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**Next Meeting:** *Amber Drive Primary Plus School, Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.*

**Guest Speakers:** Dr. Rhonda Farber of Campbell Union High School District, and Ken Kelly of Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers

**Topics:** 2006-2007 Parcel Tax Exemption, Your Part in Helping Stop Crime



**March 14<sup>th</sup> General Meeting Agenda**

- Welcome
- Guest Speaker: *Dr. Rhonda Farber*, Superintendent of the Campbell Union High School District, on Parcel Tax Exemption for 2006-2007
- 2006 Calendar Update – August Meeting Vote
- Committee Reports
- Guest Speaker: *Ken Kelly*, President of the Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers

Come join us at our March 2006 General Meeting to talk with the Dr. Rhonda Farber from the Campbell Union High School District, and Ken Kelley from Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers.

Here's your opportunity to hear more about their programs. Come armed with questions. See you there!



**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fresh Fruit Donation Drive**

Let ENA help you distribute your fresh produce to various Community Services in Santa Clara County. Due to the Medfly Quarantine, Second Harvest Food Bank is not accepting fresh fruit at this time. However, there are many smaller agencies who will happily accept our donation. We will be picking up bagged fruit on March 18 and 19 in our neighborhood. Please help us by doing the following:

- Pick your trees and put fruit in bags or boxes
- Separate the fruits (ie. oranges/lemons/grapefruits)
- Mark the bags or boxes with "ENA"
- Leave the bags or boxes in your driveway, doorstep, or parkway.

ENA volunteers will pick them up between noon and 4pm on Saturday and Sunday. If you have questions or need pickers or want to volunteer, please leave me a message on the ENA Hotline (408) 404-7404.

- Ginny Pyle

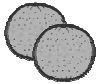


**Upcoming Calendar of Events**

- Mar 14 GM: Parcel Tax, Crime Stoppers
- Mar 18-19 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual ENA Fruit Drive
- Apr 11 GM: Moreland School District
- Apr tbd Emergency Preparedness
- May 09 General Meeting
- May 20 Neighborhood Garage Sale
- Jun 13 General Meeting
- Jun 24 ENA's Annual Family Summer Picnic
- Aug 01 National Night Out
- Aug 08 General Meeting
- Sep 12 General Meeting
- Sep tbd ENA 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Dumpster Day
- Oct 10 General Meeting
- Oct tbd ENA 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Volunteer Appreciation
- Nov 14 General Meeting
- Dec tbd ENA 7<sup>th</sup> Annual "Festival of Lights"

**March Events of Interest**

- March 14<sup>th</sup> (Tues) 7pm  
General Meeting
- March 18-19 (Sat & Sun)  
ENA Annual Fruit Collection
- March 18 (Sat) 10 am – 4 pm  
Free E-Waste Collection @  
Westside Preschool Parking  
Lot (3257 Payne Ave)



## Working Toward a Safe, Clean, Friendly Neighborhood



### President's Message Ivy Quiring



We were fortunate to get all three candidates running for our District 1 Council seat to come and talk to us at the same time. Not only did we get a chance to hear them tell us a little about themselves, we got a chance to ask them some pretty tough questions – from neighborhood traffic concerns, to use of eminent domain, to concerns about safety & services, and much much more.

Additionally, a lot of effort has been made by numerous neighbors and the ENA, to raise awareness and get something done about the locked field at Amber Drive School. Your input, your participation, and your perseverance has helped raise needed awareness to this issue. I am glad to say that our neighborhood & ENA's relationship with Amber Drive School is valued greatly by the school. Together with extra efforts by Betsy Gebhart, Carolyn Newburn, Armin Quiring & many others, we've gotten much further in our quest for neighborhood field access re-instatement with Amber Drive School than through the Moreland School District. I am glad to say we have regained after school hours access for our neighborhood community. Please help us keep this access by adhering to the "conditions" listed by Linda White, the Amber Drive School Administrator.

### Reminder: 2006-2007 Parcel Tax Exemption

Campbell Union High School District Superintendent Dr. Rhonda Farber would like to remind senior citizens that they are eligible to file for a Parcel Tax Exemption for the 2006-2007 tax year and beyond. For more information on the exemption or to download a form, please visit our website at:

[http://www.cuhsd.org/pdf/parcel\\_tax.pdf](http://www.cuhsd.org/pdf/parcel_tax.pdf)

or you may call (408) 371-0960 extension 2030. The deadline to file for the 2006-07 tax year is May 31, 2006.

