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Next Meeting: *Amber Drive Primary Plus School, Tuesday, September 12th, 7:00 p.m.*
 Guest Speaker: Tamara Davis of the San Jose Police Department, Crime Prevention Unit
 Topic: Neighborhood Watch

September 12th General Meeting Agenda

- Welcome
- Committee Reports
- Guest Speaker: **Tamara Davis**, from the San Jose Police Department Crime Prevention Unit. Neighborhood Watch focuses on informing the community on how to discourage, deter, and prevent crimes which occur in or near homes.

At our September 12th general meeting, Tamara Davis will explain what the Neighborhood Watch Program is, and how to join or start a Neighborhood Watch group on your block.

Although ENA already has 50 "This is a Neighborhood Watch Community" signs posted on our streets, this is a good time for those who have attended in the past to get a refresher and for those newer to the neighborhood to join in.

If you cannot attend the meeting and are interested in joining or starting a Neighborhood Watch block group, please call the ENA Message Center at (408) 404-7404 with your name, phone number, & street address. Watch the Newsletter for meeting dates for your street as we begin to organize block groups.

**Dumpster Day - Saturday, September 23rd
9am – noon (or until the bins are full)**

The City of San Jose's Council District 1 will be hosting Dumpster Day this year. Each resident in the ENA Neighborhood will receive a flyer in the mail with details on what can be dumped and where to dump it. To qualify to dump, you will need to bring the "flyer" and your picture I.D. with your current address.

Seven bin locations are listed:

- Amber Lane, next to Primary Plus
- 1111 Savannah Drive
- Acorn Way @ Acorn Court
- 3266 Pearlton Drive
- 3332 Valley Square Lane
- 3478 Speno Drive
- Spaich Drive @ Sunnyslake Court



Please refer to the flyer for more details. Flyers will also be available at our General Meeting

- Mario Vazquez

Volunteers Needed for Dumpster Day – 9/23

Those of you who have been so gracious to volunteer in previous years with your pickup trucks - we need your help again to assist the elderly and disabled pick up their items and take them to the dumpsters. Please call Mario at (408) 482-5731 if you are available to help. Those residents needing items picked up, call Mario so he can schedule a pickup. This year the City of San Jose will provide all the help at the dumpsters, so we only need pickup help. ENA appreciates all our Dumpster Day helpers!

- Mario Vazquez

Upcoming Calendar of Events

- Sep 12 GM: Neighborhood Watch
- Sep 23 ENA 11th Annual Dumpster Day
- Sep 23 District 1 – Festival in the Park
- Oct 10 General Meeting
- Oct 14 ENA 9th Annual Volunteer Appreciation
- Nov 14 General Meeting
- Dec tbd ENA 7th Annual "Festival of Lights"



President's Message Ivy Quiring



Summer has come and is almost gone. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer! And I hope many of you took advantage of the large number of National Night Out get-togethers many of your neighbors held throughout August. I visited several in our neighborhood, and met a number of new neighbors and a few I've waved to, but never got a chance to meet. I was even lucky enough to see Jupiter & it's satellites at several locations with a number of our neighbors. Special thanks go to all the hosts & hostesses that held a NNO activity, as well as thanks go to all those neighbors who came out to participate. For some this is easy, but for others, it's more difficult, so I applaud all of you who made it out.

To take a leaf from NNO & shine a light on crime, I highly encourage all of you to attend our September General Meeting. It is focused on Neighborhood Watch, something we started a number of years ago, and have needed a refresher on, as neighbors have moved out and new ones have moved in. A number of you have asked about the program in response to the periodic increases in burglaries, graffiti, car thefts and vandalism in the neighborhood. We hear – and we deliver – so help us support you in addressing your safety concerns by attending our September meeting and participating in ENA's Neighborhood Watch Refresh!

Safety Reminders – Strangers, Thefts

Please raise your family's awareness to requests from strangers, even something as innocent as taking a picture for them. Anything that brings them into closer proximity of strangers should be suspect.

In incidents like this when our children or we are frightened or threatened by the behavior of others, please notify the police immediately at 911, or (408) 277-8911, if calling from San Jose on a cell phone.

