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THE EDEN EXAMINER
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Next Meeting: *Amber Drive Primary Plus School, Tuesday, April 11th, 7:00 p.m.*

Guest Speakers: Jim Mcfarlane & Heather Sutton, Moreland School District Board of Trustees

Topics: Moreland School District Update

April 11th General Meeting Agenda

- Welcome
- Committee Reports
- Guest Speakers: *Jim Mcfarlane & Heather Sutton*, Moreland School District Board of Trustees

Come join us at our April 2006 General Meeting to talk with *Jim Mcfarlane & Heather Sutton* from the Moreland School District.

Here's your opportunity to hear more about plans for the Moreland School District. Come armed with questions. See you there!



**Emergency Preparedness Drill
Saturday, April 29th 9am**

The month of April has been traditionally designated Earthquake Awareness Month and a time for communities to review and exercise their preparedness planning. For the Eden Neighborhood Association, this will be our 10th Anniversary of such exercises. Our exercise this year will be conducted on Saturday, April 29th at 9am from the school parking lot. The staffing for these events have been steadily declining and in the last two exercises we were unable to cover all the sectors. For this reason, I am asking all participants, particularly our trained "green suiters" to bring a friend, a neighbor, a relative, or all of them. We have many new residents among us who need to learn about our program and how they can participate. We need all the help we can get and we welcome teenagers. The theme this year is "Every Member – Get a Member".

- Al Hagmann

Our Fruitful Work Collects 2700 lbs



Thanks to all our neighbors who donated fresh citrus from their yards during our annual Fruit Donation Drive March 18th –19th. This year, we tripled last year's donation of 925 lbs to an amazing 2700 lbs! Since the Second Harvest Food Bank is in

a medfly quarantine area & unable to accept our fruit, four local community agencies gratefully accepted our fruit: Alliance for Community Care, Sacred Heart Community Service, Pueblo de Dios Church, and St. Justin Community Ministry. Many thanks to our volunteers, Bud Pyle, Armin Quiring, Charley & Caroline Reed, Steve Cook, Bob Kirby, and Jim Schirle, who donated their time and trucks to collect the fruit. Councilmember LeZotte will present ENA with a commendation for the fruit drive donation at a SJC Council meeting in April.

- Ginny Pyle

April Events of Interest

- April 11th 7pm (Tues)**
General Meeting [school]
- April 29th 9am (Sat)**
**ENA Emergency Preparedness
Drill [school parking lot]**

Working Toward a Safe, Clean, Friendly Neighborhood

President's Message Ivy Quiring

Once again, our neighborhood showed their support and friendliness to those in need! Kudos to neighbors who picked fruit, delivered fruit, offered their fruit, and/or helped out with the fruit drive! Think of how much fruit was gathered – almost 1 ½ tons of fruit – and there is still more fruit on the trees. Those less fortunate were especially appreciative of the fresh fruit given the medfly quarantine restrictions that prevented us & many others from donating fruit to the Santa Clara County Second Harvest Food Bank. Special thanks to Ginny in her humanitarian efforts to lead our neighborhood's drive to prevent waste & help the needy!

As this is April, I want to remind you to be prepared for any emergency. We all get caught up in our busy everyday lives, and it's easy to defer safety preparation actions when we are not in the midst of an emergency. As we saw with Katrina, the tsunami disaster, and some of our wetter weather conditions, the neighborhood will likely have to fend for itself a minimum of days, if not weeks. As such, I invite all of you to participate in our Emergency Preparedness Drill on April 29th. You do not need to have taken the training. Meet the team, learn what you can do, meet your neighbors, and get a better feel for the neighborhood. Help us help each other by being better prepared.

And if you haven't had a chance to check out the school of late, you might not have noticed we now have after hours & weekend access again. I am pleased to say our good neighbor and working relationship with Primary Plus & Linda White helped regain access.

Please help us keep this access by making sure no animals are allowed (even carried by a person) on the school field. This applies to neighbors, leasers of the field, and anyone who is on the school field.

Bottomline, we have to look out for our neighborhood access by monitoring the field and making those who do break the "no animal allowed" policy aware that they are violating school policy, and jeopardizing everyone's access by their irresponsible actions.



