

Winchester San Tomas

THE EDEN EXAMINER

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Next Meeting: *Amber Drive Primary Plus School, Tuesday, May 9th, 7:00 p.m.*

Guest Speakers: Councilmember Linda LeZotte & Linda Crabill of Street Smarts Program

Topics: District 1 Update & Get Street Smart

May 9th General Meeting Agenda

- Welcome
- Committee Reports
- Guest Speakers: *Linda LeZotte*, San Jose City District 1 Councilmember, and, *Linda Crabill*, of Street Smarts.

Councilmember Linda J. LeZotte will be providing us with an update on what's going on within our District (District 1). If you have any questions or concerns prior to the meeting, please feel free to contact her at the Council District 1 Office via phone (408) 535-4901 or email Linda.LeZotte@sanjoseca.gov.

Linda Crabill comes to us from the *Street Smarts* program, a public education campaign targeted toward changing driver, pedestrian, & bicyclist behavior. This grass roots program works with engineering & enforcement by addressing traffic problems at their root cause – in the minds

of drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists. Many City of San José neighborhoods have adopted *Streets Smarts* in an effort to improve safety on their streets. For more information about *Street Smarts*, contact the City of San José Department of Transportation at (408) 975-3238 or visit their website <http://GetStreetSmarts.org>.

Come join us at our May 2006 General Meeting to talk with Councilmember Linda LeZotte, and Linda Crabill from the Street Smarts Program. Here's your chance to hear more about plans for District 1, and what you can

do to help make our neighborhood streets a safer place. See you there!

Fruit Drive Recognition by City of San Jose



Ginny Pyle and ENA were recognized at the April 18th San Jose City Council Meeting by Councilmember Linda LeZotte & Mayor Ron Gonzales for ENA's 2nd Annual Fruit Drive efforts!

Help Needed

Volunteers help make our neighborhood a safe, clean, & friendly place to live in. We have some gaps in some of our activities, and would really appreciate your help. We are looking for help in the following areas:

- ENA website updates
- taking pictures at ENA events
- Political Committee Chairperson

Please call the ENA Hotline (408) 404-7404 if you can help in any way or if you have questions. Thank you!

May Events of Interest

- May 9th (Tues) 7pm**
General Meeting [school]
- May 15th (Mon) 1-4pm**
Free Medicine Disposal Event
[Cypress Senior Center]
- May 20th (Sat) all day**
Neighborhood Garage Sale



President's Message Ivy Quiring

Once again, our neighborhood showed their support and friendliness to those in need! Thank you to all who showed their support and provided information on the recent animal attack of a lady walking in our neighborhood. Your assistance along with the diligence & focus of both *Crystal Morrow of Councilmember Linda LeZotte's staff* and *Animal Control Officer Melissa Iida*, are what accelerated the identification & possession of the animal. And "get well" wishes go to the injured lady – we wish her a quick recovery!

And as a gentle reminder, if you find yourself in a situation where you are concerned about a dangerous animal, get to safety first, then notify San Jose Police via 911 (277-8911 by cell) if necessary. And yes, safety can mean running to a nearby neighbor's house or even climbing a tree. Do not approach the animal, especially if it appears dangerous. That could be a dog, cat, raccoon, or crow. For a domestic animal, even if there is an owner with the animal, if the owner is not capable of controlling the animal, do not approach them. Most owners are responsible and capable of exerting sufficient control to restrain their animals, however, caution should be considered in any situation where the animal is loose or excited.

Now a note on being prepared. I am glad to say I saw a number of existing San Jose Prepared faces & a number of new faces at our ENA Emergency Preparedness Drill! Kudos go to Al Hagmann for his hard work at refreshing the "preparedness" of our neighborhood for emergencies. He took a new drill approach that had all walking through the various scenarios, focusing on one to call in, and reviewing them afterwards. This was appreciated by new and old participants of the drill. Great job Al!

Last, but not least, just a quick reminder that ENA does not do any code enforcement, write warning letters, file complaints, or report violations of any sort. ENA tries to identify sources for answering concerns, and provide information to our residents. We're here to help, not police or impose.

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



Reminder: ENA Garage Sale Saturday, May 20th

Just a quick reminder that 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*. ENA will also be providing a neighborhood garage sale map at strategic locations around the neighborhood.

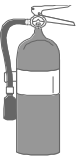
Garage Sale Map - Deadline for submissions May 12th.
Call the ENA hotline (408) 404-7404 by **5pm, Friday, May 12th**, to have your address put on the Neighborhood Garage Sale Map. In your message, please state the message is for the "Garage Sale", and provide your name, street address, your phone number (in case we need to call you), and the types of items you will be selling.

Call for volunteers – help needed:

We still 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 enough local advertisement of the event! Please call the ENA Hotline (408) 404-7404 if you can help in any way.

Help us help you get the word out! Thanks!

Emergency Preparedness Training In Our Neighborhood



San Jose Prepared offers low-cost Emergency Preparedness Training (5 sessions + graduation). For more information, go to:

<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/emergencyServices/sanjoseprepared/commclass.htm>

ENA is trying to get enough interest to warrant the city teaching the class in our neighborhood. If we are able to get enough interest, we would not only get it taught in our neighborhood, we have the opportunity to potentially get the class covered by our District 1 Councilmember. In an effort to take advantage of this opportunity, we need to find out who is interested. For those with interest, please leave a message on the ENA hotline (408) 404-7404 stating your interest in the training along with your name & phone number.

