

Winchester San Tomas

# THE EDEN EXAMINER

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**Next Meeting:** *Amber Drive Primary Plus School, Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.*

Guest Speaker: Barbara Vitcosky

Topic: Vanished Children's Alliance

**August 10<sup>th</sup> General Meeting Agenda**

- Committee reports
- Speaker: Barbara Vitcosky, Director of Outreach & Development for the Vanished Children's Alliance

**ENA Family Summer Picnic Success!**

On June 26<sup>th</sup> we held our Annual Neighborhood Family Summer Picnic with 300 neighbors enjoying themselves. I think all will agree it was a wonderful day, with an old fashion small town flavor.

Many thanks are in order. First to our very good neighbor, Amber Primary Plus School, for allowing the Eden Neighborhood Association to use their facilities. Additionally, a special thanks to all of you who helped distribute the second flyer, which was key to a successful turnout.



Our neighbor, George Brown of Runnymede Drive, brought his award winning Vanguard Cadets to lead our parade – to which many children had a chance to march in their first parade ever. We also want to thank our neighborhood merchants who donated prizes for the children and adult games. We encourage you to support them. The Lipari Brothers and their crew of unsung heroes worked so hard at the grill.

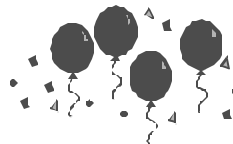
Kudos to Lee and Rose Myers for the design of the flyer. The efforts of the committee members, Mary Ann Lucero and Betsy Gebhart Hardin, were greatly appreciated, as well as the set-up crew and all who helped with the games, serving, and clean up. You all contributed to a successful neighborhood picnic.

The thermometer exchange was also a success. I was told that over 200 thermometers were collected, which was the most that the County of Santa Clara has collected at any one event in this program to date.

The Banjo Band again kept our spirits high and was enjoyable.

Mary Ann Lucero single-handedly solicited and collected all of the donations from local merchants. Please remember to support them when you have an opportunity. The list of local merchants who supported us is as follows:

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| 7-Eleven              | Nail Amores      |
| Angelino's Restaurant | OSH              |
| Baskin Robbins        | Pizza Guys       |
| Blockbuster Video     | Rite Aid         |
| Fusion Restaurant     | Royal Wines      |
| Grocery Outlet        | Safeway          |
| Happy Donuts          | Starbucks        |
| Kragen Auto Stores    | West Gate Beauty |



- Elaine Marron

**Working Toward a Safe, Clean,  
Friendly Neighborhood**

## President's Message Betty Kabanek

A friend recently commented about the nice neighborhood we live in. The number of trees, thick roofs, uncluttered streets, and well-maintained lawns impressed her. Thank you to all who keep your homes looking so nice. You make the neighborhood a better place to live.

What my friend didn't see, but heard about, was the summer picnic. It was the best ever. Many thanks to Elaine Marron and her volunteers for all of the work they did. Many thanks also to Armin Quiring for coordinating National Night Out. It's events like these that help us know our neighbors better.

On a less friendly note, we've had some unwanted activities in and near the neighborhood. Landmark Windows and the laundromat at the corner of Payne and Winchester were recently vandalized and burglarized. A neighbor had her home broken into for the second time. Two neighbors had gas siphoned from their cars and one neighbor had a package stolen from her front porch. Last, but not least, someone painted gang signs along a wall at Primary Plus/Amber Drive School. All of these incidents were reported to the police, and remind us to be alert to questionable or unusual activities we see. We need to call 911 if something or someone looks suspicious.

Hope to see you at our next meeting.

## San Jose Prepared! 2004 Schedule



Thinking about joining ENA's Emergency Preparedness Team? Not sure how to get "prepared"? Training is available by the city for a nominal fee. The series, beginning with Module 1 (held in the EOC at 855 North San Pedro St, others TBA), occur on Saturday mornings with the final class and graduation occurring on a Monday evening:

September 18, October 2, 16, 23, & 25, 2004

You may register with San Jose Prepared via phone (408) 277-4593, fax (408) 277-3345, email [sjprepared@ci.sj.ca.us](mailto:sjprepared@ci.sj.ca.us), or their website:

• <http://www.ci.san-jose.ca.us/oes/sanjoseprepared>

Questions - please call Dr. Earl Stevens at San Jose Prepared (408) 277-4593.

