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Next Meeting: *Amber Drive Primary Plus School, Tuesday, February 13th, 7:00 p.m.*
 Guest Speaker: *Dr. Rhonda Farber of Campbell Union High School District*
 Topics: *Bond Passage & Campbell Union High School District – What It Means To Us*

February 13th General Meeting Agenda

- Welcome
- ENA Updates & Committee Reports
- Guest Speaker: **Dr. Rhonda Farber**, Superintendent of the Campbell Union High School District. Here's your opportunity to hear more about what the recent bond passage means to us. See you there!

3rd Annual ENA Fruit Donation Drive
Sat - Mon, February 17th - 19th 12-4p
Sat - Sun, February 24th - 25th 12-4p



Two weekends are reserved this year for picking our fruit trees. Second Harvest Food Bank and other community services will be grateful for our donation of oranges, grapefruits, lemons, and other fruit. We will again be picking up bagged fruit in our neighborhood on:

- Sat – Sun - Mon, February 17-18-19, 12 - 4pm
- Sat – Sun , February 24-25, 12 - 4pm



If you have fruit, but need help getting your fruit picked, please contact Ginny Pyle at (408) 234-6391 or the ENA Message Line at (408) 404-7404 to arrange a time for our volunteers to come pick.

Or you can help us by doing the following:

- Pick your trees and put fruit in bags or boxes
- Separate the fruits (ie. oranges/lemons/grapefruits)
- Mark the bags or boxes with "ENA"
- Leave the bags or boxes on your driveway, doorstep, or parkway.

If you have any questions or want to volunteer your help, please contact Ginny Pyle at (408) 234-6391 or the ENA Message Line at (408) 404-7404.



Home & Family Disaster Preparedness Training Offered

San Jose Prepared is piloting a training on Home & Family Disaster Preparedness. The single session training is available on Saturday, February 24th and Saturday, March 3rd.



If you have questions or wish to register, contact San Jose Prepared via phone (408) 277-4598 or email sjprepared@sanjoseca.gov.



Volunteer Opportunities

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 your neighborhood!

February Events of Interest

- Feb 13 (Tues) 7pm, General Meeting @ Amber Dr School
- Feb 17-19 (Sat-Mon) 12-4p 3rd Annual ENA Fruit Drive (1st weekend) 
- Feb 25-26 (Sat-Sun) 12-4p 3rd Annual ENA Fruit Drive (2nd weekend) 



President's Message Ivy Quiring



Love is in the air. In more ways than one. February is a month of romance for many of us, as well as some of the local wildlife. For those who didn't know, this is Warner Bros Pepe Lepew's favorite month – yep – it's skunk mating season. Keep your cats & containers of white paint separate. Chuckle.

For those who couldn't make it to last month's general meeting, we had a very informative presentation & lively discussion on wildlife and pest management by Kriss Costa from the Santa Clara County Vector Control District. She provided us with a lot of useful advice and options on how to deal with our unwanted garden & house guests. Additional pest control info derived from her presentation is included in this newsletter.

And keep your eyes open for opportunities to get trained for emergencies and disasters, as well as safety. More to come in upcoming months for Emergency Preparedness and Neighborhood Watch!

This month, come hear the CUHSD Superintendent tell to us about the impact of the recent bond passage.

Sunshine

We are saddened by the passage of long time member, Betty Waynflete. Flowers were sent to the family.

