



**Azalea Park
Neighborhood Association**

The Parkster

March 2010

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

MARCH MEETING AGENDA

At our March meeting we have an important issue to discuss and vote on. The question is "Should we purchase 1200 weather resistant anti-theft recycle stickers to be put on our black trash and blue recycle bins for the price of \$425?" Discussion pro and con: Why do we care if people steal recyclables, will it be effective, is this too much money to spend, etc?

Also, it's time to decide whether Azalea Park Neighborhood Association participates in the next Pride event. Please come and express your opinion.

Treasurer Mark Pennington will bring a full treasurer's report so you can make an informed decision.

2010 CENSUS

Our Congressional Representative Susan Davis urges everyone to fill out their 2010 census forms and be counted. According to a notice in Susan's Spring Report 2010, "The information collected by the Census Bureau every ten years is purely statistical data that determines the federal resources available to each community for schools, roads, emergency services and other needs. The Census bureau cannot share an individual's answers with anyone, including welfare, law enforcement and immigration agencies. As more San Diegans are counted, we will be eligible for more funds so please take ten minutes and fill out your form when it arrives in early March." Find out more at www.census.gov

ARUNDO WAR



The Friends of 47th St. Canyon are holding monthly cleanups to keep chipping away at the Arundo donax stand in their canyon. This is the canyon that runs north of City Farmers Nursery. Over 140 volunteers gathered on February 20 to

cut and haul the "Giant Reed" up the steep canyon hillside to fill two dumpsters. Ranger Jason, and Friends leaders John Hanley and Brent Carter directed the work and Linda Pennington monitored the dumpsters. At least three college women's rowing crews were there, astonishing everyone with their strength and ability to move mountains of Arundo.

SAVE THE DATE:

The next Manzanita Canyon event will be the ILACSD Coastal Cleanup Day on Saturday, April 24, from 9:00AM to noon. One location will be 4152 Manzanita Dr. where we will continue to create a defensible space behind three properties including the property of long time Azalea Park neighbor, Fred Southwick. The other location will be at Cooper Canyon, a finger canyon off of Manzanita Canyon accessed at 42nd St. and Thorn. Jody Carey and Dennis Wood will co-captain that location. Linda Pennington will captain the 4152 Manzanita Dr. location.

CAPTAIN'S QUARTERLY REPORT

Captain Lawrence McKinney met with community leaders to go over the Mid-City Division Quarterly Report. This came on the heels of an announcement from Mayor Sanders that City-wide crime in San Diego dropped 18% in 2009 compared to 2008. This included a 25.5 % drop in homicides and a 29.8 % plunge in motor-vehicle thefts.

Captain McKinney's report compares July/August/September 2009 to the same quarter in 2008. There were NO Murders in this quarter and Aggravated Assault was down 10%. Rape declined 8% versus a 42% increase last quarter.

Total Property Crimes were down 28% including a 49% reduction in Auto Theft.

Our Crime Suppression Team (CST) made 135 Arrests, seized 7 handguns, 310 grams of controlled substances and 1 vial of PCP.

Our Juvenile Services Team made 5 Curfew Sweeps and 1 Truancy Sweep resulting in 506 juvenile arrests. Mid-City Division has developed a policy designed to divert kids from going down the wrong path. They have partnered with the Probation Department, SD City Schools, SAY San Diego, ICY, Unity Tech, New Harvest, Lean on Me, Boys and Girls Club, Cherokee Elementary and Price Charities. Arrested juveniles are put through a four-week diversion course. Captain McKinney estimates they reach 80% of the kids that they arrest. This program has been so successful that other divisions are following the example. Not only does this lower overall crime by juveniles, it significantly lowers the number of crimes against juveniles.

Mayor Sanders applauded Chief William Lansdowne and his staff for devising aggressive and creative tactics for combating crime. "Our police deserve an enormous amount of credit for their success in this challenging economic environment." Captain McKinney shared the credit with the community including all of our work in the canyons and our reporting problems to Community Liaison Officer Tos and Graffiti Strike Force Office Amado. Also, he has confidence that the revitalized City Heights on Patrol (CHOP) will have a huge impact on reducing crime further.

Toni Atkins Brunch with for Assembly Toni Atkins

Come join Toni, candidate for the
76th Assembly District
for a conversation about California's future.

At the Pennington's
Saturday, March 27, 2010, 10AM to Noon
2609 Tuberosa Street, SD 92105

RSVP at (619) 563-4014 or gizmopennington@cox.net

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BULLETINS

Greg Diethrich is heading up CHOP. He says patrols will begin on March 5. They have spots for drivers and co-pilots. The instructions are simple so call him at 760-644-4421 or email him at grdhp mayor@yahoo.com to volunteer or suggest hot spots to patrol or make a donation.

City Famers Schedule of Saturday Classes 2:00-3:30PM

March 20 - Garlic, Totatoes, Onions

March 21 - Potato and Root Crop Cookery

March 27 - What to do with Herbs?

April 3 - Bee Keeping

April 10 - Bringing Nature to your Yard

Azalea Rec Council Meets March 18th (Third Thursday)

6:30PM at the Azalea Rec Center 2596 Violet Street.

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TOOLS PURCHASED WITH COUNTY GRANT

This past year we were blessed with a County of San Diego grant for \$8000 to purchase gardening tools, power tools, canyon clean-up supplies and a storage shed to house the items. We owe a big thank you to County Supervisor Ron Roberts who made this happen for us. Ron knows how hard we work to maintain our canyons and supported our efforts by helping us with a grant to purchase these tools and supplies.

Join the community to take back our canyons!
Help a school enhance their campus garden!
Create wildlife habitat and clean up the watershed!

Swan Canyon Restoration Events:

Saturday, March 20th

Saturday, April 10th

9 am – 1pm

- Meet at the Hamilton Elementary Campus
2807 Fairmount Ave, San Diego, 92105
- Tools & gloves provided
- Wear sun protection, wear sturdy, closed-toed shoes, and bring water
- Under 18 volunteers need a waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian (see back page)
- Both events include a volunteer appreciation with food, music, and a thank you from community leaders.

For more info contact:

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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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Call (866) SPAYBUS
(that's 866-772-9287)
to schedule an appointment.

See inserted Neuter Scooter flyer in English and Spanish, Keep for future reference.

POLICE COMMUNITY SERVICE AREA MEETING

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

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