## In Memorium

President Ronald Wilson Reagan

February 1911 - June 2004

"A Great Leader - A Grandfather of our Country"

## Dumpster Day – September 18<sup>th</sup>



It's that time again to clean out back yards, side yards, etc. Dumpster Day is here again. There will be five 40-ton dumpsters placed on Amber Drive in front of Primary Plus School.

We need volunteers. Help is needed to monitor and assist at the dumpsters. Help is needed for the elderly and those who cannot get their items to the dumpsters. We need folks with pick-up trucks and volunteers who can assist them.

For this event, only ENA paid-up members can dump for free. The cost is nearly \$2,000.00 which is paid from the \$15.00 membership dues. If you are not a member, bring a check or cash on Dumpster Day in the amount of \$25.00, and you can dump. That includes your membership of \$15.00 and \$10.00 to offset the cost. There are some items that can not be dumped. Check the September Eden Examiner for details. Volunteers call Mario at (408) 482-5731.

- Mario Vazquez

## 2004 Calendar of Events

Jan	13	GM: Winchester Blvd Changes
Feb	10	GM: San Jose Budget Crisis
Mar	09	GM: What's Happening at Santana Row
Mar	13	Community Cleanup
Apr	03	Emergency Preparedness
Apr	13	GM: Events, Updates & Bingo
May	11	GM: San Jose Police, Dr. Schrick
May	15	Neighborhood Garage Sale
Jun	08	GM: Principal for Payne Elementary School
Jun	26	ENA's Annual Family Summer Picnic
Aug	03	National Night Out
<b>Aug</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>GM: Vanished Children's Alliance</b>
Sep	14	General Meeting
Sep	18	ENA 9 <sup>th</sup> Annual Dumpster Day
Oct	12	General Meeting
Oct	16	ENA 7 <sup>th</sup> Annual Volunteer Appreciation Day
Nov	09	General Meeting – ENA Elections
Dec	tba	ENA 5 <sup>th</sup> Annual "Festival of Lights"

## ENA Youth Achievement at Our Nation's Capitol

Of the millions of youths in the United States, 350 were selected to participate in the 2004 National Youth Leaders Conference (NYLC). ENA's young Eli Brill is one of them. Selection was based on demonstrated leadership potential and scholastic merit. Eli attends Valley Christian High School. The NYLC theme is "The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today". From an anonymous speaker: "We often hear from members of Congress, political appointees and members of Washington's press corps that it is a privilege to meet and interact with students like Eli Brill because they are the face of our country's future."

They will be visiting with members of Congress, participating in an activity titled, "If I Were President" (where they will act as the president and cabinet members responding to an international crisis), and other various activities. This will encourage them to use their new learned leadership skills in their community.

Congratulations Eli - tell us all about your trip when you return.

- Mario Vazquez



## Beautification Committee



The school flower garden has been reduced in size to eliminate some uncared-for sections. The Moreland grounds people are now mowing those sections. They are also helping remove weeds and grass in the section at the entrance to the school. We greatly appreciate their assistance. Thanks to our new neighbor, Andrea Cassilles and sons, Alex and Trevor, who are helping me pull grass out of the Jasmine bed. More needs to be done, please help if you can.

- Carl Shoemaker

## ENA Examiner 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 or information via email to [ivy\\_quiring@yahoo.com](mailto:ivy_quiring@yahoo.com) or send a copy to the ENA mailbox: ENA Newsletter Editor, P.O. Box 9383, San Jose, CA 95157-0383.

## Community Forum

The Nazarene Church at 3275 Williams Road has changed its name to International Christian Center to better reflect the community. The Church has a stated vision to be a center for community service. Pastor P.T. Mammen invites the community to learn more about plans and to provide input for the development of new services on Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM. Refreshments will be available. For more information, please call the church at (408) 243-0256.

- Carl Shoemaker

## Granny Units

San Jose City Council will soon address a proposed ordinance to allow small second housing units to be built in large backyards. Under the proposal, units could be attached or detached, be up to 650 square feet and have one bedroom. For more details, go to:

• <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/planning/zoning/secondunit>  
There will be a public meeting at the Winchester Neighborhood Advisory Committee, International Christian Center, 3275 Williams Road on Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm.

