

Winchester San Tomas

THE EDEN EXAMINER

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

Speakers: *Our City Forest, Moreland School District*

Topic: *New OCF Programs, Upcoming Parcel Tax - How Does It Affect You*




April 14th General Meeting Agenda

- Welcome
- ENA Updates, Committee Reports, Announcements
- Guest Speakers: *Our City Forest* (OCF) will make a short presentation about their new programs. *Glen Ishiwata, Superintendent of Moreland School District*, and *Dana Taylor, Business Services for the Moreland School District* will be on hand to discuss a proposed Parcel Tax and answer questions on the subject.

Residents in the Moreland School District will have a chance to decide this Spring on whether the community should pay extra tax dollars to help supplement school programs over the next eight years. Ballots will be mailed out to registered voters residing within the Moreland School District on April 6th. The Local Elementary School District Achievement Measure ballots should be returned by mail as soon as possible to the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters for the ballot count on May 5th. Come on out and get your questions answered.

- Thomas Marron

April Events of Interest

- April 10 (Fri) 5p**, Deadline to Request An ENA Easter Egg for Your Child 
- April 14 (Tues) 7p**, General Meeting @ Amber Dr School
- April 22 (Wed) 12noon**, ENA Newsletter Submission Deadline for May Newsletter
- April 25 (Sat) 10:30a** Emergency Prep Drill @ Amber Dr School ENA Garden
- April 25 (Sat) 10a-2p**, Career Closet Donation Drive @ 3563 Walton Way
- May 2 (Sat) 9a-4p**, E-Waste Event @ Amber Drive School Parking Lot

REMINDER: ENA Emergency Prep Drill
Sat, April 25th 10:30am ** NEW DATE **

For the first time in history, a disaster has been rescheduled. What? Say that again? Yes, we will be holding our 12th Annual Emergency Preparedness Drill on Saturday April 25th. Please assemble on Amber Drive at the ENA Garden at 10:30am for assignments and instructions. You do not have to be a trained CERT graduate to participate – All neighbors are invited to come out, lend a hand, and practice our disaster response actions. CERT trained graduates – please remember to wear your hard hats, vests, and hip pack. 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 of neighbors participating. There are roles for all of us to fill and help out with. There will be snacks and beverages for all who participate.

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 flag pole next to the school parking lot) where we will be briefed, receive assignments, and then sent out to check our neighborhood. In the event of a disaster, parents with children are welcome to respond as well – we will set up an area for the children, with some of the parents watching over them.

- Armin Quiring



Winchester NAC Update

Various changes to/near Winchester Boulevard will start around May 1st and complete sometime end of October.

The 4th meeting for the Winchester Boulevard 30 year Master Plan was held on Mar. 28th. Presentations by VTA & RDA, and discussions with neighbors & business owners were focused around 4 clusters of commercial and retail buildings (at each intersection of Payne Avenue, Williams Road, Riddle Road, & the area next to the Winchester Mystery House). Discussion about the Santana Row / Westfield interchange and its traffic issues was also held. Additionally, a proposal for traffic calming on Eden Ave was presented by the City of San Jose's Department of Transportation & CalTrans. The next and final meeting for this phase will be on April 29th at the Winchester Mystery House from 6 - 8 pm. All are invited.

One of our neighbors, Steve Landau from Eden Ave, was elected Vice-President of the Winchester NAC. Richard (previous President) will still attend meetings and backup his wife, Betty Kabanek, who is the ENA representative at the Winchester NAC meetings.

- Richard Kabanek

2009 Calendar of Events

Apr	10	ENA Easter Egg Request Deadline
Apr	14	General Meeting
Apr	22	Newsletter Deadline (12 noon)
Apr	25	** Emergency Preparedness Drill **
Apr	25	Career Closet Donation Drive
May	02	E-Waste Event @ Amber Drive School
May	16	Neighborhood Garage Sale
May	20	Newsletter Deadline (12 noon)
Jun	09	General Meeting
July	11	ENA's Annual Family Summer Picnic
Aug	04	National Night Out
Aug	19	Newsletter Deadline (12 noon)
Sep	08	General Meeting
Sep	12	ENA 14 th Annual Dumpster Day
Sep	23	Newsletter Deadline (12 noon)
Oct	13	General Meeting & Nominations
Oct	17	ENA 12 th Annual Volunteer Appreciation
Oct	21	Newsletter Deadline (12 noon)
Nov	10	General Meeting & Elections
Dec	tbd	ENA 10 th Annual "Festival of Lights"



VTA Offers Auto E-mail Notifications for Nearby Freeway Project

Per the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, interested citizens can sign up to receive automatic e-mail notifications each time the I-280/I-880/Stevens Creek Boulevard Improvements Project website is updated with new information.

