

Winchester San Tomas

THE EDEN EXAMINER

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Next Meeting: *Amber Drive Primary Plus School, Tuesday, June 13th, 7:00 p.m.*
 Guest Speaker: Chris Ortiz
 Topic: Gang Awareness – How to be Prepared as a Parent and as a Neighbor

June 13th General Meeting Agenda

- Welcome
- Committee Reports
- Guest Speaker: *Chris Ortiz*, a Youth Outreach Worker for the Safe Schools Program. Chris will be teaching us how to recognize gang presence, paraphernalia, & behaviors. We will also learn about the various levels of involvement, signs to look out for, known gangs in San Jose, & the rivalries between them.

How involved are the gangs in our area? Can you recognize gang artwork or tagging? Do you know what colors of clothes to avoid in certain areas? You will also learn how you can help prevent gang involvement in our area and minimize its impact on your children and family. This includes what articles of clothing to avoid, especially in certain areas. This presentation is applicable to you - whether you are a parent or not, a neighbor, or just want to learn more! We'll see you there, right?!

Street Smarts Starts on Phelps Ave



Safe driving is about respecting the community in which you live. This is both from a driver's and a pedestrian's perspective. We can all do our part to promote a safer & saner community by being more aware, and "smarter" in how we drive and walk.

We will be promoting "Street Smarts" throughout our neighborhood. We will be starting this program on Phelps Ave. If you can help by displaying boulevard signs to promote "Street Smarts" on your block, please contact Armin Quiring, at (408) 404-7404 or (408) 247-2722.

Free ENA Annual Summer Picnic

Sat, June 24th 1:30pm, Primary Plus School

Come join us for our Annual Summer Picnic. This year the Santa Clara Vanguard Marching Band will be leading the parade in full force, & will be entertaining us with a concert. Following the concert, we will have a magician, games, and prizes for both children and adults. Join the fun! Meet your neighbors! It is the one time during the year that the whole neighborhood gets together for free food, fun, & entertainment.

Help would be appreciated - we expect the picnic to be the biggest one ever. So if you can help, please leave your info on the ENA Message Center (408) 404-7404. Also please RSVP by calling the ENA Message Center (408) 404-7404 with the number of adults & children that will be attending.

- Elaine Marron

ENA's Annual Summer Picnic

Saturday, June 24th

1:30 pm

Amber Drive School

* Free Food *
 * Entertainment *
 Vanguard Marching Band * Magician * Fun & Games!

Come join us! It's FREE!

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President's Message Ivy Quiring



Half the year has gone by. ENA has been very busy working on getting more activities for our neighborhood benefit & enjoyment. I'll be short & sweet - I cordially invite everyone in the neighborhood to our free picnic. No sales pitch. Just come and enjoy the free food, the wonderful entertainment (we are so lucky to have the renowned SC Vanguard Marching Band entertain us), and spend time with each other! See you there!

National Night Out 2006 With Your ENA

Meet more of your neighbors and help strengthen our ENA neighborhood spirit! Neighborhoods in thousands of communities throughout the nation are joining forces on Tuesday, August 1st for the 23rd Annual National Night Out (NNO). 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 enhance awareness of our community, get to know our neighbors better, and to help chase crime out of our area.

So far, we have had a few neighbors step forward to host NNO events for their area. Won't you join in and host a small get together? It's a great way to meet your neighbors and build a stronger neighborhood. We are looking for one person from each street to help organize their street. ENA will help each street coordinate their activity, if desired. Locations will be registered with San Jose Police so that they may be visited by our local Police Officers, Councilmember, and other SJC guests. At this time we are looking at providing some beverages and snacks, or a gift card for a local grocery store, for each location that is registered with ENA!

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.

Pet Waste Disposal

Please be respectful of your neighbors' property and dispose of your pet's waste in your garbage can, not theirs. In this warmer climate, finding the unexpected & unpleasant odors is not only unwanted, but offensive.

Membership Report

It is now June and I am sad to say a low number of ENA supporting members have renewed. We are now at 243 members, including 16 who have joined us this year. ENA is planning the best Family Picnic to date – the 120-member Santa Clara Vanguard will be leading the parade & providing us with a great concert, as well as a lot of other fun activities. We expect this to be our largest neighborhood attendance to date.

