



*Azalea Park
Neighborhood Association*

The Parkster

February 2010

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 6:30 PM AT AZALEA COMMUNITY PARK REC CENTER



OCEAN DISCOVERY INSTITUTE COMMUNITY FORUM A BIG SUCCESS

On January 14, Ocean Discovery Institute presented their Vision Plan to build a Living Lab near the entrance of Manzanita Canyon to residents of Azalea Park Neighborhood, South Castle Neighborhood and anyone else interested in hearing about their fabulous plan.

Founded in 1999, Ocean Discovery Institute is a San Diego-based 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that uses science exploration to engage young people from urban and diverse backgrounds in education, scientific research, and environmental stewardship. Through their programs and services more than 30,000 young people have been empowered to transform their lives and make a difference in the world as scientific leaders.

Ocean Discovery Institute exemplifies excellence through high quality programming and significant measurable outcomes. Ocean Discovery Institute is a young organization, but has grown

tremendously and has an exceptional reputation both locally and nationally. The following highlights their achievements:

More than 34,000 young people served with over 380,000 hours of science education. Currently they offer programs in Rosa Parks, Florence Joyner, Hamilton, and Central Elementary Schools, Wilson and Monroe Clark Middle Schools, and Hoover High School.

481 teachers trained in professional development workshops.

More than 14,500 volunteers mobilized to restore wildlife habitat, clean up pollution and litter, and learn about San Diego's valuable ecosystems.

Over 14,000 native plants planted in the San Diego region.

9 out of 10 of their intensive program's high school graduates have gone on to higher education at institutions including Brown University, University of California Berkeley, University of California Los Angeles, University of California Santa Barbara, University California San Diego, and San Diego State.

ODI's plans were met with great excitement and enthusiasm and everyone present truly hope that Ocean Discovery Institute headquarter will be our close neighbor in the near future.

OLDER ADULTS IN CITY HEIGHTS: WHERE ARE YOU?

By Evie Kosower

City Heights has no Senior/Adult Community Center for classes, recreational and community activities, some of which are intergenerational, other than what goes on in Senior Housing Projects. If you are a senior (55 +) living with your family or in a house or apartment and would be interested in working with us to establish an active Senior Group, please call Evie Kosower at 619-584-4933. A few of us have been meeting on the third Wednesday morning from 10-12 at the City Heights Center, 4305 University Avenue, 6th Floor. We are affiliated with the California Endowment Building Healthy Communities Project as a Senior Resource Team.

BULLETINS

FREE CLEAN NATIVE MULCH DELIVERED

Our friend, Ben Stevenson, of Firebreak Solutions, a brush management company, is working on about thirty acres of city land to create Defensible Space. They will be generating dump trucks full of native plant mulch from late January into March. Currently the plan is to simply take it to the greens section of the landfill. Conversely, they would be happy to dump the clean (native) mulch at one or more of our sites if you have a use for it. Please let Ben know ASAP as they have already begun the project. You must be willing to take a full truckload.

You can contact Ben at ben@firebreaksolutions.com or call him at 858-232-9192.

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CITY HEIGHTS AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE ANNUAL ELECTIONS

March 1, 2010

3:00 to 8:00PM

Metro Career Center,
3910 University Avenue

BE A PART OF PLANNING
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CITY FARMERS SPRING ART IN THE GARDEN 5/22

Mark your calendar:

Let your crafting, baking, photo-taking friends and neighbors know that May 22nd is our annual Spring Art in the Garden featuring scores of artists and crafters. We'll start taking vendor reservations March 1st. Interested vendors can sign up by going to: Newsletter@CityFarmersNursery.com



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47TH STREET CANYON CLEAN-UP

These incredible photos are from the 47th St. Canyon Clean-up from Saturday, January 23, staged at Myrtle and 46th. John Hanley and Brent Carter, City Heights residents on 47th St. have been spearheading Friends of 47th St. Canyon work there. I Love a Clean San Diego's Natalie Roberts and Morgan Justice Black and Ranger Jason Allen worked with them to pull off this amazing event. Project CLEAN brought extra tools. 219 volunteers showed up and cut Arundo with loppers, hauled it up a muddy canyon slope, filled two donated Allied Waste 40-yard dumpsters, and picked up trash and debris in the general area. There were military people, kids, students, all sorts of volunteers from all over the County including Councilmember Todd Gloria and CD3 Rep Anthony Bernal.



COUPONS FOR SPAYING AND NEUTERING

The County of San Diego Department of Animal Services is offering free spay or neuter rebate coupons valued at up to \$75 to owners of female cats and dogs, and up to \$25 to owners of male cats and dogs who reside in the County. These rebate coupons are funded by the County and through forfeited spay/neuter deposits and "pet impact" fees, and will be available for a limited period of time while supplies last at the County Animal Shelter, 5480 Gaines Street, San Diego, California. Phone: 619.236.4250. Hours are: Tuesday through Saturday 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM Closed Sundays, Mondays and Holidays. More info: <http://www.sddac.com/rebate.asp>

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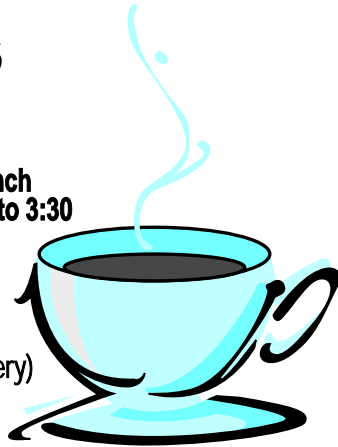
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FEBRUARY 27 COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

Do not miss the February 27 "Packer" style cleanup that Environmental Services is giving all of Azalea Park Neighborhood on Saturday, February 27. They will pick up anything including large items like couches and mattresses, appliances, trimmings and electronics as long as you get it out to the curb by 8:00AM that day. (Make a plan to put it out the afternoon or evening of Friday, February 26.) The only thing they don't take is hazardous waste, tires and construction rubble. See insert for details. Call ESD Officer Anthony Evans for information at 858-627-3315.

POLICE COMMUNITY SERVICE AREA MEETING

MEET WITH COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER DAVID TOS
 MARCH 3, 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM
 Mid-City Substation 4310 Landis St.

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