ENA Garage Sale Saturday, May 20th

ENA's Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, May 20th. You do not have to be a member of ENA to join the sale, although it is encouraged.

ENA will be placing advertisements in the *San Jose Mercury News* and the *PennySaver*. Many people see the advertisements & come into the neighborhood. Some look for it each year.

ENA will also be providing a neighborhood garage sale map at strategic locations around the neighborhood.

Garage Sale Map:

Call the ENA hotline (408) 404-7404 to have your address put on the Neighborhood Garage Sale Map. In your message, please state the message is for the "Garage Sale", and provide your name, street address, your phone number (in case we need to call you), and the types of items you will be selling.

Help Needed:

We need a few volunteers to assist with the setup & take down of the signs for the Garage Sale. Your help is needed to ensure we have local advertisement of the event! Call the ENA Hotline (408) 404-7404 if you can help in any way.

Help us help you get the word out! Thanks!

Upcoming Calendar of Events

- Apr 11 **GM: Moreland School District**
- Apr 29 **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 * no general meeting per Mar'06 vote *
- Sep 12 General Meeting
- Sep tbd ENA 11th Annual Dumpster Day
- Oct 10 General Meeting
- Oct tbd ENA 9th Annual Volunteer Appreciation
- Nov 14 General Meeting
- Dec tbd ENA 7th Annual "Festival of Lights"

Westside Preschool E-Waste Collection Event a Success

Thank you to everyone who brought electronic equipment for recycling to the Westside Preschool on Saturday, March 18th. In 6 hours, 187 cars came to drop off items. A total of 17,902 lbs (7,020 lbs of computer monitors; 3,174 lbs of computer CPUs, 7708 lbs of other items) was collected! Proceeds from the event benefited the Westside Preschool.

If you missed the collection event, you can still call ASL (a State Authorized Free E-Waste Recycler) at 1-877-279-0230. So that proceeds may go to the Westside Preschool, please remember to mention Westside Preschool when you call. When they receive enough requests for an area, they will set up a date and send a truck out for free pick-up of the items in that area. As a reminder, they will recycle working or broken electronic equipment like TVs, monitors, computers, and more.

- Mona Hall

Sunshine Reform Update

On March 21st, the City Council approved a package of common sense sunshine reforms to make it easier for the public to participate in San Jose City governance. The San Jose City Council voted 10 - 1 in favor of the reforms, with Mayor Ron Gonzalez casting the lone dissenting vote. San Jose City staff is currently working to create a Task Force to review the proposed sunshine reforms, along with proposals by Councilmembers Reed and Cortese, and the Mercury News Editorial Board. This task force will likely consist of neighborhood, media, and city representatives. San Jose City staff will also review the proposals to identify the reforms that can be immediately implemented, and the reforms that will require further investigation due to cost and staffing needs.

- information provided by Councilmember
Linda LeZotte's office

No Eminent Domain for Private Gain

Help protect your home and/or business by supporting the People's Initiative. The U.S. Supreme Court decision, Kelo vs New London, has left it up to each state to provide protection for its' citizens in the taking of people's private property for economic development. Your homes and businesses can be taken from you and given to another private party for the purpose of increasing tax revenue. If you feel this is wrong, then you need to sign a petition by downloading it at <http://www.limiteminentdomain.org> or calling (408) 882-5008. 800,000 signatures need to be turned in by April 30, 2006 to put this issue on the ballot. Please help gather signatures so that the voters of California will get to decide. Send this link to all your friends and family. Let others know about this grassroots effort to protect private property rights in California. Thank you.

- Dianne Rosano

Free Medicine Disposal Event Monday, May 15th, 1 - 4 pm

Don't flush your unused or old medications! Bring them to the Safe Medicine Disposal Event at the Cypress Senior Center at 403 S. Cypress Ave for proper and free disposal. For more information, please call (408) 945-3000.

