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**THE EDEN EXAMINER**  
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**January  
2007**

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**Next Meeting:** *Amber Drive Primary Plus School, Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.*  
 Guest Speaker: *Kriss Costa of Santa Clara County Vector Control*  
 Topics: *Pest Management in our Homes & Yards*

**January 9<sup>th</sup> General Meeting Agenda**

- Welcome
- ENA Updates & Committee Reports
- Guest Speaker: **Kriss Costa** from the Santa Clara County Vector Control District. A number of you have had recent encounters with pets harmed by vermin, vehicles damaged by vermin nests, and gardens uprooted and destroyed by pests. Ms. Costa will be speaking with us about what we can do to address the increasing number of raccoons, rats and other vermin that have been seen burrowing and creating havoc throughout parts of our neighborhood.

Come join us at our January 2007 General Meeting to hear Kriss Costa talk about possible solutions to this neighborhood impacting problem.

**ENA's 2007 Officers and Chairpersons:**

Your elected 2007 ENA Officers are:

President	Ivy Quiring
Vice President	Ginny Pyle
Treasurer	Tom Marron
Secretary	* open position *

Some of your Committee Chairs & Representatives:

Beautification	* open position *
Dumpster Day	Mario Vazquez
Emergency Preparedness	Al Haggmann
Goodwill	Betty Ford
Graffiti Cleanup	John Knapp & Bud Pyle
Festival of Lights	* open position *
Membership	Mario Vazquez
Newsletter Distribution	Elaine Uruski
Refreshments	Carl Shoemaker
Service Directory	Randee Chin & Grace Schirle
Social & Welcoming	Elaine Marron
Traffic	Betty Kabanek
Webmaster	Vidya Rangasayee
Winchester NAC	Betty Kabanek & Richard Kabanek

**2007  
Calendar of Events**

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| <b>Jan 09</b> | <b>GM: Vector Control</b>                             |
| Feb 13        | General Meeting                                       |
| Mar 13        | General Meeting                                       |
| tbd tbd       | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Fruit for Second Harvest Drive |
| Apr 10        | General Meeting                                       |
| Apr tbd       | Emergency Preparedness                                |
| May 08        | General Meeting                                       |
| tbd tbd       | Neighborhood Garage Sale                              |
| Jun 12        | General Meeting                                       |
| tbd tbd       | ENA's Annual Family Summer Picnic                     |
| Aug 07        | National Night Out                                    |
| Sep 11        | General Meeting                                       |
| Sep tbd       | ENA 12 <sup>th</sup> Annual Dumpster Day              |
| Oct 09        | General Meeting                                       |
| Oct tbd       | ENA 10 <sup>th</sup> Annual Volunteer Appreciation    |
| Nov 13        | General Meeting                                       |
| Dec tbd       | ENA 8 <sup>th</sup> Annual "Festival of Lights"       |



If you are interested in helping with any of the committees, please let us know. You can note this on your membership form, or by leaving a message on the ENA hotline (408) 404-7404 or email, and someone will contact you. We greatly appreciate all of our volunteers and chairpersons, and encourage you to become involved in improving your neighborhood and your neighborhood association!



## President's Message Ivy Quiring



First, let me say a hearty "Happy New Year" to you all! I hope each of you had a wonderful holiday and break from a busy 2006. And I wish you good cheer, good health, and good fun in 2007!

Second, I want to thank our ENA Executive Board, Committee Chairs, Representatives, and all the Volunteers for a great 2006! It's through all your efforts that we were able to make the various ENA and neighborhood activities a wonderful success! A big round of applause to all our volunteers!

I am definitely looking forward to a new year filled with lots of activities and opportunities for everyone. As you can see on the Upcoming Calendar of Events, we have a big line-up in 2007:

❖ **Neighborhood Fruit Collection Drive** for the Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara County (we collected over 2,700 pounds last year – let's do even more this year!)

