

Winchester San Tomas

THE EDEN EXAMINER

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Next Meeting: *Amber Drive Primary Plus School, Tuesday, October 11th, 7:00 p.m.*
 Guest Speaker: Rob Davis, Police Chief for the City of San Jose

October 11th General Meeting Agenda

- Committee reports
- Guest Speaker: **Rob Davis, Police Chief for the City of San Jose**



Police Chief Davis is a 25-year veteran of the San Jose Police Department. He began as a Police Officer in 1980, promoted to Sergeant in 1989, Lieutenant in 1993, Captain in 1998, Deputy Chief in 2001, and Police Chief in 2004. In his various roles prior to becoming San Jose City's 8th Police Chief,

he managed the SJPD's Bureau of Investigations, commanded the Violent Crimes Unit (Gang Unit), managed a variety of core functions for the San Jose Police Department from personnel to training functions, project managed the automation of the department's information system, taught *Professionalism and Ethics* at the local Police Academy, taught *Peace Officers Standards and Training [POST]* to California POST Trainers, and consulted in Central America for the U.S. State Department.

Come join us at our October General Meeting to hear Chief Rob Davis.

Another Successful Dumpster Day

It was a great day, and now our neighborhood is that much cleaner! A total of seventy-one ENA members filled up four 40-yard dumpsters for our 10th Annual Dumpster Day. This is yet another ENA project accomplished successfully.

ENA thanks the following volunteer members for their assistance:

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| Yvette & Bret Carpenter | Elaine Marron |
| Sukumar Chaudhuri | Rajan Mehra |
| Kayshav Dattartri | Horace Nevarez |
| Obi Egwin | Paul Newburn |
| Wayne & Mona Hall | Armin & Ivy Quiring |
| Patrick Hascall | Michael Severns |
| Bharat Joshi | Carl Shoemaker |
| Richard & Betty Kabanek | Joe Sperry |
| Bhaskar Kalale | Isobel Taylor |
| Kevin & Victoria Lane | |



- Mario Vazquez



Remember to Vote - November 8th

As a reminder, in California the Voter Registration Deadline for the November 8th Special Statewide Election is October 24, 2005. More information on last minute registration can be found by calling 1-800-345-VOTE (8683), or by going to the following website:

➤ http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections_15day.htm

Information about the upcoming California elections can be found at:

- http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/vig_2005.htm
- <http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/statewidespecial.htm>

Upcoming Calendar of Events

- 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"

ENA Elections in November

It's that time of year again – Election time is just around the corner! Here is your chance to partake in representing our neighborhood directly. Every year, we have the opportunity to elect new ENA officers.

The four elected officer roles are:

President:

- plans and presides at all regular and special ENA meetings,
- supervises the direction of ENA events and committees,
- keeps important records while in office,
- consults with and keeps the Executive Board informed,
- coordinates Executive Board approval for important pending activities and expenditures,
- plans a budget with the Executive Board,
- reviews expenditures

Vice-President:

- carries out the duties of the President in the event that the President is temporarily unable to fulfill his/her duties,
- works closely with the President to ensure committees and events function properly,
- learns the roles & responsibilities of the various committees

Secretary:

- prepares and maintains minutes for ENA meetings

Treasurer:

- collects, distributes and oversees all funds ENA deems necessary for the function of ENA

This year, nominations will be made and voted on at our November General Meeting. If you are interested, please feel free to talk with any of our current or past officers. They will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

- Ivy Quiring

Neighborhood Watch

Bad news travels quickly and we have had our share of late with regards to home burglaries.

Recently, we have seen the two following burglary scenarios in our neighborhood:

- Daytime: the burglar jumps a fence and forcibly enters an unoccupied residence from the rear by breaking a window.
- Early morning hours: the cat burglar enters the residence through an open window or unlocked door while the occupants are sleeping.

In the case of the forced entry, the window breakage was heard, and a neighbor quickly reacted by calling 911. In the situation with the sleeping occupants, the cat burglar was interrupted by the household dog.

