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Next Meeting: *Amber Drive Primary Plus School, Tuesday, January 10th, 7:00 p.m.*
Guest Speaker: *Jonnie Banks, Community Outreach Manager for the San Jose Mineta Airport*
Topics: *New San Jose Mineta Airport Plan*

January 10th General Meeting Agenda

- Welcome
- ENA Officers / Chairs – positions open, voting
- 2006 Calendar Update
- Committee Reports
- Guest Speaker: **Jonnie Banks**, Community Outreach Manager for the San Jose Mineta Airport. Ms. Banks brings a unique combination of skills from a 30 year career which includes technical & management experience in the airline industry, television news, and corporate communications. She has a solid understanding of commercial and federal aviation, and an appreciation of communication relations issues.

Come join us at our January 2006 General Meeting to hear Jonnie Banks tell us about the new San Jose Airport Plans.

Upcoming Calendar of Events

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| Jan 10 | GM: San Jose Mineta Airport |
| Feb 14 | General Meeting |
| Mar 14 | General Meeting |
| tbd tbd | 2 nd Annual Fruit for Second Harvest Drive |
| Apr 11 | General Meeting |
| Apr tbd | Emergency Preparedness |
| May 09 | General Meeting |
| tbd tbd | Neighborhood Garage Sale |
| Jun 13 | General Meeting |
| tbd tbd | ENA's Annual Family Summer Picnic |
| Aug 01 | National Night Out |
| Aug 08 | General Meeting |
| Sep 12 | General Meeting |
| Sep tbd | ENA 11 th Annual Dumpster Day |
| Oct 10 | General Meeting |
| Oct tbd | ENA 9 th Annual Volunteer Appreciation |
| Nov 14 | General Meeting |
| Dec tbd | ENA 7 th Annual "Festival of Lights" |



ENA's 2006 Officers and Chairpersons:

Your elected 2006 ENA Officers are:

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| President | Ivy Quiring |
| Vice President | Ginny Pyle |
| Treasurer | Tom Marron |
| Secretary | * to be voted on 1/10/06 |

Some of this year's Committee Chairs & ENA Representatives are:

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| Beautification | Carl Shoemaker |
| Dumpster Day | Mario Vazquez |
| Emergency Preparedness | Al Hagmann |
| Goodwill | Betty Ford |
| Graffiti Cleanup | John Knapp & Bud Pyle |
| Festival of Lights | Leslie Posada |
| Membership | Mario Vazquez |
| Newsletter Distribution | Elaine Uruski |
| Refreshments | Carl Shoemaker |
| Social / Picnic | Elaine Marron |
| Traffic | Betty Kabanek |
| Webmaster | Wayne & Mona Hall |
| Welcoming | Elaine Marron |
| Winchester NAC | Betty Kabanek & Wayne Hall |

The chairperson position for the Political Committee is currently available. If you are interested in helping with any of the committees, please let us know. You can note this on your membership form, or by leaving a message on the ENA hotline (408) 404-7404 or email, and someone will contact you. We greatly appreciate all of our volunteers and chairpersons, and encourage you to become involved in improving your neighborhood and your neighborhood association!

President's Message

Ivy Quiring

First, let me say a hearty "Happy New Year" to you all! I hope each of you had a wonderful holiday, and I wish you good cheer, good health, and good fun in the coming year!

Second, I want to give a round of applause to our 2004 & 2005 President, Betty Kabanek, the Executive Board, Committee Chairs, Representatives, and all the Volunteers for a great 2005! All of you helped make all the various ENA and neighborhood activities a roaring success! I want to especially commend Betty for her leadership of ENA to help make it a safer, cleaner, and friendlier neighborhood – Thank You Betty!

Speaking of applause, ENA just celebrated its 12th Anniversary - a wonderful feat that is thanks to all of the past and present leaders, committees, and volunteers! It is no wonder that ENA is well known and looked upon as a successful ongoing neighborhood organization by numerous San Jose City and Santa Clara County organizations.

I am looking forward to a brand new year filled with lots of activities and opportunities for everyone. As you probably saw on the Calendar of Events, we have a big line-up this year:

- ❖ Neighborhood Second Harvest Fruit Collection Drive for the Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara County (we collected over 960 pounds last year – let's do it again!)