❖ **Emergency Preparedness Drill** (be part of the team – be a rescuer or a play-victim or an observer – please join us – the goal is for everyone to be better prepared for a real emergency when it happens)

❖ **Neighborhood Watch / Block Watch** (refresh our blocks and awareness on what you can do to make your home & neighborhood / block safer)

❖ **Neighborhood Garage Sale** (join in clearing out your extras and junk to be someone else's treasure)

❖ **Annual Family Summer Picnic** (meet your neighbors, celebrate the neighborhood, and have fun)

❖ **National Night Out** (let's strengthen neighborhood spirit, meet your neighbors, and "shine a light on crime"; our neighborhood tops Santa Clara County's neighborhood block parties with 16 parties – keep up the great participation in the "safe & friendly" in our "safe, clean & friendly neighborhood")

❖ **Annual Dumpster Day** (gather up, clear out all those unwanted items)

❖ **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner** (a thank you to all the hardworking volunteers in our neighborhood – each and every one of you make the difference!)

❖ **Festival of Lights** (help the neighborhood celebrate the holidays with luminaries)

❖ **General Meetings** (meet your neighbors, hear speakers of interest to the neighborhood, find out what's going on in the neighborhood)

And much, much more. I look forward to hearing from each of you - please tell me:

- what you would like to hear about,
- what you think is of neighborhood interest, &
- what local / neighborhood issues are impacting you / your neighbors.

I expect issues will crop up – we will work through them as a neighborhood seeking a solution. By doing so, we help ENA & ourselves in our goal of promoting a safe, clean, and friendly neighborhood.

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

### Coming Soon - 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fruit Drive You Pick It ... We'll Pick It Up!



Have you noticed there are many heavily loaded fruit trees in our neighborhood? We have! Therefore, our Annual ENA Fruit Donation Drive will be held sometime late January / early February (dates to be announced shortly). In the meantime, you can donate your fresh fruit at the following centers:

Second Harvest Food Bank  
750 Curtner Avenue, San Jose  
Phone: (408) 266-8866  
Website: <http://www.2ndharvest.net> for hours and directions



St. Justin's Catholic Church (next to the Santa Clara Library)  
2655 Homestead Road, Santa Clara  
Phone: (408) 243-1462  
Hours: Mon-Sat 10am-12noon



Pueblo de Dios Church (corner Payne and Eden)  
3257 Payne Avenue, San Jose  
Phone: (408) 248-8402  
Hours: Tues AM, Wed & Thurs 1-9pm

Sacred Heart  
1381 S. First Street at Alma, San Jose  
Phone: (408) 278-2160  
Hours: Mon-Thurs 8am-5pm, Fri 9am-4pm



- Ginny Pyle



## Safety Notice: Items Visible From Within Vehicles

In the past few weeks, we have had a number of vehicle break-ins in our neighborhood. These have included:

- Walton Way between Phelps Ave & Calboro Drive
- Payne Ave between Phelps Ave & Eden Ave

As we rush around trying to keep up with our busy lives, we often leave purses, keys, gifts and other valuables in plain sight in our vehicles. These tempting items are often too hard to resist for some thieves, so please protect yourselves and your vehicle from harm. One solution is parking your vehicle in the garage. Better yet, take items of value with you into your home or with you when you leave your vehicle.

If you have experienced such a theft or see one happen, please report it to the San Jose Police immediately via 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."

## Traffic Update: Proposed Signal Light at Williams Road & Eden Avenue



After a community meeting on November 20th, the Department of Transportation has ended its plans to install a signal at Williams Road and Eden Avenue.

The Department of Transportation will instead be installing median islands with stop signs to address the traffic problems at this intersection. The construction of median islands may result in the loss of approximately 3-4 parking spaces on the northeast side of Williams Road. This project is expected to go to the San Jose City Council for approval this month (January 2007). Additional information can be found at the City of San Jose District 1 current issues webpage:

<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/district1/currentIssues.asp#WilliamsEden>

For more information, please contact Paul Higgins in the District 1 Office at (408) 535-4901 or via email at [Paul.Higgins@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Paul.Higgins@sanjoseca.gov).