If you completed a form last year, you will be receiving a letter in the mail with instructions to renew your exemption.

- Gaylene Hinkle, CUHSD

## March 15<sup>th</sup> – SJC Facility Reuse Community Feedback Meeting

The City of San José recently held a series of community meetings to receive input from residents about potential re-use of select community centers. A final review of the community feedback is being held on Wednesday, March 15, 2006, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at Franklin McKinley School District Office, 645 Wool Creek Drive, Board Room A.

If you were unable to attend one of the Facility Re-Use meetings or would like to provide additional feedback into who will operate selected community centers in San José, a survey is still available at:

<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/prns/FRUSmeetings.asp>

For more information, contact Carla Holmes at (408) 535-5511 or via email [Carla.Holmes@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Carla.Holmes@sanjoseca.gov).

## March 15<sup>th</sup> & March 22<sup>nd</sup> Moreland School District Facilities Use

Community meetings to discuss Moreland School District facilities have been scheduled to allow the community to hear and comment on the recommendations of the Moreland School District Facilities Committee. This is your opportunity to have your voice heard prior to the Moreland School Board taking action on the committee recommendations.

Dates:

- Wed, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:30pm, Rogers Middle School, 4835 Doyle Rd, San Jose, (408) 874-3500
- Wed, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7-8:30pm, Castro Middle School, 4600 Student Lane, San Jose, (408) 874-3300

## Free Electronic Waste Collection Event Sat, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 10a - 4p

Where: Westside Preschool Parking Lot  
3257 Payne Ave, San Jose, CA 95117  
(between Winchester Blvd and San Tomas Expressway next to "Pueblo de Dios" Church)

They accept working or broken: computers (CPUs), televisions, monitors, radios, printers, fax machines, microwaves, stereos, pc speakers, keyboards, mice, DVD players, VCR players, and telephones.

- submitted by Mona Hall

## Letter from Amber Drive School School Administrator Linda White

March 2, 2006

Hi Ivy,

I am very happy to inform you that the fields at Primary Plus Elementary will be unlocked very soon (by the weekend). The neighborhood will once again be able to enjoy the field and playground after 6:00 p.m. on weekdays, and on weekends! I would like to ask your help to get the word out to the neighbors about Primary Plus' "condition" for opening the fields to them. I would like you to please inform the neighborhood that we will not tolerate dog feces on the fields.

As you know, Action Day Primary Plus values its relationship with the Eden Neighborhood Association. This is the sole reason we have pushed to reopen the fields. Obviously our main concern is the dog feces left on our fields by some who enjoy its use. As you know, our students play on the fields several times each day during recess and before/after school. It is neither sanitary nor pleasant when our children step, fall or slip in feces. Additionally, as per Dr. Adelson's memorandum, "Should the District continue to experience a breach in dogs illegally on our fields, the fields will again remain locked."

I appreciate your efforts in the continuing help you provide Action Day Primary Plus.

Regards,  
Linda M. White  
School Administrator  
Primary Plus Elementary School

### Invitation to Participate in the 2008 Beijing Olympic Landscape Design Contest

Our very talented neighbor, Paul Gorenuc, has been cordially invited to participate in the *2008 Beijing Olympic Landscape Sculpture Designs Contest*, after his participation in the *2001 China-Beijing International Sculpture Symposium & 2005 Second International Beijing Biennale*. Good luck Paul!

## Update on the Amber Drive Field Lockdown

Following 4 months of an unprecedented lockdown, the Amber Drive-Primary Plus field is now open to neighborhood use. Primary Plus school administrator Linda White says the gates to the field, along Phelps, were unlocked Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Several Moreland school district sites, including Amber Drive, Payne, Country Lane, and Castro have had their fields locked down for months. The district cites reasons varying from dog droppings to vandalism at school buildings. There was a huge outcry about the field closures from nearby residents, whose families use the fields for recreation and sports leagues.

