

Winchester San Tomas
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Next Meeting: *Amber Drive Primary Plus School, Tuesday, March 13th, 7:00 p.m.*

Guest Speaker: *Tom Marron & Jack Conway, Mortgage Consultants*

Topic: *The Current Home Mortgage Market – What’s Available & How Does It Impact You*

March 13th General Meeting Agenda

- Welcome
- ENA Updates & Committee Reports
- Guest Speakers: our neighbor, Tom Marron and his business partner Jack Conway, who are mortgage consultants with many years of experience, will talk to us about the current home mortgage market. This is not a sales pitch. It is a perfect opportunity to learn the real truth about what your mortgage options are and what to do if you get into trouble.

Our speakers will talk about the current market environment and what loan options are available in the marketplace. Year to year, policies and guidelines change, especially after the risky loan practices that have come into play over the past number of years. Come hear our speakers tell us about new regulatory underwriting guidelines and what it means to us.

Additionally, what do you do when you fall behind on your loan payment or you are having trouble making ends meet to meet your payment? There were almost a million foreclosure filings in 2006 – which is over 50% more than 2005. A high percentage of them involved senior citizens. What steps should you take to prevent this from happening to you? Or if worse comes to worse, what can you do to solve the problem?

Learn about the types of options that are available to you whether you are looking to refinance, buy a home, plan for the future or get out of trouble. Hear about options to convert home equity to cash when you need it. How about no monthly payments & tax-free proceeds? Whether it is a reverse mortgage, a traditional loan, a refinance or a foreclosure – learn what’s available to you – whatever age you are!

**Congrats to Our Neighbor Pat Haggmann
Campbell’s Citizen of the Year**



Congratulations go to Pat Haggmann of Oxford Lane. At a dinner on February 24th, Pat was honored by the City of Campbell’s Chamber of Commerce as Campbell’s Citizen of the year.

Pat is currently the President of the Campbell Museum and Ainsley House Foundation. She has been a board member since 2000, and has volunteered her services in a variety of ways - from accounting services, food service arrangement at the summer concerts (which are one of the foundation’s major fund raising events), and much more. She was a driving force in the *Raise the Roof Campaign* for the museum, and has a special interest in its educational programs.

Pat has been a long time volunteer for many local events, including the annual Toy Program for the past 20 years. She is also Treasurer of the County Women’s Club endowment fund. Pat is a strong believer in volunteerism and instills that in her children and grandchildren. We are proud she is a member of ENA.

- Elaine Marron

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



President's Message Ivy Quiring



Thank you everyone for your support of ENA & it's goal of working towards a safe, clean, and friendly neighborhood! Your ongoing support helps us support you.

For those who couldn't make it to last month's general meeting, we had a lively discussion with Dr. Rhonda Farber, Superintendent for the Campbell Union HSD, and Heather Sutton of the Moreland SD Board of Trustees. We received updates on various local high school site improvements and reminders of exemptions available to senior citizens. Also, we talked about discovery charter school enrollment & facilities.

This month, come hear financial experts talk with us about mortgage options as well as what to do if we find ourselves in trouble. Cross fingers that doesn't happen, but it's better to be prepared and know your options and resources! See you on Tuesday!



Financial Safety Warning



Some of you may have noticed an older gentleman walking throughout the neighborhood picking items out of your recycling bins. This brings up a couple of concerns. Whose property are the items in your bins? Well, it's a grey area. The items are your property until you wheel the cart out to the curb. Technically, at that point they are the city's or the hauler's, but due to the public nature of the street, the city has in the past declared that the contents are "public." Having someone rummage through your bins to get the cans and bottles is annoying, but it can also be dangerous. Cans and bottles dangerous? No, but financial papers, old bills, personal information, etc. can be. These items are gold to identity thieves and the "too nosy" folks. It has been said before, but bears repeating: Shred everything you do not want someone else finding, especially financial and personal data. Shredders are not expensive and the peace of mind is worth the cost.

So, what can you do about these rummagers? If you feel they are a danger (i.e., casing your home or stalking), call 911 and let SJPD know about the individuals. If the situation is not an emergency, but a disturbance, then 311 is the appropriate number to call. Bear in mind that police may not be able to respond right away to 311 calls due to emergencies at that time.

- Armin Quiring

Winchester NAC Update

The WNAC members have agreed upon their next Top Ten priorities. These will be presented to the SJC Planning Commission in March and SJC Council in April for approval. The Top Ten Priorities (listed in order of priority) are as follows:

1. Develop & Implement Traffic Calming Strategy
2. Curbs, Gutters, Sidewalks, Streets
3. Safety Lighting
4. Underground Utilities
5. Land Use
6. Tree Planting
7. Park Plan
8. Neighborhood Safety-Disaster Preparedness
9. Community Clean Ups
10. Winchester Businesses/Beautification



Monthly WNAC meetings that are held on the 3rd Wed at the International Christian Center (corner of Williams Rd & Eden Ave) at 6:30 pm. Dinner is provided at 6pm.

