

Winchester San Tomas

THE EDEN EXAMINER

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Next Meeting: *Amber Drive Primary Plus School, Tuesday, April 8th, 7:00 p.m.*

Guest Speaker: *Officer Amarjeet Rai, San Jose Police Department*

Topic: *Home Safety & Neighborhood Watch – The Next Steps To A Safer Community*

April 8th General Meeting Agenda

- Welcome
- ENA Updates & Committee Reports
- Guest Speaker: Officer Amarjeet Rai, SJPD

Worried about burglaries, gang violence & other crimes near your homes? Several of you have noticed strangers in the neighborhood as the weather improves. And some of you have raised concerns about the increase in graffiti & burglaries in or near our neighborhood.

Well, you can do something to help deter this! Each of us can “do something” as simple as paying attention to strange cars or folks coming around your area, and calling in to a block contact (want to help by being a contact for your block?) or the police if something looks suspicious.

Come join us at our April 2008 General Meeting to talk with Officer Amarjeet Rai from the San Jose Police Department & our Neighborhood Watch Committee Chairpersons, Ginny & Bud Pyle.

April Events of Interest

- April 8 (Tues) 7pm, General Meeting @ Amber Dr School
- April 19 (Sat) 8:30am
Emergency Preparedness Drill @ Amber Dr School Parking Lot
- April 26 (Sat) 8:30am – 4pm
Primary Plus E-Waste Recycling @ Amber Dr School Parking Lot



Emergency Preparedness Drill Saturday, April 19th 8:30am

Our 11th Annual Emergency Preparedness Drill will be on Saturday, April 19th at 8:30am – the weekend after Tax Day (a disaster of its own, I know). Please assemble in the Amber Drive Primary Plus parking lot at 8:30am for assignments and instructions. Preparedness trained graduates are reminded to wear their hard hats, vests, and hip pack.

You don't have to be a trained CERT graduate to participate. This year's theme, just like last year, is “Every member bring another member, neighbor, or guest.” Let's all make an extra effort to help increase the number participating. We have bonuses for the first 30 participants – a nice addition to your preparedness kits – so be there! There will also be snacks & beverages for all who attend.

Emergency Guidelines & Meeting Place:

Team Reminder: If we experience an earthquake of magnitude 5.0 or greater, please respond as soon as it is safe for you to do so. Proceed to our emergency meeting place (near the school parking lot) where you will be briefed, receive assignments, & then sent out to check our neighborhood.

- Armin Quiring

Eden Examiner Article Submissions

Please feel free to submit articles of neighborhood interest for publication in the Eden Examiner. You can send the article to the ENA newsletter editor, Ivy Quiring, via email to ivyq_ena@sbcglobal.net or the ENA mailbox: ENA Newsletter Editor, P.O. Box 9383, San Jose, CA 95157-0383.



President's Message Tom Marron

Happy Spring! At our last General Meeting Councilmember Pete Constant was our speaker. Pete did an excellent job bringing us up to date on what is happening in the city. He told us about San Jose's budget situation and the process the City Council is going through. In a question and answer session, he answered questions until everyone was satisfied. And he promised to come back again. We let him know that he is always welcome.

Our April speaker will be Officer Rai from the San Jose Police Department, who will talk to us about Home Safety and Neighborhood Watch. Her presentation will lead to a short neighborhood work session run by our Neighborhood Watch Committee Chairpersons Ginny and Bud Pyle. This program is very important – you are the ears & eyes for your house and your block – you can make the difference in determining if someone doesn't belong and may be a potential burglar.

Good News! George Brown on Runnymede has volunteered to be the Chairperson of the Annual ENA Summer Picnic, which will be held on June 28th. It will again be held at Primary Plus School on Amber Drive. George will be looking for volunteers to help out, so if you are willing, let George know by calling the ENA Message Line (408) 404-7404.

Congratulations to Betty Kabanek, who has been elected Treasurer of the Steering Committee for the District One Leadership Group. It is nice to see Betty recognized after all her years of service to ENA. Betty and I will represent ENA at the District One Leadership Meetings. This group meets with Councilmember Pete Constant on an every other month basis.

I also want to thank Ginny Pyle for her hard work on the ENA Fruit Drive on the behalf of Second Harvest Food Bank. She recently received an award by the Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara County & San Mateo County for her & ENA's contributions.

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Safe, Clean, Friendly
Neighborhood**



ENA Garage Sale Saturday, May 31st

ENA's Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, May 31st. Everyone is welcome to participate! 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*. Many people see the advertisements and come into the neighborhood just for our sales. In fact, some look for our sale each year.

