

Winchester San Tomas

THE EDEN EXAMINER

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2005**

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Next Meeting: *Amber Drive Primary Plus School, Tuesday, April 12th, 7:00 p.m.*
 Guest Speakers: Jim McFarlane & Denise Clay
 Topic: All About Moreland

April 12th General Meeting Agenda

- Committee reports
- Guest Speakers: *Jim Mcfarlane*, member of Moreland Board of Trustees and *Denise Clay*, Director of Auxiliary Programs for Moreland.

Next year, the Moreland School District will have new pre-school and extended care programs in the Eden Neighborhood. Please come, bring your questions, and learn what is happening.

Mr. Macfarlane is married, and the parent of two children. He is a Manager in Global Operations at the palmOne Corporation based in Milpitas, CA. He most recently was a sitting member on the Moreland District's Personnel Commission, before being elected to the Governing School Board in November of 2004. Mr. Macfarlane is a Bay Area native, has lived in West San Jose since 1973, and has been a district resident since 1995.



Denise Clay is a Moreland veteran. She began as a substitute teacher in Moreland over 14 years ago, taught at Payne Elementary School for eight years, worked in the district office as an Instructional Coordinator for two years and served as the principal at Baker Elementary School for four years. She is the current Director of Educational Enrichment Programs and will be designing, implementing and conducting auxiliary programs for the district including preschool, before and after school care, and enrichment opportunities.



**Neighborhood Garage Sale
on April 16th**

Call (408) 404-7404 to have your address put on the neighborhood garage sale location map. Leave your name, address, items for sale, and phone number. The association has put ads in the *San Jose Mercury News* and the *Penny Saver*. We will also put out signs at entrances to the neighborhood. Participants are encouraged to put out additional signs.

- Betty Kabanek

**Emergency Preparedness
Saturday, April 23rd
9:00am**

Please come and join us. No experience necessary. We need your help for this very worthwhile drill.

- Betty Kabanek

REMINDER:

- **Sat, April 16th
Neighborhood
Garage Sale**
- **Sat, April 23rd
Emergency
Preparedness Drill**



President's Message

Betty Kabanek

April is a busy month for your ENA. The annual garage sale is scheduled for Saturday, the 16th followed by our Emergency Preparedness exercise on Saturday, the 23rd. Both events entail work and money.

Garage Sale

For the garage sale, we place ads in the *Mercury News* and the *PennySaver*. Volunteers post signs at entrances to the neighborhood, collect the signs when the event is over, and provide location maps to help shoppers find the items you want to sell. The signs, ads and maps are paid for with your dues. The maps take hours to make because data has to be taken from the hotline, logged, and then given to a coordinator for the map work. The goal is to get people into the neighborhood, so that every garage sale is a success.

Emergency Preparedness

For several years neighborhood associations throughout San Jose participated in the city sponsored emergency preparedness program. Our coordinator is Al Hagmann. For various reasons, including budget cuts, the city has reduced its support for the event. Nevertheless, we believe it's important to be prepared for emergencies, so the ENA continues to participate. Neighbors get together on Saturday morning, are handed scripts for various emergency situations, and learn to call for help with CB and ham radios. Many of us have completed related classes: First Aid, CPR, how to use a fire extinguisher, use of leverage to move heavy objects, etc. We all hope that we will never experience the devastation of an earthquake, flood, or fire, but if we do, it's nice to know that we have people ready to help. This program also costs time and money: time for learning the skills, and money for the first aid supplies and CB radios.

Help with time

We're working to keep this a safe, clean, friendly neighborhood, but none of this can happen by itself. We'd love to have your help. Join us at our monthly meetings, and sign up to help where you can. It's a great way to meet your neighbors and to support the association at the same time. No experience necessary.

Please send in your dues

Along with your time, we need your dues. Every year we prepare a budget assuming a paid up membership of about 450 households. We've never quite reached that goal, but we keep trying. Shortfalls have been made up by neighbors who've made extra contributions to the association. So far this year we've received dues from approximately 200 households. Many people just forget. Some old timers have moved away. If you believe ENA is an asset to the neighborhood, please send in your dues and remind your neighbors to send in theirs.

Hope to see you at the garage sale, and, again, at the emergency preparedness exercise.

Update on Starbird Park and the Local Community Policing & Community Center

Learn About Starbird Park and the new 3707 Williams Building.

Date: Wednesday, April 13, 2005

Time: 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Location: Community Room, West Valley Branch Library 1243 San Tomas Aquino Road (at Saratoga Ave.), San Jose CA, 95117

Meet artist Sheila Ghidini. She was selected from a national pool of artists by members of the Blackford Community to create artwork for Starbird Park and Teen Center, plus the "3707 Williams Building" (the combined West Community Policing Center and Community Center). For the second phase of the project, you are invited to meet the artist, view a short slide presentation of Ms.Ghidini's previous public art projects, and provide the artist with feedback on questions relevant to the neighborhood. Your input is vital to the artist, so she can design artwork that is truly unique to the Blackford community and the project. All are invited and welcome, including youth and adults.

- Betty Kabanek

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

Safety Notice

On behalf of your neighbors and the San Jose Police Department (SJPD), please be alert to anyone talking about building or using pipe bombs. A pipe bomb was detonated on one of the intersections in our neighborhood on Saturday evening, April 2nd. Although no serious damage, and no injuries, were caused, the potential is great. Pipe bombs, even small ones, are extremely dangerous. Should you find any suspicious items like capped pipes, please do not touch the items, do leave the area, and please immediately notify SJPD at 911 [(408) 277-8911 from a cell phone]. Any information you have on pipe bomb builders or users should be provided to SJPD at once. Thanks - and let's all be safe out there!