- ❖ Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness Drill (be part of the team – whether you participate as a rescuer or a play-victim or an observer – please join us – we will all be better prepared for a real emergency when it happens)

- ❖ Neighborhood Garage Sale (join in cleaning out your extras and junk to be someone else's treasure)

- ❖ Annual Family Summer Picnic (meet your neighbors, celebrate the neighborhood, and have a fun time!)

- ❖ National Night Out (strengthen neighborhood spirit, meet your neighbors, and "give crime a going-away party"; our neighborhood tops Santa Clara County's neighborhood block parties with 14 parties – keep up the great participation in the "safe" in our "safe, clean & friendly neighborhood")

- ❖ Annual Dumpster Day (clean up & out all those unwanted items)

- ❖ Volunteer Appreciation Dinner (a thank you to all the hardworking volunteers in our neighborhood – each and every one of you make the difference!)

- ❖ Festival of Lights (help the neighborhood celebrate the holidays with luminaries)

- ❖ General Meetings (meet your neighbors, hear speakers of interest to neighbors, hear what's going on in the neighborhood)

- ❖ and much, much, more

And I look forward to hearing from each of you - what you would like to hear about, and what you think is of neighborhood interest. And yes, even issues. I expect issues will crop up – we will work through them as a neighborhood seeking a solution. By doing so, we help ENA & ourselves in our goal of promoting a safe, clean, and friendly neighborhood.

Update on the Locked Gates at the School

Several communications have been sent to the Moreland School District and Primary Plus regarding the school grounds closure. No formal response from the District has been received yet. In all of our communications, we have stressed the importance of the open space to everyone in the Eden Neighborhood. It is a place where we can take our children, play sports, and gather as a community.

We have learned that one of the reasons for the closure was the lack of "dog-doo" cleanup on the grounds. In our letter to the District and Primary Plus, we proposed creating a Responsible Dog Owners' Committee to monitor and clean-up after irresponsible dog owners, and to proactively communicate about dog-doo clean up, as well as several other recommendations. We have been able to discuss these recommendations with Primary Plus; they like them and want to work with us on them.

At this stage, the committee has been created, and is ready to execute our recommendations. With the holidays and busy schedules, we have not been able to reconnect with Primary Plus, but we will be restarting these efforts when the school re-opens from the holidays. We will continue our efforts to make progress on unlocking of the gates. Updates will be provided through the ENA Newsletter.

Raves Over the Holiday Marionette Show



Special thanks go to our neighbors, Melia Mann, her husband Micah, and family, who are The National Puppet Theater. They performed their marionette version of "The Nutcracker" on December 1st for the neighborhood at the Amber Drive School Library. The room was packed, and overflowing with neighbors & children who were delighted by their wondrous rendition. Thank you Melia and family!

ENA Greetings to Neighborhood Babies

ENA welcomes the newest member of our neighborhood:



❖ November 17, 2005: Abby Erjenth, daughter of Todd & Melissa Erjenth on Amherst Lane.

Please let us know about the arrival of new babies in our neighborhood, so we can say "Welcome." Give us a call on the ENA Hotline (408) 404-7404 or send us an email at email @ EdenNeighborhoodAssociation.org with the proud parents' and baby's information.



Local Permit E-Notice Availability

Do you ever wonder if there are pending plans for the vacant lot next door or down the street? Would you like to know when a developer or property owner is proposing a new project in your neighborhood? You can automatically receive email notice of pending permits in your community. To check out this service, go to:

<http://www.sjpermits/permits/general/emailform.asp>

- Betty Kabanek



Please Drive Safely

Please remember that the speed limit is 25 mph for most of the neighborhood. And whenever it is not safe to drive at the speed limit, slower is better. Please be on the lookout for children playing, pedestrians crossing streets, folks getting into their vehicles, neighbors backing out of their driveways, etc. Help us keep our neighborhood safe.