- Richard Kabanek

Treasurer's Report

ENA 2007 Budget					
EXPENSES	2006 Budget	2006 Actual	Difference	2007 Budget	Notes for 2006 Actual Expenses
Printing & Newsletter	\$3,200.00	\$3,681.00	-\$481.00	\$3,800.00	Newsletter, envelopes, notecards, small letterhead
Dumpster Day	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	Dumpsters, refreshments, gloves
Summer Picnic	\$2,400.00	\$2,832.00	-\$432.00	\$2,000.00	Grill, astrojump, parade and concert, food, decorations, supplies, etc.
Volunteer Appreciation	\$500.00	\$550.00	-\$50.00	\$500.00	Pizza Party
Postage	\$400.00	\$234.00	\$166.00	\$450.00	Membership letters, newsletters mailed out of area, bills
Emergency Preparation	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$150.00	Refreshments, training
Festival of Lights	\$250.00	\$184.00	\$66.00	\$125.00	Candles
Garage Sale	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$75.00	Paper for flyers, San Jose Mercury News ad, duct tape
Office & Computer Supplies	\$150.00	\$65.00	\$85.00	\$125.00	Stickers, brochure paper, ink cartridge for brochure, envelopes, flip chart, binders
Garden	\$200.00	\$218.00	-\$18.00	\$200.00	Plants & supplies
Bereavement	\$150.00	\$48.00	\$102.00	\$75.00	Flowers & Cards
Miscellaneous	\$100.00	\$276.00	-\$176.00	\$100.00	Unbudgeted Items
Hotline	\$150.00	\$36.00	\$114.00	\$65.00	Hotline
Website	\$200.00	\$296.73	-\$96.73	\$180.00	Hosting fee
PO Box	\$50.00	\$40.00	\$10.00	\$45.00	Annual Fee
Meeting Refreshments	\$50.00	\$257.00	-\$207.00	\$100.00	Coffee, napkins, sugar
National Night Out	\$500.00	\$903.38	-\$403.38	\$800.00	Grant of \$300.00 offset shortfall.
Total Expenses	\$10,700.00	\$9,621.11	\$1,078.89	\$10,790.00	
Less Grants:	-\$1,500.00	-\$3,200.00	\$1,700.00	-\$2,000.00	
Net Expense	\$9,200.00	\$6,421.11	\$2,779.00	\$8,790.00	
INCOME					
Membership Dues (\$15 each)	\$6,750.00	\$4,215.00	-\$2,535.00	\$5,250.00	281 Member for 2006 Goal 350 for 2007
Additional Donations	\$3,000.00	\$625.00	-\$2,375.00	\$1,500.00	
Total Income	\$9,750.00	\$4,840.00	-\$4,910.00	\$6,750.00	
Net	-\$550.00	-\$1,581.00	-\$2,131.00	-\$2,040.00	

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- Tom Marron



3rd Annual ENA Fruit Donation Drive 1.9 Tons of Fruit for the Needy

Big congratulations to the Eden Neighborhood Association donors who picked and bagged their fruit over two weekends in February. From your fruitful efforts, we donated 3800 lbs of grapefruit, tangerines, oranges, & lemons to the Second Harvest Food Bank.

Special thanks go to our volunteer drivers & pickers: Tom Lighthouse, Bud Pyle, Charley Reed, Caroline Reed, Scott Sutherland, Bob Kirby, Barb Grisier, Brad Grisier, Jim Schirle, Armin Quiring, Ivy Quiring.

And a grateful thank you goes to our supporting local businesses who donated fruit picker poles:

- Ken at Yamagami's Nursery
- Kim at SummerWinds Garden Center
- Judy at Orchard Supply Hardware
- Chris at Lowe's.



If you still would like to donate any fruit, here are some local community service centers.

Second Harvest Food Bank
750 Curtner Ave, San Jose, (408) 266-8866
Open: Mon-Fri 8am-5pm

Sacred Heart Community Service
1381 S. First Street @ Alma, San Jose, (408) 278-2160
Open: Mon-Thurs 8am-5pm, Fri 9am-4pm

St. Justin's Catholic Church
2655 Homestead Rd, Santa Clara, (408) 243-1462
Open: Mon-Sat 10am-12 noon

- Ginny Pyle

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

Just a quick reminder the next Santa Clara County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Event in our area is on Saturday, March 24th at Harker School (3800 Blackford Ave, previously Blackford High School). Appointments are required to drop off materials at the collection events.

Here's your opportunity to dispose of expired medications, old cleaning chemicals, old paints, gasoline, and other materials you don't know what to do with because they are not allowed in our garbage or other regular disposal methods.

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>.

Neighborhood Community Service Opportunities Available

Most schools are now requiring community service of their students. We have a number of opportunities available throughout the neighborhood & throughout the year. Parents or students looking for such opportunities, please give us a call via the ENA Message Line (408) 404-7404 or send us an email.

