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Next Meeting: *Amber Drive Primary Plus School, Tuesday, January 8th, 7:00 p.m.*
 Guest Speaker: *Armin Quiring*
 Topics: *Deter, Detect, Defend: Learn More About Identity Theft*



January 8th General Meeting Agenda

- Welcome
- ENA Updates & Committee Reports
- Guest Speaker: Our January speaker will be *Armin Quiring*, and he will be talking with us about identity theft. Identity theft occurs when your personal information is taken and used without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. It is a serious crime that can cost you time and money, destroy your credit, and ruin your good name.



Your ENA wants to help you learn how to protect yourself from identity theft at our general meeting which is open to the public. Please join us to learn how to reduce your risk of identity theft, and what to do if you suspect that your identity has been stolen.

You will be provided with lots of information and resources – attendees will receive booklets and brochures that complement the presentation to help you “Deter, Detect, and Defend against Identity Theft.” We will also learn about some related privacy and safety issues. Don’t worry much about taking notes, as you will be provided handouts with the details.

**Coming Soon - 4th Annual Fruit Drive
You Pick It ... We’ll Pick It Up!**



Have you noticed the many heavily loaded fruit trees in our neighborhood? We have! The Annual ENA Fruit Donation Drive will be held sometime January / early February (dates to be announced shortly). In the meantime, you can drop off your fresh fruit at the Second Harvest Food Bank, 750 Curtner Ave, San Jose, (408) 266-8866. Please mention the Eden Neighborhood Association when you donate your fruit.

ENA's 2008 Officers and Chairpersons:

Your elected 2008 ENA Officers are:

President	Tom Marron
Vice President	Ginny Pyle
Treasurer	Ivy Quiring
Secretary	* open position *



Some of your Committee Chairs & Representatives:

Beautification	Bill Lawrence
Dumpster Day	Mario Vazquez & Armin Quiring
Emergency Prep	Al Hagmann
Festival of Lights	Elaine Schirle
Fruit Drive	Ginny Pyle
Goodwill	Betty Ford
Graffiti Cleanup	John Knapp & Bud Pyle
Membership	Betty Kabanek & Mario Vazquez
Refreshments	Carl Shoemaker & Peter and Joan Bays
Service Directory	Randee Chin & Grace Schirle
Social / Welcoming	Elaine Marron
Traffic	Betty Kabanek
Webmaster	Vidya Rangasayee
Winchester NAC	Betty Kabanek

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 encourage you to become involved in participating in your neighborhood!

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

President's Message

Tom Marron



Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and enjoyed some time with family and friends. We are now ready to embark on 2008 and look forward to having an outstanding year.

The Eden Neighborhood Association now has 405 household members, which represent 51% of the homes located within the Eden boundaries. In 2008 we have budgeted for 450 households, which would be an increase of 45. This will not represent a large increase in revenue for the association, but what we are looking for is membership growth and to get more people involved in Eden activities.

Our plans for the year include many of the traditional events and starts with the Fourth Annual Second Harvest fruit drive in January. If you look around the neighborhood you will see that the trees are bulging with fruit and it therefore appears that we will need to start earlier this year.

Our schedule will also involve a major effort to develop a neighborhood watch program, which will be headed up by Ginny and Bud Pyle. A couple of months ago we had an indoctrination to neighborhood watch and now we should take the next step and implement a plan. Especially in view of the increased activity we have seen in the area. Now might be an appropriate time to formalize the program. If any of you would like to be part please leave a message for Ginny and Bud via the ENA Message Line (408) 404-7404 or sign up at a General Meeting. We will have another work session with San Jose PD and then implement the program.

We are definitely looking forward to a year filled with activities and opportunities for everyone. Here are the upcoming events:

January / February - Neighborhood Fruit Drive - Volunteers are needed. In the past Eden has collected up to 2,700 pounds of fruit.

April - Emergency Preparedness Drill - Be part of a team-be a rescuer or play a victim. Just join in and become better prepared.

TBD Neighborhood Watch - Learn what we can do to make our homes and blocks a safer place.

May - Neighborhood Garage Sale

June - Annual Summer Picnic - Meet your neighbors and have fun.

August - National Night Out - We had a very successful NNO in 2007, let's make it better in 2008.

September - Dumpster Day - Gather up and clear out all of that unwanted stuff.

October - Volunteer Appreciation Dinner - This is our thank you to all of the hardworking volunteers in our neighborhood. Each of you makes a difference.

December - Festival of Lights - Help the neighborhood celebrate the holidays with luminaries.

2nd Tues General Meetings - Meet your neighbors, hear speakers of interest to the neighborhood, and find out what is going on in the neighborhood.

