



**Azalea Park
Neighborhood Association**

The Parkster

October 2009

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 6:30 PM AT AZALEA COMMUNITY PARK REC CENTER

SAN DIEGO'S WATER SUPPLY: NEW RULES FOR GRAY WATER USE

Thanks to new rules from the State of California, residents seeking to reuse water will have an easier time by not having to obtain costly and time-consuming permits for their at-home systems. Local officials may weigh in with additional restrictions, but for now, Councilmember Todd Gloria is pleased that more people will be able to decrease their overall water demand by using gray water. Advocates for water reuse tout the impacts of diverting used water, also known as gray water, to yards for irrigation purposes.

Gray water includes wastewater from showers, bathtubs, bathroom sinks and washing machines. Water from toilets, kitchen sinks and dishwashers should not be reused because of high bacterial counts.

It is estimated that gray water systems can be installed for roughly \$200.

Approximately 1/3 of a household's water can be reused, greatly impacting the region's water supply and a family's water bill.

Residential gray water systems must be in compliance with several remaining restrictions.

Gray water system requirements:

- The system must allow users to direct water to an irrigation field or the sewer.
- Gray water runoff and ponding are prohibited.
- Gray water released above ground must be covered by at least two inches of material that decreases potential human contact.
- Water used to wash soiled garments must be diverted to the sewer.
- Gray water should not be used to irrigate root vegetables.

For more information, please visit:

http://hcd.ca.gov/codes/shl/graywater_emergency.html.

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FACELIFT IS HERE

Please plan to participate in the October 24 Fall 2009 FaceLift event which will be in the Azalea Park Neighborhood. Jobs for everyone. I will need a Food Captain and helpers, Tool Captain and helpers, Dumpster Captains and helpers, Traffic Controllers, etc. Call (563-4014) or email (gizmopennington@cox.net) to sign up. See Information Flyer and Site Map insert for the details.

Linda Pennington – FaceLift Project Manager

THANKS ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Many thanks to our Environmental Services Officer Anthony Evans for giving several blocks of Azalea Park Neighborhood a "packer" style cleanup on September 16. The ESD crew picked up a total of 13.51 tons of waste including .74 tons of recyclables left at the curb by residents in the target area. Thanks to Evie Kosower and Lynne Graham for getting the flyers out.

FACELIFT AND PROJECT CLEAN RECEIVE REDEVELOPMENT GRANT

Thanks to the support of the City Heights Redevelopment Project Area Committee and the San Diego City Council, Community HousingWorks received funding to support Project CLEAN and FaceLift projects. Project CLEAN has been cleaning up City Heights since 1981 and FaceLift has been painting City Heights homes since 1995.

NEW APNA OFFICERS ELECTED IN SEPTEMBER

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| • Cactus Bob Walters | President |
| • Katherine Crow | Vice President |
| • Mike Jenkins | Secretary |
| • Mark Pennington | Treasurer |
| • Kerem Bardot | Ambassador |

Many thanks to last years officers for their service to our neighborhood: President - JP Schuiteman, Vice President - Shannon Whitmore, Secretary - Kathy Hudson, Treasurer - Mark Pennington, and Ambassador - Cactus Bob Walters.

CALIFORNIA COASTAL CLEANUP

Many thanks to the 61 volunteers who made our September 19 I Love a Clean San Diego California Coastal Cleanup Day a big success. Thirty-one volunteers chainsawed, loppered, hauled, chipped and raked the dead brush and invasives at our Canyon Fire Safety Demonstration project on the rim of Manzanita Canyon. Special thanks to San Diego Canyonlands and Firebreak Solutions for the technical advice on the invasives to take out and how much to trim the various kinds of native vegetation. We are deeply indebted to Alpine Equipment Rentals for donating a chipper to the project. Fernando Gonzales of Casa Builders was able to get the chipper donated and he also delivered and returned it. All trimmings were chipped up and spread over the areas that were weed whacked.



