

Winchester San Tomas

THE EDEN EXAMINER

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Next Meeting: *Amber Drive Primary Plus School, Tuesday, September 14th, 7:00 p.m.*

Guest Speakers: Dale Barr, Eli Brill

Topic: Moreland School District Position, National Young Leaders Conference Report

September 14th General Meeting Agenda

- Committee reports
- Guest Speaker: **Dale Barr**, one of our neighbors, will be running for a position on the Moreland School Board. Currently our geographic area is not represented. Should Mr. Barr be the one to represent us? Please come, listen, and decide for yourself.
- Guest Speaker: **Eli Brill**, one of our young leaders, will tell us about his experiences at the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C.

Dumpster Day - September 18th 7 am until dumpsters are full



Get ready. Clean up time is here, and so is Dumpster Day. This is a favorite event for all ENA Members. ENA has ordered 5 40-yard dumpsters for Saturday, September 18th. Volunteers are needed to help neighbors unload their debris. Those who wish to volunteer, call Mario or show up on Amber Drive where you will see the dumpsters.

This event is for ENA paid-up members only. Why? Because it costs ENA close to \$2000. Membership dues are only \$15, and it takes a lot of members to offset the cost. Dues must be paid by the September 14th meeting. Those who are not members, will be charged \$25, which includes the \$15 membership dues. If you are not sure if you are paid up, want to volunteer, or need pick-up assistance, call Mario at (408) 482-5731. Check the back of this Newsletter for what cannot be dumped. Do not be late - the dumpsters will be removed once they are full. Please do not leave anything at the school or street after the dumpsters are gone - this is considered illegal dumping by the city, and subject to fines & citations.

- Mario Vazquez

Recycling / Disposal Options

Many of the items that we used to be able to dispose of in our garbage and landfills are no longer disposable via normal methods. Several of you have asked: Where can we dispose of items such as paint, appliances, toilets, car tires, water heaters, mattresses, and furniture? Numerous municipal and national organizations provide free / 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
- Santa Clara Household Hazardous Wastes Program (408) 299-7300 and website (<http://www.hhw.org>) :
 - Motor oil & filters, other automotive fluids, antifreeze, fuels, pool chemicals
 - Paint, adhesives, solvents, degreasers, cleaners
 - Pesticides, fertilizers, herbicides, fungicides
 - Asbestos, smoke detectors, batteries
 - Unwanted or outdated medications

Call for more information, disposal locations, any exclusions, appointments, 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 on their website:

- <http://www.recyclestuff.org>

Additional information on disposal options, including electronics recycling locations, will be available at the September meeting and at Dumpster Day.

- Ivy Quiring

President's Message

Betty Kabanek

Identifying our neighborhood: Over the years several people have suggested that we find a name for our neighborhood. We've all heard of the Rose Garden, Willow Glen, and the Dry Creek areas. Can we or should we think of a name to identify our neighborhood?

Choosing a name: I believe that we should have a name for ourselves, but I don't know what the name should be. Do you have any ideas? Eden Estates, Eden Area, Rancho San Tomas, Walgrove Manor? My personal preference is to adopt a name that doesn't contain "Eden." We don't want to be confused with a neighborhood in East San Jose known as Edenvale.

Displaying the name: If we decide to give a name to our neighborhood, then we might decide to put up entry markers at the major entrances. The city has already given us a couple of design ideas for the markers. We could use those or develop an alternative.

What do you think? You can leave your comments on the hotline or talk to any of the board members. If most of the comments support the idea of giving the neighborhood a name, then we'll collect suggested names and put them to a vote. If the majority of the comments we receive are opposed to naming the neighborhood, we'll drop the idea. It's your call. Thanks very much for your input.

On another note, my husband and I often walk along Eden Ave and Winchester Blvd taking down outdated signs. On the way home one time, we dropped a cup on a pile of yard waste that was on Eden Ave (blight attracts blight). Someone saw us drop the cup and called us at home, and suggested that we retrieve the cup. We were embarrassed, but you know – it's nice to know that someone cared enough to call us on our mistake. Not only did we pick up the cup, but while we were picking up the cup we met a neighbor that we didn't know before. This friendly neighbor said that the city hasn't picked up his yard waste for 3 weeks and that's why it was still on the road. He called the city the next day and the debris has now been picked up. If you see a problem, address it before it gets bigger. If someone had asked the neighbor why the yard waste wasn't picked up, maybe the issue would have been

resolved sooner, and we wouldn't have dropped the cup on the pile of yard waste. *Many thanks to everyone who is working to keep the neighborhood clean.*

Speaker - ENA's Youthful Leader - Eli Brill

As mentioned last month, one of our neighborhood youths, Eli Brill, was selected to attend the 11-day National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C. He was the only one chosen from Santa Clara County. For one of the assignments, Eli acted as the Chief of Staff, advising and briefing the President on National and International Issues. Eli will talk about his experiences during the conference, including the simulations of Congress, the Supreme Court, and other areas of our Government.

- Mario Vazquez

Meet Your ENA Volunteers



Peter & Joan Bays
(Newsletter
Distributors and
Meeting
Refreshment
Committee):



We are from the Chicago area, and moved to Runnymede Drive in 1962 with our 4 children (Michael, Kathleen, Peter III, and Cynthia). Our children were lucky enough to attend Amber Drive (when it was a public school), Castro, Rogers & Blackford. Before ENA, we joined a group of homeowners that successfully fought City Hall (which wanted to put high density apartments on the Spaich property which was an orchard at the time). In years past, we have enjoyed meeting neighbors at school functions and now meet them at ENA meetings and events.