Working Toward a Safe, Clean, Friendly Neighborhood

2006 Master Composter Training Available

The Home Composting Education Program for Santa Clara County is accepting applications for the 2006 Master Composter Training Program to become a Master Composter Volunteer. In return for free instruction, materials, and a Master's Certificate in the Art & Science of Composting, graduates do public outreach events and workshops throughout Santa Clara County.

Nearly 35% of what Santa Clara County residents throw in the garbage or leave at the curb can easily be composted at home. Backyard and worm composting is a major element in every city's efforts to meet state and local waste reduction goals, as well as guidance for our children to be better stewards of Planet Earth. Help be an advocate for a better, sustainable earth.

The upcoming 2006 Program will run on each Wednesday evening January - March 2006 at the County Service Center in San Jose, including a series of weekend field trips. Those interesting in enrolling can either contact the Santa Clara County Home Composting Education Program for more information via email compost @ pln.sccgov.org, phone (408) 918-4640, or their website: <http://www.ReduceWaste.org>.

- information provided by Ken Kelly

A Friendly Reminder for Pet Owners

A growing number of your neighbors continue to experience an increase in pet waste in their front yards and sidewalks. Pet waste creates a health hazard to both the children and neighbors using the area.

None of us appreciate having to clean up after someone else's animal. We realize most pet owners do clean up after their pets and are very appreciative of their thoughtfulness!

Thank you for helping keep the neighborhood clean and pleasant.

- Your Neighbors

2006 Membership Report - *Mario Vazquez*

First, let me wish ENA a Happy 12th Anniversary. The first meeting the organization held was in November 1993. It started with 100 neighbors concerned mainly with traffic problems. Today, ENA focuses on traffic and other areas of concern to the neighbors. Back then, dues were set at \$15.00. That hasn't changed - they have not increased. Through the years, membership has increased up to 200, past 300, to over 400. The highest was 456 members three years ago.

Of recent, it has been around 410. We can top that this year. Since the 2006 membership drive started, ENA has 147 members. Processing this many members takes time. We need your help and support. This year we have new officers. Let's support them in their efforts to better our neighborhood.

ENA would like to welcome Michelle and Bao Nguyen to the neighborhood. They are the most recent of the 9 new members for 2006. In 2005 there were 42 new members.

ENA also wants to thank those renewing in November & December. They are:

Thomas Manog & Ana Iglesias	Julian Garcia	Brent & Thuy Reinholz
Parag & Seema Bhagrava	Beverly Johnson	John & Bev Schirle
George & Lisa Brown	William Lawrence III	Joe Sperry
Yvette & Bret Carpenter	Sal & Mary Lipari	Joseph & Elaine Uruski
Joe & Cheryl Denham	Pat Madison	Jim & Marianne Williams
Mark & Nancy Fuller	Virginia Perasso	
Matt & Nenetta Gallaway	Dorothy Phelan	



Call Mario at (408) 482-5731 if you don't know if you have renewed or if you want to join ENA. Or you can email him at mariorv@sbcglobal.net.

Please the Nose & Cut the Grease - *Armin Quiring*

Cold & wet weather is definitely here in force, and brings us all a gentle reminder - please do not pour any grease, oil, or lard down the drain. Anything that requires the use of hot water to help it down the drain or through your garbage disposal congeals and clings to the sewer pipes, especially during the colder months. It continues to accumulate until it becomes difficult for anything but liquid to pass through the clogs, and eventually closes the pipe altogether. This is currently happening in many of our main sewer arteries. What occurs next is very unpleasant - especially for our noses. So please, utilize a container for these types of waste, and contact the Santa Clara County Household Hazardous Waste program at (408) 299-7300 for disposal guidelines.

Holiday Tree Recycling - *Ivy Quiring*

As the holidays wind down, and it's time to pack away ornaments and decorations, let's help our environment by recycling the live holiday trees we no longer want. You can put your cut-up trees (flocked & non-flocked) out at the curb with your regular recycling until February 3rd for pickup. Additional guidelines for tree disposal are:

- tree sections must be 5 feet or less in length
- no tinsel or decorations
- no nails or attached stands

For more information, call (408) 535-3515 or reference their tree recycling webpage at:

<http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/Organics/Events/XmasRecycle/TreeRecyFlyr.pdf>



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