



*Azalea Park  
Neighborhood Association*

# The Parkster

November 2009

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 6:30 PM AT AZALEA COMMUNITY PARK REC CENTER

## THE AZALEA PARK FACELIFT

On Saturday, October 24, over 550 volunteers converged on to the Glenfield/Manzanita area of the Azalea Park Neighborhood to paint fifteen homes, load five 40-yard roll-off bins with junk and debris, and plant parkways and spread wood chips. Some of the volunteers worked on Manzanita Canyon, filling an additional 40-yard-bin with trimmings and other volunteers painted the big white iron fence around AIWA Auto Repair. This was the most fabulous FaceLift ever, with weeks of prep by Parksters Tom Lashbrook and Larry May as well as Jimmy Graxiola and Sonny Garcia. Many thanks to the Project Area Committee for recommending our funding from the City Redevelopment Agency and to Councilmember Todd Gloria and the City Council for their unanimous vote to fund FaceLift and Project CLEAN. Many thanks to our other sponsors, UPS Supply Chain (thanks to Parkster Darlene Philipp for helping us apply for the funds), Price Charities, Point Loma Nazarene University and Fuller Center for Housing of San Diego. The volunteers came from City Heights as well as from all over the county:

- Alliant International University
- American Language Institute, SDSU International Students
- Azalea Park Neighborhood Association
- Bank of America
- Cesar Chavez Club
- CHW Staff
- CHW Junior Leaders
- City Heights Friends of Canyons
- CRASH
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, SDSU
- Dudek
- Flo-Jo International
- Fuller Center for Housing of San Diego
- Hollywood Park Neighborhood Association
- Hoover Eco Club

Toni Atkins will be attending the next APNA meeting (Tuesday November 10). Toni is a candidate for the 76 District (our), State Assembly Seat

- Islenair Neighborhood Association
- Kensington Community Church
- NBC 7/39 & United Way Staffers
- Price Charities Townhomes
- Point Loma Nazarene University
- Mission Church of the Nazarene
- REACH - Hoover High School
- RBF
- San Diego Canyonlands
- San Diego County Bar Association
- South Castle Neighborhood Association
- Team Councilmember Todd Gloria
- Team TONI ATKINS
- Teen Volunteers in Action
- UCSD Habitat 4 Humanity
- UCSD Nu Alpha Kappa
- UPS Supply Chain
- Urban Corps
- Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito

In addition we received free 40-yard bins from Edco and Allied Waste, pastries and juice from Super Mercado Murphys, a free carpet cleaning from Green Magic Carpet Cleaning for one of our homeowners, garden supplies from Urban Plantations, the loan of an electric truck and driver from the City Heights Community Development Corporation and the use of the City Farmers Nursery big truck. It was a great day for Azalea Park. Many thanks to everyone who participated. Special thanks to Carey Construction and Design for the masterminding of FaceLift by owner Jody Carey, chair of the FaceLift Committee and partner Dennis Wood. Other committee members who take on big pieces of the organizing are Jim Varnadore, Patty Vaccariello, Mary Vaccariello, Kevin and Becky Modesto, and Amanda Moss. And we have fearless leaders in Sue Reynolds, CEO of Community HousingWorks, Gabe Del Rio, Vice President of Lending and Home Ownership and Karen Bucey, CHW board chair.

# FaceLift Photos



## BANK OF AMERICA HONORS SAN DIEGO

By Linda Pennington

Urban Corps of San Diego County and the City Heights Community Development Corporation were each recently awarded a Neighborhood Builders Award that includes a \$200,000 grant over the next two years. Also, five Local Heroes were named and given the opportunity to name a non-profit organization to receive a \$5000 grant. I nominated Craig Hooker, an architectural landscaper, who has been instrumental in organizing the Wetland Avengers event for Ocean Discovery Institute and working with students to create a Vision Plan for their proposed Living Lab which they hope to build right here in City Heights. Among the five student leaders chosen was Joel Urbina, who has been active in the ODI programs and is now a freshman at UC Santa Barbara. Congratulations to all, especially to those who help us make City Heights a better environment for everyone.