Your Help Is Needed

There has been an increase in pet waste left on neighborhood yards and the school grounds. We all benefit from, and appreciate, pet owners cleaning up after their pets. Pet waste at the school creates a health hazard to both the children and neighbors using the school yard. Thank you for your consideration.

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

Traffic Calming on Phelps Ave

Some time ago residents on Phelps Ave. signed a petition to have the posted speed limit reduced to 25mph. Since that time I have contacted a representative of the Department of Transportation as well as Council member Linda LeZotte. I have not gotten the response that we had hoped for. My suggestion is that each person living on or near Phelps contact our council representative and the head of the Department of Transportation:

- Linda LeZotte (linda.lezotte@sanjoseca.gov), (408) 277-5438
- Jim Helmer (jim.helmer@sanjoseca.gov), (408) 277-2857

-Betty Kabanek

Secondary Units

AB 1866, passed by the state in 2002, encourages cities to allow the creation of secondary units in single-family neighborhoods. The city must either allow the units or make a finding that such units would have adverse health, safety, and welfare findings. Secondary units are not currently allowed in San Jose. If no action is taken, that will change. So what does this mean to us?

Second units could be attached or detached.

Maximum size: 650 sq. feet.

Additional parking places required: one

Owner occupancy: required in one of the units

Pros:

- Would add to the housing supply
- Owners could have additional housing for family members

Cons:

- State law allows up to 6 people to occupy the unit.
- Occupants do not need to be relatives.
- Enforcement would only be on a complaint basis.

This is only a snapshot of some of the issues. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Council member Linda LeZotte at linda.lezotte@sanjoseca.gov or (408) 277-5438.

-Betty Kabanek

Sunshine Committee

Betty Ford

Flowers and sympathy cards were sent, with our condolences, to the families of the following ENA members: Pat Fanelli, Hazel Agrillo, and Lorraine Flint Rother.

National Night Out 2004

On Tuesday August 3rd, 2004, your ENA participated in the nation's 21st Annual National Night Out (NNO). Seven neighborhood sites took part on Tuesday, including a large block party / street closure. An additional large block party / street closure was held on Saturday, August 7th, and our ninth site held their event on Saturday the 14th. All of the events were a big hit this year with approximately 400 attendees, and ranged from barbecues to potlucks to dessert events.

All of the hosts were given customized t-shirts and LED keychain lights for their work and commitment to improving ENA's Neighborhood Spirit. We received a grant this year which enabled us to provide balloons for each location and favors for each of the attendees; ENA patriotic pencils, ENA-NNO flag key rings, patriotic skin tattoos, and name buttons. I would like to extend my thanks to all of our hosts for making this a successful NNO event! Thanks also to my wife Ivy for all of her time and assistance in designing this year's shirts and customizing the various favors for the attendees. This year's hosts were the Boltz's, Hunter's, Osier's, Hoehnle's, Scibetta's, Nichols', Plonka's, Gilbert / Kulig's, Dodson / Brooks', Bays', Lucero's, Marron's, Von Brzeski's, Spradlin's, and Finger's.

Of course, we are looking forward to increasing these numbers next year. It is not too early to sign up to host an event for next year - please call me at (408) 247-2722 for more information. Your ENA is continuing our work towards a safe, clean, and friendly neighborhood, and all of us play a large role in that process.

- Armin Quiring

ENA Elections

Elections are coming up soon. If you are interested in running for office or serving on the ENA board, please leave your name on the hotline or let one of the current officers know.

2004 Calendar of Events

- Sep 14 General Meeting
- Sep 18 ENA 9th Annual Dumpster Day
- Oct 12 General Meeting
- Oct 16 ENA 7th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Day
- Nov 09 General Meeting – ENA Elections
- Dec tba ENA 5th Annual "Festival of Lights"

Dumpster Day

Saturday, September 18th

7:00am until full

Non-members \$25.00

Members Free*



* Last day to become a member & still receive free
Dumpster Day privileges is Tuesday, September 14th

Break down all items as much as possible - ask for help. Place all recyclables that fit into your regular recycling can and all yard waste in your regular green waste location.

Please remember – everyone working is a volunteer and is trying to make this a smooth & enjoyable process. Please be patient and follow the directions of the check-in staff and monitors.

Please assist by unloading your items to the bin volunteers.

Due to regulations, the following items are **not allowed** in the dumpsters:

Appliances such as:

- Refrigerators
- Freezers
- Ice makers
- Water heaters
- Pool heaters
- Air conditioners
- Lawn mowers
- Other major appliances

Hazardous materials

(dry or liquid) such as:

- Batteries
- Paint, oil, gas
- Contaminated soil
- Chemicals / solvents
- Computers / monitors
- Televisions
- Electronics
- Cell phones
- Fluorescent tubes
- Smoke detectors
- Medical or industrial waste
- Items with any hazardous materials on or in them

Other / miscellaneous:

- Sofas
- Mattresses
- Large or intact furniture
- Tires
- 55-gallon drums
- Railroad ties
- Concrete or dirt
- Business trash
- Anything that can go out in regular trash or recycling

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