

Winchester San Tomas

THE EDEN EXAMINER

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Next Meeting: *Amber Drive Primary Plus School, Tuesday, October 10th, 7:00 p.m.*

Guest Speaker: Superintendent Glen Ishiwata

Topic: Moreland School District Update & the New Superintendent's Goals for Moreland

October 10th General Meeting Agenda

- Welcome
- Committee Reports
- ENA Candidate Nominations
- Guest Speaker: *Superintendent Glen Ishiwata* from the *Moreland School District*.

Glen Ishiwata comes to the Moreland School District from the Milpitas Unified School District where he served as Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services. In his 36 years in education, Glen Ishiwata has been a Music and English teacher, as well as a coach. He has also served in various levels of school and district administration.

Neighbors & parents - come join us at our October 2006 General Meeting to talk with Superintendent Glen Ishiwata of the Moreland School District. Here's your opportunity to hear more about his goals for the Moreland School District, as well as the changes and plans he will be putting in place. See you there!

Update: Proposed Traffic Light at Williams Road & Eden Ave



At the recent Winchester NAC meeting, the Department of Transportation (DOT) personnel explained that Eden Ave at Williams Road was one of the 3 approved traffic lights locations budgeted for this year. It was brought to everyone's attention that there had been 28 accidents at the intersection in the past 5 years. Various neighbors and associations raised concerns and provided feedback for and against the traffic light. In light of the multitude of responses, additional discussion and representation from impacted neighborhoods/neighbors has been recommended. Stay tuned for info on the next discussion.

Moreland School District Board Candidate's Forum, Oct 19th, 7pm

This is a quick reminder that a number of the positions on the Moreland School District Board of Trustees are up for election this November. And yes, this is really the correct date & location for the forum.

Location: Moreland Middle School
4600 Student Lane, San Jose

Please take advantage of this opportunity to ask questions and find out more about the candidates.

Remember to Vote - November 7th

As a reminder, in California the Voter Registration Deadline for the November 7th Statewide Election is October 23, 2006. More information on last minute registration can be found by calling 1-800-345-VOTE (8683), or by going to the following website:

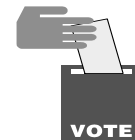
- http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections_15day.htm

New laws & procedures that affect the November Election:

- http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/voterred/whats_new.pdf

Voter Information Guide:

- <http://voterguide.ss.ca.gov/>



Information about the upcoming California elections can be found at:

- <http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/>
- <http://www.smartvoter.org/> and fill in the section labeled "FIND MY BALLOT" to get your specific election / voting information



President's Message Ivy Quiring



I can't believe summer's come & gone. The school year has gotten off to a big rush. I see parents scrambling to keep up with their children's activities, neighbors dodging drivers (yes, I do mean dodging), folks planting their fall / winter gardens, folks preparing their homes for the coming of rain & storms, and other activities that signal that the clock will be changing soon as days get shorter & nights longer. Please be careful as it gets harder to see as the days get shorter – this applies both to last minute homeownership activities, as well as driving.

Through all the changing seasons, we have a number of volunteers who make things happen in the association & our neighborhood. I would like to personally say "Thank You!" to all our volunteers for all they do for us. I don't care how small or how big their contribution is – they all make ENA and our neighborhood a wonderful place to live. You are all stars in my books!

Along with the change in seasons, we are reminded that it is time for elections – statewide & ENA. The various elected officer roles are described to the right, and all the board members are more than willing to answer questions about the various positions. So, if you are interested in running for any elected positions, please come to the October meeting to introduce yourself and get nominated.

I highly recommend parents and neighbors to attend the October meeting – we are lucky to have Superintendent Glen Ishiwata as our speaker. He comes well recommended as a leader looking for ways to address gaps and bridge communications with the community, as well as empowering our children. Hope to see you there!



ENA Elections in November

It's that time of year again – Election time is just around the corner! Here is your chance to partake in representing our neighborhood directly. Every year, we have the opportunity to elect new ENA officers.

The four elected officer roles are:

President:

- plans and presides at all regular and special ENA meetings,
- supervises the direction of ENA events and committees,
- keeps important records while in office,
- consults with and keeps the Executive Board informed,
- coordinates Executive Board approval for important pending activities and expenditures,
- plans a budget with the Executive Board,
- reviews expenditures

Vice-President:

- carries out the duties of the President in the event that the President is temporarily unable to fulfill his/her duties,
- works closely with the President to ensure committees and events function properly,
- learns the roles & responsibilities of the various committees

Secretary:

- prepares and maintains minutes for ENA meetings

Treasurer:

- collects, distributes and oversees all funds ENA deems necessary for the function of ENA

This year, nominations will be made at the October General Meeting, and voted on at our November General Meeting. If you are interested, please feel free to talk with any of our current or past officers. They will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Upcoming Calendar of Events

Oct 10 GM: Moreland School District

Oct 14 ENA 9th Annual Volunteer
Appreciation Dinner

Nov 07 Statewide General Elections

Nov 14 GM: ENA Elections, Speaker

Dec tbd ENA 7th Annual "Festival of Lights"



Dumpster Day Update

The City of San Jose District 1 supplied the dumpsters and staff for Dumpster Day in our Eden Neighborhood. There were seven locations and about 17 Dumpsters. ENA and I would like to thank our District 1 Councilmember Linda LeZotte for this event. I also would like to thank Cary Stover, who along with his pickup, helped me assist several elderly and disabled residents get their rubbish to the dumpsters.



