lights"

Jan 13 GM – Meet Your Neighbors & the ENA Board



## November 2003 Membership Report



WOW!! ENA must be doing a fantastic job! In past years, we would have liked to reach 100 members by January 1<sup>st</sup>. We have already reached 100 members which includes 4 new members. That is about 24% of last year's total membership. Last year, 133 members sent in \$1812 in additional donations. This month, 34 members have made additional donations of \$530, over 28% of last year's donations. Please send your membership renewals as soon as possible. ENA thanks all of you! For 2004, the ENA Board of Directors is looking into the possibility of adding more neighborhood activities.

ENA welcomes new members: Derek Charton, Matthew & Annie Jaquish, Dave & Maya Marcus, and Dave Slesnich. Latest renewing members for 2004 are:

Hazel Agrillo  
 Hassan & Prasanna Ali  
 Helene Allen  
 Nathan & Dyan Armstrong  
 Susan Atkinson & Patty Ebner  
 Patrick & Virginia Aubry  
 James & Ann Bailey  
 Lane & Cheryl Baker  
 Narayan & Vidya Balasubramanian  
 Peter & Joan Bays, Jr.  
 Billy & Trisha Boltz  
 Bill & Carleen Carver  
 Linda Chin & John Parissenti  
 Marilyn Chow  
 John & Sylvia Chung  
 David & Ramona Coffelt  
 Jack & Rose Collie  
 Ken & Sherill Cotter  
 John & Zee Del Fiugo  
 Joe & Cheryl Denham  
 Leona deVries  
 Jim & Phyllis Ehrenburg  
 Silvia Felix  
 Jerrad & Terri Forman  
 Jack & Adrienne Frost  
 Richard & Vangie Fuhrman  
 Phyllis Garrity  
 Laurence & Grace Gillis  
 Bob & Jill Gong



Robert & Anna Gorini  
 Barbara Grisier  
 Jerry & Beth Hatcher  
 Mike Hill Donna Nirschl  
 Debra Hitchcock  
 Dan & Debra Hunter  
 Richard & Sonia Husa  
 Natalie Kanzaki  
 David & Joyce Kim  
 Robert & Leanne Kirby  
 John & Susan Knapp  
 John Konno  
 Bruce LaPointe & Richard Meehan  
 Mildred Lawler  
 Francis Leong  
 Paul & Patricia Lipari  
 Raymonde Marigo  
 Bernard (Marty) L. Martinsen  
 Bob & Eileen Matsui  
 Narayanan Nackeeran  
 Tom & Mae Nakagawa  
 David & Caroline Nelson  
 Lilly Neves  
 Bob & Judy Nichols  
 Ned & Kelly Nix  
 Tom & Jane Pardini  
 Thomas & Rona Patrini  
 Spyro & Esther Paxinos  
 Dorothy Phelan

Charles & Lucille Pillers  
 Bert & Karen Plambeck  
 Ed & Denise Plonka  
 Jason & Karen Posselt  
 Armin & Ivy Quiring  
 Ashok Raman & Sujata Ramnaranayan  
 Clara Rose  
 Kermit & Carol Rydeen  
 Alfred & Caroline Salice  
 Kumaran Sangareddi &  
 Jayalakshmi Krishnamoorthy  
 Keith & Yvette Schemm  
 John & Bev Schirle  
 Clement & Elizabeth Schrick  
 Andro Sergides  
 Carl & Vi Shoemaker  
 Semyon & Patricia Solomon  
 Cary & Peggy Stover  
 Peter & Isobel Taylor  
 Alice Todd  
 Guy & Cori Tow  
 Steve & Sandy Tyson  
 Mario & Connie Vazquez  
 Robert & Barbara Wallace  
 Betty Waynfel  
 Craig & Sandra Whitwell  
 Blake & Diann Wiggins  
 Mark & Margaret Womack

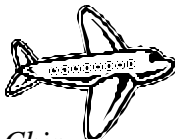
ENA thanks all of you for your support!

### Travel Tidbit:

#### Flight Arrival Time One-Stop Shopping

Travel time for the holidays is almost upon us. Many of us will either be flying out or having family and friends fly in. Most airline sites only show you their arriving and departing flights. One enterprising website has provided a means to see it all - so it's one-stop shopping:

- <http://www.flightarrivals.com>



- Information provided by Randee Chin

- Mario Vazquez



**Festival of Lights**  
**December 21<sup>st</sup> Reminder**  
**Kit Demonstration at our November 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**General Meeting**  
**Light Kits will be distributed on Saturday,**  
**December 13<sup>th</sup> 9am - 12noon**  
**Amber Drive School**