



Empty the shelters \$20 adoption event

SUBMITTED BY ALYSE LUI

From Tuesday, October 5 through Saturday, October 9, Hayward Animal Shelter is participating in Empty the Shelters National Adoption Event, sponsored by Bissell Pet

Foundation. Adoptions costs are \$20 for qualified homes and include spay or neuter procedures, vaccinations, and a microchip (adoption fee does not include \$17 dog license fee for Hayward residents).

Two-for-one kitten and guinea pig adoptions are also available. Adopt two kittens or two guinea pigs and still pay only one \$20 adoption fee. This helps ensure that your kitten or guinea pig will always have company and a playmate. Guinea pigs are social animals and should be adopted in pairs.

For more information, to view animals currently available for adoption, and to fill out an adoption application, visit www.haywardanimals.org/adoptions or contact the Hayward Animal Shelter (510) 293-7200.

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1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
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Trash Talk

BY THE PICKUP ARTIST

This is the ninth edition of Trash Talk, a column devoted to cleaning up our neighborhoods.

Upcoming clean-up event

The Keep Hayward Clean and Green task force is holding another of its clean-up days on Saturday, October 23 from 8 a.m. to noon at Weekes Park in Hayward. The Park is near I-880 and Tennyson Road off-ramp (east bound), next to Weekes Library on Patrick Avenue.

If you would like to come and help improve our neighborhoods, here's your chance. If you are just curious and would like to see what it is all about, come join us! Bags, grabbers, vests and gloves will be provided, and trucks will pick up what you collect. In the interest of public health, we are asked to wear masks. A hat and sunscreen are also recommended.

To save time on Saturday, you can pre-register by going online until 3 p.m. on Thursday, October 21 at: <https://www.hayward-ca.gov/your-environment/get-involved/keep-hayward-clean-green-clean-ups>.

For more information: Call: (510) 881-7745 or email Colleen.Kamai@hayward-ca.gov.

All Garbologists are welcome!

Water conservation tip

Are you paying for water you aren't using? Little leaks add up! We were unaware of a slow leak at a faucet in our backyard. Over a two-month period it cost us over \$300. I found the water company to be very reasonable, and they helped me understand the temporary increase in usage. There was a crack in the housing of a timer for the irrigation system. I called the manufacturer, Orbit, to see if there was a fix. They asked me to read the serial number and said it was 'only' five years old, so they sent me a new one. It had a warranty for six years! My kudos to Orbit for having such faith in their products they will offer such a generous warranty.

My point is, faucets can drip, and if seldom used, may not be noticed. Try this: wrap a paper towel around the faucet and fasten it with a rubber band. Check it a day or two later. If the towel is dry, you're ok. If it is even a little damp, it could be time to replace the faucet's washer. You can find ways to replace it by searching "how to change a faucet washer" online. BE SURE TO SHUT OFF THE WATER SUPPLY FIRST.

You can expect to use more water in summer months. If you see an outrageous jump in your bill like we did, you can fill out a form for a rebate once the problem has been corrected. Rebate requests can only be submitted once every two years, but hopefully there will not be leaks that often. Faucets are definitely something to monitor.

The quote for today:

"Don't let your fear of what could happen make nothing happen." --Peter Gallagher in the movie Hello, my name is Doris.

Answer to the last Trash Talk Question:

Have you found money on any of your pick-up routes? Yes. \$2.41 during the first four months of this year alone. And that's just the change, sometimes the folding kind, too! Part of my "get rich slowly" scheme...

The Trash Talk Question for today: Have you met anyone who changed your life while trash-walking? See the next edition of Trash Talk.

Send comments or questions to ThePickupArtist-KHCG@outlook.com.

An art enthusiast's goal to give back

SUBMITTED BY NANKI KAUR

The pandemic has caused people of varying ages to visit hospitals more frequently than ever, and while quarantine has kept many of us home, some patients' conditions have required them to prolong their hospital stay for months on end. That's when Arushi Gupta, a lively high school junior in San Jose, decided it was time to bring some light to the lives of these patients, for whom hospitals have become homes over the past year and a half. One of her leading motivations was to lift children's spirits at hospitals while pursuing her passion for art. Gupta's business, First Ray Designs, is donation-based and sells a wide variety of trendy stickers, all while giving back to hospitals around the Bay Area.

As a child, Gupta experienced some health issues herself, inspiring her to create a business benefiting hospitals and their patients. "I think that was a situation in my life that I just can't forget because it was so prominent, and it was just something that took up so much time," she explains. First Ray Designs is run online, currently operating on social media platforms like Instagram and Facebook. Orders can be placed through the First Ray Designs website, where customers can view and purchase unique sticker designs, packages, and even order custom stickers.

Currently, 50% of net proceeds go towards the Recreational Therapy Fun Fund at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford, with the remaining profits benefiting St. Jude's Children's Hospital. In addition to these donations, Gupta also supplies select hospitals around the country with monthly contributions of sticker packs to disperse among patients, hoping to provide them with a sense of joy.

As the pandemic's conditions worsened, Gupta faced several obstacles when it came to advertising, especially as a small business just starting out. "Getting customers in this day and age, especially when



there's just so many businesses doing something similar, is very hard to do!" she shares. But that didn't stop her from stepping forward towards her goal of donating. "I wanted to still be able to donate... So that's what I decided to do, just flip it more to donations."

Presently, the goal for First Ray Designs is to continue donating and to increase its' contributions. "I'm currently donating to 20 hospitals, and I'm hoping that number can increase." As for Gupta, she hopes to connect with the patients and hospitals on a deeper level once the pandemic is over. "After [COVID-19 cases go down], I [hope to] be able to actually visit the hospitals and meet the kids, and actually disperse the packets by myself,

instead of just mailing them. I think that would be a good way to connect with them in the hospitals nearby."

Her advice for other teenagers hoping to start businesses is to "Just go for it because there really isn't anything that can hurt you! It's more just putting in the effort and time and if nothing happens you can always stop it, or change it into something else, like I did. I think just being able to do that initial push and just starting it, is the best thing you can do for your business."

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