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Next Meeting: *Amber Drive Primary Plus School, Tuesday, May 13th, 7:00 p.m.*

Guest Speaker: *Sharon McCray, Santa Clara County Master Gardener*

Topic: *A Guide to Help You & Your Garden Through the Season*

May 13th General Meeting Agenda

- Welcome
- ENA Updates & Committee Reports
- Guest Speaker: Sharon McCray, Master Gardener



Come join us at our May 2008 General Meeting to talk with Sharon McCray, certified Santa Clara County / UC Cooperative Extension Master Gardener. Her history with gardening started at an early age of 10 with the help of a neighbor who offered her gardening space & guidance to establish her garden. More recently, she worked with the City of Campbell to start the Edith Morley Park Community Garden.

Come join us at our May 2008 General Meeting - bring those gardening questions or issues that have been "bugging" you!

Special Bonus: In preparation for our annual ENA Neighborhood Garage Sale on May 31st, our neighbor Carma J. Van Houten, a loan consultant at Washington Mutual, has graciously donated 100 garage sale kits (price stickers, sharpie pens, signs, and such). A Big Thank You to Carma! These will be available at our May 13th General Meeting.



**Reminder: ENA Garage Sale
Saturday, May 31st**

Just a quick reminder that ENA's Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale will be on Saturday, May 31st. Everyone is welcome to participate! As usual, ENA will be placing advertisements in the *San Jose Mercury News & PennySaver*. ENA will also be providing neighborhood garage sale maps 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.

Call for volunteers – Help Still Needed:

We still 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.

- Ivy Quiring for Tiffany Gale

May Events of Interest

- May 13 (Tues) 7pm, General Meeting @ Amber Dr School
- May 31 (Sat) all day Neighborhood Garage Sale
- May 31 (Sat) 9 - 3pm Payne School E-Waste Event

See Any Graffiti? Who You Gonna Call?

ENA Graffiti Busters via the ENA Message Line at (408) 404-7404! And we'll get someone out to deal with it. The neighborhood is lucky to have two dedicated neighbors, Bud Pyle & John Knapp, who are on the lookout for graffiti in our neighborhood. When notified, they take their graffiti-busting gear out and eradicate it! Special thanks for their diligence!



President's Message
Tom Marron



Spring has sprung! Have you planted your vegetable garden yet? Is it too late to plant tomatoes? What is eating my roses? Get these and many more questions answered at our May Meeting. What better way to welcome Spring than to have our May speaker be Master Gardener Sharon McCray. Sharon is from the USF program and has many years of experience. With a focus on sustainable and earth friendly solutions, she will help guide you through the season in your garden. Bring your questions and plant problems for diagnosis and problem solving.

We had a busy month in April. We had our Neighborhood Watch meeting, which was completely planned, but unfortunately attendance was not sufficient to run the drill. We had an excellent speaker, Officer Amarjeet Rai from the San Jose Police, so all was not lost. We will be completing our Neighborhood Watch Program later in the year. In particular, we will also revisit the subject at National Night Out in August.

We conducted a very successful Emergency Preparation Drill on April 19th and thanks go to Armin Quiring for an excellent job. We had one of the better turn outs in the past few years.

Plans for the Annual Summer Picnic are taking shape; Chairman George Brown is assembling his committee and will be announcing details soon. Save the date June 28th - Parade starts at 3:30 PM.

If you have not already done so, please send in your annual membership donation, we need to fund the projects which have been planned for the year.

2008 Calendar of Events

May 13	GM: Master Gardener
May 31	Neighborhood Garage Sale
Jun 10	General Meeting
Jun 28	ENA's Annual Family Summer Picnic
Aug 05	25 th Anniversary National Night Out
Sep 09	General Meeting
Sep 13	ENA 13 th Annual Dumpster Day
Oct 14	General Meeting
Oct 18	ENA 11 th Annual Volunteer Appreciation
Nov 11	General Meeting
Dec tbd	ENA 9 th Annual "Festival of Lights"

ENA Family Summer Picnic
Saturday, June 28th 3:30 – 7pm



The annual ENA Family Summer Picnic is coming up on Saturday, June 28th. The picnic is one of our great annual events – a perfect time for all of us in our neighborhood to have a day of free food, fun, a parade, and games & entertainment for you and your fellow neighbors. I hope you will attend on Saturday, June 28, 3:30-7pm at Primary Plus School - Amber Campus. Our great neighborhood deserves to have a great picnic, and to make the picnic a success your help is needed.

I am looking for volunteers for the following functions:

- Setup and Decorations, 12-3pm
- Food Preparation, 3-5pm
- Food Serving, 4:30-6pm
- Kid Games, 4-7pm (organize and monitor kid games)
- Clean-up and Teardown, 7-8pm
- Raffle Coordinator (someone to acquire raffle prizes).

If you can help with any of these areas for part or all of the timeframes, please contact me at: email - glbrown_scv @ yahoo.com, hm phone – (408) 423-8724 or cell phone – (408) 835-5560.

- George Brown



Save the Date: National Night Out
Tues, August 5th

Spend time with your neighbors and help strengthen the ENA neighborhood spirit at National Night Out (NNO)! Neighbors in thousands of communities across the country are joining forces on Tuesday, August 5th for the 25th Annual National Night Out. Between 6 to 10pm, residents in neighborhoods across the nation are being asked to turn on their outside lights and spend the evening outside with their neighbors. NNO 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 someone from each street or block to help organize their street. ENA will help you coordinate your activities and register your location. Have questions? Want to host a small mixer? Contact ENA's NNO Chairperson, Armin Quiring, via the ENA Message Line (408) 404-7404 or directly (408) 247-2722. Join in on this special 25th Anniversary NNO!