Young South Castle volunteers pick up litter in Manzanita Canyon



Todd Gloria and other volunteers cut and haul dead brush from Manzanita Canyon

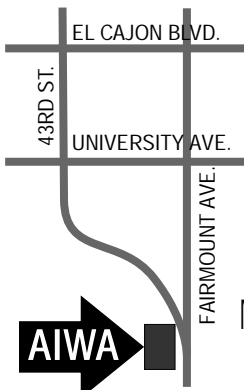


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CITY HEIGHTS REDEVELOPMENT

PROJECT AREA COMMITTEE ANNUAL ELECTION NOTICE

October 12, 2009, 5:30 PM – 8:00PM

City Heights is in a redevelopment area, with many projects underway and more to come. Please vote in this important election.

These PAC member seats are up for election:
Residential Owner/Occupant(2)
Residential Tenant(3)
Business owner South of Polk Avenue(1)
Community Organization At-large(1)

You can register to be an eligible voter on the day of the Annual PAC Election. Please bring your current Driver's License or ID and any other proofs of eligibility required. (Examples: Deed to Property, Mortgage Payment Statement, SDG&E Bill (Residential Tenant category only)) Call 236-6537 for more information.

RECYCLING HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES

by Mark Pennington

Ok, it was brought up at the last APNA meeting that there was no place to take your household batteries. Well, I thought to myself that this must be wrong, cause ever since they became illegal to dump in the landfill I've heard, or at least thought I heard, about all of the businesses that accept batteries for recycle. After a little internet searching I find out that 'all these places' only accept 'rechargeable' batteries and do not accept the 'one time use' types of batteries that are most common. I looked up the San Diego Environmental Services web site to see what they suggest we do with our batteries and find this statement in the Q&A page:

- *San Diego city residents may call 858-694-7000 to schedule an appointment at the City's Household Hazardous Waste Facility. The facility is open on Saturdays to those with appointments only. For additional recycling/disposal options, go to the Links and Resources page. If you live outside San Diego city boundaries, then visit Earth 911 or call 1-800-CLEANUP.*

I checked out the 'Earth911' web site (earth911.com) which has a search engine to find recyclers in your area, but didn't come up with one place to take your single use batteries, other than the City of San Diego Household Hazardous Waste Transfer Facility at the Miramar landfill. There were five other municipal locations listed and they all were only for residents of their municipality and by appointment only...how silly is that! I also know that at least the City of San Diego site limits you to five pounds of batteries per drop-off, so if a neighborhood wanted to save some time and gas it would be impossible to do a mass collection and drop-off

The possible good news is that Waste Management Corporation's web site say they will take your batteries (any kind except auto) free, Monday through Friday 8am - 2pm at their drop-off site at 925 O'Conner St. in El Cajon. Linda has dropped off our bag of batteries there and except for some misleading signage and big trucks, it was no problem. There is another company that will take you single use batteries for a fee (\$1.00/lb) and that is Recycle San Diego, their drop-off site is at 8222 Ronson Road, San Diego, phone: 858.569.1807 and they are open Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm.



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BULLETINS

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MONTH

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. SDPD is collecting used cell phones for victims of domestic violence. Drop off at the Substation.

REGISTER CELL PHONES FOR REVERSE 911

If you have not done so already, you should register your cell phone for "reverse 911" so you can be automatically informed of a fire or earthquake emergency situation. All landlines have already been included in the reverse 911 program but cell phones must be registered by the individuals. The first link below is directly to the registration page. Please note that for multiple cell phones, there is a "click here to register another phone" link after confirmation of each registration. The second link below takes you to the informational home page of this department.

<http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/oes/ready/signup.html>

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SAVE RECYCLABLES FOR APNA AND AZALEA REC COUNCIL

Tom Lashbrook and Larry May are collecting recyclable to sell and donate proceeds to the Azalea Park Neighborhood Association and the Azalea Park Rec Council, fifty/fifty split. Please drop off your aluminum cans and plastic and glass bottles to their porch at 4338 Manzanita Dr.

POLICE COMMUNITY SERVICE AREA MEETINGS

MEET WITH COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER DAVID TOS
NOVEMBER 4, 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Mid-City Substation 4310 Landis St.

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