Last February 16<sup>th</sup>, after much pressure from Eden neighborhood residents and Councilwoman Linda LeZotte's office, Moreland Superintendent Les Adelson issued a memo saying the locked fields would be open during daylight hours, after school is out. With respect to leased school sites (like Amber Drive-Primary Plus), Adelson said each lessee can decide whether to unlock the field gates. Since February 16<sup>th</sup>, Primary Plus' School Administrator, Linda White, says she's repeatedly contacted the district to try to get the gates unlocked, but received no response from the district.

So, the week of March 1<sup>st</sup>, Eden Neighborhood residents began another round of phone calls and e-mails to the district, Councilwoman LeZotte, and Primary Plus' corporate office. On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, district maintenance arrived at Primary Plus to unlock the gates.

The Eden Neighborhood Association board will be working with the school to facilitate and maintain field access for the neighborhood. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in following Primary Plus' guidelines.

The Primary Plus field will be available to Eden Neighborhood residents after 6 pm weekdays, and during the weekends. However, the district says **NO DOGS WILL BE ALLOWED**. And Primary Plus says it will be enforcing that rule for health and sanitary concerns. The district says if there are problems with dog droppings, the field will be locked down 24-7 again.



## 2006 Membership Report - Mario Vazquez

ENA is now at 50% of our regular yearly membership and at 25% of the neighborhood residents. There are now 206 members, including 13 new members. There are 810 residential homes in this Neighborhood and our yearly membership has been around 410.

ENA would like to welcome Karniq & Hilda Koumriqian, and Raji Sethuraman & Vats Srinivasan to the neighborhood and to the association. Try to attend Tuesday's meeting and meet your fellow neighbors. The following members have shown their continued support by renewing for 2006 since last month:

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|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| William & Josie Ang    | Robert & Deborah Hsieh     | Grace Santo             |
| Joseph & Sheila Callan | Chris & Vivian James       | Peter & Cathy Scibetta  |
| Mike Console           | Alice McChesney            | Donald & Carol Shortt   |
| John & Zee Del Fiugo   | Bob & Judy Nichols         | Peter & Mladenka Sorich |
| Richard & Helen Dow    | Gus & Bess Pinoris         | Ray & Liz Tanaka        |
| Dave & Tracy Dwyer     | Fran Pisano-O'Leary        | Roy & Judith Truitt     |
| Alan & Kathy Fryer     | Wiehang Que and Sinjy Chen | Steven Wolff            |
| Mary Ann Henderson     | Jim & Gail Richley         |                         |



Call me at (408) 482-5731 with any questions about membership.



### Phelps Avenue Traffic Calming - Betty Kabanek

Late last year Peter Taylor, my husband Richard, and I met with Laura Wells and Amit Kothari from the Department of Transportation (DOT) regarding traffic calming on Phelps Ave. They want to present a program called **Street Smarts** to the neighborhood. **Street Smarts** is a Traffic Safety Education Program which targets pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists, and changing behavior to ensure safety in neighborhoods. The program has been officially adopted by cities such as Cupertino, Danville, and Berkeley, and has been internationally recognized for implementing effective safety programs in communities. The presentation takes approximately 45 minutes, including questions. A high turn-out will show that Phelps Ave. residents are serious about traffic calming. The program has been tentatively set for our General Meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

In addition to a high turnout at a **Street Smarts** meeting, we need someone who lives on Phelps to head the project. I am very willing to help, but people who live on the street can make the most impact when we lobby for change.

If you would like to slow down the traffic on Phelps Ave and are willing to work on a traffic calming committee, please leave your name on the hotline (408) 404-7404.



### ENA Greetings to Neighborhood Babies



ENA welcomes the newest addition of our neighborhood:

- ❖ January 4, 2006: Ryan Gabriel Fuhrman , son of Rich & Vangie Fuhrman on Calboro Drive.
- ❖ February 12, 2006: Megan Ashley Sutton, daughter of Ron & Michele Sutton on Woodbine Way.

### Reminder: ENA Membership

**Have you joined or renewed?**

**Can't remember?**

**Give Mario Vazquez a call at (408) 482-5731**

#### **Volunteer Areas & Areas of Interest:**

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| _ Beautification     | _ Neighborhood Watch  |
| _ Dumpster Day       | _ Newsletter Delivery |
| _ Emergency Prepared | _ Political           |
| _ Festival of Lights | _ Social              |
| _ Fruit Collection   | _ Summer Picnic       |
| _ Garage Sale        | _ Traffic             |
| _ Nat'l Night Out    | _ Welcoming           |