A quick reminder to protect your valuables by locking up – yes, even if you are just running in to get something quickly. It only takes a few moments for a thief to steal a purse, a computer, your valuables, or even your vehicle. And if something does get stolen, please call the police immediately.

Working Toward a Safe, Clean, Friendly Neighborhood

National Night Out 2006

A big Thank You to all of our hosts for NNO this year! We had 16 sites take part, with an estimated attendance of 500 neighbors. Events ranged from coffee / tea & dessert to full out barbecues and a street closure. Various sites were visited by our SJPD officers, Councilmember Linda LeZotte, and Councilmember-elect Pete Constant, and most sites were also visited by ENA Boardmembers. To support the events, each site received a gift card for supplies, flats of soda and water, and attendee favors like the ENA pencils and ENA-NNO pens. This was funded by ENA and a small grant from the Winchester NAC.

Didn't have a NNO event on your street or block? Call me at (408) 404-7404 or (408) 247-2722 to volunteer for next year! Thanks again to all who hosted and worked on the events.

- Armin Quiring

How Fast Are You Driving?

School is back in session! That means that our children will be walking (or running) to school, catching the bus, or being dropped off at school. We should be extra cautious as we drive through our and other neighborhoods. 25 miles per hour is more than fast enough. Dropping your children off yourself? Please follow school guidelines and drop them off in the loading / unloading zones only. Did you know that even though Phelps Ave from Williams Road to Parkland Ave is posted as 30 mph currently, from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm (and sometimes longer) the speed limit is 25 mph a block on each side of the school? The rest of our neighborhood streets are always 25 mph. When we drive slower and safer, we provide a better example to our children as well as those who visit our neighborhood. So, let's all slow down - the life you save may be your neighbor's, your child's, or your own.



Chance to be Heard: Proposed Traffic Light at Williams Road & Eden Ave



Some of you may have noticed activity at the corner of Williams Rd and Eden Ave. This is preparation for a traffic light scheduled to be installed sometime next year. A community meeting will be scheduled to discuss the traffic light installation. When we learn of the time & date we will let you know. In the meantime, please start thinking about the impact such an installation could have on you.

- Proponents of the installation believe it will slow down traffic, decrease the number of accidents at that corner, and make pedestrian crossing easier.
- Opponents of the installation believe it will detract from the residential character of the neighborhood (decreasing property values), increase the amount of cut-through traffic on Eden Ave (making turns onto it easier), and give a false sense of security to pedestrians and drivers.

I don't know the answer, but before the city installs the light, I would like to see real data showing the impact of street lights on the number and seriousness of accidents. Additionally, I would like to know about other alternatives for making the intersection at Williams Rd and Eden Ave safer.

If you have concerns, please send them to:

- Linda LeZotte (our current council representative)
linda.lezotte @ earthlink.net (408) 277-5438
- Pete Constant (our next council representative)
pete @ peteconstant.com (408) 482-3686
- Sam Koosha (Department of Transportation)
sam.koosha @ sanjoseca.gov (408) 535-3850

Thank you for working to keep our neighborhood as safe, clean, and friendly as it can be.

- Betty Kabanek

Garage Sale Volunteers – Thank You!

Many thanks to Ginger Potter, Glen Avila, Richard Kabanek, and David Gale for putting up and taking down the garage sale signs around our neighborhood. Your time and effort is appreciated!

- Tiffany Gale

West Nile Virus Updates

Post fogging sampling of mosquitoes in the South Saratoga area showed an overall decrease of 50%. No infected adult mosquitoes were found.



The Vector Control District will continue to monitor this area as well as other areas in the County where West Nile Virus infected birds are found.

For West Nile Virus updates and announcements of any future fogging, go to the SCC Vector Control District website:

- ❖ <http://www.sccgov.org/portal/site/vector/> and subscribe to the " West Nile fogging updates"

Questions & Answers regarding Ground Fogging:

- ❖ go to the SCC Vector Control District Website, click on "Latest Info on West Nile Virus in Santa Clara County", and scroll down to the attachments section

Three human cases of West Nile virus have been confirmed in the County. One in Saratoga, one in Cupertino and one in San Jose. 16 West Nile virus infected groups of mosquitoes and over 160 West Nile virus positive birds have been found in the County.

