



### **Press Release from Ward(s) 1**

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## **Councilman Seth Yurdin announces Free Lead Hazard Mitigation Class**

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Councilman Seth Yurdin of Ward 1, in conjunction with and the Childhood Lead Action Project will provide a free Lead Hazard Class. This class will be offered, Tuesday, May 13, 2008 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Vartan Gregorian Elementary School Library, 455 Wickenden Street, Providence.

Most houses built before 1978 contain lead-based paint. Starting November 1, 2005, The Rhode Island State Hazard Mitigation Act requires property owners who own rental housing units built before 1978 are required by the Lead Hazard Mitigation Law to fix lead hazards in these units. Rental property owners must complete a three-hour course on the identification and hazards of lead paint. The Lead Hazard Mitigation Law is designed to instruct owners on their responsibilities and prevent lead paint poisoning in children and pregnant women. Each participant will be given a certificate upon completion of the three-hour lead hazard mitigation course, which proves they have successfully finished the class. The class must be completed before having your first lead inspection as required under the Lead Hazard Mitigation Act. This is a great opportunity for property owners and others interested in the hazards of lead paint to learn more about the subject.

Registration is required for the classes and interested property owners should contact Ms. Liz Colon, at the Childhood Lead Project at 785-1310 to sign up. There is no cost for this class; however space is limited.