ENA 2005 Expenses & 2006 Budget

EXPENSES	2005 Budget	2005 Actual	2006 Budget
Printing & Newsletter	3000	\$2,951.88	\$3,200.00
Dumpster Day	2000	\$1,488.71	\$2,000.00
Summer Picnic	1600	\$1,548.80	\$2,400.00
Volunteer Appreciation	400	\$370.95	\$500.00
Postage	325	\$311.50	\$400.00
Emergency Preparation	200	\$0.00	\$200.00
Festival of Lights	175	\$68.66	\$250.00
Garage Sale	150	\$177.40	\$200.00
Office & Computer Supplies	150	\$0.00	\$150.00
Garden **	150	\$724.11	\$200.00
Bereavement	200	\$62.91	\$150.00
Miscellaneous	200	\$25.00	\$100.00
Hotline	75	\$0.00	\$150.00
Website	65	\$135.21	\$200.00
PO Box	38	\$0.00	\$50.00
Meeting Refreshments	0	\$0.00	\$50.00
Conferences	50	\$0.00	\$0.00
National Night Out **	350	\$1,335.53	\$500.00
UNSCC	90	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$9,218.00	\$9,200.66	\$10,700.00
Less Grants:			
Net Expense			
INCOME			
Membership Dues (\$15 each)	\$6,750.00	\$6,210.00	\$6,300.00
Additional Donations	\$2,468.00	\$2,783.00	\$3,000.00
Grants **		\$2,009.40	\$1,400.00
Total Income	\$9,218.00	\$11,002.40	\$10,700.00
Net	\$0.00	\$1,801.74	\$0.00

- Tom Marron

2006 Membership Report - Mario Vazquez

It is now April and the 2006 membership renewal has been quite slow. We now have 223 members with 13 who are new members this year. Our average membership has been 410. Looking at the figures, it shows that there are 187 who have not renewed. We need your support. If you are in doubt, call Mario at (408) 482-5731. Our 2006 budget is over \$9,000. Your support is greatly appreciated. Member renewing during March are:

Eleanor Allen	Dan & Rosemary Clarke	Asok Raman & Sujata Ramnarayan
Nora Beddo	Grace Gillis	Allen & Henny Rudy
Bruce & Janet Boike	Natalie Kanzaki	Bill & Barbara Scott
Walt & Lilyann Brannon	John & Maria Laughlin	Jim & Denise Sitter
Phil & Roxanne Chamberlin	Connie Mignano	Michael & Melody Spradlin
Steve & Darlene Chung	John & Ginny Pyle	

Eden Avenue Entry Markers - Betty Kabanek

We're still working on permits that will allow us to install entry markers on Eden Ave. (one at Williams Rd and one at Payne Ave). This project has been in the works for some time. Plans were submitted to 6 various agencies for comment. Public Works was the only department to raise concerns. They rejected the wrought iron designs because they were not substantial enough. They suggested we use concrete. They also told us that the maximum height for the markers is 36".

We need to submit new scale drawing of entry markers that conform to the city standards. Can you help us? If you, or someone you know, is proficient with Auto CAD or a similar program, please call the ENA hotline (408) 404-7404 to volunteer your services. We believe that well designed entry markers will enhance our sense of community identity and pride. You can help us get the job done. Thank you.

Keeping Safe – Useful Safety Tips From a Neighbor

- Do not sign the back of your credit cards. Instead, put "PHOTO ID REQUIRED".
- When you are writing checks to pay on your credit card accounts, do not put the entire account number on the "For" or "Comment" line. Instead, just put the last four numbers.
- If you have a P.O. Box, use that instead of your home address. Never have your Social Security number printed on your checks.
- Make copies of the contents of your wallet and put it in a safe place. Do both sides of licenses, credit cards, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel.
- We have been told we should cancel our credit cards immediately. But the key is having the toll free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know whom to call. Keep those where you can find them.
- File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where your credit cards, etc., were stolen. This proves to credit providers you were diligent, and this is a first step toward an investigation.

But here's what is perhaps most important of all:

If your wallet is stolen, or you are concerned you may be a victim of identity theft, call the 3 national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name:

Equifax (800-525-6285) Experian [formerly TRW] (888-397-3742) Trans Union (800-680-7289)

And also call the Social Security fraud line (800-269-0271). The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen, and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit.

Credit reports are free if you have been denied credit (<http://www.annualcreditreport.com>, or 877-322-8228). Also, you can get one free credit report a year from each of the three main credit reporting agencies.

For more information on identity theft:

<http://www.privacy.ca.gov/cover/identitytheft.htm>