

Winchester San Tomas
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Next Meeting: *Amber Drive Primary Plus School, Tuesday, September 13th, 7:00 p.m.*
Guest Speaker: Dennis Rockstroh of the *San Jose Mercury News*

September 13th General Meeting Agenda

- Committee reports
- Guest Speaker: **Dennis Rockstroh**, *Actionline* columnist for the *San Jose Mercury News*. Bring your questions to our next meeting where we will meet Dennis Rockstroh. Mr. Rockstroh has been with the *Mercury News* for 32 years covering city government, mental health, the Vietnamese community, Alameda County, and the military. He was the local news columnist for the Alameda County edition for 13 years. Before coming to San Jose he reported from such places as Thousand Oaks, Barstow, Beverly Hills, and Vietnam, where he spent five years. His kids are grown, and he lives with his wife and cats in Evergreen.

Dumpster Day - September 17th
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 40-yard dumpsters for Saturday, September 17th.

Volunteers are needed to help neighbors unload their debris. Those who wish to volunteer, please call Mario directly or report to Mario near the dumpsters along Amber Drive on Saturday morning. And please bring your gloves. Orange vests will be provided to volunteers during the event.

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 13th meeting. Those who are not members, will be charged \$25, which includes the \$15 membership dues for 2005.

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 & Armin Quiring



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. 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 and reuse 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 & 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, etc
- **Center for Development of Recycling (CDR)** (408) 924-5453 or (800) 533-8414, or use their recycling search engine: <http://www.recyclestuff.org>

- Ivy Quiring

President's Message

Betty Kabanek

We have all witnessed the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina. People have lost their homes, their jobs and all of their worldly belongings. Worst of all, they've lost lives, family members, and friends. I cannot imagine the heartbreak or how people recover from such tragedies. We are a fortunate bunch to be here in San Jose, each of us able to aid the victims in our own way—maybe through donations, maybe through prayer. The record amount of money raised, the welcoming of victims to neighboring cities/states, and the droves of volunteers bringing food to the hungry are all testaments to the goodness of people. We may differ in our politics, root for opposing baseball teams and go to different churches, but when tragedy hits, we come together. It's expected. It's part of our culture. It makes me proud.

The recent tragedy also reminds us that part of what emergency preparedness teaches us is to have 3 days worth of food and medicine on hand in case we should ever have a serious disaster. Like fire insurance, we need to have it and we hope we'll never need to use it.

Trees Missing: Have you noticed? The dead trees on the Primary Plus campus have been removed. We are very grateful to the Moreland School District for chopping down the dead trees and removing the stumps. Now we'd like to replace those trees. Your ENA, working with the Moreland School District and Primary Plus, will contact Our City Forest to help determine what kind of trees to plant. Then we will apply for a grant to pay for the necessary irrigation equipment. Finally, we will ask volunteers to help plant the trees and dig trenches for the sprinklers. If we are successful, new trees will be growing before the end of the year. You'll find updates in future issues of the *Eden Examiner*.

Election of Officers: It's time to elect officers for 2006. If you'd like to run for President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer, please let us know. We will publish your bio, a summary of your qualifications, interests, reason for volunteering - whatever you submit, subject to space available. Elections will be held at the November meeting.

Cell Phone Users: There continue to be stories of a release of cell phone numbers to telemarketing companies, which could lead to cell phone users being charged for calls from telemarketers. To prevent this from happening, you can register your number on the Do Not Call Registry by calling 1-888-382-1222 or go to <http://www.donotcall.gov>. Registered numbers will be free from telemarketing calls for 5 years.



Beautification Committee



Thanks go to Ian Longaro, Bill Lawrence, Betsy Gebhart-Hardin, and her children Drew and Abby, who have helped plant three dozen Vincas in the flower bed where the pansies were previously. They removed a large amount of grass and weeds from the flower beds, etc. With their help much work was done quickly. Bill has been especially helpful on a continuing basis. Special thanks go to Rich Paige of the Moreland School District Maintenance Department for making needed improvements to the sprinklers. The flowers are showing their appreciation for the attention they are getting!

- Carl Shoemaker

Join Partners in Reading



Do you enjoy reading and helping others? Consider a richly rewarding volunteer opportunity as a tutor in the adult literacy program - Partners in Reading. Work one-to-one or lead a small group with English-speaking adults, who read or write below the ninth grade level, to help them achieve their learning goals. Sign up now for the September 15th orientation and training on September 17th and 24th. Fourteen hours of training, instructional materials, and on-going support are all provided free. No experience is necessary. There is a required commitment of two hours per week for six months. Call the San José Public Library at (408) 808-2361.