2007 Calendar of Events

Feb 13	GM: CUHSD + Bond Passage
Feb 17-19	3 rd Annual Fruit Drive (weekend #1)
Feb 24-25	3 rd Annual Fruit Drive (weekend #2)
Mar 13	General Meeting
Apr 10	General Meeting
Apr 28	Emergency Preparedness
May 08	General Meeting
tbd tbd	Neighborhood Garage Sale
Jun 12	ENA's Annual Family Summer Picnic
Aug 07	National Night Out
Sep 11	General Meeting
Sep tbd	ENA 12 th Annual Dumpster Day
Oct 09	General Meeting
Oct tbd	ENA 10 th Annual Volunteer Appreciation
Nov 13	General Meeting
Dec tbd	ENA 8 th Annual "Festival of Lights"



Raccoons, Rats, & Other Pests How to Minimize Their Intrusion



Tired of rats, raccoons, and other wildlife getting into your garden, garbage & house? Many of us have had run-ins with our local wildlife – whether it be partially eaten fruit in the garden, torn up lawns, kitchen/garage intrusions, or tumbled over garbage cans. Remember that the local wildlife don't have any inhibitions about going into our yards & home when they are hungry. In fact, many of us don't realize that that some of the conveniences we do to make our lives easier (like putting a bowl of cat/dog food in the garage/yard) is an open invitation for the local critters to come by for a meal *anytime*. Once they get an invite, they keep coming around and they invite their friends along.

So – what can you do to uninvite these unwanted guests from our homes & neighborhood?

- Harvest all fruit, vegetables & nuts when they ripen (ripe & overly ripe items are strong attractants as well as a food source to wildlife),
 - Circle your gardens, pet hutches, and areas you want wildlife to keep out of with an electric pet fence,
 - Remove dead and overgrown growth from yucca plants, palm trees, & ground cover (especially ivy) to prevent nesting,
 - Cut back trees & vines 3-5 feet from utility poles & your roof and 3 feet below eaves to prevent pests from climbing into & accessing your attic & roof area,
 - Avoid watering before 7am & after 4pm, if possible, to allow the ground to absorb the water & prevent grubs and other tasty insect morsels from coming to the surface,
 - Remove available food sources by 4pm (bring in bird feeders & outside pet food bowls), or minimize the amount of food in them while they are out (ie. fill the bird feeder with 1/2 of what can be eaten),
 - Secure garbage cans, recycle bins, & compost areas,
 - Remove trash piles, debris, and piles from the yard to prevent nesting areas,
 - Seal or block with fine mesh the openings into the house (ie. chimneys, vents, side & garage doors, areas around cable/phone lines, foundations)
- For more info, contact SCC Vector control at (408) 918-4770 or (800) 675-1155 or their website, <http://www.sccgov.org/portal/site/vector>



- Info provided by Kriss Costa, Santa Clara County Vector Control District

Cars Abandoned / Left for Extended Periods On The Street Or In A Yard

Just a gentle reminder that the City of San Jose states that a vehicle parked on the street must be operable and must be moved 500 feet every 72 hours. And the City of Campbell states that the vehicle must be moved more than one mile after a 72 hour period on the street.

If you encounter a vehicle that's been abandoned or left on a San Jose City street for more than 72 hour without movement, you can call (408) 277-5305 with the address, license plate number (if there is one), and an accurate description of the vehicle. The City of San Jose will mark & cite the vehicle, and if it does not move, may choose to tow it away. If an inoperable vehicle is parked in front of a home and is visible from the street, (i.e. on a driveway, beside a driveway, etc.) and is not being worked on to make it operable, you may call the City of San Jose at (408) 277-4528 to get appropriate action taken. And remember, vehicles cannot be stored off the concrete in front yards.

- a concerned neighbor

Trash Left On the Street

If you encounter trash (i.e. a water heater, clothes washer/dryer, bathtub, etc.) on a city sidewalk or on the street, you can call the City of San Jose at (408) 277-4528 to have them take appropriate action. If the amount of trash is small, please remove it and dispose of it. Let's keep our Eden Neighborhood clean.

Safety Recall – Acetaminophen 500mg

Just a quick reminder to check your medicine cabinets for any bottles of 500mg. acetaminophen caplets. Approximately 11 million bottles of 500 mg. acetaminophen caplets are being voluntarily recalled by the Perrigo Company after small metal fragments were found in a small number of caplets.