Safety Reminders

The weather has improved, Spring has arrived, and more folks are out and about. A quick reminder to all that as we go through spring, and plan for summer, we should be aware of our surroundings. Recognize the familiar faces. Notice the unfamiliar ones. In short, be aware.

It was recently brought to light that some folks were found walking through the neighborhood carrying large bags. As they were not recognized as neighbors, they were asked if they needed help or assistance. These folks quickly left our vicinity. Quick checks like those help discourage folks who may have had ulterior motives like burglary and damage. And several neighbors called the police as these folks were seen in another part of the neighborhood. Good work!

Also, during one night, someone tried to break into a neighbor's car on Amherst Lane. A neighbor heard the noise of the attempted break-in, and was able to frighten away the thief. Again, good work!

This is just a gentle reminder to keep your eyes and ears open. If you see anything suspicious, please call the San Jose Police Department at 911 [(408) 277-8911 from a cell phone]. And it's okay to notify the police. I know some of you have said or thought "there's nothing they can do about it right now", which may be true at the time, but they still want to hear about any suspicious activity. Additionally, this will help the police track any increase of such activity in the neighborhood.

Upcoming Calendar of Events

- 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"

Curfew - SJC Seeks Community Input

In October 2003, Mineta San José International Airport (SJC), with the approval of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), revised the curfew portion of its noise control program from a weight-based curfew to a noise-based curfew. The revised noise control program also included enforcement provisions where operators are fined \$2,500 for every curfew intrusion. To date, the Airport Curfew Fund has collected \$202,500.

As a part of SJC's Good Neighbor Policy, the Airport is inviting the local community to submit their recommendations for the use of these funds. The following criteria should be included within all proposed recommendations. The Airport Curfew Fund Program(s) should:

- Offer some benefit to the community
- Be related to operations at the Airport
- Enhance the interaction of the Airport with the community
- Enhance the relationship between neighbors and the Airport



(Under Federal Law, the Airport Curfew Funds may be used *only* for expenditures that are directly and substantially related to the operation of the Airport.)

Ultimately, the Airport Curfew Fund Program(s) should benefit the surrounding communities, enhance Airport/community relations, and support responsiveness on Airport issues of community interest.

To submit your recommendation, please fill out the official "Airport Curfew Fund Program" form. The form, along with submission instructions, can be found on the Airport's website, <http://www.sjc.org>. Submissions are due May 15, 2006.

Selected proposals that meet the criteria and Federal Law requirements will be presented to the San José Airport Commission for review at their June 5, 2006, meeting and then go before San José City Council for final approval in August 2006. For more information, please call (408) 501-0979 or email communityinput@sjc.org.

- submitted by Airport Neighborhood Services

National Night Out
Save the Date: Tuesday, August 1st

Meet your neighbors and help strengthen the ENA neighborhood spirit on Tuesday evening, August 1st! Neighborhoods in thousands of communities throughout the nation are joining forces on Tuesday, August 1st for the 23rd Annual National Night Out. Between 6-10pm, residents in neighborhoods across the nation are being asked to turn on their outside lights and spend an evening outside with neighbors. This evening is designed to help us get to know our neighbors better, enhance our awareness of our community, and to assist in chasing crime out of our area.

So far, we've had a few neighbors step forward to host National Night Out events for their area. Won't you join in and host a small get together? It's a great way to meet your neighbors. We are looking for one person from each street to help organize their street. ENA will help each street coordinate their activity.

Have questions? Want to know more about what you can do? Want to host a small mixer? Contact ENA's National Night Out Chairperson, Armin Quiring, at (408) 404-7404 or (408) 247-2722.

Reminder: 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 Family Summer Picnic
Save the Date: Saturday, June 24th



This year's picnic will feature the Vanguard Marching Band with Street Parade and Concert for entertainment. Also, we will have a magician for the children along with games with prizes. Throughout the day there will be food, bingo, sack races, and golf chipping!



Beautification Committee



Thanks are due to a kind lady who sometime on Saturday, April 16th or Sunday, April 17th pulled a lot of weeds from the middle garden - helping me convert the garden of weeds back to a flower garden. I hope you will identify yourself so I can thank you personally. There is still a small area available for flower planting. And of course, there are more weeds to pull.

- Carl Shoemaker

Eden Neighborhood Association
2006 Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone (H): _____ (W) _____ (Cell) _____

Email Address: _____ (for renewals, update if changed)

(Privacy Policy: All information is confidential and for the private use of ENA)

I am renewing my membership Membership Dues \$15.00

I am a new member Additional Donations: _____

Total: _____

I would like to help with the following Committees:

Beautification Block Watch/Safety Festival of Lights Emergency Preparedness

Garage Sale Social Newsletter Delivery Political

Dumpster Welcoming Membership Traffic

National Night Out Others _____

General Comments & Suggestions for Speakers at Meeting or other Projects or Events: _____