Community Services Info via 2-1-1

On February 9, 2007, United Way Silicon Valley officially launched its 2-1-1 Santa Clara County info & referral service line. Santa Clara County residents can be connected to hundreds of community services by dialing 2-1-1. These services include critical health & human services, such as counseling services, shelter info, child or elder care, youth programs, & more. This new service operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and is available in over 140 languages. For more details, visit their website: <http://www.211scc.org>.

- Information provided by District 1

Sunshine



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

2007 Calendar of Events

Mar 13	GM: Finance Specialists	
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"	



Traffic Update: Williams Road & Eden Ave Median with Stop Signs

On February 26th, DOT and concerned neighbors got together to discuss the proposed median & stop sign island design near the intersection of Williams Road & Eden Avenue. The design is intended to increase the visibility of the 4 way stop. Neighbors seemed to be in approval of the proposed design. DOT is scheduled to start work on this project within the next week or two.



Membership 2007 - Betty Kabanek

We're very happy to welcome the following new members to our association:

John & Michell McGrane, Piyali Samanta & Bunty Banjeree, Jui-Yao Yang & I-Chu Huang, Marek Radko, Pierre Orzechowski & Estelle Chevillon, Robin Bates & Omar Pualuan, Steven & Kerry Maciel, and Mesfun Gedam

We're also very happy to thank the following people for renewing their memberships.

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| Cathy & Peter Aimonetti | Jackie Funk & Nat Gurumoorthy | Lilly Neves |
| Chiou-Hsia & Alan George | Al & Pat Hagmann | Bob & Judy Nichols |
| Clyde Allen | Harlin & Amy Hansen | Mike Hill & Donna Nirschl |
| Harry & Liz Andrusky | Dave & Sandy Hart | Toni Ostrom |
| William & Josie Ang | Patrick & Sandra Hascall | Vince Parsons & Ann Perez |
| Patrick & Virginia Aubry | Ed & Vivian Heinlein | Patrick & Mary Peterson |
| Nasar & Dana Awad | Constance Hermsen | Vivienann Pianto |
| Lloyd & Marlene Bass | Richard & Susan Hoehnle | Martine Dezwirek & Pierre Delisle |
| Ann Bendixen | Chuck & Renee Hopfensperger | Gus & Bess Pinoris |
| Jo & Joe Boice | George & Shirley Horning | Bert & Karen Plambeck |
| Truman & Barbara Boman | Lynn Ishizala | Bill Robertson |
| Eb & Cammie Bright | Matthew & Annie Jaquish | Melina Rosado |
| Steve Dodson & Stephanie Brooks | Bhaskar & Asha Kalale | Paul Ryan |
| Bill & Carleen Carver | Natalie Kanzaki | Robert Ryder |
| Antonia Cascante | Ed & Denise Keane | Keith & Yvette Schemm |
| Phil & Carla Casey | Amit & Nidhi Khatri | Martin & Susan Schuller |
| Bulent & Lynae Cinarkaya | John & Jane Kim | Elizabeth Schultz |
| David & Ramona Coffelt | Robert & Leanne Kirby | Andy & Anne Sermersheim |
| Mike Console | John & Susan Knapp | Rob & Stacey Silva |
| Don & Judy Correia | James & Diane Kono | Cynthia Riley & Chad Sittner |
| John & Zee Del Fiugo | Thomas & Rosanne Kretchun | Michael & Melody Spradlin |
| Richard & Helene Dow | Steve & Melinda Landau | Raji Sethuraman & Vats Srinivasan |
| Fred & Lois Drew | Mildred Lawler | Craig & Laura Stinnet |
| Dave & Tracy Dwyer | Johnathon & Jeannie Lee | Ivy & Wilson Tan |
| Jim & Phyllis Ehrenburg | Joseph Liotta | Lam Thai |
| Frank Fanelli | Ken & Clara Livak | John & Marie Thompson |
| Barbara Ferber | Phil & Bernadette Luna | Clifford Ray & Cherrie Jean Tsuda |
| Joe & Rose Fichera | Gabriel & Gloria Marcu | Joseph & Elaine Uruski |
| Herbert & Ilene Finger | Edward & Susan Margherone | James S. Valby |
| Steve & Lisa Anne Fontana | Bob Matsui | Marianne Williams |
| Betty Ford | Kevin & Cynthia McKinley | Dave & Susan Wippich |
| Zell Friedling | Andy & Maureen Meyer | Steven Wolff |
| Celeste Frogner | Connie Mignano | Young Ran Chun & Won Chul Kim |
| Stephen & Joyce Fukuchi | Lee & Rose Myers | Valerie, Patrick & McKenna Yates |
| Mark & Nancy Fuller | Nathan Nahouraii | |
| Suzanne Greene | Horace & Elena Nevarez | |

