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Next Meeting: *Amber Drive Primary Plus School, Tuesday, March 10th, 7:00 p.m.*

Speaker: *Santa Clara Valley Transit Authority*

Topic: *VTA Projects - Including the Nearby 280 Ramp @ Tisch Way*

March 10th General Meeting Agenda

- Welcome
- ENA Updates, Committee Reports, Announcements
- Guest Speaker: Our speaker for our March General Meeting will be a project manager from the Santa Clara Valley Transit Authority. The subject will be "VTA Projects". In particular, our speaker will provide an update on the 280 Ramp Project - which is about to proceed. The new ramp will exit onto Tisch Way & funnel onto Winchester Blvd. More details on Page 2. VTA will provide a presentation and address concerns/questions about traffic flow and other conditions. Come join us at our March 2009 General Meeting to learn what might impact our neighborhood traffic situation and voice your concerns to the VTA.

Safety Reminder - Includes Your Driveway

This is a strong reminder to all that whether there be items left in plain view inside your car or items of value attached to your car, these are too tempting for thieves, especially during this economic downturn. A neighbor recently had his wheels & tires (valued at \$2500) stolen off his car in the driveway on Amber Drive; now he has purchased wheel locks to protect his investment. Bottomline, lock your valuables up, and when you can't, take them inside with you – whether you are going into a shop or going into your house. No visible valuable items means no temptation for thieves.

March Events of Interest

- March 10 (Tues) 7pm, General Meeting @ Amber Dr School
- March 21-22 (Sat-Sun) 12-4pm, ENA Fruit Drive Collection for 2nd Harvest
- March 25 (Wed) 12noon, ENA Newsletter Submission Deadline for April Newsletter

5th Annual ENA Fruit Donation Drive



March 21 (Sat) & 22 (Sun)

12noon – 4pm



YES WE CAN! Together we can help feed the hungry. We're asking for your help in the collection of the oranges, grapefruit, lemons & any other fruit to be donated to the 2nd Harvest Food Bank to help those less fortunate.

On Saturday & Sunday, March 21-22, from 12noon to 4pm, ENA volunteers will be picking up bagged fruit from our neighborhood trees for donation to 2nd Harvest and other local charities.



We suggest you:

- Collect paper bags and/or boxes
- Help your neighbor pick their tree
- Call our ENA Message Line to volunteer for picking in the neighborhood (408) 404-7404
- Volunteer your teenagers to help pick and earn credits

If you are disabled or unable to pick fruit from your tree, call Ginny Pyle at (408) 234-6391.

On pickup days (Sat & Sun, March 21 & 22), please:

- separate the fruits (ie. oranges, lemons, grapefruits)
- put fruit in bags or boxes
- mark the bags or boxes with "ENA"
- leave the bags or boxes on your driveway, doorstep, or parkway

Thank you for your support!

- Ginny Pyle

President's Notes – Jan'09 ENA Meeting With Councilmember Pete Constant

2009 State of the City Recap: Councilmember Constant gave a brief overview of the Mayor's State of the City speech. He warned of budget cuts ahead and spoke about the current economic crisis in the U.S. & how the crisis trickled down to local level. He mentioned the significant backlog in infrastructure funding & how these backlogs will affect basic services such as potholes, street pavement, landscape, street lighting, etc.

Rising Property Crime: Pete identified the economic crisis as a factor in the rise of property crime recently, and the bad economy as leading to more thefts and burglary. He assured all that the rise in crime is not unique to San José. And funding for police & fire will not be cut despite the city's budget deficit. He reminded all to be weary of strangers in their neighborhood and asked them to keep their doors and windows locked. People get desperate during times of need.

City's Budget Situation: City of San Jose is facing a big deficit in the coming years. A copy of the 2008-2009 Budget in Brief demonstrates how the city budget is divided. He spoke about the importance of community input as it is the basis of the City's Community Based Budgeting Process. The Budget Priority Setting workshop on January 24th – residents are urged to be responsive to survey calls regarding the city's budget.

Office Hours: Take advantage of his “local” office hours at the West Valley Library or Cypress Senior Center to can speak with him about your issues.

Winchester NAC Update

Winchester Blvd Long-Term Planning: The 4th planning meeting occurred on Feb 21st with the topic of “Identity: what do the business owners and neighbors want the street to look like?” Over 30 people attended this meeting, including several from ENA. Many suggestions were made, but no final decisions were made. Suggestions included having clusters of stores such as Asian cluster, Mexican cluster, Eastern European, etc., as well as one large mall along the whole street. The next/5th Planning Meeting will be on Mar 28th from 10a-12 noon at the Bethel Church with the topic of “Transportation.” All are invited to attend.