In addition to the burglaries, during the course of my morning walks through our neighborhood it has become apparent that some of the us have forgotten important security techniques we should be using when we are away. Some examples I have noted include:

- several days worth of newspapers in the walkway
- mail not picked up
- pesky little pizza advertisements hanging on door knobs
- pebble-laden advertisements along walkways and driveways

You can alarm your home and your car, and you can even dig a moat and fill it with alligators at a great expense for protection, but there is no better protection than a neighbor and the Neighborhood Watch Program. It has been over 10 years since we first started our Neighborhood Watch Program, and it is apparent that we need to revitalize it. There are many new residents in the area who need to be included. There will be more publicity about our Neighborhood Watch in the coming months. In the meantime, keep your doors and windows locked. If you plan to be away, let the neighbors know you are not expecting movers. Leave a phone number where you can be reached in an emergency. And, above all else, get the parcels, mail, and advertisements picked up. And, if you see any unusual activity, call the police by dialing 911 or (408) 277-8911 from a cellular phone.

- Al Hagmann

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

2005 Membership

Total Membership for this year is at 401. Thank you for your support!

Enclosed in this Examiner is a 2006 ENA Membership Application. Please renew early since it takes time to process renewals and new members.

Can we top the 400 membership again? Sure we can. There are 810 residents in our neighborhood. This association belongs to its residents. It includes owners as well as renters. ENA makes a difference with its events throughout the year. ENA keeps you informed of activities through our general meetings, our neighborhood newsletter, e-mails, and more.

The dues have not changed in the past 13 years. They are still \$15.00 a year. Last year, 161 members sent in an additional \$2498.00 to help us meet our budget of over \$8,000.00. Won't you join?

ENA would like to welcome the following new members:

Fince Parsons & Ann Perez
Stacie Hibano & Mark Schmid
Mike & Lori Cichon
Tiffany Wilson
Ron Grino
Edward & Kay Riely
Roger & Jennifer Trevino



ENA wants to thank the following renewing members:

Ed & Vivian Heinlein
Brent & Thuy Reinholz
Rajan Mehra
Martin & Kimberly Sorich
Ira & Laura Leventhal
Paul & Bernadette Luna
Cheryl Allemand
Diane Salvatore
Obi & Josephine Egwin
Eric & Michele Anderson
Robert & Bernadette Rodriguez



Any questions, call Mario at (408) 482-5731 or email him at mariorv@sbcglobal.net.

- Mario Vazquez

Halloween Safety Center - October 31st

On Halloween, parents can bring their children by our neighborhood Halloween Safety Center at 1023 Phelps Ave. Your children will receive a glow necklace, a bookmark, and an informational safety card. This is part of Safe From the Start San Jose.



Symptoms of a Stroke

When an accident happens, we typically see external symptoms that tell us where something is broken or wrong. We see symptoms like bleeding, swelling, and abrasions. With some medical conditions, like a stroke, the symptoms are not always clearly visible, and are sometimes very difficult to identify. Unfortunately, that lack of clear-cut symptoms can sometimes spell disaster, especially when a stroke victim may suffer brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms.

Here's a simple set of questions that you can ask someone to help determine if they may have experienced a stroke:

1. Can you smile for me?
 - Is the smile the same on both sides of the face?
2. Can you please raise both arms above your head for me?
 - Are both arms raised at the same rate to the same height?
3. Would you please speak a simple sentence for me?
 - Is the sentence complete, and does it make sense?

The responses to these simple questions can literally save a person's life. If the person fails any of these questions, call 911. It may help save their life.



- information submitted by Randee Chin

Harvest Festival – October 31st 5:30-7:30pm

The Eden Neighborhood is invited to a Harvest Festival at the Immanuel Presbyterian Church (San Tomas Expressway & Payne Ave) on October 31st from 5:30 - 7:30pm. There will be bobbing for apples, cake walk, face painting, popcorn & much more. Join in on the fun! For more information, call me at (408) 244-0519 or (408) 244-5298.