## THE BEST HEALTH CARE PLAN AVAILABLE

According to a blurb in the November 2009 Reader's Digest, "A major new study shows that people who avoid smoking, exercise three and a half hours a week, maintain a body mass index of less than 30 (the cutoff point for obesity), and eat a diet favoring fruits, vegetables, and whole grains cut their risk of developing diabetes, heart attack, stroke, or cancer by 78 percent. ...if everyone followed these prescriptions, we could save billions in medical expenses-and untold misery."

## BUDGET HEARING FOR CD3

Saturday, November 21

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Hoover High School

4474 El Cajon Blvd.

Councilmember Todd Gloria urges us to attend the City Budget Hearing for CD3. We managed to keep Azalea Rec Center open last year despite the 25 percent cut to the Park and Rec budget. This year the proposed cut is 14 million, a 27 percent cut. Our center is a Class One facility because of the small size so it is always going to be first in line for the chopping block. However, we all know how important our rec center is to us. Based on usage as well as the lack of parks in City Heights, it should be among the last facilities standing. In addition, we stand to lose the invaluable assistance from the Park and Rec Open Space Rangers who have been helping us with the Open Space parcels in Manzanita Canyon. Councilmember Todd Gloria will need total backup from us again for us to have the slightest prayer of keeping this critical piece of our community available to the many youth and family who use it.

# BULLETINS

HOME AND GARDEN SERVICE, cleaning, painting, holiday decorating, landscape service and design. Call Eddie Green at 619-283-3242 greenrobindesign.com

ART STUDIO AND ROOM FOR RENT BELOW, both on peaceful, end of quiet street on Manzanita Canyon w/sunset views. Secure yard, off road parking, close to Routes 94, 15, & 8, stores and bus routes. For either or both, email lauriecarlock@gmail.com or call after 7PM, 619-284-3118.

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House Share with Artist/Community Teacher  
Cozy home with sunny patio, large yard and patio overlooking Manzanita Canyon. Share bath. Laundry area. Utilities, cable, WiFi, Internet \$50. Storage space available. \$500

## TOYS FOR TOTS – REGISTRATION AT AZALEA REC NOW THROUGH NOVEMBER 10

Information needed to participate

1. Name of parent or caretaker of children
2. Ages of Children (birth certificates and picture ID's)
3. Social Security Numbers of the Children
4. Proof of Residence (Complete address and phone number of family residence)
5. Proof of income (Pay Stub of copy of last years income tax form)

### REGISTRATION HOURS:

Monday - 1:00 to 4:00PM

Tuesday - 2:00 to 4:00PM

Wednesday - Noon to 4:00PM

Thursday - 2:00PM to 4:00PM

Friday - Noon to 4:00PM

Saturday - Noon to 4:00PM

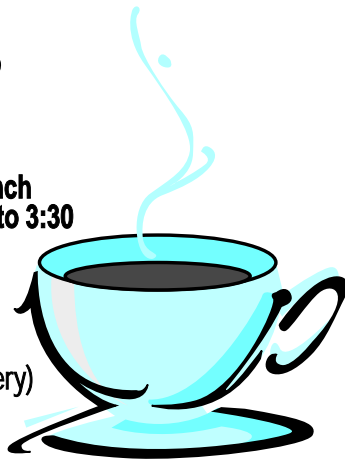


Artist and sign painter Laurie Carlock is giving our carved flower and leaf street signs a fresh coat of paint. We have 37 signs scattered around the neighborhood. Cactus Bob Walters, Shannon Whitmore and Felicia Shaw painted fourteen sign posts as their special assignment at FaceLift. They hope to continue their work and have the posts ready to accept the fresh signs very soon.

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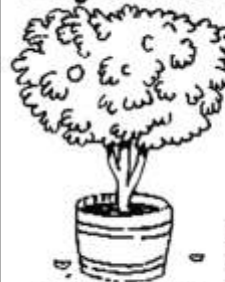
MEET WITH COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER DAVID TOS  
 DECEMBER 2, 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM  
 Mid-City Substation 4310 Landis St.

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