Steven Creek Blvd / 880 off ramps: Last month, a meeting was held to evaluate the proposed off-ramps. Plans are for the 280 off-ramp to go onto Tisch Way (next to Chevy's). Tisch will become a 4 lane one-way street going west towards Winchester Blvd with 2-3 left-turn-lanes onto Winchester Blvd going south. A lot of the traffic that now uses the Saratoga Ave off-ramp will likely get off at Winchester Blvd. Neighbors on or next to Eden Ave and Phelps Ave will likely see more traffic as the drivers cut through to get to San Tomas Expressway. A meeting to discuss plans and raise concerns is being scheduled and will be posted in the SJ Mercury News.

- Richard Kabanek



Neighborhood Business Update

Wonder what's happening at the old Camaro Cleaners location on Winchester Blvd? It might just become an Ethiopian grocery store with 20% of its floor space dedicated to liquor sales. Personally, I am opposed to any more places that sell liquor. I think we have enough. You might disagree. In any case, you are encouraged to express your opinions to council representatives Pete Constant and Pierluigi Oliverio. A few phone calls or emails can make a big impression with them. Their contact info is:

Pete Constant: (408) 535-4901
District1 @ sanjoseca.gov

Pierluigi Oliverio: (408) 535-4906
Pierluigi.Oliverio @ sanjoseca.gov

- Betty Kabanek

2009 Calendar of Events

Mar	10	General Meeting
Mar	21-22	5th Annual EMA Fruit Drive
Mar	25	Newsletter Deadline (12 noon)
Apr	14	General Meeting
Apr	18	Emergency Preparedness Drill
tbd	tbd	Neighborhood Garage Sale
Jun	09	General Meeting
tbd	tbd	ENA's Annual Family Summer Picnic
Aug	04	National Night Out
Sep	08	General Meeting
Sep	12	ENA 14 th Annual Dumpster Day
Oct	13	General Meeting & Nominations
Oct	17	ENA 12 th Annual Volunteer Appreciation
Nov	10	General Meeting & Elections
Dec	tbd	ENA 10 th Annual "Festival of Lights"



Parents: Your Child Can Get Community Service Credit for School

Most schools require community service of their students. We have a number of opportunities available throughout the year. This month, we will be focusing on the ENA Fruit Drive Collection for the 2nd Harvest Food Bank and other local charities. Help your neighbors, others in need outside the neighborhood, and get some credit for school.

We are always looking for help in the ENA garden and upcoming events (Fruit Drive, 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.



Job Search Support Group Tues 5:30 - 7:30pm (thru June '09) Monta Vista High School, Room A112

Are you looking for a job or know somebody who is? For the 7th year, the Cupertino Rotary is hosting a free Job Search Support Group:

When: Every Tues (thru June '09), 5:30-7:30pm

Where: Monta Vista High School (Room A112)
21840 McClellan Road, Cupertino

Parking is available in the staff parking lot. This program is for the employed, unemployed, under employed and career changers, and is free. It received recognition from the Governor of California and the State Legislature. You may enter or exit the program at any time. If you have any questions, please contact Eva Martin-Long (eva @ evamartinlong.com or (408) 973-0700.

- Betty Kabanek



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 3 weeks prior to the next ENA General Meeting. The next submission deadline is 12 noon, Wed, March 25st.

Emergency Preparedness, ENA, and You!



12th Annual ENA Emergency Prep Drill Sat, April 18th 10:30am

We will be holding our 12th Annual Emergency Preparedness Drill on Saturday April 18th. Please assemble in the Amber Drive Primary Plus parking lot at 10:30am for assignments and instructions. CERT / Preparedness trained graduates are reminded to wear their hard hats, vests, and hip pack. You don't have to be a trained graduate to participate – All neighbors are invited to come out and lend a hand. I won't say what or where, but there may just be some surprises we encounter during our survey of our neighborhood following our simulated emergency! Once again, I would like to use the theme "Every member invite and bring another member, neighbor, or guest." Let's all make an extra effort to help increase the number participating. There are roles for all of us to fill and help out with. There will of course be snacks and beverages for all who attend.

