



Azalea Park  
Neighborhood Association

# The Parkster

January 2010

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 6:30 PM AT AZALEA COMMUNITY PARK REC CENTER

## Holiday Potluck - Great Food Was Had By All !!



## APRIL 2010: NEW US. EPA LAW - WILL AZALEA PARK RESIDENTS BE IN COMPLIANCE?

Was your home, apartment or condo built before 1978? If so, lead based paint was most likely used in its original construction. As an Azalea Park resident, you need to be aware of the dangers of lead based paint, and the new US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) law that will affect your neighborhood and the other hot lead areas\* of San Diego.

### THE NEW LAW

Due to the dangers of lead, especially for children, the EPA is instituting a new law on April 22, 2010. The law requires that all construction disturbing lead based paint must be performed by a lead certified contractor. This will make your home, family and neighborhood safer.

Renovations disturbing lead based paint include:

- General construction
- Painting renovations
- Routine maintenance
- Window and door repair or replacement
- Residential projects involving sanding, scraping, heating or power washing of painted surfaces

Lead is most often found around door frames, window sills, stairs, railings, porches and fences. Simply vacuuming or sweeping can circulate lead throughout your home. This is particularly dangerous for children as lead dust can land on toys, remote controls, and other items children touch and put in their mouths.

### HEALTH PROBLEMS CAUSED BY LEAD

Children with high levels of lead in their bodies can suffer from problems ranging from brain and nervous system damage to hyperactivity and slowed growth. Lead is also harmful to adults who can suffer ailments ranging from hypertension, nerve disorders, memory problems and joint pain.

### GET YOUR CHILD TESTED FOR LEAD TODAY

Children do not look or act sick when they have lead in their systems, but their small bodies absorb lead quickly and retain it longer. The only way to know if your child is suffering from lead poisoning is to have a doctor perform a simple blood test.

### WHY THE EPA WANTS YOU TO USE A CERTIFIED LEAD CONTRACTOR

Though it may be tempting to do home renovations yourself, remember by spreading lead in an uncontained manner you are putting yourself, your family and neighborhood at great risk. Painting over lead based paint with regular paint is not good enough.

To permanently remove lead hazards, the EPA requires you to hire a certified lead abatement contractor. Abatement methods include removing, sealing, or enclosing lead-based paint with special materials. Certified contractors employ qualified workers and follow strict safety rules governed by the State of California and the federal

government. Contact the San Diego Housing Commission (<http://www.sdhc.net/>) or the National Lead Information Center (<http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/nlic.htm>) to locate certified contractors and financial assistance if available.

### RESOURCES

For more info, call Grondin Construction, Inc. (858) 549-1682 (see ad on next page)

EPA website: <http://www.epa.gov/oppt/lead/>

Useful brochures:

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/CLPPB/Documents/CLP>

\*Check if you live in a 'hot' lead area of San Diego: 92101, 92102, 92103, 92104, 92105, 92111, 92113, 92114, 92115, 92116, 92117

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## CITY HEIGHTS LOSES REDEVELOPMENT CHAMPION

Sol Price, an entrepreneur and philanthropist who started the concept of warehouse membership stores, died December 14, at 93.

Mr. Price started Fed-Mart and Price Club and was known as a legend in retailing. He was credited with reshaping the world of discount merchandising. Price Club merged with Costco in 1993. He left his management position a year later and, with his son Robert, created PriceSmart. Mr. Price's philanthropic projects included low-income housing, health clinics, Alzheimer's research and a program for high school students in memory of a grandson who died in 1989 after a battle with cancer.

In 1993 Price met with several City Heights activists, including a few Project CLEAN leaders, to discuss taking on City Heights as a special project of Price Charities. He was impressed by the dedication of those community leaders and fortunately for everyone living in City Heights, he did choose to put his efforts here. Since then Price Charities has improved the schools, streets, canyons and many non-profits of all the neighborhoods in City Heights. We all owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to Mr. Price for choosing to help our community. His work is being carried on by Robert Price.

Price Charities has provided yearly grants to the Azalea Park Neighborhood Association to fund the printing of the Parkster NewsLetter and is also a regular sponsor of the Community HousingWorks FaceLift event which was recently held in the Glenfield/Manzanita area of Azalea Park.

## NEIGHBOR RECEIVES 2009 MILKEN EDUCATOR AWARD

Jaime Enochs, a young English teacher at the School of International Studies at San Diego High was recently chosen to receive the highly prestigious "Educator of the Year" Milken Award. Jamie, daughter of Bill and Joyce Teague, lived as a child at 4155 Manzanita Drive and has just returned to our midst by purchasing a home, along with her husband, Asa, in the Fairmount Park Neighborhood across the 805 bridge. Lowell Milken said Enoch was chosen because she was not only an outstanding teacher but also because her students were performing at high levels. Enochs chairs the International Baccalaureate English Department and teaches IB English to twelfth graders, nine-nine percent of whom pass the State IB English exam, a stunning 39 percent above the worldwide average.

*Thanks to Realtors Annë Christensen and Trisha Hoffman, who said they felt privileged to represent such a wonderful young family. And thanks to Annë and Trisha who gave us the heads up on the award as well as the exciting news of the Enochs home purchase in the Fairmount Park Neighborhood.*

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# BULLETINS

- Ocean Discovery Institute – Community Input Presentation regarding the vision plan of ODI to build headquarters on Manzanita Canyon. Please bring your input or questions on January 14, 6:30pm, to the Azalea Park Rec Center.
- Z's Garden Maintenance - John Zrodowski and John Fahler yard maintenance - Contact: John Fahler & John Zrodowski at 619-846-1726 or zsgarden@yahoo.com
- Moonstone Health - Massage Therapy - Kerem and Erika are excited to announce that they have opened a new home massage studio, Moonstone Health! Check out their new website where you can book online, buy instant gift certificates, and sign up for their Tip-of-the-Week newsletter. First time clients special - \$50 for a one-hour massage. (Keep that rate if you rebook within 24 hours!) Please help us spread the word. For every three new clients you send us, you get a free one hour massage on the house. Or buy three to give away, and get a free massage for yourself.

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Mid-City Substation 4310 Landis St.

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