- Betty Kabanek

## "Fight the Bite" – West Nile Virus

The Santa Clara County Vector Control District (SCCVCD) received confirmation that a dead bird found in San Jose tested positive for West Nile Virus (WNV). Although no human cases or mosquitoes have allegedly been found with the West Nile Virus in Santa Clara County or surrounding counties to date, we are asked to take an active role in preventing the virus from gaining a stronghold in our county by doing the following:

- ✓ Drain or treat still water sources (birdbaths, ponds, pools, gutters, etc)
- ✓ Report dead birds (877) WNV-BIRD (968-2473)
- ✓ Fight the bite (wear protective clothing, use insect repellent containing DEET, avoid being outside at dawn & dusk when mosquitoes are most active)

For more information, go to:

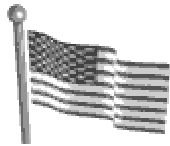
- <http://www.sccvector.org>
- <http://westnile.ca.gov>
- <http://www.mvcac.org>

## August Membership Report

The ENA membership has reached 373 members. There are still 70 supporting members who have not renewed this year. Your support is very important to ENA. We thank all members for their continued support. Those renewing since May are:

William & Josie Ang	Jackie Funk & Nat	Clark & Marsha Maloney	Allen & Henny Rudy
Mark & Gail Avila	Guruklmoorthy	Gabriel & Gloria Marcu	Stuart Sailer
Glenn & Nancy Avila	Betsy Gebhart & David Hardin	Edward & Susan Margherone	Stephen & Patty Shaffer
Andrew & Jacqueline Blaise	Michael & Mary Giomi	Craig & Catherine Matsuno	Virginia Sheehy
Denise Bradley & James Hartfield	Mary Ann Henderson	Kevin & Cynthia McKinley	Chang & Esther Shon
Marty & Kate Brill	Richard & Susan Hoehnle	Rajan Mehra	Donald & Carol Shortt
John & Sharon Cahill	Anuit Khatri & Nidhi Patney	Daniel Moskowitz & Miriam Wolf	Joe Sperry
Antonia Cascante	Rame & Carol Khayat	Gal & Efrat Moyal	Michael & Melody Spradlin
Kim Wah & Julie Chun	Chris & Meshele Ko	Chris & Melissa Neumann	Ramaswamy Srikant
Del Comeau	Walt & Jane Kwant	Ted & Julie Osier	Nancy Jin & Steve Chen
Robert & Cheryl Davis	Johnathon & Jeannie Lee	David Parker	Roy & Judith Truitt
Jon & Annette Drew	Thomas & Linda Lighthouse	Douglas & Dorothy Pendleton	Cheu Vinod & Shefli Chinni
Jeff & Barbara Eagle	Joseph Liotta	Patrick & Mary Peterson	Susan & David Wippich
Mark & Nancy Fuller	Phil & Bernadette Luna	Jim & Gail Richley	

If you are not sure if you have renewed, call Mario at (408) 482-5731.



- Mario Vazquez

## My Thoughts on Patriotism

This past 4th of July, and really every day - Remember our History, Accept Our Heritage, and Defend our Rights.

We have been reminded so many times these last few years that our Freedom is not free, and sometimes the price of our Freedom is high. Remember, however, that we are the essence of Freedom in this world and we shall continue to be exactly that. This past Independence Day and every day, may we all recall what it takes to defend our union, remember to fight to maintain our rights and freedoms, stand taller and prouder as Americans, and renew our Patriotism!

Patriotism is having respect and pride in one's country, even if you do not agree with everything the government is doing. It is also having respect and pride in our flag, and flying the flag in honor. Patriotism is showing your happiness and appreciation to live in this country, for we truly are blessed to live here. Patriotism is continuing to have this pride and respect and not backing down when folks complain against you for being patriotic! True and hardy Patriotism is to defend and preserve our Constitution and our Bill of Rights - perhaps this is the most important aspect of Patriotism. Patriotism, like love, is long suffering and unwavering. Patriotism does not bow to the hatred of people, but rather holds its head high and stays the course. Patriotism is honoring those who fought for this country, especially those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. And sadly, Patriotism is not always popular.

May we all help Patriotism grow in this land of ours.

- Armin Quiring



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