- Mary Coustier

Volunteer Appreciation Day, Saturday, October 15th, 5:30pm - Mario Vazquez

This year, members from more than 90 families volunteered their time and efforts to help with planned projects in this neighborhood:

Gail Avila	Betty Ford	Stan Latimer	John & Ginny Pyle
Marlene Bass	David & Tiffany Gale, & family	William Lawrence III	Armin & Ivy Quiring
Joan & Peter Bays Jr.	Phyllis Garrity	Thomas & Linda Lighthouse	Charles & Catherine Reed
Jasmin Benjamin	Betsy Gebhart & family	Ian Longaro	Bill Robertson
Robert & Coni Berliner	Alan George	Mary Ann & Elroy Lucero	Chris & Jamie Robinson
Fil & Jennifer Bettencourt	Cecilia Gorenuc	Pat Madison	Keith Schemm
Janet Boike	Al & Pat Hagmann	Tom & Elaine Marron	Grace Schirle
Walt & Lilyann Brannon	Wayne & Mona Hall	Alice McChesney	Peter & Cathy Scibetta
Penny Brennan	Patrick & Sandra Hascall	Rajan Mehra	Andro Sergides
Stephanie Brooks	Marge Heintze	Andy & Maureen Meyer	Michael & Sally Severns
Yvette & Bret Carpenter	Greg & Patty Heubel	Bruce Moe & family	Steve Shaffer
Paul & Andrea Casillas	Margaret Honda	Bud Muchow	Carl & Vi Shoemaker
Jamie Charton	Shirley Horning	Lee & Rose Myers	Kim Sorch
Runa Chartterjee	Debra Hunter	Nathan Nahouraii	Mick Speciale
Dr. Sulekha & Sukumar Chaudhuri	Beverly Johnson	Horace & Elena Nevarez	Joe Sperry
Linda Chin & John Parissenti	Hank & Gail Jordan	Paul & Carolyn Newburn	Eσμα Sprague
Randee & Henry Chin	Bharat & Smita Joshi	Bud & Evelyn Newman	Gayatri Subramaniam & Dale Barr
Dave & Grace Cox	Richard & Betty Kabanek	Judy & Bob Nichols	Isobel Taylor
Kayshav & Narmada Dattartri	Bhaskar & Asha Kalale	Ted & Julie Osier	Joseph & Elaine Uruski
Jon & Annette Drew	John & Susan Knapp	Jane Pardini	Mario Vazquez
Obi & Josephine Egwin	Jim Kono	Paul & Sharon Perea	Paula Vogelsong
Beverly Fisher	Janet Kulig & Ric Gilbert	Ed & Denise Plonka	Paul Warren
	Kevin & Victoria Lane	Doug & Jill Pohorski	Mark & Margaret Womack
	Mary Langenbrunner	Al & Leslie Posada	

If you are not on the list, and you volunteered, my apologies. Let me know.



In appreciation of their support, ENA will invite these volunteers to a pizza party. It will be held at in our neighborhood at Angelino's Restaurant. You will be called to find out how many are coming so we can order enough pizzas. Without the volunteers, ENA would not have been successful with all the events. Thank you!

If you want to be a volunteer, you can call the ENA Hotline, send an email, let one of the ENA Board members know, or check the committee you are interested in helping with on the 2006 Membership Application (included as an insert) when you send in your 2006 dues. It's fun and satisfying, doing a service to the community.



ENA Playgroup - Janet Boike

The ENA playgroup is a great springboard for meeting your neighbors who have kids. Our toddlers and babies meet twice a month during the week. There are many working parents who have expressed interest in meeting for playdates on the weekends. If you are interested, we can provide the connection you need. Give me a call at (408) 249-2993 or send me an e-mail (janetboike @ yahoo.com) if you would like to be in the loop. Weekday meeting dates and times fluctuate, so please call and get the current meeting time and location.

Neighborhood Student Continues Leadership Learnings at a World Level - Mario Vazquez

In 2004, Eli Brill, of Runnymede Drive, went to the National Youth Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. Recently, in 2005, he returned from the World Youth Leadership Conference in Vienna, Austria. He has now entered his senior year at Valley Christian High School with a lot of national and world affairs knowledge. Perhaps there is a political future for Eli. Only time will tell.