

Winchester San Tomas

THE EDEN EXAMINER

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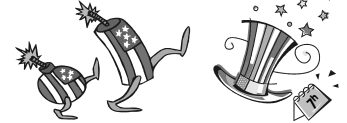
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Next Meeting: *July/August – no meetings*

Happy Summertime to All!



National Night Out With Your Neighbors

Wouldn't you like to meet more of your neighbors and help strengthen the ENA Neighborhood Spirit? Neighborhoods in thousands of communities across the nation are joining forces on Tuesday, August 7th, for the 24th Annual National Night Out (NNO). Between 6-10pm, residents are being asked to turn on their outside lights and spend an evening outside with neighbors. The purpose is to help us get to know our neighbors better, enhance our awareness of our community, and to help chase crime out of our area.

Various neighbors have stepped forward to host NNO events for their areas, and I would like to encourage more of you to join them in hosting a small get-together. Events may range from potlucks to dessert gatherings to barbecues to cookouts to mixers of all sorts. It is fun & easy. Not sure if your area or block is covered? Call your NNO Chairperson, Armin Quiring.

It is very easy to host a NNO event! You determine *where* the event will be located (front yard or driveway are best); *when* it will occur, Tuesday or the following Saturday is fine too; *what type* of event it will be (dessert, BBQ, potluck, etc); *what area* you will cover (usually your immediate block); and then *invite your neighbors*. This last step can simply be a sheet of paper with the location, date & time, event type, and what folks should bring. I will gladly help you and answer any questions!

To help those who host an event, ENA will be providing each site: a flat of water and a gift card to purchase supplies & food! We will also provide surprise goodies for the attendees, and "Thank You" items for our hosts.

Questions? Want to host? Is your area covered? For the answers to these questions or for more information, please call your NNO Chairperson, Armin Quiring, at (408) 247-2722 or (408) 404-7404. Let's all be safe out there!

Dumpster Day – Saturday, Sept 15th

Start clearing out those piles in the garage and the side of the house that you have been saving up for Dumpster Day. It's just around the corner. Dumpster Day will be on Saturday, September 15th.

Don't forget, the rule is that you must be paid up and in good standing by the September General Meeting to be able to dump. Otherwise, you will have to pay \$25.00 to be able to dump. This expensive project is solely funded by membership dues. Additional information on material disposal will be in the September Eden Examiner.

National Night Out

**Tuesday, August 7th &
throughout August**

**Time: depends on each block
gathering**



*Meet your
neighbors!*



*Shine a Light
on Crime!*

**Host a simple get-together!
Come meet your neighbors!**

Thank You ENA!

I want to thank Ivy Quiring and the other ENA board members for making it possible for me to have a donation station for my Senior Service Project / Girl Scout Gold Award at the summer family picnic.

The response I received was amazing! Thank you to everyone who donated items ranging from clothes, duffel bags, backpacks, books, games, and disposable diapers. Around 250 pounds of clothing was donated to the Children's Shelter and to the Clothes Closet for foster families.

I delivered 40 bags of donations from the ENA picnic to the Children's Shelter last Tuesday. My sponsor at the shelter was overwhelmed by the generosity and sheer amount of donations. So many children in Santa Clara County will benefit from the generous donations from the ENA members.

I am still collecting donations and will do so throughout the summer and into the fall. If you have anything you want to donate please give me a call at (408) 243-3643 or send me an email at caroline @ 3reedz.com. Foster children are always in need of clothes, duffel bags to carry their belongings in when they are placed with a foster family, backpacks and other school supplies.

Thank you again for all of your support and encouragement!

- Caroline Reed

Follow-up: Secondary Units Pros & Cons

San Jose is currently running a pilot program that allows homeowners to build a 600 square foot secondary unit on their single family, residential lots. This program is scheduled to run through October 31, 2007. We expect the city council will be asked to make the program permanent. These are some of the issues as I see and understand them:

Pro:

- San Jose needs more housing.
- A secondary unit might be a way to have parents or children live independently, but close by.

Con:

- Under current state law, 4 to 6 people could reside in a unit this size. Only 1 new parking space is required.
- The owner could sell his property. The primary & secondary units could both become rentals.
- I believe that adding more density to our neighborhood will lead to lower property values.

Obviously, I'm biased. You can learn more about the program by going to the website: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/planning/zoning/secondunit.asp>. You can also contact our council representative, Pete Constant at pete.constant@sanjoseca.gov or (408) 535-4901 to express your views.

- Betty Kabanek

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)

I am renewing my membership

Membership Dues \$15.00

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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