- Mario Vazquez

Recycling / Disposal Options

Many of the items that we used to be able to dispose of in our garbage and landfill are no longer allowed. These include fluorescent light bulbs, motor oil, smoke detectors, solvents, batteries, medicines, and many household cleaners. Please refrain from disposing of these items in your garbage as they pose environment hazards that harm us and our future generations.

Instead, use the numerous municipal and national organizations that provide free / low cost disposal and reuse avenues:

- ❖ Recycle Plus! Bulky Goods Curbside Collection - website (<http://www.sjrecycles.org/recycle/garbage-rates.htm>) or (408) 535-3515: appliances, mattresses, water heaters, couches, etc are \$25 for 3 items
- ❖ Santa Clara Household Hazardous Wastes Program (408) 299-7300 & website (<http://www.hhw.org>): fluorescent bulbs, motor oil & filters, other automotive fluids, antifreeze, fuels, pool chemicals, paint, adhesives, solvents, degreasers, cleaners, pesticides, fertilizers, herbicides, asbestos, smoke detectors, batteries, unwanted / outdated medications, etc.
- ❖ Center for Development of Recycling (CDR) (408) 924-5453 or (800) 533-8414, or use their recycling search engine: <http://www.recyclestuff.org>

Thank you for recycling, and keeping our disposal locations non-toxic.

- Ivy Quiring

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

Moreland School District's Community Board Advisory Committee

Moreland School District Superintendent Glen Ishiwata and the Board of Trustees have formed a Community Board Advisory Committee (CBAC) to serve as a connection between the community & the Moreland School District. The committee will be providing the community with ongoing information and serving as a channel for communication between the community and the School Board. The committee is made up of representatives from the school district, community organizations (including neighborhood associations) and the Moreland School District Board. ENA is one of the neighborhood organizations participating on this committee.

For more information, please contact Superintendent Glen Ishiwata at (408) 874-2901.

Increasing # of Shopping Carts in the Area

Shopping carts showing up near your home, driveway, or street? Who are you going to call? Cart busters! Actually, you can call one of these to deal with the carts:

- Private cart retrieval services: Mendoza's Cart Svc, (408) 629-6030, or
- San Jose Code Enforcement (all reports are confidential) at (408) 277-4528 to report the abandoned cart(s).



Identity Theft Prevention – To Do's

Many folks assume identity theft is done via the internet, and although that may often be the case, it can also be done locally. To help minimize your exposure to local access caused identity theft, you can practice the following prevention mechanisms:

- Use a shredder – always shred mail with personal info (your name, your PINs, your SSN#'s, etc)
- Keep your SSN# safe – do not have it on your checks
- Check your personal accounts & credit card statements frequently for unexpected withdrawals & chargers
- Choose passwords and PINs carefully – do not use birthdates or names that can be associated with you
- Avoid giving personal info over the phone, especially a cordless phone

Membership - *Mario Vazquez*



ENA would like to welcome R. S. & Mary Nell Baggett to the neighborhood and the association.

Our membership is now at 351. ENA wants to thank following members who renewed since the last newsletter:

Paul & Teresa Ayoob
Paul & Andrea Casillas

Kayshav & Narmada Dattatri
Michael & Sally Severns

Ron & Marian Tabuchi
Joe & June Welsh

Pumpkins in the Park

Saturday, October 14th at 10am – 4pm, Discovery Meadow, Guadalupe River Park

Everyone is invited to the 11th annual Pumpkins in the Park at the Guadalupe River Park. This year's event will feature performances by the Banana Slug String Band and Zun Zun, along with apple tasting, traditional circus acts by Cosmo the Clown, pumpkin decorating, puppet shows, and more! For more information, call (408) 298-7657 or visit their website, <http://www.grpg.org>.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Saturday, October 14th at Amber Drive School



Volunteers help make our neighborhood a safe, clean & friendly place for all. Without volunteers, we would be a lot of ideas without any way of executing them. Our volunteers do a whole variety of activities from delivering newsletters, to planning & delivering a wonderful family picnic for the whole neighborhood, to picking up litter, to erasing graffiti, to being prepared for disasters & looking out for safety issues in the neighborhood, to welcoming new residents, to tending the neighborhood garden at the school, to collecting & delivering fruit to the needy, to creating light kits for the Festival of Lights, to hosting neighborhood gatherings, and so much more! Thank You All!

Each year, ENA invites all its volunteers and their families to an appreciation dinner to thank all its volunteers for all they do for the community. In an effort to make the appreciation dinner more accessible to all, ENA will be having its appreciation dinner at the Amber Drive School this year. Volunteers should be receiving a call from someone in ENA inviting you to the event and asking you how many will be coming to the dinner.

And, if you want to be a volunteer, you can call the ENA message center (408) 404-7404, send an email, let one of the ENA Board members know, or check the committee you are interested in helping with on the 2007 Membership Application (included as an insert) when you send in your 2007 dues. It's fun and satisfying, doing a service to the community.

Lynhaven Elementary School Pumpkin Walk & Community Event

Saturday, October 28th

Location: 881 Cypress Ave (between Williams Road & Moorpark Ave)



Halloween Safety Center Update - *Armin & Ivy Quiring*

Tuesday, October 31st

The Safe From the Start San Jose Program is currently on hold. At this point, we don't know if we will be getting Halloween & safety goodies from the program. We'll keep checking to see if anything changes with the program's status. If the program restarts and we get goodies, we will post a sign on Halloween identifying the neighborhood Halloween Safety Center at 1023 Phelps Ave.