- Info from SCC Vector Control Website



Beautification Committee



Thanks go to Nancy Chen for helping me plant 4 dozen petunia plants in the Amber Drive School flower garden. Also, thanks go to Bill Lawrence for renovating the flower bed near the school entrance. Without the help of volunteers, the flower garden would be mostly weeds. Thank you all!

- Carl Shoemaker

See Graffiti – Who You Gonna Call?

The ENA Message Center at (408) 404-7404. And we'll get someone out to remove / paint over it. ENA and the neighborhood are lucky to have two dedicated neighbors, Bud Pyle & John Knapp, who are on the lookout for graffiti in our neighborhood. When notified, they take their graffiti-busting gear out and eradicate it! Special thanks for their diligence & fast-acting removal of the graffiti!

September 2006 Membership - *Mario Vazquez*

Even though the membership has declined this year, ENA appreciates the continued support of its members. To date, we have 346 members, including 20 new members.

ENA would like to welcome Joseph Gruender & Kaylie Nguen to the neighborhood and the association. ENA also wants to thank the following supporting members for renewing their membership:

Haider & Buniaty Alhadi

Paul & Teresa Ayooob

Lisa & Ron Beam

Derek & Jamie Charton

Carrie & Ion Coman

Greg & Lorrie Conklin

Raymond & Mary Coustier

Tom Egan

Dave & Liyuza Eisbach

Lisa Elliot & Randy Duerre

Steve & Lisa Anne Fontana

Jackie Funk & Nat Gurumoorthy

Mary Gardiman

Greg & Patty Heubel

Amit & Nidhi Khatri

Janet Kulig & R. C. Gilbert

Francis Leong

Thomas & Linda Lighthouse

Clark & Marsha Maloney

Barbara & Rick Massa

Gal & Efrat Moyal

Scott & Sue Ohara

David & Carol Ann Parker

Douglas & Dorothy Pendelton

Janet Kulig & R. C. Gilbert

Chris & Jamie Robinson

Mark Schmidt & Stacie Hibano

Stephen & Patty Shaffer

Chang & Esther Shon

Jason & Roseanne Smith

Les & Christina Stout

Wilson & Susan Taguinod

ENA Greetings to Neighborhood Babies

ENA welcomes the newest addition to our neighborhood:

❖ April 2006: Joshua Hsieh, son of Robert & Deborah Hsieh on Oxford Lane.



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.

Coastal Cleanup Day - Saturday, September 16th, 9-12pm

Be part of this year's Coastal Cleanup Day and volunteer to keep our creeks, rivers and reservoirs clean. There are a number of cleanup locations throughout San Jose and Santa Clara County. For more info, visit their website (<http://www.cleanacreek.org>) or call (408) 793-4190.

Free Electronic Waste Collection Event - *submitted by Lynae Cinarkaya*

Sat, September 16th, 10am - 4pm, United Way Parking Lot, 1922 The Alameda, San Jose

They accept working or broken: computers & PDAs, televisions, monitors, radios, printers, fax machines, microwaves, stereos, pc speakers, keyboards, mice, DVD players, VCR players, cell phones, telephones & appliances. Questions? Contact Steve Ramona at (408) 573-8573.



6th Annual Festival in the Park - Saturday, September 23rd, 1-5pm

San Tomas Park, 4093 Valerie Drive, San Jose (near San Tomas Aquino Rd)



Join Councilmember LeZotte and many of your neighbors for the 6th Annual Festival in the Park. This year's event features free food, the Westmont High School Marching Band, the Mark Wilson Band, free helmet fittings and giveaway for children provided by Street Smarts, and a wide variety of resource tables. For more info, please call the Council District 1 Office at (408) 535-4901.

Gift Ideas for Your Neighbor

Don't know what to give a friend that is a neighbor? Especially one that has “everything” – what about a year's membership to ENA? It's just \$15 and gives them added benefits and supports your neighborhood association.