Have you thought about joining ENA's Emergency Preparedness Team? We would really like you to join us – everyone can contribute and all team members are greatly appreciated! *San Jose Prepared* has posted the current class schedule at:

<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/emergencyServices/sanjoseprepared/Classcal.asp>. The 20-hour *San Jose Prepared* CERT Course is split into five 4-hour modules held on Saturdays. The next set of modules begins March 21st (please note: there are some date changes – see the foot-notes at the bottom of the webpage). Registration is still open as of this writing. The locations for the courses are better suited to training than holding the courses within our neighborhood. And, it is only a short, easy drive from our homes!

Preparedness Team members and those willing to help: Here is a reminder of a helpful guideline. 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 for now) where we will be briefed, receive assignments, and then sent out to check our neighborhood.

- Armin Quiring

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Friendly Neighborhood**

Speeding & Dangerous Traffic On Our Streets – a concerned neighbor

When traffic calming was performed on Eden Ave, a commitment was made by the San Jose City Transportation Department to do something next about Phelps & our other streets. Budgets & reorganizations in SJC have lost the priority of that commitment. Our neighborhood Traffic Chairperson, Betty Kabanek, is still looking for volunteers on the west side of our neighborhood to help restart those traffic calming efforts and help voice the concerns of neighbors seeing the ever increasing growth of speeding & dangerous driving on our streets.



One of our neighbors is very concerned about the ever increased speeding & dangerous driving in our neighborhood, especially along the streets near Primary Plus Amber Drive School. His concerns are provided below to increase the visibility of this growing problem:

“80% of it comes from those speeding to and from Amber Drive School / Primary Plus to drop off or pick up their children. My kids and I have been nearly run over (in cross walks), flipped off, and cussed out by parents that have no concept of the safety of others and speed through the neighborhood (primarily Calboro and Phelps) like they are on the freeway. As a parent of 2 kids that formerly attended that school, I can tell you that my numerous request for notices to parents to please watch their driving went unanswered. I even followed one to the school and in front of the office meekly and calmly asked them to please slow down. I was the subject to a verbal angry tirade. ... I also attended that school many years ago back when you walked and weren't dropped off / picked up by cars. Schools in neighborhoods were not designed to be high traffic hubs - they are located in the center to make it easy for the kids to walk. Today's realities are different (even for public schools), but speed limits, crosswalks, and enforcement must also be updated if we will allow this zoning to continue. We really need to do something about this before someone is hurt. ... We [can] start a petition to get action. Thank You.”

Membership Update – Betty Kabanek

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

Mohamad & Ines Bibi, Rosella & Chuck Blalock, Laura & Michael Brower, Randy & Priscilla Knolle, Niraj & Geeta Pardasani, Judy Ross, Ryan & Darlene Sales, Tracy & Jason Scharpf, Peter & Amy Song, and Michael & Jennifer Tonelli

And the following neighbors have renewed:

Haider & Buniaty Alhadi, Hassan & Prasanna Ali, Clyde Allen, Jeff & Denise Alvord, Harry & Isabel Andrusky, Nathan & Dyan Armstrong, Patrick & Virginia Aubry, Glenn Avila, Donald & Shelly Bacci, Mary & Sherman Baggett, Tamara & Peter Baker, Lloyd & Marlene Bass, Peter & Joan Bays, Jr., Ornit & Tomer Baz, Bill & Nancy Boltz, Steve Dodson & Stephanie Brooks, George & Lisa Brown, Joseph & Sheila Callan, Fernando & Dale Capulong, Lee & Susan Carlton, Jack & Fran Carnett, Loretta Carter, Bill & Carleen Carver, Antonia Cascante, Bill & Aileen Caughran, Phil & Roxanne Chamberlin, Chia-Chi & Fan-Ling Cheng, John and Linda Chin, Sylvia Chung, Mike & Lori Cichon, Bob & Susie Coen, Dave & Mona Coffelt, Joyce Colvard, Mike Console, Peggy Constantino, Martha Contreras, Don & Judy Correia, Ken & Sherill Cotter, Ray & Mary Coustier, Grant & Mary Cunningham, Hector & Pati Curiel, John & Zee Del Fiugo, Martine & Pierre Delisle, Joe & Cheryl Denham, Matthew & Kaiann Drance, Fred & Lois Drew, Dave & Tracy Dwyer, Susan & Patty Ebner, Jim & Phyllis Ehrenburg, Todd & Melissa Evjenth, Frank Fanelli, Silvia Felix, Joe & Rose Fichera, Herb & Ilene Finger, Robert & Beverly Fisher, Steve & Lisa Anne Fontana, Betty Ford, Patricia Fraguglia, Richard & Marnie Francisco, Kim & Linda Frechette, Stephen & Joyce Fukuchi, Mark & Nancy Fuller, Julian Garcia, Mary Gardiman, Betsy Gebhart, Alan & Chiou-Hsia George, Paul & Cecilia Gorenjuc, Suzanne Greene, Joe & Kaylie Gruender, Mary Guercio, Jackie & Nat Gurumoorthy, Al & Pat Hagmann, Harlin & Amy Hansen, Patrick & Sandra Hascall, Ed & Vivian Heinlein, Carl & Marguerite Heintze, Debra Hitchcock, Richard & Susan Hoehnle, Robert & Sharon Hoem, Margaret Honda, Chuck & Renee Hopfensperger, George & Shirley Horning, Kenneth & Colleen Howell, Steven & Linda Ichinaga, Bhaskar & Asha Kalale, Natalie Kanzaki, Rame Khayat, John & Jane Kim, Byungeon & Youngsoon Kim, Bob & Lianne Kirby, John & Susan Knapp, John Konno, Karniq & Hilda Koumriqian, Thomas & Rosanne Kretchun, Yone & Chizu Kubo, Masami & Jiyushi Kusumoto, Steve & Melinda Landau, John & Maria Laughlin, Mildred Lawler, William Lawrence III, Scott Lea, Raymond & Eunice Lee, Francis Leong, Justin & Katy Leung, Saul & Joyce Levine, Jon & Christine Linthacum, Joseph Liotta, Paul & Patricia Lipari, Ken & Clara Livak, Pat Madison, Donald Malone, Gabriel & Gloria Marcu, Raymonde Marigo, Tom & Elaine Marron, Bob Matsui, Alice McChesney, Dave & Mary Anne Meltzer, Andy & Maureen Meyer, Bruce & Carol Moe, Dewey & Carol Moore, Bud & Peggy Muchow, Lee & Rose Myers, Tom & Mae Nakagawa, Eduardo Nakamoto, Nackeran Narayanan, Ken & Maggie Neighbors, David & Caroline Nelson, Hill, Mike Nirschl, Donna, Ned, Kelly & Ryan Nix, Jerry & Laurie O'Connor, Oren & Efrat Orkin, Ardis Orlando, Pierre & Estelle Orzechowski, Ted & Julie Osier, Toni Ostrom, Joe & Nikki Lee Palmer, Tom & Jane Pardini, Jeremy Patterson, Ruo Fei Peng, Virginia Perasso, Tom & Rona Petroni, Dorothy Phelan, Vivienann Pianto, Charles Pillers, Bess Pinoris, Frances Pisano-O'Leary, Bert & Karen Plambeck, Ed & Denise Plonka, Jason & Karen Posselt, Sandra Proctor, Armin & Ivy Quiring, Marek & Jorgete Radko, Bill Robertson, Mike & Ellen Romani, Donald Ronalter, Rhea & Harry Rosingana, Al Salice, Bunty & Piyali Samanta, Jim & Diane Sandvig, Lester & Audrey Santo, Grace Santo, Keith & Yvette Schemm, Michael & Denise Schirle, Martin & Susan Schuler, Elizabeth Schultz, Bill & Barbara Scott, Christine & Stephen Sedler, Andro Sergides, Andy & Anne Sermersheim, Carl & Vi Shoemaker, Donald & Carol Shortt, Jim & Denise Sitter, Tom & Mary Slattery, Dave & Karen Slesnich, Larry & Rosanne Snapp, Martin & Kimberly Sorich, Mick Speciale, Nabeena & Srikanth Srikanth, Raji & Vats Srinivasan, John & Elaine Steffens, Craig & Laura Stinnet, Lester & Christina Stout, Ray & Liz Tanaka, Peter & Isobel Taylor, Bill Taylor, Lam Thai, Roy & Judith Truitt, Burt Tsubahara, Joe & Elaine Uruski, Sharene & Diana Voelkel, Bob & Anka Vuksich, Barbara Wallace, June Welsh, Craig & Sandra Whitwell, Steven Wolff, Bruce & Jill Wolk, Emily & Wayne Xie, John & Eva Yaccarine, Pauline Yore, Eldred Zaharia.