## Reminder: Statewide Traffic Laws Including "Move Over, Slow Down"

One of the new laws which took effect on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007 has been called the "Move Over, Slow Down" law by Senator Joe Simitian (D-Palo Alto). This law requires the driver of a vehicle to move one lane over from where an incident is occurring, thus enhancing the safety of those at the incident. If an emergency vehicle is on the right shoulder with its lights flashing, carefully move over one lane to your left (and out of the slow lane). Should it be in the center median, then carefully move out of the fast lane and to your right. If you cannot move safely out of your lane, then slow down and proceed with caution in your lane, while keeping an eye out for those around the vehicles or incident scene. And yes, this pertains whether the emergency vehicles are Police, Fire-Rescue, Roadside Assistance, or Paramedic Transport. I would also include accident scenes where help has not arrived yet. Let's be safe out there!

A quick reminder regarding the "Wipers On, Lights On" law. If it is raining enough that you need to use your wipers "constantly" - which means they are on, including using the intermittent settings - then your lights should be on, too. Are daytime running lights enough? No - you need both your headlights and taillights to be on! By using your lights (not high-beams) you are helping ensure that you can be seen and noticed easier by the other drivers out there. Increase your following distance while driving in the rain, as well.

What's the story with California's "Hands Free" Cell Phone Legislation? It will take effect July 1, 2008, requiring drivers to use a hands-free device such as a speaker-phone, ear-bud, or headset. In other words, don't put a phone up to your ear while driving! While the initial fine (\$20) may seem minor, bear in mind that if you are in an accident while using a cell phone without a hands-free device, you may be found guilty of negligence in ignoring the law, and thus increasing your liability and costs skyward. And please, don't even try emailing or text messaging while driving. As I have said before, Let's be careful out there!

Have a Safe & Happy 2007!





### Holiday Tree Recycling - Ivy Quiring

As the holidays come to an end, and it's time to pack away ornaments and decorations, let's help our environment by recycling the live holiday trees we no longer want. You can put your cut-up trees (flocked & non-flocked) out at the curb with your regular recycling for pickup. Additional guidelines for tree disposal are:

- tree sections must be 5 feet or less in length
- no tinsel or decorations
- no nails or attached stands

For more information, call (408) 535-3515

### ENA Email Distribution List



Please call the ENA hotline (408) 404-7404 or send an email to email @ EdenNeighborhoodAssociation.org if you want to be added to the email distribution list, if your email address has changed, or if you wish to be removed from the distribution list.



### Beautification Committee - Carl Shoemaker

After serving 7-8 years as Chairperson for the Beautification Committee, it's time for someone new to take over. Thanks go to all who have helped one way or another in the community flower garden - it presents our neighborhood as clean and beautiful. In addition to donating and planting flowers, many have assisted by pulling weeds, by planting trees in the community and on the school grounds, by trimming bushes and low hanging tree limbs over the sidewalks, and by cleaning up after their (and others') dogs. There is always more to do. To all our volunteers - thank you! The job of Chairperson does not take a lot of time. The Chairperson is a member of the ENA Board. Watering in the flower garden adjusts with the weather. There are a lot of perennials requiring little care, but as always, there are opportunities for new planting arrangements. I am happy to assist the new chairperson as needed.

## 2007 Eden Neighborhood Association Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (H): \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I am renewing my membership | Membership Dues       | \$15.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am a new member           | Additional Donations: | _____   |
|  | Total:                | _____   |

I would like to help with the following Committees:

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|---|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beautification       | <input type="checkbox"/> Festival of Lights | <input type="checkbox"/> National Night Out  | <input type="checkbox"/> Social      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Block Watch / Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Fruit Drive        | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Delivery | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dumpster Day         | <input type="checkbox"/> Garage Sale        | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnic              | <input type="checkbox"/> Welcoming   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Prep       | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership         | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

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

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