- sent in by one of our neighbors

Upcoming Calendar of Events

- Sept 13 GM: Mercury News - Dennis Rockstroh
- Sept 17 ENA 10th Annual Dumpster Day
- Oct 11 GM: San Jose Police Chief Davis
- Oct 15 ENA 8th Annual Volunteer Appreciation
- Nov 08 General Meeting
- Dec 17 ENA 6th Annual "Festival of Lights"

Membership Report



National Night Out 2005



To date our membership for 2005 is up to 386, including 38 new members. Thank you for your support. ENA would like to welcome aboard Bishal & Rajeswori Bisht, Truman & Barbara Boman, Todd & Melissa Evjenth, & John Pennick.

Members renewing since the last newsletter are:

Andrew & Jacqueline Blaise	Eduardo & Orietta
Dr. Sulekha & Sukumar Chaudhuri	Nakamoto
Grant & Mary Cunningham	Brent & Thuy Reinholz
Herb & Margaret Ebner	Mark & Elizabeth Resch
Mary Gardiman	Donald Ronalter
Barbara Grisier	Virginia & Lou Satariano
Richard & Sonia Husa	Chad Sittner & Cynthia Riley
Kay & Gladyce Kanagaki	Blake & Diann Wiggins

This is a reminder that only paid-up members will be able to dump for FREE on Dumpster Day on September 17th. Deadline to be eligible is the ENA General Meeting on Tuesday, September 13th. Others will have to pay \$25.00, which includes your \$15.00 for 2005 dues. You do not have to bring your ENA membership card, as an up-to-date roster will show who is eligible.

- Mario Vazquez



How Fast Are You Driving?

Yes, I know that you already realize this, but it bears repeating: School is back in session! That means that our children will be walking (or running) to school, catching the bus, or being dropped off at school. We should be extra cautious as we drive through our and other neighborhoods. 25 miles per hour is more than fast enough. Dropping your children off yourself? Please follow school guidelines and drop them off in the loading / unloading zones only. Did you know that even though Phelps Ave is posted at 30 mph currently, from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm (and sometimes longer), the speed limit is 25 mph a block on each side of the school? The rest of our neighborhood streets are always 25 mph. When we drive slower and safer, we provide a better example to our children as well as those who visit our neighborhood. So, let's all slow down - the life you save may be your neighbor's, your child's, or your own.

On Tuesday August 2, 2005, our neighborhood participated in the nation's 22nd annual National Night Out (NNO). Twelve neighborhood sites took part on Tuesday, including a large block party with a street closure. Two additional events were held the following weekend, and a large block party is pending. All of the locations were a big hit this year, and ranged from barbecues to potlucks to dessert events. Every site was visited by representatives of the ENA board, and several were visited by local SJPD beat officers and Councilmember Linda LeZotte.

All of the hosts were given customized t-shirts or BBQ aprons for their work and commitment to improving neighborhood spirit. A grant facilitated by the Winchester NAC enabled us to provide each site with the shirts or aprons, flats of water & soda, and an assortment of cookies & crackers. I would like to extend my thanks to all of our hosts for making this a successful NNO event!

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. We all benefit when we continue to work towards a safe, clean, and friendly neighborhood. Thanks again!

- Armin Quiring

Festival in the Park – Sept 17th, 1-5pm

Everyone in our neighborhood is invited to attend and enjoy the 5th Annual Festival in the Park, which will be held Saturday September 17th from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm at San Tomas Park, 4093 Valerie Drive, just off San Tomas Aquino Road. There will be food, games, arts & crafts, live music, a resource fair, and all around family fun for all. This event will start after ENA's Annual Dumpster Day, and provides a wonderful finish to a productive day. Festival in the Park is sponsored by Councilmember Linda LeZotte. For more information please call (408) 535-4901.

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

Dumpster Day



Saturday, September 17th

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 13th**

Break down all items as much as possible - ask for help. Please remove hardware from wood so it can be recycled. We will have a bin for wood. 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. All event workers will be wearing orange vests.

★ Please assist by unloading your own items from your vehicles. ★
The bin volunteers will then place them in the dumpster.

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

Hazardous materials
(dry or liquid) such as:

- Batteries
- Paint, oil, gas
- 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

Appliances such as:

- Refrigerators / Freezers
- Water or pool heaters
- Air conditioners
- Lawn mowers
- Other major appliances

Other / miscellaneous such as:

- Sofas, large or intact furniture
- Mattresses with springs
- Tires
- 55-gallon drums
- Railroad ties
- Concrete or dirt
- Business trash

NOTICE

**Members & Volunteers unload items &
stack dumpsters at their own risk.**

ENA accepts no liability related to this event.