Trial Run: ENA Personal Classified Ads

Recently, the ENA board discussed the possibility of allowing neighbors to put in personal classified advertisements and decided to set up a pilot program. Submittals must adhere to the following guidelines:

- Submitter must be within the ENA boundaries
- Limit of 2 submittals maximum per calendar year
- Personal ad must be 25 words or less (including contact info)
- No business classifieds (must be a personal ad)
- Must provide name & phone # with submittal (for ENA contact)
- Submitter agrees to the ad being edited by ENA (newsletter editor)

The Personal Classified Ads section of the newsletter is as space is available – efforts will be made to make the section available; however, the ad may be postponed to another month if insufficient space is available in the current newsletter. Additionally, ENA reserves the right to edit, reject and/or revise all ad submittals. ENA assumes no responsibility for the ad; this includes its validity, legal constraints, and appropriateness.

Deadline for Personal Classifieds submissions is 12 noon on the Wednesday 2 weeks prior to the next ENA General Meeting. Submission deadline for the next newsletter is 12 noon, Wed, May 28th .



Eden Examiner Article Submissions

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

Submission deadline for articles and/or information for the Eden Examiner is 12 noon on the Wednesday 2 weeks prior to the next ENA General Meeting. The next submission deadline is 12 noon, Wed, May 28th .



Sunshine



We are saddened by the passage of long time neighbor, Clara Rose. She was known to a number of neighbors and will be missed.

Emergency Preparedness Drill Update

ENA held its annual Emergency Preparedness Drill on Saturday, April 19th. I would like to extend my thanks, and ENA's thanks, to all who attended the drill! We had sufficient attendees to staff the Command Post and survey 6 out of the 8 neighborhood zones. Our drill addressed the event of an earthquake since that is the most likely scenario we will face. Some very creative incidents were called in to the Command Post, reminding all of us that there is a variety of events we could experience. As a token of appreciation, attendees were given 2 sets of gloves for their preparedness kits as well as a 55-piece first aid kit.



-Armin Quiring

Working Toward a Safe, Clean, Friendly Neighborhood

ENA Fruit Drive Success!



Again, bravo to the ENA neighbors who picked and bagged their fruit in February and March during our 4th Annual ENA Fruit Drive. We donated 2214 lbs. of oranges, lemons, and grapefruit to the Second Harvest Food Bank. Special thanks to our volunteer drivers: Charley Reed, Barb & Brad Greiser, Jim & Elaine Schirle, and Bud Pyle.

ENA was awarded a bronze certificate from Second Harvest for our 3800 lbs. donated in 2007. Ginny Pyle accepted the award at their Annual Event in March. The award inscription reads:

*Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties Presents the 2007 Holiday Food and Fund Drive Bronze Certificate of Appreciation to
EDEN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION*

Thank you for your dedication to supporting our mission of providing food for people in need in our community.

- Ginny Pyle



Membership Update - Betty Kabanek

Thank you to the 350 neighbors who support ENA. Since the last newsletter, the following neighbors have joined or renewed:

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| Peggy & Gary Amstutz | Frank Fanelli | Craig & Catherine Matsuno | Ivy & Wilson Tan |
| Glenn Ando | Mary Gardiman | Michelle & Boa Nguyen | Jim & Kathleen Vela |
| Bishal & Rajeswori Bisht | Rajat & Sapna Garg | Steve Norman | Sharene & Diana Voelkel |
| Chul & Thu-Nguyet Choi | Barbara Grisier | Oren & Efrat Orkin | Ralph & Sharron Zitzler |
| Greg & Lorrie Conklin | Linda & Joe Horwedel | Bert & Karen Plambeck | |
| Stuart Lawson & | Gladyce Kanagaki | Marek & Jorgette Radko | |
| Martha Contrerras | Richard W. Lee | Chang Duk & Ester Shon | |
| Don & Judy Correia | Clark & Marsha Maloney | Scott Smith | |

Watch Out for Gas Thieves - Based on information provided by Kashav Dattatri

The San Jose Mercury News recently had an article warning us about gas siphoning around neighborhoods. This is a quick reminder that as the price of gas continues to rise, we are again faced with gas thieves in our neighborhoods. We all think it can't happen to us, but it recently happened as close as the intersection of Winchester Blvd and Williams Road. No one saw the gas thieves, but a passerby called 911 when they saw the vans were leaking a large quantity of gas. And it wasn't that many years ago when it happened along Phelps Ave and Walton Way. And although only half of the recently reported siphonings have been done to businesses, that still means the other half are residential (and many go unreported).

Siphoning can sometimes leave obvious evidence or sometimes none at all. And although many of the current vehicles these days have tamper-resistant devices in them that make it hard for anyone to siphon out gas, that doesn't mean the thieves won't try. Gas thieves don't want to get caught – so they often target cars in places where there are little to no likely witnesses, and at times when very few people are around. That's often around homes, and during the late night / early morning hours. There are simple measures you can take to minimize the likelihood of gas siphoning: (1) park your car in your garage (although this doesn't help you if you have to go out), and/or (2) get a locking gas cap or fuel door. These measures are not foolproof, but they can help reduce your risk of gas siphoning.

**2008 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)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I am renewing my membership | Membership Donation | \$15.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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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