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**Next Meeting:** *Amber Drive Primary Plus School, Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.*  
Guest Speaker: *Superintendent Glen Ishiwata*  
Topic: *Moreland School District Update*

**May 8<sup>th</sup> General Meeting Agenda**

- Welcome
- ENA Updates & Committee Reports
- Guest Speaker: Superintendent Glen Ishiwata. Come join us at our May 2007 General Meeting to talk with the Superintendent of the Moreland School District. Here's your opportunity to hear more about his goals for the school district, progress on projects he has initiated, status of Charter schools, current enrollment, school scores, and more. Take advantage of this opportunity – ask him those questions that have been bugging you about the school district, its programs, priorities, and plans.



**Beautification Committee**



Many thanks to Brownie Troop 1102 leaders Joan McCreary and Roseanne Smith, and Brownies Audrey Smith, Alna Mitchell, and Audrey Randazzo for their enthusiastic weeding of the community garden on April 13<sup>th</sup>. The troop will be planting flowers later in May.

- Bill Lawrence & Carl Shoemaker

**ENA Family Summer Picnic**

**Save the Date: Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>**



Save Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> for the annual ENA Family Summer Picnic! Join us for a free barbeque, Astro Jump, face painting, and entertainment. More information to follow – look back here for updates!

We are still looking for volunteers. Please contact Susan Bishop via phone (408) 280-1601 or email ([sbishop@prattattorneys.com](mailto:sbishop@prattattorneys.com)) if you can help!



**Reminder: ENA Garage Sale  
Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

Just a quick reminder that ENA's Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. You do not have to be a member of ENA to join the sale, although it is encouraged.

ENA will be placing advertisements in the *San Jose Mercury News* and the *PennySaver*. ENA will also be providing a neighborhood garage sale map at strategic locations around the neighborhood.

**Garage Sale Map Submissions - Deadline May 11<sup>th</sup>:**

Call the ENA Message Line (408) 404-7404 by **5pm, Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**, to have your address put on the Neighborhood Garage Sale Map. In your message, please state the message is for the "Garage Sale", and provide your name, street address, your phone number (in case we need to call you), and the types of items you will be selling.



**Call for volunteers – help needed:**

We still need a few volunteers to assist with the setup and take down of the signs for the Garage Sale. Your help is needed to ensure we have enough local advertisement of the event! Please call the ENA Message Line (408) 404-7404 if you can help.

**May Events of Interest**

- May 8<sup>th</sup> (Tues) 7pm  
General Meeting [school]**
- May 19<sup>th</sup> (Sat) all day  
Neighborhood Garage Sale**



## President's Message Ivy Quiring



Summer is knocking at our doors! The warm weather is here already, and lots of folks are out and about. Enjoy the beauty of nature in the neighborhood – especially the garden, thanks to Brownie Troop 1102, Bill Lawrence (our new Beautification Chairperson), Carl Shoemaker (our past Beautification Chairperson), and the various neighborhood volunteers who put in their time to make the garden a place of enjoyment!

For those who couldn't make it to last month's general meeting, we had several lively conversations with our San Jose City Councilmember, Pete Constant. We heard updates on the swim center plans – I for one am glad to hear that Pete and several of our district councilmembers are looking at plans with eyes of reason and benefit to the community versus promoting San Jose City as a showcase. Additionally, it's good to see & hear Pete's promotion of open government, as well as "walking the talk" as he sets an example (and meets a campaign promise) for the rest of the council by publishing his calendar online.

April has zoomed by. A variety of events occurred to remind us to take care of our Earth (Earth Day – if we take care of her, she'll take care of us) and our neighborhood (Emergency Preparedness Drill). It was a good month full of good reminders – let's not forget them the rest of the year. Be green & be prepared!

As this is May, I want to remind you it's time to clear out those garages & rooms overflowing with unwanted items. Take advantage of the free advertising, garage sale map, signs and coordination by ENA. You don't have to be a member to participate. On May 19<sup>th</sup>, you can make your junk someone else's treasure – and make money doing it!

This month, come chat with the Superintendent for the Moreland School District. Find out how his first year as head of MSD has gone. Find out what his stance is on issues you care about. I know many of you have raised concerns about communications between MSD & the parents, MSD & the community, and what the priorities are for MSD. Here's your chance to talk with the man in charge – ask him those tough questions, and tell him what you think! See you on Tuesday!