To sign-up for automatic updates, go to "http://www.vta.org" -> click on the "Projects, Studies and Program" link (middle of the page) -> click on the project link "I-280/I-880/Stevens Creek Boulevard Improvements Project" -> click on "SignUp for Email Updates" on the right side of the page.

The next planned update to the website will include expanded maps of the project and a list of frequently asked questions developed from questions asked at public presentations (such as the one to the Eden Neighborhood Association last month).

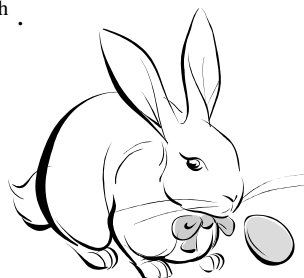
The project's draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is currently being developed and expected to be released for public comment later this summer. When it is released, anyone signed up for e-mail updates will automatically be notified, as will local neighborhood groups, such as ENA. A finalized EIR needs to be approved and more funding secured before the project can move forward.

To contact VTA directly, please send an e-mail to community.outreach@vta.org or call (408) 321-7575.

Working Toward a Safe, Clean, Friendly Neighborhood

HELP! Where Are The Easter Eggs?

Children will find them in their front yard on Easter morning if you leave their address on the ENA Message Line (408) 404-7404 by 5pm Friday, April 10th.



To help fill or deliver eggs, please call Betty Kabanek at (408) 241-5639.

- Betty Kabanek

Career Closet Donation Drive Help Needy Women - Sat, April 25th 10a-2p

I recently began volunteering at Career Closet and would like to invite you to look at donating your used business clothes as you “spring clean” your closets. Career Closet is an organization designed to empower women to re-enter the workplace equipped with everything they need to make a great first impression and land the job they want.

Career Closet takes the following items: new or nearly new women’s professional clothing including suits, jackets, skirts, pants, sweaters, blouses, khaki pants, jewelry, shoes, scarves, handbags, all-weather coats, new hosiery (in the package), trouser socks, new undergarments, belts, and new makeup.

Please bring clean items (on hangers when possible) to: 3563 Walton Way. If you have questions, call me at (408) 234-6391.

- Ginny Pyle



Treasurer’s Report

Expenses	2008 Budget	2008 Expenses	2009 Budget	Notes
Printing & Newsletter	\$3,400.00	\$2,698.57	\$3,000.00	Newsletter, stationary, envelopes, CAP grant assisted
Dumpster Day	\$2,300.00	\$1,961.28	\$2,300.00	Dumpsters, refreshments, gloves, CAP grant assisted
Summer Picnic	\$2,000.00	\$2,095.56	\$2,200.00	Food, grill, astrojump, parade, supplies, etc.
National Night Out	\$1,000.00	\$1,471.41	\$1,000.00	CAP grant offset the difference.
Postage	\$900.00	\$224.35	\$700.00	Membership letters & mailing, bills
Volunteer Appreciation	\$700.00	\$692.84	\$800.00	Pizza Party and other meetings
Emergency Preparation	\$400.00	\$111.96	\$700.00	Training, supplies
Festival of Lights	\$200.00	\$181.05	\$380.00	Candles, kits
Garden	\$200.00	\$17.44	\$600.00	Plants & supplies
Miscellaneous	\$200.00	\$521.20	\$300.00	Unbudgeted Items, and storage
Office & Computer Supplies	\$200.00	\$132.59	\$400.00	Labels, paper, ink, envelopes, etc
Meeting Refreshments	\$150.00	\$440.02	\$200.00	Coffee, napkins, sugar
Bereavement	\$100.00	\$40.36	\$100.00	Flowers
Garage Sale	\$100.00	\$44.80	\$100.00	Paper for flyers, SJ Merc/PP ads, ducttape
Website	\$100.00	\$59.40	\$75.00	Hosting fee
MessageLine	\$80.00	\$61.26	\$100.00	MessageLine
PO Box	\$70.00	\$58.00	\$70.00	Annual Fee
Fruit Drive	\$0.00	\$229.50	\$200.00	
Total Expenses	\$12,100.00	\$11,041.59	\$13,225.00	
Grants:	-\$2,000.00	-\$3,300.00	-\$2,000.00	
Net Expense	\$10,100.00	\$8,595.00	\$11,225.00	



ENA Fruit Donation Drive Cleans Up Again!



The 5th Annual ENA Fruit Donation Drive confirms that our neighborhood still has an ongoing support of this event. Although our homes are in a Light Brown Apple Moth quarantine area, we collected over 2000 lbs. of fruit on March 21-22. This year, working with Village Harvest, a California Agriculture inspector inspected each piece of the collected 2000 lbs and found our harvest was acceptable to being donated to the Second Harvest Food Bank.

Thank you to our volunteer drivers Bud Pyle, Jim and Elaine Schirle, and to Barbara and Bradford Grisier who also helped pick trees.