Please feel free to contact me if issues come up that ENA should know about and could help you find a solution. Feel free to contact me on the ENA Message Line (408) 404-7404. Please attend the ENA General Meetings whenever possible.

Holiday Tree Recycling

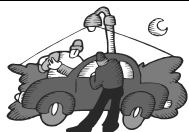


As the holidays come to an end, and it's time to pack away ornaments and decorations, let's help our environment by recycling our used live holiday trees. Thru February 1st, you can put your cut-up trees out at the curb with your regular recycling pickup. Just remember: (1) sections must be <5 feet in length, and (2) no tinsel, decorations, nails or attached stands. For more info, call Customer Service at (408) 535-3500.

2008 Calendar of Events

Jan 08	GM: Identity Theft
Feb 12	General Meeting
tbd tbd	4 th Annual Fruit for Second Harvest Drive
Mar 11	General Meeting
Apr 08	General Meeting
Apr tbd	Emergency Preparedness
May 13	General Meeting
tbd tbd	Neighborhood Garage Sale
Jun 10	General Meeting
tbd tbd	ENA's Annual Family Summer Picnic
Aug 05	National Night Out
Sep 09	General Meeting
Sep tbd	ENA 13 th Annual Dumpster Day
Oct 14	General Meeting
Oct tbd	ENA 11 th Annual Volunteer Appreciation
Nov 11	General Meeting
Dec tbd	ENA 9 th Annual "Festival of Lights"





Safety Notice: Auto Break-Ins Mail Theft, and More

In the past few months, we have had a number of vehicle break-ins, packages in the front of homes stolen, and vehicles stolen in our neighborhood. These have included: Greentree Way, Runnymede Drive, & Sunnyslake Court.

As we rush around trying to keep up with our busy lives, we often leave purses, keys, and other valuables in plain sight in our vehicles. These tempting items are often too hard to resist for some thieves, so please protect yourselves and your vehicle from harm. Consider parking your vehicle in the garage or taking items of value with you into your home or with you when you leave your vehicle. And make sure doors are locked, windows rolled up, and if you have an alarm, arm it when you leave the vehicle. Please keep in mind that it takes less than a minute for a break-in to happen.

And if you know packages will be delivered to your home, ask the sender to request signature upon delivery or post a message that packages should not be dropped off without someone from inside the residence taking receipt of the package. UPS, Postal Service, and other package carriers will leave notes requesting drop-off coordination. If you have experienced such an event involving mail related theft, please report it to both the San Jose Police and the package carrier involved (ie. Postal Service, UPS, Fedex, etc).

If you have experienced such a vehicle or property theft or see one happen, please report it to the San Jose Police immediately via 911 (or 408-277-8911 via cell) with their description, any associated vehicle, and the direction of travel. Non-witnessed crimes and events should be reported to 311, in person, or via the web at <http://www.sjpd.org> - simply click on the link for "On-line Reporting."

ENA Greets to 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 on the ENA Message Line (408) 404-7404 or send an email to ivyq_ena@sbcglobal.net

Membership Update

Happy New Year and thank you for your generous support of time and money to the ENA. Through the generosity of over 400 households we have been able to sponsor monthly meetings, the Annual Family Summer Picnic, Dumpster Day, Neighborhood Garage Sale, National Night Out, luminaries for the holidays, etc. One of the things that make it possible for us to continue our activities is your annual membership of \$15. To that end, in February we will mail reminders to all households within the San Tomas, Winchester, Payne and Williams boundaries that haven't sent in their renewals. We hope you'll reply with a renewal. Thank you!

We start off 2008 by welcoming our new members, Tim & Karen Williams. We also thank those who have renewed their memberships for 2008:

- Dave & Liyuza Eisbach
- Al & Pat Hagman
- Hiroshi & Wako Isozaki
- Rame Khayat
- Armin & Ivy Quiring
- Sujata Ramnarayan & Ashok Raman

– Betty Kabanek

Winchester Neighborhood Action Coalition

The Winchester Neighborhood Action Coalition (WNAC) is having a meeting on January 16th at 6:30 pm (light dinner provided at 6pm) at the International Church on the corner of Williams Rd & Eden Ave. The main presentation will be by City of San Jose staff on a proposal to make Winchester Blvd (from Stevens Creek Blvd to Campbell Ave) into a Neighborhood Business District (NBD). There are currently nine other NBD's in San Jose. Come to the meeting and learn what changes are being proposed to encourage more business activity on Winchester Blvd. Parking spaces for businesses, signage on streets and buildings, banners and other changes to the city code will be discussed.

Come and listen to the presentation, and voice your comments. Please RSVP via phone (408) 241-5639 or send email to richardkabanek@yahoo.com before Jan 14th at 5pm if you plan to attend. I encourage you to attend.

– Richard Kabanek, WNAC President