Vandalism in the Neighborhood

Recently, residents of Sunnymead Court have been having a problem with destructive vandalism on weekend nights. There have been at least 10 damaged tires on 5 different cars from a sharp object. Tacks were found spread on one neighbor's driveway - luckily that did not ruin any tires. Also, at least a couple of cars had their paint gouged with a sharp object. These acts of vandalism have occurred over numerous weekends.

Please keep your eyes and ears open. If you see anything suspicious, please call the San Jose Police Department at 911 [(408) 277-8911 from a cell phone].

Upcoming Calendar of Events

- Apr 12 General Meeting**
- Apr 16 Neighborhood Garage Sale**
- Apr 23 Emergency Preparedness**
- May 10 General Meeting
- Jun 14 General Meeting
- Jun 25 ENA's Annual Family Summer Picnic
- Aug 02 National Night Out
- Aug 09 General Meeting
- Sept 13 General Meeting
- Sept 17 ENA 10th Annual Dumpster Day
- Oct 11 General Meeting
- Oct 15 ENA 8th Annual Volunteer Appreciation
- Nov 08 General Meeting
- Dec 17 ENA 6th Annual "Festival of Lights"

What is Neighborhood Watch?

Tell us - What is Neighborhood Watch to you? Does it mean watching your area of the neighborhood and doing nothing? How about watching only your property? Or, does it mean watching out for both you and your neighbors and reacting when something occurs? We hope you selected the third answer!

Remember those burglaries that occurred some time back? Well, there is at least one person trying it again. About mid-March, this individual was observed by 5-6 people as he went through your neighbors' front yards, tried to take objects like garden hoses, and checked out at least one garage which is believed to have been open. How many people reacted? One. Everyone else looked, saw, and went back to their own thing. Apparently, not one of them called the police! This one person not only called the police, but when the suspect began to move away, he apprehended him and held him for police. In truth, this wonderful neighbor's family assisted in getting police response to the area. Another neighbor, currently recuperating from illness, came out to help, but was politely sent back home for his safety. Now these are the kinds of neighbors we want and need! Did you realize that this family is one of our newest additions to the neighborhood?

So, why didn't the other 4-5 people react? How long does it take to notify SJPD that there is a suspicious person poking around your neighbor's houses or stealing items? Not long at all. You don't even have to confront the suspicious person.

The suspect in this case is a male Caucasian wearing a long drab green army style jacket, and has been seen on foot, although he may have partners or a vehicle waiting for him. Had more neighbors called SJPD, their response may have been faster (plus it shows the neighborhood is alert). At the very least, we want folks like this to get the message that we don't tolerate this behavior, whether it is "benign" trespassing or more serious offenses.

So please, learn from our wonderful neighbor's example and be part of a true Neighborhood Watch!

- Your Concerned Neighbors

Membership Report - Mario Vazquez

It is now April, and we have 217 supporting members, including 20 new members for 2005. That means that some 193 members from last year have yet to renew. A reminder, our 2005 events are dependent on a \$8,000 budget. At this time we are only about 50% there. We need your help. If you have not received your 2005 sticker yet, you have not renewed. This is just a gentle reminder. If you are not sure, call Mario at (408) 482-5731 or send him an email at mariorv @ sbcglobal.net . ENA would like to welcome new members Mariko Nomura and Jim & Lizy Shepherd . Renewing members are:

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| Glenn & Sharon Ando | David & Grace Cox | Lilly Neves |
| Lane & Cheryl Baker | Sorin & Mariam Damian | Dorothy Phelan |
| Nancy Jin & Steven Chen | Tom Egan | Charley & Catherine Reed |
| Kim & Julie Chun | Paul & Cecilia Gorenuiuc | Andy & Anne Sermersheim |
| Dan & Rosemary Clarke | Constance Hermsen | John & Elaine Steffens |
| Joyce Colvard | David & Joyce Kim | |

Beautification Committee - Carl Shoemaker

Our Mayor has designated April 23 as Litter Cleanup Day. Nothing gives a better or worse impression than the amount of litter present. Our neighborhood does not have a lot of litter, but benefits considerably from the unheralded efforts of Phyllis Garrity (Williams Road), John Knapp (Payne Ave), Andro Sergides (Amber Drive near school) and others. They deserve our thanks and support. Thanks also to young Alex Gebhart-Hardin, who regularly helps with work in the flower garden. The pansies, daffodils, and african daisies have done well this year. The irises at the school entrance will bloom next.

Local Girls Scouts Supporting the Troops - Betsy Gebhart-Hardin

Girl Scout Troop 1450, based at Payne Elementary school, has donated 20 cartons of Girl Scout cookies to a Marine Corps battalion, serving in Baghdad, Iraq. Organizing the donation was Troop Co-leader Melody Spradlin, an ENA member. The troop is sending the cookies to Spradlin's friend, Marine Corps reservist Tom Fisher--who will disperse the snacks to his fellow Marines. The troop includes 4th and 5th grade girls--several of them are ENA residents.

**Eden Neighborhood Association
2005 Membership Application**

Name: _____
Address: _____
Telephone (H): _____ (W) _____ Cell _____
Email Address: _____

(Privacy Policy: All information is confidential and for the private use of ENA)

I am renewing my membership Membership Dues: \$15.00
 I am a new member Additional Donations: _____
Total: \$ _____

I would like to help with the following Committees:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Beautification | <input type="checkbox"/> Block Watch/Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Festival of Lights | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Preparedness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garage Sale | <input type="checkbox"/> Social | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Delivery | <input type="checkbox"/> Political |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dumpster | <input type="checkbox"/> Welcoming | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National Night Out (August Block Party) | <input type="checkbox"/> Others _____ | | |

General Comments & Suggestions for Speakers at Meeting or other Projects or Events: _____

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