

Winchester San Tomas

THE EDEN EXAMINER

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Next Meeting: *Amber Drive Primary Plus School, Tuesday, October 14th, 7:00 p.m.*

Guest Speaker: *Dr. Rhonda Farber of Campbell Union High School District*

Topic: *2008 Update and 2009 Plans for Campbell Union High School District*



October 14th General Meeting Agenda

- Welcome
- ENA Updates & Committee Reports
- Guest Speaker: Dr. Rhonda Farber, Superintendent of the Campbell Union High School District, will speak with us on how the school year has been for our high schools, as well as what is in-plan for 2009. Some of you have raised concerns about recent artificial turf lead findings and if the new fields at our high schools are at risk. Some have asked about public use of the fields / open space. Others have asked about school performance. Here's your chance to bring up those questions and concerns with Dr. Farber. See you at our October 2008 General Meeting!

October Is Crime Awareness Month

If you see something suspicious, do not try and rationalize it – instead, call the police – that's what they are there for and that's what they want. Be Safe!

Our neighborhood had a recent reminder – one of our neighbors on Eden Ave recently had someone try and break the locks on their roof mounted bike rack while their bikes were locked to it between 2am and sometime in the morning. Damage occurred to the rack and the bikes. They learned the hard way - never leave anything of value outside or visible which could tempt petty thieves.



Please remember:

- Prevention is our best defense!
- Awareness is our second best defense. Be on the look out!

If you see anyone who appears to be loitering in the neighborhood, or who somehow seems suspicious, please call 911 or (408) 277-8911 via cell. And if you have experienced such a theft or see one happen, please report it to the San Jose Police immediately via 911 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>.

**Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
5-7pm Sat, Oct 18th @ Amber Drive School**

ENA invites all its volunteers and their families to an appreciation dinner to thank them for all they do for the community. This is partly funded by a City of San Jose CAP grant. Volunteers should be receiving an email or call from someone in ENA inviting you to the event and asking you how many will be coming to the dinner. Please RSVP to the ENA Messageline / email with your name and the # attending by Tues, Oct 14th.

Spirit Of Halloween Is In the Air

Here's a shot of one of our neighbors "getting into the spirit" of Halloween!



Remember to Vote - Nov 4th



The California Voter Registration Deadline is October 20, 2008. Information about the upcoming California elections can be found at:

- <http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/>
- <http://www.smartvoter.org/>

President's Message Tom Marron



The ENA October General Meeting is going to be an important meeting. We have some things which we need to do, and there are a lot of interesting things going on. You are invited to join us for coffee, cookies and discussion. The meeting is scheduled to start at 7pm, but we encourage you to come early. We will be in the multi-purpose room at 6:30pm, so come and help us set up and socialize with your neighbors and ENA Officers.

First of all, our guest speaker is Dr. Rhonda Farber, Superintendent of the Moreland School District. As well as answering your questions, Dr. Farber will tell us how 2008 has been for CUHSD as well as what might be planned for 2008-2009 and any longer range plans. She will also talk about the Performing Arts Facilities, including the status of Bonded Projects. Dr. Farber will also address concerns you might have about your children's school.

On the topic of elections, ENA's 2009 Officer Elections will occur at our November General Meeting. Nominations are open at our October General Meeting, and will be finalized at the November General Meeting so that elections can be held. Please be sure that you have spoken to a nominee prior to nominating him or her at the meeting.

Not ready to serve as an officer? How about becoming involved in one of the committees or helping with ENA events? The Eden Neighborhood Association is your association and is here to help your neighborhood. Each volunteer plays an important role in the success of ENA - and each of your contributions is greatly appreciated!

October also features ENA's annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, one of the ways ENA thanks our volunteers. I hope all of our volunteers attend; we will have some awards to give out. Save the date October 18th 5:30pm, Multi-Purpose Room - Primary Plus Amber Drive School.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



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

ENA Elections in November

It's that time of year again - Election time is just around the corner! Here is your chance to partake in representing our neighborhood directly. Every year, we have the opportunity to elect new ENA officers.

The four elected officer roles are:



President:

- plans and presides at all regular and special ENA meetings,
- supervises the direction of ENA events and committees,
- keeps important records while in office,
- consults with and keeps the Executive Board informed,
- coordinates Executive Board approval for important pending activities and expenditures,
- plans a budget with the Executive Board
- reviews expenditures
- Term limit: 2 consecutive terms

Vice-President:

- carries out the duties of the President in the event that the President is temporarily unable to fulfill his or her duties,
- works closely with the President to ensure committees and events function properly,
- learns the roles & responsibilities of the various committees
- Term limit: 2 consecutive terms

Secretary:

- prepares and maintains minutes for ENA meetings
- prepares and coordinates communications / notices

Treasurer:

- collects, distributes and oversees all funds ENA deems necessary for the function of ENA

This year, nominations will commence at the October General Meeting; final nominations and elections will occur at our November General Meeting. If you are interested, please feel free to talk with any of our current or past officers. They will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Identity Theft Prevention – To Do's



Many folks assume identity theft is done via the internet, and although that may often be the case, it can also be done locally. To help minimize your exposure to local access caused identity theft, you can practice the following prevention mechanisms:

- Use a shredder – always shred mail with any personal info (your name, your PINs, your SSN#, etc)
- Keep your SSN# safe – do not have it on your checks
- Check your personal accounts and credit card statements frequently for unexpected withdrawals and charges
- Choose passwords and PINs carefully – do not use birthdates or names that can be associated with you or a family member
- Avoid giving personal info over the phone, especially a cordless phone

Music in Moreland Benefit Concert 6:30pm Sat, Dec 6th - Jon Nakamatsu

Support our children's school district! Jon Nakamatsu, local pianist & Moreland alumnus who graduated from Baker Elementary, Castro Middle, and Prospect High schools and has gone on to become a world-class pianist, will be performing to benefit Music in Moreland! The program will include a pre-show performance by the Oxford Street Brass Quintet followed by a recital by Jon Nakamatsu, followed by a question and answer session moderated by Superintendent Glen Ishiwata.

Tickets are \$50 / person (rear orchestra), \$65 / person (front orchestra), \$100 / person (front row VIP seating and includes hors d'oeuvres reception with Mr. Nakamatsu after the performance). Contact Sharon Myers [smyers1099 @ aol.com or (408) 973-1067] for tickets. Please provide name & contact info, number of tickets and section desired.

- Information provided by Sharon Myers



Bereavement



We are saddened by the passage of long time neighbor, Gus Pinoris. He was known to a number of neighbors and will be missed.

Upcoming Calendar of Events

Oct 14	GM: Dr. Rhonda Farber, CUHSD
Oct 18	ENA 11 th Annual Volunteer Appreciation
Oct 29	*Nov Newsletter Submission Deadline*
Nov 11	General Meeting
Dec 20	ENA 9 th Annual "Festival of Lights"



Dumpster Day 2008!



We had another successful Dumpster Day last month. I would like to give a big THANK YOU to all of our volunteers who helped direct traffic, unload vehicles, load dumpsters, and do pick-ups and deliveries. Without your help, Dumpster Day just would not work. This year, we added a bin for metal and appliances without freon – which means we were able to take dishwashers, ovens, dryers and more! We also had a bin for wood and two bins for general rubbish. EarthCare attended our event again this year to help us recycle E-Waste. This year we also added battery recycling! Continuing ENA's dedication to helping those in need, donated items were taken to Teen Challenge.

However, there were some glitches in our system this year. We worked with a new hauling company – the dumpsters arrived an hour late on Saturday. We had also asked our neighbors to help us out by sorting their rubbish into 3 types: wood, metal, and general rubbish. Unfortunately, this was not done by most participants. Our volunteers had to sort the items from each vehicle, slowing the dumping process. At least one neighbor said they had donations, and then dumped garbage in the donation area – such as broken & dirty items, torn clothing, and old, damaged furniture. This only created more work for our volunteers. Sometimes newer ideas need time to smooth out the wrinkles. And, for the first time in quite a while, we did not fill 3 of the bins to capacity.

All in all, we had a successful Dumpster Day! I hope that we will continue improving the process, as this is such a valuable event for the neighborhood. Some of the funding for the event was provided by a City of San Jose CAP Grant. Thank you again to all of our volunteers on Dumpster Day!



- Armin Quiring

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 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, Oct 29th.



2008 Halloween Safety Center - Armin & Ivy Quiring

We know most of you are already familiar with the Halloween Safety Center(s) we have had in the neighborhood each year. Parents and children (of all ages!) alike have looked forward to getting the glow necklaces to help with safety during their "Trick-or-Treat" activities. As of this writing, Safe From The Start San Jose is in an uncertain condition, and funding for the glow necklaces is unknown. We plan and hope to be able to provide you with the glow necklaces this year as we have in the past. Provided funding comes through, your Neighborhood Halloween Safety Center will be at 1023 Phelps Avenue, at Walton Way. If so, we will post the Safety Center signs out front. We wish each and every one of you a safe and fun Halloween!

NNO Drawing - And The Winners Are....

Katy Chang of Runnymede Drive and Richard & Susan Hoehnle of Andrea Drive! Congrats!

Rebuttal to the Sept 2008 Article: "One Neighbor's Concern - Neighborhood Beautification"

Last month, one neighbor raised concerns on yard waste and garbage cans. In turn, a number of concerned neighbors have responded:

- We would all like to beautify our area. Most of us work full time and the last thing we want or need is someone complaining about a forgotten task or a misplaced item.
- That article left a foul taste in my & my neighbors' mouths.
- None of us put off or ignore yard work to annoy our neighbors! We don't need complainers. We need neighborly behavior. If you see a neighbor who needs help or who has forgotten their trash can(s), don't complain – volunteer to help! Help them roll the can in, lend a helping hand.

2009 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"/> Fruit Drive | <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Watch | <input type="checkbox"/> Social |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dumpster Day | <input type="checkbox"/> Garage Sale | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Delivery | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Prep | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnic | <input type="checkbox"/> Welcoming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Festival of Lights | <input type="checkbox"/> National Night Out | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

General Comments & Suggestions for Speakers at Meeting or other Projects or Events: _____

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