Additionally, ENA will also be providing a neighborhood garage sale map at strategic locations around the neighborhood.

Garage Sale Map (Deadline: 5pm, Friday May 23rd)
Call the ENA Message Line (408) 404-7404 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.

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

And please help us get the word out! Thanks!

- Tiffany Gale & Ivy Quiring

2008 Calendar of Events

- Apr 08 GM: Neighborhood Watch
- Apr 19 Emergency Preparedness Drill
- May 13 General Meeting
- May 31 Neighborhood Garage Sale
- Jun 10 General Meeting
- Jun 28 ENA's Annual Family Summer Picnic
- Aug 05 National Night Out
- Sep 09 General Meeting
- Sep 13 ENA 13th Annual Dumpster Day
- Oct 14 General Meeting
- Oct 18 ENA 11th Annual Volunteer Appreciation
- Nov 11 General Meeting
- Dec tbd ENA 9th 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 call with the new neighbor's 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 edenneighborhood @ yahoo.com

Students/Parents: Neighborhood Community Service Opportunities Available

Most schools require community service of their students. We have a number of opportunities available throughout the year. We are always looking for help in the ENA garden and upcoming events (Emergency Preparedness Drill, Garage Sale, etc). 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.

Help Needed!

ENA Garden @ Amber Drive School

It's that time of year again when everything is blooming – flowers & weeds. Our garden is sorely in need of volunteers to help make it a joy for walkers and neighbors alike.

As you walk by, if you get a chance and can pull a few weeds, that would help tremendously. Just a handful of folks doing this will clear the weeds. Or if you have a few minutes to spare and want to pretty up the garden and plant some flowers, let us know and ENA will reimburse you for the flowers you purchase.

And for those looking for some community service for school, here's an easy opportunity to earn some hours by planting or weeding. Enjoy the sun with some friends and make the area an enjoyable respite for all!

So if you want to plant some flowers or need community service - just give us a call on the ENA Message Line (408) 404-7404 with your name & phone number, and we'll call you back!

Update: Neighborhood Entry Markers

It's been some time since we began a campaign to add entry markers to our neighborhood. We have a design. We're grateful to Semyon Solomon for providing us with engineering/design drawings for the markers. Next, we need to find a fabricator to give us a cost estimate. Then we can begin looking for funding, perhaps a grant of some sort.

The current design calls for a cast concrete sign held between two concrete filled galvanized posts. Overall measurements of the sign are 2' 6" high by 3' wide.



If you or someone you know could build this, please call the ENA Message Line (408) 404-7404.

You may recall that we asked for input regarding the name of our neighborhood. Walgrove West seemed the most popular. And it has some historical significance - about 60% of the homes between Winchester, Williams, San Tomas and Payne were built as part of the Walgrove Manor tract. Moreover, we're located West of Winchester Blvd. This has been a long process, but with some work, we should be able to build entry markers at Williams & Eden and at Payne & Eden. Afterwards, we can determine whether we want entry markers at other locations in our neighborhood. Please leave your input on the ENA Message Line.

- Betty Kabanek

Annual Payne School Fiesta - April 27th

Just a quick reminder that Payne School's Annual Walk-a-thon & Silent Auction will be held on Sunday, April 27th. Students will be walking laps and enjoying fun in the sun with friends. Parents & friends will be bidding on fantastic items offered by local merchants. Individual or group donations are still welcome! Donations are tax deductible. Questions or donation leads - contact Paula Vogel song at (408) 243-3348 or via email at vogelham @ pacbell.net .

Membership Update - Betty Kabanek

Thank you to the 322 neighbors who have chosen to support the ENA with annual contributions. Through your continued support, we have become one of the most highly regarded neighborhood associations in the city. Since the last newsletter was published, the following people have joined:

Peter T. Alexander	Martine DeZwirek & Pierre	Saul & Joyce Levine	Mung Nguyen and Paul Ryan
Diane Salvatore & Cheryl	Delisle	Thomas & Linda Lighthouse	Kermit & Carol Rydeen
Allemand	Audrey Dilitto	Sal & Mary Lipari	Sougata Banerjee & Piyali
Eric & Michele Anderson	Obi & Josephine Egwin	Phil & Bernadette Luna	Samanta
Harry & Isabel Andrusky	Jeffery & Kristina Ferrier	Helen Maloney	Lester & Audrey Santo
Nathan & Dyan Armstrong	Richard & Marnie Francisco	Gabriel & Gloria Marcu	Bev Schirle
Glenn Avila	Richard & Vangie Fuhrman	Alice McChesney	Jim & Elaine Schirle
Peter Kellner & Tamara	Mark & Nancy Fuller	John & Michelle McGrane	Stacie Hibino & Mark Schmidt
Baker	Matt & Nnette Gallaway	Dave & Mary Anne Meltzer	Elizabeth Schultz
Ornit & Tomer Baz	Jay & Kathy Garcia	Betty Miller	Wayne & Gerry Scott
Lisa & Ron Beam	Phyllis Garrity	Bruce & Carol Moe	Andy & Anne Sermersheim
Nora Beddo	Betsy Gebhart	Miriam Wolf & Daniel	Michael & Sally Severns
Susie & Scott Bishop	Mesfun Gedam	Moskowitz	Stephen & Patty Shaffer
Bruce & Janet Boike	Joe & Kaylie Gruender	Gal & Efrat Moyal	Jim Shepherd
Marty & Kate Brill	Jackie Funk & Nat	Narayanan Nackeeran	Carl & Vi Shoemaker
Yvette & Bret Carpenter	Gurumoorthy	Tom & Mae Nakagawa	Rob & Stacey Silva
Bill & Carleen Carver	Steve & Donna Haney	Ned & Kelly Nix	Cynthia A. Riley & Chad Sittner
Antonia Cascante	Harlin & Amy Hansen	Jerry & Laurie O'Connor	Larry & Rosanne Snapp
Al & Roberta Chamberlain	Dave & Sandy Hart	Scott & Sue Ohara	Joe Sperry
Phil & Roxanne	Denise & Jim Hartfield	No Soo & Hi Sun Pak	Nabeena Srikanth & Nabeena
Chamberlin	Mary Ann Henderson	Nick & Sue Palermo	Srikanth
Fan-Ling Lin & Chia-Chi	Robert & Sharon Hoem	Nikki Kim & Joe Palmer	Prema Ravishankar & Ravi
Cheng	Margaret C. Honda	Tom & Jane Pardini	Sundaresan
John Parissenti & Linda	Chuck & Renee	Anne & Don Pauken	Ron & Michele Sutton
Chin	Hopfensperger	Dorothy Pendelton	Peter & Isobel Taylor
Bulent & Lynae Cinarkaya	Steven & Linda Ichinaga	Ruo Fei Peng	Bill Taylor
Bob & Susie Coen	Raj & Urmil Jindia	Virginia Perasso	Joseph & Annmarie Trione
Jack & Rose Collie	Bharat & Smita Joshi	John & Jill Peters	Burt Tsubahara
Joyce Colvard	David & Joyce Kim	Tom & Rona Petroni	Shahriar Vaghar
Paul & Monique Cooper	Young Ran Chun & Won Chul	Vivienann Pianto	Nick & Kim Vukceovich
David & Grace Cox	Kim	Jason & Karen Posselt	Craig & Sandra Whitwell
Grant & Mary Cunningham	Robert & Leanne Kirby	Charles & Catherine Reed	Aster Bitewlign & Tassew
Hector & Pati Curiel	John & Susan Knapp	Cynthia Rizzo	Wodaj
Sorin & Mariana Damian	Thomas & Rosanne Kretchun	William P. Robertson	Bruce & Jill Wolk
Robert & Cheryl Davis	Scott Lea	Andrew Ma & Melina Rosado	Mark & Margaret Womack
John & Zee Del Fiugo	Justin & Katy Leung	Allen & Henny Rudy	Frances Yarosky

Many, many thanks to all of you! Sometimes we miss a name or misspell a name. Other times we receive checks after the names are submitted to the newsletter editor. If you think there has been an error, please leave your information on the message line: (408) 404-7404. Again, thank you for your continued support!

Primary Plus E-Waste Recycling Project - Information provided by Sarah Westfall

Saturday, April 26th, 8:30am - 4pm @ Primary Plus School Parking Lot

Although ENA plans to provide e-waste recycling again this year at Dumpster Day, if you need to spring clean now, the next local e-waste event benefits one of our neighborhood schools – Primary Plus School @ Amber Drive. Earthcare Recycling will give 50% of the profits for items recycled to Primary Plus to assist them in upgrading their Internet Infrastructure & Garden Projects. They accept: generators, substations, battery backups, wire, cable, air compressors, air filtration systems, circuit breakers, computers, hard drives, memory chips, ink/toner cartridges, power supplies, PC cards, mice, keyboards, monitors, printers, fax machines, stereos, pc speakers, PDA's, keyboards, mice, TV's, VCR's, DVD players, cameras, typewriters, satellite dish(es), telephones, microwaves, toasters, blow dryers, shavers, sewing machines, clocks, fans, & much more.

If you have questions on what's recyclable or need assistance - call Earthcare Recycling (408) 943-9943.