## 2007

### Upcoming Calendar of Events

May 08	GM: MSD Superintendent Ishiwata
May 19	Neighborhood Garage Sale
Jun 12	General Meeting
Jun 23	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 & Nominations
Oct 13	ENA 10 <sup>th</sup> Annual Volunteer Appreciation
Nov 13	General Meeting & Elections
Dec tbd	ENA 8 <sup>th</sup> Annual "Festival of Lights"



### ENA Greetings to New Babies & New Neighbors

Whether your neighbors are new to the neighborhood or there is a new baby in the family, let us know about their arrival, so we can say "Welcome". Give us a jingle with the new neighbors address (and name if you have it) or the proud parents' and baby's information at any of the below contact options:

- leave us a message on the ENA Message Line (408) 404-7404, or
- catch one of our officers, or
- send us an email at [ivyq\\_ena@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ivyq_ena@sbcglobal.net)

### Reminder: 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.

### ENA Email Distribution List



Please call the ENA Message Line at (408) 404-7404 or send an email to:

- [ivyq\\_ena@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ivyq_ena@sbcglobal.net), or
  - [email@EdenNeighborhoodAssociation.org](mailto: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.



## Emergency Preparedness Training Update



ENA continues to pursue getting San Jose Prepared CERT training provided locally for our neighbors. As the staff of the Office of Emergency Services (OES) has recently gone through a bit of turnover, planning and scheduling the training is taking a bit longer.

We have the names of those who were interested this past year, but if you missed sending us your name the first time around here's another chance - please leave a message on the ENA Message Line (408) 404-7404 stating your interest in the training along with your name & phone number.

In the meanwhile, San Jose Prepared continues to offer low-cost Emergency Preparedness Training (5 sessions & graduation). The next 5 session classes are:

- Module 1-5 (Jun 2, Jun 9, Jun 16, Jun 23, Jun 30)
- Module 1-5 (Aug 4, Aug 11, Aug 18, Aug 25, Sep 8)
- Module 1-5 (Oct 6, Oct 13, Oct 20, Oct 27, Nov 3)

For more information, go to:

➤ <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/emergencyServices/sanjoseprepared/Classcal.asp>

Additionally, CPR, First Aid & AED classes are taught the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month by the SJC Firefighters. If you are interested, please leave a message on the ENA Message Line so we can coordinate a group of ENA folks to go and be taught.



## Safety Reminders



Please be aware that a group of 3-5 male teenagers has been seen roving through the neighborhood - and seen breaking into at least one car and stealing a bag and purse. Unfortunately the victims were not able to catch the thieves. We all need to be on the lookout for this type of behavior. Outdoor activities increase as summer approaches, and unfortunately these types of incidents will also see an increase. Lock your doors, keep your windows secure, and please do not leave valuables visible in your car. And never, ever, leave your vehicle running to warm up while you are not in it. Let's all be careful out there!

If you see anything suspicious, please call the San Jose Police Department at 911 [(408) 277-8911 from a cell phone].

## Amber Drive School Just a Couple of Quick Reminders



Just a quick reminder to all of us about the guidelines for our field access at the Amber Drive School. Neighbors are welcome to use the field during non-school hours. Keep in mind that school is technically in session from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm Monday through Friday at this location. During these hours, residents need to check in at the front office if they need to come onto the school grounds. Also please remember (and respect) that no animals are allowed on the school grounds or fields at any time. This is for health and safety reasons, and it is to our advantage that we all continue to honor that policy. This rule pertains to everyone - the neighbors, the leagues, and all visitors.

Also, it bears noting that the areas containing the buildings as well as the playgrounds themselves are restricted at all times. During the school day, the school children are in these areas and it must be kept safe and secure for them. During non-school hours, the areas around the classrooms, offices, and playgrounds are closed and cannot be used. Hence, the locked gates and fences. Once again, anyone coming onto the school ground during school hours must check in with the office. This is especially critical during school hours.