Please be mindful that we are still in an LBAM quarantine and no fruit can be removed from our neighborhood. For more information, visit www.cdfa.ca.gov/phpps/PDEP/lbam_main.html

- Ginny Pyle

District 1 – Illegal Sign Cleanup Success!

On Feb 28th approximately 80 residents from District 1 combed the major streets in the district and took down all the illegal signs that were on public property. Signs such as “1-800 Got Junk”, “Bird Shows”, old garage sale signs, etc., were disposed of. A pick-up truck full of signs was taken down. Now that District 1 is clean of illegal signs, SJC Code Enforcement will be able to cite businesses that put up any new signs. The city won’t bother with garage sale signs if they are taken down after the garage sale is complete.

- Richard Kabanek



Free E-Waste Collection Event Sat, May 2nd, 9a - 4p Amber Drive School Parking Lot

Accepting working or broken: computers (CPUs), TV’s, monitors, radios, printers, fax machines, speakers, microwaves, stereos, keyboards, mice, DVD players, VCR players, phones, and more!

- Info provided by Kathy McDermott,
Amber Drive Primary Plus School

ENA's Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale Coming Up in May



It's that time of the year again to do some Spring cleaning & help someone find some treasures in your junk! Yep, it's almost time for the ENA Neighborhood Garage Sale! ENA will be placing advertisements in the *San Jose Mercury News* and the *PennySaver* as well as providing neighborhood garage sale maps at strategic locations around the neighborhood. We don't have a date yet, but it will be finalized in the next ENA Examiner.

Membership Update - Betty Kabanek

We are fortunate. Since the last newsletter the following neighbors have sent in membership donations. We thank all of you and all those who contributed earlier in the year. It's your support that allows us to continue our annual activities.

Since the last newsletter, the following neighbors have joined or renewed: Diane Salvadore and Cheryl Allemand, Bette Armstrong, Mark & Gail Avila, Nasar & Dana Awad, Nora Beddo, Coni Berliner, Susie & Scott Bishop, Bruce & Janet Boike, John & Sharon Cahill, Yvette & Bret Carpenter, Weihang Que & Xinyu Chen, Thu-Nguyet & Chul J. Choi, Bulent & Lynae Cinarkaya, Greg & Lorrie Conklin, Bridget & Dustin Correia, David & Grace Cox, Sorin & Mariana Damian, Randy & Lisa Duerre, Tom Egan, Barbara Ferber, Barbara & Brad Grisier, Dennis & Pam Guetschow, Steve & Donna Haney, Dave & Sandy Hart, Denise Bradley & Jim Hartfield, Chris & Vivian James, Sarita Rao & Vikram Kalyanaraman, Ed & Denise Keane, Amit & Nidhi Khatri, David & Joyce Kim, James & Diane Kono, Grace Lee, Sal & Mary Lipari, Phil & Bernadette Luna, Thelma & George Mavrakis, Pete & Susan Michels, Betty Miller, Miriam Wolf and Daniel Moskowitz, Nathan Nahouraii, Horace & Elena Nevarez, Nick & Sue Palermo, Anne & Don Pauken, Linda Rallis, Rob & Leslie Reilly, Brent & Thuy Reinholz, Chris & Jamie Robinson, Allen & Henny Rudy, Paul Ryan, Rob & Stacey Silva, Cynthia A. Riley & Chad Sittner, Jason & Roseanne Smith, Peter & Mladenka Sorich, Joe & Stephanie Steffey, Ron & Michele Sutton, Jim & Kathleen Vela, Ed & Bonnie Walzer, Lisa & Robert Whelan, Marianne Williams, Dave & Susan Wippich, Mark & Margaret Womack

Reduce and Conserve - Ways You Can Help Yourself (Part 1) - Armin Quiring

We all know that we are in a drought, our water supply is short, and the economy is sour. Here are some ways we can help ourselves save water, conserve energy, and thereby save money!



- Turn off the water when you brush your teeth, wash your hands, shave, wash dishes, etc.
- Shorten your showers by 20% by turning off the water when you shampoo or lather. Also take shorter showers.
- Don't let dishes sit out. Fill a sink and soak them to keep food from hardening onto pots, pans, silverware, plates, etc.
- Talk to your housemates about a flushing and cleaning protocol for your toilets.
- Use less energy and save money by washing your clothes in cold or cool water instead of hot water. Recent studies have shown that for most clothes, water temperature does not matter!
- Only run full loads in your laundry or dishwashing machine.
- Repair any and all plumbing or fixture leaks promptly.
- Don't contaminate the water you use - allow for re-use. Use reused dishwater to water plants, both indoor & outdoor (easy on the soap!). Use only phosphate-free, dye-free, biodegradable cleaners.
- Every gallon of water saved or reclaimed is a gallon earned for the future.



Eden Examiner Article Submissions - Ivy Quiring

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, April 22nd.