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Next Meeting: *Amber Drive Primary Plus School, Tuesday, November 13th, 7:00 p.m.*
Topic: General Elections & Appetizer/Dessert Potluck

November 13th General Meeting Agenda

- Welcome
- ENA Elections & Updates
- Potluck - Bring an appetizer or dessert, and meet your neighbors. Please come join us!

Safety Reminder

We live in a pretty safe neighborhood most of the time. We cannot control who comes into it, but we can keep our eyes open, be aware of activities that don't seem right, & call the police when something is suspicious or just not quite right.

Recently, a child abduction attempt occurred in our neighborhood near the Primary Plus School on Amber. A young son of one of our neighbors was putting items in his backpack at the bus stop area, when a maroon colored Chevrolet pulled up and told him to "get in." The child showed remarkable courage by pulling a pair of scissors out of his backpack & standing up, causing the abductor to speed out of the area. The abduction attempt was reported immediately to the police.

Please be safe & help keep our families safe. Be aware of your surroundings – whether you are in your front yard, in front of the school, at the mall, at the gasoline station, or wherever you are.

If you see anything suspicious, please call the San Jose Police Department at 911 [(408) 277-8911 from a cell phone]. And it's okay to notify the police. I know some of you have said or thought "there's nothing they can do about it right now," which may be true at the time, but they still want to hear about any suspicious activity. Additionally, this will help the police track any increase of such activity in the neighborhood.

ENA's 8th Annual Festival of Lights

Saturday, Dec 22nd

Kit Pickup 10a-12n & Lighting @ 6pm

Your Eden Neighborhood will be holding its 8th Annual Festival of Lights on Saturday December 22nd, starting at 6pm (when it gets dark). Kits will be available for pick-up at the Amber Drive School parking lot on Saturday, December 22nd from 10am - 12noon. Yes, pickup & lighting are planned for the same day.

We hope you can join us in this fun tradition! The free kits will be available while supplies last, and are open to all residents of our neighborhood.



- Elaine Schirle & Ivy Quiring



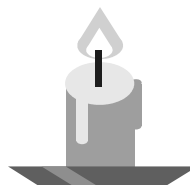
Reminder



**Festival of Lights
December 22nd**



**Light Kits Distribution
from 10am - 12noon
at Amber Drive School
(while supplies last)**



**Lighting starting at
6pm (or when it gets
dark)**



President's Message Ivy Quiring



Boy, the month has zoomed by! Fall is definitely upon us with the changing of our clocks to the leaves falling from a number of our neighborhood trees. As the days get shorter and nights longer, please be careful as it gets harder to see – this applies both to last minute homeownership activities, as well as driving. Be safe.

THANK YOU

Just like our postal workers, whether it is sunny, rainy, or windy, our volunteers always come through in their support of the association and our neighborhood. I want to give a big round of applause & kudos to all of our volunteers for all their hard work in making our neighborhood a wonderful place to live! I had a chance to speak with a number of them at our recent Volunteer Appreciation Dinner last month – it was a definite pleasure to see our volunteers appreciated for their support of us all! To all the volunteers of our neighborhood - your contributions mean so much to me - Thank you!

And if you see one of our volunteers passing out the newsletter, or pulling weeds in the ENA garden, or removing graffiti from our neighborhood, or any number of volunteer activities, please feel free to give them a “Thanks for your help & support!” – they deserve it for all they do for us!



Additionally, we have another day of thanks this month – Veterans Day. Whether it be times of war or peace, this day is set aside to honor all who have served. It is intended to thank both the living & past veterans for their service & to acknowledge their contributions to our nation. Our freedom is supported and maintained by all those who served and sacrificed for this great country. Thank you and Bless You All!

October: If you missed ENA's October General Meeting, you missed a great presentation by Kimberlee Gaddis and Dirk Parsons from the San Jose Police Department Crime Prevention Program! We received lots of information and good reminders about preventing crime in our area, steps we can take to dissuade others from targeting our property, and what to do when we see something that is out of character. If



Upcoming Calendar of Events

- Nov 13 General Meeting & Elections
- Dec 22 ENA 8th Annual “Festival of Lights”
 - ❖ 10a – 12n Light Kit Distribution
 - ❖ 6pm (or dark) Lighting
- Jan 08 1st General Meeting for 2008
- Feb 12 General Meeting



you want to see the recent calls to police for service for our area, check out: <http://www.crimereports.com> In fact, did you know most residential burglaries occur when we're not at home – typically 9a-2p. And entry typically is not force, but rather through unlocked doors or windows. Some good reminders include: use locks, keep valuable items out of sight, use timers, trim bushes away from doors and windows where someone could hide, and light all your entrances and walkways. And wherever you are, be alert. Like our neighbor's son who foiled the abduction attempt made on him, be alert & be prepared!

Bottomline, we have been lucky to live in a safe neighborhood. We should never just depend on luck. Help keep your block safe, and keep our children safe! The recent child abduction attempt in our neighborhood reminds us to be very aware! Let's look out for our kids, our elderly, our homes, and our neighborhood.

November: Traditionally we have a speaker at each general meeting. I don't know about you, but I'm about speakered out for the year. Actually, I'm not, but I have noticed that we don't have enough opportunities to mingle as the days get longer and we all rush home from work and other places. SO – the board and I thought it would be great for us to have a potluck. Bring a favorite appetizer, munchie or dessert. We'll provide beverages, paper goods and the location!

This is our last newsletter of 2007 - we extend our wishes from our families to yours for a joyous and healthy holiday season and all the best in the new year!