While we are on the topic of the school and safety, here is a quick neighborly request from the school. For those residents bordering the school, please check to make sure the fence you share with the school is solid and secure. Children are inherently curious, and will rapidly jump at the chance to see what is in our yards. The school needs to keep the children safe and secure - and doesn't want them wondering out of the confines of the school and into your private space! The school has a contracted repair person who can help repair or replace fences as needed. If your fence is in need of repairs or replacement, you can contact Administrator Stephanie McEntee at (408) 248-2464 to arrange for this to occur.

- Armin Quiring

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

## Membership 2007 - *Betty Kabanek*

We're very happy to welcome the following new members to our association: Steve Haney, Sofia & Rosendo Tafolla, and Phung Thi Nguyen & Tho Ton That. We are also thankful for the following renewing members:

John & Sharon Cahill

Bharat & Smita Joshi

Ramaswamy Srikant

Bret & Yvette Carpenter

Ann & Don Pauken

Blake & Diann Wiggins

Ion & Carrie Coman

Tom & Mary Slattery

Eldred Zaharia



## **Oh My, Animals on the Loose - *Your Concerned Neighbors***

Recently there has been a vast increase of pet waste left in your neighbors' yards, gardens, and front walks. Yuck! Are we talking about dogs? Well, only partly. The majority of the problem of late has been with cats and their owners. And yes, cats really are required to be contained just as dogs are. If your cat cannot handle a harness and leash, then kindly consider keeping your feline friend indoors or in a screen room. Did you know that most cats are relatively clean by instinct? If you provide (and maintain!) a litter box in your yard for your cats, they will usually use it rather than using your neighbors' gardens, etc. None of us want to have to clean up after other's pets. Speaking of others' pets - almost every dog owner I see is carrying at least one or more clean-up bags! Sometimes these bags are in their pockets, and sometimes the dogs are carrying the bags themselves in a holder or dispenser. Don't know where to get easy to carry bags? Well, if you or someone you know gets the newspaper, those blue delivery bags are perfect for cleaning up after your dog or cat. In short, please help your neighbors in working towards a safe, clean, and friendly neighborhood!

## **Speeding Cars on Phelps Ave - *Carl Shoemaker***



A number of neighbors have noticed the increase in traffic & speeders down Phelps Ave over the past year or so. The City of San Jose had promised to take action on Phelps Ave after the traffic calming changes on Eden Ave were completed. Preliminary traffic studies were done in 2003 showing that the 85th percentile speed was 37- 38 mph on either side of the school traveling both ways. This is considered a legal measurement. The other fifteen percent of traffic travels faster at speeds up to 60 mph and five percent at speeds above 40 mph. Posted speed limits are 30 mph except near the school where the speed limit is 25 mph. It has been my observation that through traffic does not slow down as it passes the school. In answer to our traffic concerns, the City Traffic Department states that no further studies can be made on Phelps until 2008 when the 2003 traffic study expires. In the meantime, SJPd have asked us to tell them when cars are speeding on Phelps Ave so that they can issue tickets. To assist SJPd in their efforts to reduce speeds on Phelps, they have asked that we find out when most vehicles are speeding. We ask residents to call the ENA Message Line (408) 404-7404 and report when vehicles are speeding. Please leave us a brief message with the following: (1) day of the week, (2) time of day, and (3) your estimate of the vehicle's speed. We will compile the data and provide it to SJPd. Thank you.

## **Save the Date: National Night Out - Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>**



Meet your neighbors and help strengthen the ENA neighborhood spirit on Tuesday evening, August 7th! Neighborhoods in thousands of communities throughout the nation are joining forces on Tuesday, August 7th for the 24th Annual National Night Out. Between 6-10pm, residents in neighborhoods across the nation are being asked to turn on their outside lights and spend an evening outside with neighbors. This evening is designed to help us get to know our neighbors better, enhance our awareness of our community, and to assist in chasing crime out of our area.

Won't you join in and host a small get together? It's a great way to meet your neighbors. We are looking for one person from each street or block to help organize their street. ENA will help each street coordinate their activity. Have questions? Want to know more about what you can do? Want to host a small mixer? Contact ENA's National Night Out Chairperson, Armin Quiring, via the ENA Message Line (408) 404-7404 or directly (408) 247-2722.