ENA would like to welcome the following new members: Martha Contrerras & Stuart Lawson, Joe & Rose Fichera, and Bridget Cassidy & Lane McAndrew.

ENA also wants to thank the continued support of the following renewed members:

- David & Carmen Anderson
- Soumya & Piu Banerjee
- Dale Barr & Gayatri Subramaniam
- Antonia Cascante
- Marilyn Chow
- Hector & Pati Curiel
- Sorin & Mariam Damian
- Leona deVries
- Bhaskar & Asha Kalale
- Tom & Elaine Marron
- Thelma & George Mavrakis
- Bruce & Carol Moe
- Joe Palmer & Nikki Kim
- Martin & Susan Schuler
- Andy & Anne Sermersheim
- Chad Sittner & Cynthia Riley

If you do not know if you are one of the 160+ who have not renewed yet, call Mario at (408) 482-5731 or send him an email at mariorv@sbcglobal.net. Your support is very important to our Eden Neighborhood Association.

- Mario Vazquez

Upcoming Calendar of Events

- Jun 13** GM: Gang/Neighborhood Awareness
- 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"

ENA Greetings to Neighborhood Babies

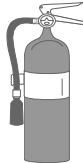
ENA welcomes the newest addition to our neighborhood:

- ❖ April 28, 2006: Ryan Matthew, son of Kelly & Ned Nix



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

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 still 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 Message Center (408) 404-7404 stating your interest in the training along with your name & phone number.

Warm Weather Warning

I know most of you don't need to be reminded, but warmer weather is definitely here. Remember how hot your vehicle gets when it is parked - please do not leave children or pets in your car when running errands. Temperatures rise fast in a closed vehicle, quickly endangering the health and lives of those inside. Even leaving the windows part way rolled down doesn't make enough of a difference. Better options include leaving your children or pets with someone responsible or leaving them at home, if it is safe to do so. Yes, the weather is wonderful - so instead of taking your children or pets shopping, take them to a park and have fun together.

Consider Your Neighbors

Good weather leads to open windows, backyard gatherings, parties, and other enjoyable activities. Sometimes we don't realize how loud we can get. Please be considerate of your neighbor's "space" - from a sound and sight perspective. We often forget that sounds and lights carry a ways into neighboring areas. So, if you would normally close a door or window to help a loved one rest from sound or light, please consider that when you turn up the volume or use bright lights.

Your Help Is Needed

Volunteers help make our neighborhood a safe, clean, and 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 Message Center (408) 404-7404 if you can help in any way or if you have questions. Thank you!

Keeping a Watchful Eye

In recent weeks we have had a resurgence of mail and package thefts. Remember, identity theft and fraud can be avoided if access to your information is prevented - this includes your mailbox. Consider installing a locking mailbox which is securely fastened to your house wall. Also, outgoing mail is best taken to the post office or placed in a secure postal mailbox. In short, make sure only you have access to your mail.

If you have experienced or see such an event, please report it to both the San Jose Police and the U.S. Postal Service. If you had checks in your mail, notify the bank. Should you spot someone stealing your mail or a neighbor's mail, immediately call 911 with their description, any associated vehicle, and the direction of travel. Non-witnessed crimes and events should be reported to 311, in person, or via the web at <http://www.sjpd.org> - simply click on the link for "On-line Reporting." However, if you have suspect information (name, address) you will need to call 311 or visit a police station.

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



Eden Neighborhood Association



Annual Summer Picnic

June 24th

Amber Drive Primary Plus School



*Come see Eden
Neighborhood Alumni,
Ken Rydeen,
Vanguard Asst Director*

1:30p Parade – Vanguard 120 Strong

- Assemble in parking lot with decorated bicycles, scooters, & pets

2:00p Santa Clara Vanguard – Concert

3:00p Magician

FREE!

THROUGHOUT THE DAY
Food, Astro Jump House, Games,
Bingo, Sack Races, and Golf Chipping
Prizes from Local Merchants

*all
neighbors
are invited!*

Come One, Come All, Good Food, Good Neighbors, Good Times



RSVP: (408) 404-7404 by June 22nd

With number of children and adults.