Help Wanted – Help Needed

Contributors to the ENA Eden Examiner provide information they think is relevant to our neighborhood. Recently, the ENA board discussed the possibility of allowing neighbors to put in requests for help and decided to set up a pilot program. Requests will be limited to:

- Members in good standing (no businesses)
- One per year per member
- 100 combined characters & spaces

The editor will have the right to edit, accept, or reject any submission. Submissions are the responsibility of the submitter and ENA accepts no liability related to the request.

If you would like to submit a help request into the newsletter, please send your request to: [ivyq_ena @ sbcglobal.net](mailto:ivyq_ena@sbcglobal.net) or call the ENA Message Line at (408) 404-7404.

- Betty Kabanek

Other Recycling / Disposal Options



Many of the items that we used to be able to dispose of in our garbage and landfills are no longer disposable via normal methods. Where can we dispose of items such as paint, appliances, toilets, car tires, water heaters, mattresses, and furniture? Numerous municipal and national organizations provide free / low cost disposal and reuse avenues:

- Recycle Plus! Recycling Hotline (408) 924-5453 and website (<http://www.sjrecycles.org/residents/>):
- Bulky Goods Curbside Collection (408) 535-3500: appliances, mattresses, water heaters, couches, etc
- Santa Clara Household Hazardous Wastes Program (408) 299-7300 & website (<http://www.hhw.org>): Motor oil & filters, automotive fluids, antifreeze, fuels, pool chemicals, paint, adhesives, solvents, degreasers, cleaners, pesticides, fertilizers, herbicides, fungicides, asbestos, smoke detectors, batteries, unwanted or outdated medications, light bulbs, etc
- Center for Development of Recycling (CDR) (408) 924-5453 or (800) 533-8414, or use their recycling search engine: <http://www.recyclestuff.org>

-Ivy Quiring

Unused Cell Phones, Empty Ink Cartridges Give Them to a Good Cause

Got a new cell phone? Found your old one you misplaced? For whatever reason, we end up with left over cell phones that we don't know what to do with. Often, we end up tossing them in some random box or the garage. And what to do with those used up empty ink cartridges? Well – you can give them all to a good cause.

Ink Cartridges & Cell phones:

You can help save homeless pets by recycling your used inkjet cartridges (no Epson cartridges) and cell phones via PetSmart Charities recycling program. Visit the nearest PetSmart store and look for the PetSmart Charities recycling display to pick up a free postage paid preaddressed envelope. PetSmart Charities will receive a \$2 donation for every cartridge or phone recycled through this program. For more information on the program, you can visit their website:

<http://www.petsmartcharities.org/donate/toner-cartridge-recycling.php>

Cell Phones:

There are a number of options that can help those less fortunate - such as nationwide programs and cell phone vendor programs that provide re-use options for these phones to support groups for domestic violence prevention, suicide prevention, animal protection services, children's support services, and many other needy programs. Check out some of these local options:

➤ Sprint Project Connect Program: local office (408) 345-0300 or via their website

http://www.sprint.com/citizenship/communities_across/project_connect.html

➤ Verizon Wireless Hopeline Program: local office (408) 777-0220 or via their website

<http://aboutus.vzw.com/communityservice/hopeLine.html>



- Ivy Quiring

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





ENA Greetings to Neighborhood Babies



ENA welcomes the newest addition to our neighborhood:

- August 25, 2007: Aliana Simone Fuhrman, daughter of Rich & Vangie Fuhrman on Calboro Drive.
- September 12, 2007: Sydney Dianne Zung, daughter of Jonathan Zung & Melissa Funk on Sunnygate Court.

New baby? Give us a jingle with the proud parents' and baby's information at any of the below contact options:

- leave us a message on the ENA Message Center (408) 404-7404, or
- catch one of our officers, or
- send an email to ivyq_ena@sbcglobal.net



Giving the Gift of Life - Article by Armin Quiring with information from the American Red Cross

If you were ill, in an accident, or undergoing surgery and needed blood - and clean blood was available - would you take that blood? If you said Yes, shouldn't you also consider donating blood so that could be a possibility for someone else? The sobering truth is that every two seconds, someone in America needs blood. With that high a demand, it is only a matter of time before blood donation touches your life - via a family member, friend, or even your life directly. Did you know that only 5% of the eligible population in the United States donates blood? And less than 30% of those first time donors actually donate again? Each blood donation can save up to 3 lives, and you can donate blood 6 times per year. Of course, donated blood is very carefully screened and tested before it can be considered for use.



So please, consider doing something amazing - donate blood to the American Red Cross. Then, do something even more remarkable - go back and give blood again. For more information or to make an appointment to donate blood, visit <http://www.givelife.org> or call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543). The nearest American Red Cross Blood Services Center for San Jose is at 2731 North First Street, San Jose 95134, just a short drive from home! The

Center is located at the corner of N. 1st and W. Plumeria Drive, just off Montague Expressway. Their direct phone number is (408) 577-1000. Make blood donation a regular part of your life and help the lives of others. Thank You in advance for becoming a volunteer blood donor!



Please the Nose & Cut the Grease - Armin Quiring

Cold & wet weather is on it's way, and brings us all a gentle reminder - please do not pour any grease, oil, or lard down the drain. Anything that requires the use of hot water to help it down the drain or through your garbage disposal congeals and clings to the sewer pipes, especially during the colder months. It continues to accumulate until it becomes difficult for anything but liquid to pass through the clogs, and eventually closes the pipe altogether. This is currently happening in many of our main sewer arteries. What occurs next is very unpleasant - especially for our noses. So please, utilize a container for these types of waste, and contact the Santa Clara County Household Hazardous Waste program at (408) 299-7300 for disposal guidelines.

Gift Ideas for Your Neighbor



Don't know what to give a friend that is a neighbor? Especially one that has "everything" - what about a year's membership to ENA? It's just \$15 and gives them added benefits and supports your neighborhood association.



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