For the list of stores that carried the affected bottles, go to the FDA website:

<http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/perrigo/perrigocustlist.html>

For more details, go to the FDA website:

<http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2006/NEW01507.html>

Upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events / Drop-Offs Next Event – Saturday, February 24th

Have expired medications? Old cleaning chemicals? Paints you're never going to use again? Santa Clara County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) takes care of these for you! Yes, they will dispose of those unwanted materials that you can't throw in the trash, including chemicals that are flammable, corrosive, toxic, oxidizers, and some biohazardous materials (prescription drugs and sharps).

Santa Clara County will be hosting several Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Events in District 1 in the next few months. HHW is in the process of moving from their old location on 10th street to their new home on Las Plumas. During this time, Santa Clara County will be holding HHW Collection Events at Harker School (3800 Blackford Avenue, previously Blackford High School). Appointments are required to drop off materials at the collection events.

If you would like to make an appointment or if you would like additional information, you can call the County's HHW Program at (408) 299-7300 or visit their website, <http://www.hhw.org>

Working Toward a Safe, Clean, Friendly Neighborhood

Free Fingerprinting - Children, Older Adults & Adults with Developmental Disabilities at the West San José Community Center

Fingerprinting has proven to be a very valuable tool for finding missing & lost persons. The San Jose Police Department's VOLT Program is offering free fingerprinting services by appointment at the West San Jose Community Center (3707 Williams Road, San Jose, CA 95117). SJPD VOLT volunteers will be fingerprinting:

- children between the ages of 2 and 14 years old,
- adults with developmental disabilities, and
- older adults.

Fingerprinting appointments can be scheduled by calling the West San José Community Center at (408) 249-6580.

Membership 2007 - Betty Kabanek

We are very happy to welcome the Yates Family, Tracy Palmer, and Tom Biedka & Sarah Westfall to the Eden Neighborhood Association. They are among a number of people who've sent in their annual dues recently. Thank you to the following members for your continued support:

Hassan & Prasanna Ali
 David & Carmen Anderson
 James & Ann Bailey
 Peter Kellner & Tamara Baker
 Peter & Joan Bays, Jr.
 Sarah Westfall & Tom Biedka
 Bill & Nancy Boltz
 George & Lisa Brown
 Paul & Andrea Casillas
 Lance McAndrew & Bridget Cassidy
 Sylvia Chung
 Peggy Constantino
 Ken & Sherill Cotter
 David & Grace Cox
 Joe & Cheryl Denham
 Leona deVries
 Jon & Annette Drew
 Silvia Felix
 Robert & Beverly Fisher
 Robin & Alex Flores
 Patricia Fraguglia
 Kim & Linda Frechette



Alan & Kathy Fryer
 Julian Garcia
 Paul & Cecilia Gorenuc
 Anna Gorini
 Debra Hitchcock
 Robert & Deborah Hsieh
 Pamela Sun & Al Juodikis
 Richard & Betty Kabanek
 Faith King
 Karniq & Hilda Koumriqian
 Yone & Chizu Kubo
 Masami & Jiyushi Kusumoto
 John & Maria Laughlin
 William Lawrence III
 Raymond & Eunice Lee
 Pat Madison
 Raymonde Marigo
 Thelma & George Mavrakis
 Alice McChesney
 Bud & Peggy Muchow
 Joe & Ardis Orlando
 Tracy Palmer

Bob & Judy Park
 Spyro & Esther Paxinos
 Sandra & Brett Proctor
 Armin & Ivy Quiring
 Kermit & Carol Rydeen
 Lester & Audrey Santo
 Denise Michael & David Schirle
 Peter & Cathy Scibetta
 Carl & Vi Shoemaker
 Donald & Carol Shortt
 Jim & Denise Sitter
 Jason & Roseanne Smith
 Mick Speciale
 Esma Sprague
 Tim & Diane Tolbert
 Guy & Cori Tow
 Roy & Judith Truitt
 Mario & Connie Vazquez
 Barbara Wallace
 John & Eva Yaccarine
 Valerie, Patrick & McKenna Yates



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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